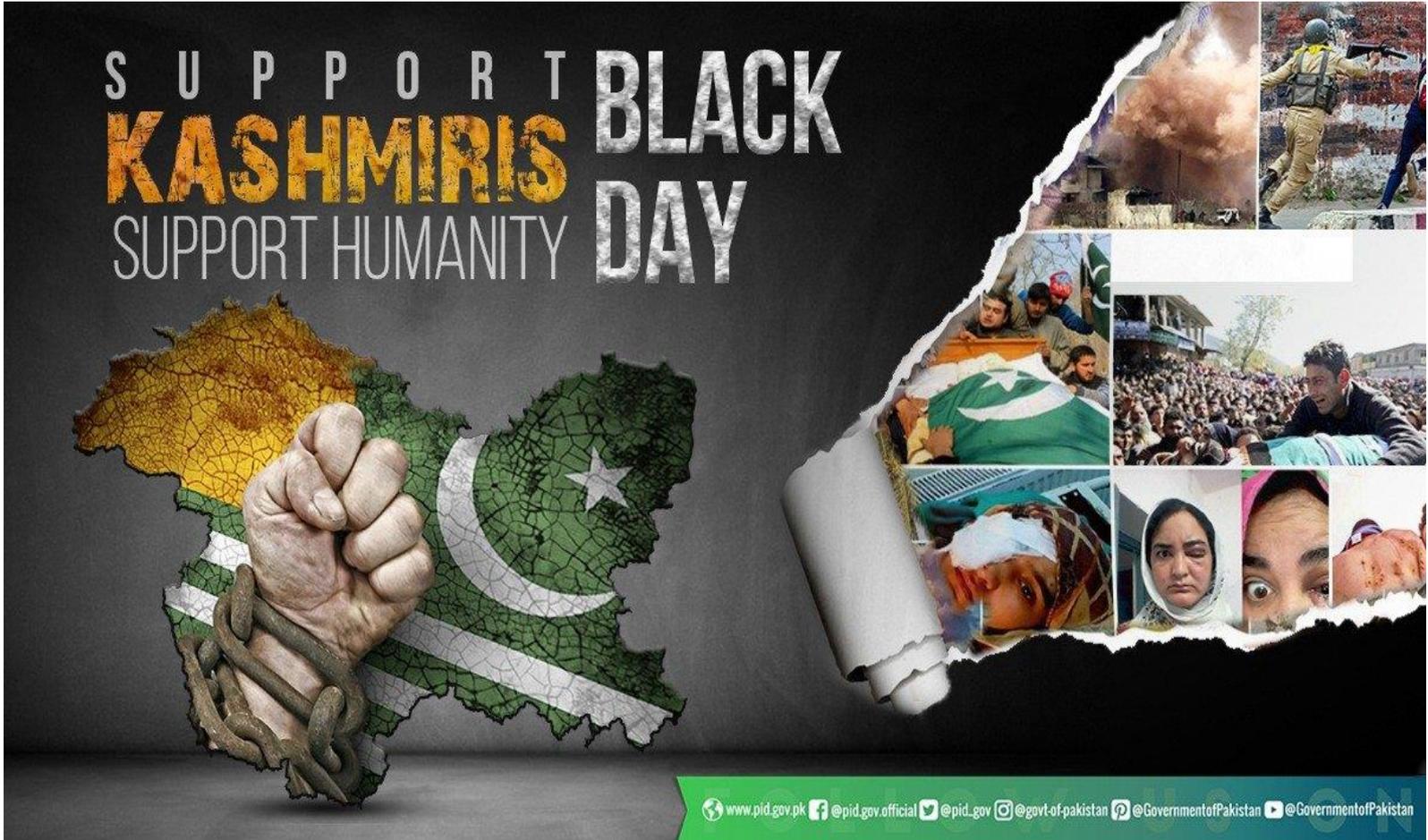


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1. The Modi-led Indian government has decided to expand the network of notorious gang of killers, Village Defence Guards, to the entire illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to target pro-freedom civilian population.
 2. The dreaded gang, previously known as Village Defence Committees, was launched by Indian Army in 1995 in Jammu to eliminate the sympathizers of Kashmir freedom movement from the region. These so-called committees, now rechristened as Village Defence Guards, are tasked with going after particularly the IIOJK's Muslim population, which is ingrained with the freedom spirit against India's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir. The Village Defence Guards will be recruited, trained and armed by the Indian army to instill a sense of fear among public through deaths and destruction.
 3. APHC leaders Zamruda Habib, Yasmeen Raja and Abdul Ahad Parra in their statements issued in Srinagar expressed concern over the plight of illegally detained Hurriyat leaders and activists and demanded their immediate release. The leaders said that there was no legal or moral justification to keep the political leaders behind the bars for an indefinite period on fake charges.
 4. Jammu and Kashmir Muslim League in a statement in Srinagar strongly denounced the arrest of dozens of youth including party leader Irshad Ahmad in Handwara area of Kupwara district.
 5. At least six personnel of Indian border police were killed and 33 others injured when a bus carrying them fell into a deep gorge in Pahalgam area of Islamabad district. The bus was on its way from Chandanwari to Srinagar.
 6. The release of 11 Hindus convicted on charges of gang-rape of a Muslim woman, Bilkis Bano, and murder of her seven family members during 2002 anti-Muslim riots in the Indian state of Gujarat has shocked Muslims in India and Kashmir. They were awarded life imprisonment by a Mumbai court in January 2008. Their sentence has now been remitted on basis of factors like 'completion of 14 years in jail, age and their behaviour in prison'. Legal experts asked why the Indian judiciary forgets the same factors when it comes to Kashmiri political detainees who have been languishing in Indian jails for the past more than two decades. From the above two parallels, the experts drew the conclusion that the Indian judiciary is only complimenting and facilitating the implementation of fascist policies of the ruling class while being indifferent to the miseries of the common citizens.
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1. The Modi-led Indian regime has come up with more sinister plans to escalate state terrorism in every nook and corner of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to suppress the ongoing freedom movement.
 2. The brutal measures including round-the clock cordon and search operations were approved during a joint meeting of Indian army, police and paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force at District Police Office in Shopian. In the meeting, Indian police chief in IIOJK Dilbag Singh directed the officers to fully implement the strategy in their respective areas, which analysts described as declaration of a full-fledged war against the civilian population of the territory. The analysts said the Kashmiri people are already being killed, injured, maimed and arrested, and their houses and other belongings are being attached and destroyed on a daily basis since the Modi regime repealed the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 05, 2019.
 3. Even, today, the communal Modi government attached the house of one more Kashmiri youth in Kutpora area of Shopian district to victimize him for his affiliation with the ongoing freedom movement. Indian police arrested father and three brothers of the youth identified as Aadil Wani.
 4. In a disturbing development aimed at enabling Indian citizens temporarily residing in IIOJK to vote in the so-called assembly elections, the territory's Chief Electoral Officer Hridesh Kumar Singh, today, allowed them to get their names registered in the voters' lists. The move is clear violation of the UN-acknowledged disputes status of Jammu and Kashmir.
 5. Six members of a Muslim family including three women were apparently killed by Hindutva gang in Sidhra area of Jammu district. The incident created a sense of fear among local Muslim population as it took place a day after the Modi regime decided to expand the network of Indian army-backed dreaded Village Defense Guards in Jammu region and the Kashmir valley.
 6. The Indian authorities banned seven news portals in Ramban district for being critical of Indian government's policies in the territory. An order issued by the authorities warned that any person associated with the news portals would face strict punishment including arrest under black laws.
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1. The Chairman of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Masarrat Aalam Butt and other Hurriyat leaders have called upon the United Nations and the world major powers to prevent India from further escalating the volatile situation in the region by fiddling with the UN-designated disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir.
