"Pachauri must resign – his position is untenable"

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Here in the USA, WUWT readers probably don't have a true handle on the firestorm that is going on in India over Pachauri's "glaciergate". It is making headlines and the people there are quite angry, because they've been led to believe that their Himalayan water supply was seriously threatened in the not too distant future (2035) as reported in the IPCC AR4, and now they find out it's a bogus, and that a Pachauri peer now specifically admits the 2035 date was known to be false, and used anyway to scare policymakers into action.

<u>Dr. Richard North</u>, who co-wrote the first story with <u>Christopher Booker of the Telegraph</u> that got the inquiry started over two weeks ago, now says on an interview on Indian television that "If Dr Pachauri does not resign voluntarily, he will be forced to do so."

It was not until the Sunday Times last week actually highlighted it that he was forced to take action. And on that basis I don't think he has any credible alternative but to resign and he is either going to resign voluntarily or as the media are increasingly saying he is going to be forced.

It is a very clearly recognisable tactic where he simply denies the undeniable and for a while if you are in a very elevated position you get away with it. He hasn't yet recognised that his position is already untenable and the more he denies, the way the media works the more evidence they are going to find until such time as his denials will be so lacking in credibility that he will be unable to operate.

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