



## MY PURE LAND

Spring  
Season  
2018

**Release:** 2017

**Cert (UK):** 15, F

**Country:** Pakistan

**Language:** Urdu with English sub-titles

**Runtime:** 1 hour 32 mins

**Director:** Sarmad Masud

**Cinematographer:** Haider Zafar

**Cast:** Suhaee Abro, Salman Ahmed Khan, Sahib Ahmad



Directed by British-based Sarmad Masud and shot on location in Pakistan, this modern-day masala western finds two feisty young teenage girls and their mother fighting off a bandit army, led by the girls' uncle, determined to take the women's home by force. Via a clean blend of arthouse mannerisms and action-movie suspense, this based-on-a-true-story lesson in practical feminism reveals how the sisters learned shooting and self-defence in preparation for a day like this from

their ill-fated father. Lithe but steely-gazed Suhaee Abro impresses most as the eldest daughter, Nazo, who develops a cool head and the heart of a lioness, unwilling to let conventional wisdom or simply long odds defeat her. Masud pays homage to the filmmaking traditions of the region and to the many classic Hollywood films about homesteads, saloons and police precincts under siege.

*'The official British contender for the foreign-language film Oscar shortlist is a contemporary feminist western based on a remarkable true story.'* Hollywood Reporter