 2. The reaction comes after the Indian government allowed its citizens to vote in IIOJK assembly elections. Masarrat Aalam Butt in a message from an Indian jail strongly denounced the move and warned the international community that New Delhi is converting occupied Jammu and Kashmir into a settler colony as Israel is doing in occupied Palestine.
 3. Other APHC leaders including Nayeem Ahmad Khan, Abdul Ahad Parra, Javed Ahmad Mir, Ghulam Muhammad Khan Sopori and Muhammad Farooq Rehmani said the latest Indian move is a brazen violation of the UN resolutions on Kashmir. They said the ultimate goal of Indian settler colonialism is marginalization and elimination of the indigenous people of Jammu and Kashmir.
 4. National Conference President Farooq Abdullah, who is also head of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, summoned an All-Party meeting on Monday to formulate a joint strategy to counter the fresh onslaught by the Modi regime.
 5. Peoples Democratic Party president, Mehbooba Mufti addressing the media in Srinagar said the BJP wants to install a local fascist and to de-franchise the Kashmiri people. She said it would not only affect the Kashmiri Muslims but would also prove disastrous for the Dogras of Jammu and Kashmiri Pandits.
 6. People in Jammu, today, took to streets in Janipur area of Jammu against the inclusion of Indian citizens in voter lists of occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The protesters burnt the copies of the latest order of the Indian Election Commissioner and raised slogans against the Modi regime.
 7. Indian police martyred another political prisoner in a fake encounter in Jammu district. The police took the prisoner identified as Mohammad Ali Hussain out of Kothbalwal Jail, Jammu, and brought him to far-off Toph Arnia area and killed him in a staged encounter. This is the second extrajudicial killing of prisoners in the Jammu jail in less than one year. In October 2021, Indian troops picked up a prisoner, Zia Mustafa, a resident of AJK, from the same jail, brought him to forest areas in Poonch and subsequently killed him in firing. The inmates of Kotbhalwal jail went on hunger strike over Ali Hussain's extrajudicial killing.
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1. The illegally detained All Parties Hurriyat Conference Vice Chairman, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, denouncing the Narendra Modi-led fascist government's move to grant voting rights to the Indian citizens residing in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir has termed it yet another attempt for political disempowerment and marginalization of the Muslim majority of the territory.
2. Shabbir Ahmad Shah in a message sent from New Delhi's infamous Tihar Jail and released in Srinagar termed the move as part of the apartheid regime's sinister plan to reduce the Kashmiri Muslims' centrality in the electoral politics. He said that the move was not only a brazen violation of the UN resolutions on Kashmir but also against the Indian constitution. He urged the world community to hold the Indian government accountable for its crimes in IIOJK and stop it from altering the demography of the territory.
3. APHC leaders, Khadim Hussain and Syed Sibte Shabbir Qummi, in a joint statement issued in Srinagar said the only purpose of such colonial moves by Modi regime is to bring BJP to power and install a Hindu Chief Minister in IIOJK. They said that the United Nations and the international community must hold India accountable for its illegal actions and serious crimes against humanity in the occupied territory.
4. The Grand Mufti of IIOJK, Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam, in a statement in Srinagar expressed serious concern over the continued house arrest of senior APHC leader, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, demanding his immediate release. The Mirwaiz is under house detention since August 05, 2019, when Modi regime revoked the special status of IIOJK.
5. The occupation authorities have suspended nine government teachers for not hoisting the Indian flag in their schools in Kishtwar district on the Indian Independence Day. Modi government had ordered hoisting of the Indian flag on all the government buildings including educational institutions across occupied territory on 15th August.
6. A prisoner, Muni Mohammad, lodged at Kot Bhlawal Jail in Jammu died after the Indian police, dreaded National Investigation Agency and jail authorities severely harassed and intimidated him during interrogation in the jail. The NIA had arrested him on the 10th of this month. The Indian police hiding their crime of killing the detainee claimed that he died after suffering from cardiac arrest. Earlier, Indian police took a detainee Mohammad Ali Hussain to Arnia area of Jammu and killed him in a fake encounter on Tuesday. The inmates of Kot Bhalwal jail continued their hunger strike on the second consecutive day, today, against the extrajudicial killing of Ali Hussain. They are demanding judicial inquiry into the killing of the prisoner.

