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6 NOVEMBER -YOUM E SHUHADA E JAMMU



November 6, 1947 was the blackest day in the history of Jammu & Kashmir. It is also known as one of the biggest genocides in modern history. Over 200,000 Muslims were martyred when they were migrating to Pakistan. Although, Muslims faced bravely Hindus and Sikhs in some areas but in most areas the massacre of Muslims was one sided. The language has no words to state this crime of demolition of humanity. This day is observed every year by the people of Kashmir across the world. Seminars, conferences and rallies are arranged to pay tributes to martyrs of the Jammu massacre. In the massacre of 6th November, the whole Muslim population of Muslim majority areas (Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi and others) was eliminated. Their houses were burnt out. Women were abducted. Percentage of Muslim population was 68 percent in 1947 in Jammu. However as a result of massacre, Muslims became minority in 123 villages of Jammu where they were in majority. 50 percent of Muslim population was eliminated in Kathua district. Thousands of Gujars were killed in the area of Ramnagar. Village Raipur was burnt

down. The State administration demobilized a large number of Muslim soldiers which were on duty in the State army. Muslim police officers had also been sent home. In Jammu city, weapons of Muslim military were removed and in Jammu cantonment a Muslim Brigadier was replaced with Hindu Dogra officer. Muslims seeking refuge in state departments like Police Stations and Deputy Commissioners' offices were handed over to RSS. The targeted killings of Muslims and burning of their houses in Jammu villages started in Jammu from October 1947. Dogra soldiers and rioters put to sword male refugees and abducted women. As well as, all refugees in Sardar Akram's house were brutally killed. Meanwhile, Maharaja Patiala Yadavindra Singh sent further army reinforcement to Jammu which started attacks on Muslim majority areas. Indian Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Defense Minister Baldev Singh and Maharaja Patiala reached Jammu and supervised massacre of the Muslims. Government announced that Muslims, who wanted to go to Pakistan, should reach Police Station in Jammu on 4th of Nov so that they would be sent to Pakistan. Muslims were



loaded in 60 buses. When caravan reached near Mahwa a point near Sanba, Dogra soldiers were hiding in ambush. After snatching cash and valuable items from Muslims, the soldiers started massacre of Muslims and butchered them like cattle. British daily The Times, London quoted the massacre in following words: “2, 37,000 Muslims were systematically exterminated unless they escaped to Pakistan along the border by the forces of the Dogra State headed by the Maharaja in person and aided by Hindus and Sikhs. This happened in

October 1947, five days before the Pathan invasion and nine days before the Maharaja's accession to India.” As well as, Editor of Statesman Ian Stephen wrote in his book Horned Moon: “Till the end of autumn 1947, more than 2 lakh Muslims were murdered in one go.” Horace Alexander wrote in the Spectator (16 January 1948) that the killings had “the tacit consent of State authority” and put the figure at 2 lakh. Concluding more, Muslims of Jammu had devoted their life, wealth, dignity, relatives and business in the name of Pakistan.

PAKISTAN MARKS 75 YEARS OF INDIAN ILLEGAL, FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF IIOJK

Kashmir Black Day was observed to condemn 75 years of Indian illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir and reaffirm Pakistan's unflinching commitment to the Kashmir cause on 27th October 2022.

A wide range of activities, including seminars, webinars, panel discussions and photo exhibitions were organized throughout the country, and at Pakistan's diplomatic missions around the world, to highlight the plight of the innocent Kashmiri people and draw global attention to the brutality and

highhandedness of Indian occupation forces over the last 75 years.

The President, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, in their special messages on the occasion, underscored Pakistan's consistent resolve to support the Kashmiri people and called upon the international community to play its due role in urging upon India to end its illegal occupation of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK), halt the massive human rights violations and cease repressive measures against the



Kashmiris.

