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#### www.jklc.org (IIONK UPDATE) AUGUST 08, 2022

- 1. A report released by former Indian judges and bureaucrats while belying the Modi regime's claims has said the situation for civilians in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir has taken a new turn for the worse under the Lieutenant Governor's rule.
- 2. The annual report titled 'Three Years as a Union Territory: Human Rights in J&K' said, activists and journalists are targeted with sedition and anti-terror laws such as the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Public Safety Act. The scathing report is also critical of the Delimitation Commission recommendations. The report was shared by the Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir, an independent body co-chaired by former Delhi High Court Chief Justice A P Shah and former Indian Home Secretary Gopal Pillai. The forum has retired Supreme Court Justices Ruma Pal and Madan Lokur, former Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, and Lt. General (Retd) HS Panag among its members and covers the period from August 2021 to July 2022. The report is in stark contrast to the Modi government's stand on the situation in the Kashmir Valley.
- 3. India's infamous National Investigation Agency backed paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force and police carried out raids at multiple locations, mostly on the residences of Jamaat-e-Islami activists and leaders in Jammu and Doda districts, today. Simultaneous raids were conducted at Dhara-Gundana, Munshi Mohalla, Akramband, Nagri Nai Basti, Kharoti Bhagwah, Thalela and Malothi Bhalla in the Jammu region. The raids are also a part of Indian forces' sinister campaign, launched every year ahead of India's Independence Day on August 15, which the people of Jammu and Kashmir observe as Black Day.
- 4. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference in a statement issued in Srinagar strongly condemned the use of brute force and arrest of dozens of mourners during the 8th Muharram processions in Srinagar. The APHC said that India has usurped all basic freedoms of the people of IIOJK including the religious freedom. The statement sought intervention by the international community to stop New Delhi from committing war crimes against humanity in the occupied territory. The APHC also denounced brutal raids in Jammu.
- 5. Kashmiri Americans along with friends of Kashmir staged a rally at historic Times Square, New York, despite heavy rain, to record its protest in connection with the third anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 and subsequently enactment of Domicile Law by the RSS-led Indian government in IIOJK. The speakers including Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai on the occasion deplored that Kashmiris have no freedom but only death, destruction and oppression.

## www.jklc.org (IIOVK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 09, 2022

- 1. In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the authorities imposed strict restrictions in Srinagar and other areas to prevent people from taking out the traditional Ashura processions, today, fearing that they could convert into anti-India demonstrations.
- 2. The occupation authorities deployed Indian troops and police personnel in strength across the territory to foil any attempt by the mourners to take out the religious processions. Traditionally, the main procession of 10th Muharram in Srinagar used to start from Aabi Guzar and culminate at Zadibal after passing through different areas. However, obsessed with pro-Azadi demonstrations, India banned the major processions in 1989.
- 3. Hurriyat leaders and organizations in their statements in Srinagar said the sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and other martyrs of Karbala gives the message to the oppressed to stand firm against the oppressors. They maintained that the Kashmiris are carrying on their struggle against oppressor India by following in the footsteps of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA).
- 4. A report released by Kashmir Media Service, today, said that Modi-led fascist Indian regime has turned occupied Jammu and Kashmir into a present-day Karbala. It said Modi is the Yazid of the time and India is modern Yazidi regime for the Kashmiris.
- 5. Panic gripped Barzulla locality of Srinagar after unknown persons in plainclothes were spotted throwing petrol bombs towards some houses during the midnight, the other day. The locals feared that around two dozen houses would have been gutted in fire, if the assailants were not spotted on time by the residents. Several houses and shops have been destroyed in mysterious incidents of fire in the past few months. The locals are pointing fingers at Indian army and its agents for carrying out such acts.
- 6. Thousands of Power Sector employees and workers held strong protest demonstrations across the occupied territory against the Modi government's move to introduce Electricity Amendment Bill-2022 in the Indian parliament. The employees say the move is meant to hand over the sector to India-based businessmen associated with the Hindutva ideology.
- 7. Hundreds of Kashmiri and Pakistani diaspora members and their friends came out on streets in Spain's Barcelona on the call of Tehreek-e-Kashmir Spain to support Kashmiris' right to self-determination. Besides others, Turgay Evren, Turkish lyricist and composer known for his groundbreaking songs on the Kashmir freedom movement, while speaking on the occasion, lamented that mere commercial and geopolitical interests have made powerful nations dumb on Kashmir