7. International Society for Peace and Justice (ISPJ), a rights body in United States of America, has written an open letter to the Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, on the early release of 11 Hindutva men convicted of gang rape of a Muslim woman, Bilkis Bano, and killing of her relatives during the anti-Muslim riots in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002.

8. According to Kashmir Media Service, David Anderson, Outreach Director of ISPJ in the letter termed the decision a slap in the face to every survivor of rape in India who has sought justice, as well as those who survived the Gujarat pogrom and are still seeking justice. He requested Antony Blinken to reach out to his counterpart in India and urge them to reverse this action, to ensure the safety of Ms Bano, her family and the general public.

9. David Anderson said that Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party and other Hindu nationalist organizations such as Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, all spring from the same source, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He said the right-wing paramilitary organization RSS and its political arms should be designated as terrorist entities because of the pain, suffering and violence they have caused in India over the last century, all in the name of turning India from a secular democracy into a Hindu-majority state.

10. Meanwhile, about 6,000 Indian citizens including grassroots workers, women, human rights activists, eminent writers, historians, scholars, filmmakers, journalists and former bureaucrats in a joint statement expressed shock at the release of 11 Hindutva men convicted of life imprisonment in the gang-rape of a Muslim woman, Bilkis Bano, and murder of her family members during the Anti-Muslim riots in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002. They said the remission of sentences for the convicted of gang-rape and mass murder will have a chilling effect on every rape victim who is told to 'trust the judicial system.'

