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## ***“PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN PAKISTAN”***

*BY*

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*The lecture will be based on the articles attached with the email. Introduction of the author is given below*

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