### www.jklc.org (IIOVK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 10, 2022

- 1. In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred three youth in Budgam district, today.
- 2. The youth were killed by the troops during a cordon and search operation Waterhail area of the district. The operation was going on till last reports came in.
- 3. All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders have paid glowing tributes to prominent Kashmiri leader, Shaheed-e-Azeemat Sheikh Abdul Aziz, on the eve of his 14th martyrdom anniversary. Sheikh Abdul Aziz was shot dead by Indian troops on 11th August in 2008 while he was leading a procession from Srinagar to the Line of Control against the economic blockade of the Kashmir Valley by Hindu extremists based in Jammu.
- 4. Illegally detained APHC Vice Chairman, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, in a message sent from New Delhi's infamous Tihar jail and released in Srinagar highlighted the contribution of the martyred leader for the ongoing Kashmir freedom movement. Incarcerated leader Nayeem Ahmed Khan said that Sheikh Aziz championed the Kashmir cause throughout his life and even rendered the ultimate sacrifice for the purpose.
- 6. An Indian soldier committed suicide with his service rifle at Indian Army's camp in Miran Sahib area of Jammu. This incident raised the number of such deaths amongst Indian troops and police personnel to 551 since January 2007.
- 7. An Indian parliamentarian and Sikh leader, Simranjit Singh Mann, in a video message called for boycott of the Modi government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga (hoisting of Indian flag on every house)' campaign in the Indian state of Punjab. He asked the people to hoist Sikh flags instead of the Indian flag atop their houses on India's Independence Day on August 15.
- 8. In New Delhi, Pakistan India Peoples' Forum for Peace & Democracy in its recommendations on IIOJK called upon India to end the regime of detention and incarceration of socio-political activists and immediately release all political prisoners in the territory. The forum, created in late 1993 with an objective to ascertain the viewpoint of common people in both the countries on the issues like Kashmir, urged New Delhi to immediately stop the land-grab in the name of Srinagar Master Plan, the new land policy, the declaration of strategic areas and the distribution of land to non-locals in the garb of mining. The forum asked India to stop terrorising journalists and media houses and resolve the Kashmir dispute through talks with Pakistan.

#### www.jklc.orz (110VK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 11, 2022

- 1. In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference while paying rich tributes to the prominent martyred Kashmiri leader, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, on his 14th martyrdom anniversary, today, reaffirmed the Kashmiris' resolve to accomplish the mission of their martyrs at all costs.
- 2. Indian troops had martyred Sheikh Abdul Aziz on this day in 2008 when he was leading a big march from Srinagar to the Line of Control against the economic blockade of the Kashmir Valley by Hindu extremists of Jammu.
- 3. Illegally detained APHC Vice Chairman, Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar, in a special message from Srinagar Central Jail said Sheikh Abdul Aziz will always be remembered as a great hero in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that Sheikh Aziz was a visionary political leader who faced bullets on his chest rather than to succumb or surrender before the Indian military might.
- 4. The APHC General Secretary, Molvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani, and Ittehad-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir in their statements in Srinagar said that contribution, services and the sacrifices of Sheikh Abdul Aziz for the ongoing freedom movement would always be remembered.
- 5. The APHC-AJK chapter held a rally in Muzaffarabad, today, to pay homage to Sheikh Abdul Aziz. Holding banners with pictures of Sheikh Aziz, the participants of the rally raised high-pitched slogans in favour of the Kashmiri martyrs and against India.
- 6. Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism, today, martyred two more Kashmiri youth in IIOJK. The fresh killings in Pargal area of Rajouri district in Jammu region raised the number of slain youth in the territory to five in last two days. The troops martyred three youth during a violent cordon and search operation in Waterhail area of Badgam district, yesterday.
- 7. Kashmir watchers, political experts and analysts have said that the attack on the Army camp in Pargal could be another false flag operation by Modi government to malign the Kashmir freedom movement and Pakistan. They said the fresh incident just ahead of Indian Independence Day celebrations seems to be another orchestrated drama for multiple purposes by the Hindutva-driven Modi regime including getting Pakistan on Financial Action Task Force blacklist.
- 8. Hindutva goons attacked and critically injured two Muslim youth during a Muharram procession in Mallasamudra area of Gadag district of the Indian state of Karnataka. The injured youth were identified as Tausif Hosmani and Mushtaq Hosmani.