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
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1. The decision by the Modi-led fascist regime to grant Indian citizens the right to vote in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir continues to draw anger from all communities in the territory.
 2. Jammu-based politician Chaudhry Lal Singh addressing a press conference in the city condemned the decision and appealed to the Kashmiri people to take to the streets and fight the move with unity. He warned that the identity of the Kashmiri people was under threat after the latest onslaught on their right by New Delhi.
 3. The Congress leader, Rajini Patil, speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar said the party will oppose the inclusion of non-locals in voters in HIOJK's electoral rolls.
 4. The Communist Party of India-Marxist leader, Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami said the latest move by the Modi government amounts to further disenfranchising the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He pointed out that the announcement was a brazen assault on the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people.
 5. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah have already condemned the Indian government's act. Farooq Abdullah has summoned an all-party meeting in Srinagar, tomorrow, to discuss a future course of action against the move.
 6. National Conference leader Ali Mohammad Sagar addressing media persons in Srinagar opposed the authorities' decision barring caretakers of shrines in Kashmir from collecting donations. He said the move has hurt the sentiments of the Kashmiri people.
 7. Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti, today, claimed that she had been put under house arrest when she was planning to visit the house of a slain Kashmiri pandit at Chotigam in Shopian district.
 8. An Indian soldier was injured in a landmine explosion in Nowshera area of Rajouri district.
 9. Speakers at a panel discussion in London termed Hindutva ideology a threat to world peace and security and called upon the international community to play their role in tackling the menace. The event was hosted by Raja Aijaz Ahmad Shaiq and attended by Tehreek-e-Kashmir, UK leader Rehana Ali and Dal Khalsa representative Gurchuran Singh.
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1. Senior APHC leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has said there is complete media blackout imposed by the Modi regime in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
 2. Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said this while talking to a BBC correspondent from the window of his house where he is under house arrest. He said that the media was not allowed to publish the statements of APHC leadership. He refuted the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's assertions that the senior APHC leader is free to meet anyone. The BBC correspondent herself exposed the blatant lies of the Modi-installed governor when she went outside the residence of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to meet him. She was stopped by the police and prevented from entering the house. In the meanwhile, the Mirwaiz appeared in the window of his house and asked the correspondent that he was under detention for the past three years. Then, Indian police snatched the mobile phone of the BBC correspondent.
 3. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference spokesman in a statement in Srinagar said that Modi-led fascist Indian government cannot suppress the Kashmiris' freedom sentiment through arrests, house detentions and other brutal measures. He demanded immediate release of all illegally detained Hurriyat leaders including Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.
 4. Indian troops, paramilitary and police personnel have intensified crackdown operations and house raids in every nook and corner of the territory. The troops harassed the inmates including women and children and vandalized the properties. The residents complained that Indian forces' personnel break into their houses anytime and subject them to physical and mental torture.
 5. Participants of an all-party meeting have unanimously decided to oppose the Indian government's decision to give its citizens the right to vote in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah while addressing the media men after chairing the all-party meeting at his Gupkar residence in Srinagar, today, said the decision of granting voting rights to outsiders is totally unacceptable. He said, at present 25 lakh Indian citizens have been given the franchise, and it could go up to 50 lakh and one crore in the future. He termed the move as a direct assault on the identity of Jammu and Kashmir.
 6. In another attempt to effect the demographic change on a fast track, the BJP government has allocated Rs 36,000 crore for purchase of land in occupied Jammu and Kashmir in the name of industrial development.
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1. Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism martyred two Kashmiri youth in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, today.
2. The youth were martyred by the troops during a cordon and search operation in Nowshera area of Rajouri district.
3. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference leadership in a statement issued in Srinagar denounced killing and arrests of Kashmiri youth and torture on civilian population by the Indian troops during military operations and house raids in the territory. The leadership said the outside world could not realize the actual scale of human rights violations by Indian forces' personnel due to complete media gag imposed by the Modi regime in the occupied territory.
4. Meanwhile, a video making rounds on social media shows Indian army troops subjecting the Kashmiri people to brutal torture on a street in Srinagar in broad daylight. In the video, two Indian soldiers can be seen pulling out the driver of a vehicle. As a citizen comes to the rescue of the driver, a third soldier rushes in and hits the citizen on the head with a big stick. Police confirmed that the incident took place at Nowgam Chowk, the other day.
5. One more Indian army man succumbed to his injuries at a military hospital in Udhampur district. The soldier was injured in an attack on an army camp in Rajouri on August 11 in which four soldiers were killed. With his death, the toll has gone up to five.
6. High Court Bar Association in Jammu gave a call for shutdown across the region on August 29 in protest against apathy of the Modi regime and its proxy towards the sufferings of the general masses as well legal fraternity in the territory. The announcement in this regard was made by the Bar Association Jammu President, M K Bhardwaj, at a press conference in the city.
7. Dead body of a student was recovered under mysterious circumstances from a field in Mendhar area of Poonch district. Loss of the life of Kashmiri people, mostly youth, in such incidents has increased manifold since the abrogation of special status of HIOJK by the Modi regime in August 2019.
8. Four earthquakes jolted occupied Jammu region in less than eight hours, today. However, no loss of life or damage to property was reported

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