#### www.jklc.orz (IIOVK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 12, 2022

- 1. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference has appealed to the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to observe India's Independence Day on August 15 as a Black Day to convey the message to the international community that New Delhi continues to deny them their inalienable right to self-determination.
- 2. The APHC in a statement issued in Srinagar said that the people of the territory would observe complete shutdown and civil curfew on August 15 to express their resentment against Indian illegal occupation of their homeland. It said that the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the Kashmiris living in Pakistan and across the world would hold protest demonstrations to draw the attention of the international community towards the Indian brutalities in IIOJK. The APHC maintained that India had no legal or moral justification to observe its Independence Day in Jammu and Kashmir as it had occupied the territory against the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.
- 3. The High Court Bar Association of IIOJK in a statement issued in Srinagar expressed serious concern over the plight of Kashmiri political detainees lodged in different jails of the territory and India. It deplored that hundreds of Kashmiris, booked under draconian laws, Public Safety Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, have been lodged in Indian jails hundreds and thousands of miles away from their homes.
- 4. Meanwhile, a report released by Kashmir Media Service on the occasion of International Youth Day, today, said Indian troops, enjoying unbridled powers under black laws, are openly targeting, arresting and killing innocent Kashmiri youth during so-called cordon and search operations and fake encounters across the territory to suppress the Kashmiris' ongoing freedom struggle. It said the troops have martyred 146 Kashmiri youth and arrested over 800 this year while over 96,100 Kashmiris, mostly youth, have fallen to the Indian bullets since 1989 till date in IIOJK.
- 5. On the other hand, veteran Indian lawyer and human rights defender Prashant Bhushan has said that the Supreme Court of India as the guardian of civil liberties and rights of people in India is abdicating its responsibilities. Addressing an online event held by US-based civil rights group Indian American Muslim Council on "Indian Supreme Court Rolls Back Civil Liberties", Prashant Bhushan said on one hand, the apex court is not hearing the important cases such as challenges to revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and the Citizenship Amendment Act, while on the other, it is denying bail to activists, journalists and other human rights defenders arrested on false charges

#### www.jklc.org (IIOVK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 13, 2022

- 1. In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders have felicitated the people and the government of Pakistan on the eve of their Independence Day.
- 2. Illegally detained senior APHC leaders, Shabbir Ahmad Shah and Nayeem Ahmad Khan, in their messages sent from New Delhi's Tihar Jail and issued in Srinagar said that the Kashmiris were grateful to Pakistan for its continued political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmir cause. They maintained that Pakistan's continued support to the Kashmir cause has always been a source of encouragement for the Kashmiri people in their just struggle for securing their right to self-determination. They said a strong and prosperous Pakistan is a guarantee to the success of Kashmir freedom movement.
- 3. Other APHC leaders and organizations including Syed Bashir Andrabi, Chaudhry Shaheen Iqbal, Farida Bahenji, Khadim Hussain, Sibte Shabbir Qummi and Muhammad Yousuf Naqash in their separate statements said Pakistan is center of hope not only for the Muslims of South Asia but also for the entire Muslim Ummah. They prayed for peace, prosperity and stability of Pakistan.
- 4. The APHC leaders including Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Devinder Singh Behl have appealed to the people of IIOJK to observe India's Independence Day on Monday, 15th August, as Black Day and mark it by a complete shutdown and civil curfew to send a clear message to New Delhi that they reject its illegal occupation of their homeland.
- 5. The occupation authorities have deployed Indian troops and police personnel in strength across the territory in the name of security measures ahead of Indian Independence Day, adding to the miseries of the people. Indian forces' personnel have stepped up checking of vehicles and random frisking of passengers and pedestrians across the territory, subjecting the people to immense discomfort. A multi-layer security arrangement with both ground and aerial surveillance has been thrown across the IIOJK, particularly in Srinagar
- 6. The Modi regime continuing with its policy of political vengeance in IIOJK has sacked four more government employees for their own or relatives' affiliation with the ongoing freedom movement. Those terminated employees include the wife of illegally detained Hurriyat leader Farooq Ahmad Dar and a son of freedom leader, Syed Salahuddin, a scientist and a senior Assistant Professor of the Kashmir University.
- 7. Indian police arrested two youth in Gool area of Ramban district of Jammu region.

#### www.jklc.org (IIOVK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 14, 2022

- 1. Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and the world over will observe the Indian Independence Day, tomorrow, as Black Day to register a protest against New Delhi's continued illegal occupation of their homeland.
- 2. The day will be marked by a complete shutdown and civil curfew in IIOJK call for which has been given by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference and supported by all Hurriyat leaders and organizations. Black flags will be hoisted everywhere while protest rallies be organised against the gross human rights violations by Indian troops in the territory. The Kashmiris across the world will hold anti-India demonstrations to draw world's attention towards the Indian brutalities in IIOJK.
- 3. Meanwhile, the occupation authorities have converted the Kashmir Valley, particularly Srinagar, into a military garrison. A multi-layer security arrangement with both ground and aerial surveillance has been thrown across the territory. The cricket stadium in Srinagar, the venue of the official function, has been fortified with the deployment of paramilitary troops, new bunkers and barricades. The Modi-led fascist Indian government as part of its nefarious designs to Indianise IIOJK has ordered that all government buildings must hoist the national flag of India on August 15.
- 4. The people of IIOJK observed Pakistan's Independence Day with great enthusiasm and devotion. Despite heavy deployment of the troops, people hoisted Pakistani flags on the rooftops of their houses and other buildings in the Kashmir valley and parts of Jammu region. The Kashmiris also burst firecrackers in Srinagar to express their joy on Pakistan's Independence Day without any fear. The youth in Baramulla and Budgam areas burnt Indian flags, which they were forcibly given by Indian authorities.
- 5. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference leaders including Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Shabbir Ahmad Shah in their statements said India has no right to celebrate its Independence Day in IIOJK as it is holding the territory against the will of the Kashmiri people.
- 6. Senior APHC leader Professor Abdul Ghani Butt, felicitating Pakistan on its 75th anniversary, deplored that Pakistan and India could not achieve the desired goals of peace and prosperity because of the difference on the friction point of the Kashmir dispute.
- 7. The APHC-AJK organized a function in Islamabad, today, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Pakistan's Independence.

# www.jklc.org (110VK IN FOCUS) AUGUST 15, 2022

- 1. Kashmiris on both sides of Line of Control and the world over observed Indian Independence Day, today, as Black Day to convey the message to the international community that New Delhi continues to deny them their inalienable right to self-determination.
- 2. The day was marked by a complete shutdown and civil curfew in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, call for which had been given by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference. Due to the strike, the Kashmir valley wore a deserted look.
- 3. The occupation authorities converted the entire Kashmir Valley into a military garrison as checkpoints and barricades were erected at main squares and points from north to south Kashmir. All roads leading to the cricket stadium at Sonawar in Srinagar, the main venue of official function, were sealed.
- 4. Despite restrictions, a mysterious blast took place when a BJP sarpanch was unfurling Indian flag at Panchayat Ghar in Nar Balakote area of Mendhar in Poonch district, today.
- 5. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference leadership in a statement said India is rejoicing on its freedom but killing Kashmiris for demanding the same. It pointed out that New Delhi has mercilessly killed over 96,000 Kashmiris in the past 32 years but is shamelessly observing its Independence Day in the territory.
- 6. The Peoples Democratic Party President, Mehbooba Mufti, today, hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Modi government for forcing Kashmiri people to join the charade of patriotism on India's Independence Day. She posted a video on her Twitter account wherein government employees were seen threatening shopkeepers to pay 20 rupees for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.
- 7. The Modi-led Indian regime announced the renaming of 199 schools, colleges and roads in IIOJK after slain Indian armed forces' personnel with an aim to Hinduize the Muslim majority territory.
- 8. Black flags were hoisted and protest rallies were held in Azad Kashmir, Pakistan and world major capitals to draw global attention towards the Indian brutalities in IIOJK. APHC-AJK chapter, today, staged a protest demonstration in front of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad.
- 9. An Indian policeman who sustained injuries during a cordon and search operation in Nowhatta area of Srinagar, the other day, succumbed at a hospital in the city, today. Source: *Kashmir Media Service (KMS)*



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