The Foreign Minister addressed letters to President UN General Assembly, President UN Security Council, UN Secretary General, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights and OIC Secretary General to apprise them of the grave situation in the IIOJK. The Foreign Minister



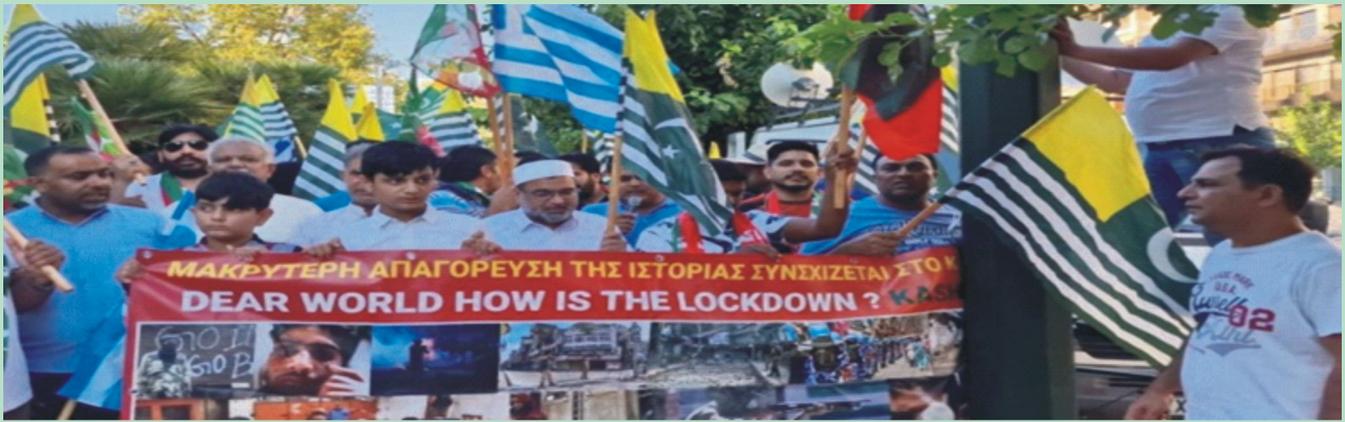
regretted India's continued denial of the right of self-determination to the people of IIOJK for more than seven decades.

A special Kashmir Solidarity Walk was initiated from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upto D-Chowk, which was led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (MoS), Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar. All officers and staff of the Foreign Office participated in the walk to express their solidarity for the Kashmir cause. Prior to the Walk, a commemorative ceremony was held at the Foreign Office in which the MoS Khar highlighted the importance of the Kashmir Black Day. She also planted a

Chinar sapling to honor the sacrifices of generations of Kashmiris. The Foreign Secretary held special briefings at the Foreign Office for resident Ambassadors of OIC, P-5 and European countries and briefed them on the egregious human rights situation in IIOJK as well as India's continued efforts to deny the Kashmiris their inalienable right to self-determination. A short movie on 'Indian atrocities in IIOJK' was also screened for diplomats.

The entire spectrum of activities was aimed at reminding the world of India's nefarious designs behind its illegal and unilateral measures instituted on 5th August, 2019 that stripped IIOJK of its special status, and the subsequent series of reprehensible measures seeking to alter the demographics of the occupied territory, in utter defiance of international law, including UN Charter, UN Security Council resolutions and the 4th Geneva Convention.

India forcibly landed its troops seventy-five years ago on 27th October 1947 in the IIOJK and continues to illegally occupy the territory ever since. In these 75 years, India has resorted to widespread and systematic human rights violations, unleashed the worst form of state-terrorism and used inhuman methods to crush the legitimate Kashmiri struggle for self-determination, in complete disregard of human rights norms and



humanitarian laws. The situation has further worsened since India's illegal and unilateral revocation of the special status of IIOJK on 5th August 2019. Around 690 extra-judicial killings of innocent Kashmiris at the hands of the Indian occupation forces have been recorded in the last three years. Prominent Hurriyat leaders have been illegally detained or placed under house arrest.

In spite of various United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, prescribing a fair and impartial plebiscite under the UN auspices in order to decide the final disposition of the Kashmir

dispute, India has not only remained intransigent in its illegal occupation of the IIOJK but has also intensified its atrocities on the beleaguered Kashmiris in a bid to perpetuate its occupation.

The commemoration of 27th October is a grim reminder of India's unlawful assault on Jammu and Kashmir 75 years ago. It should also serve as an eye-opener to India that no quantum of barbarity, human rights violations or unlawful repressive measures can dampen the spirit of the Kashmiris who remain as resolute in their struggle for the right of self-determination as they were 75 years ago.

The Tyranny Continues in Kashmir

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai

Raising the slogans of Azadi, a large number of Kashmiri Americans and their supporters and friends staged a demonstration in front of the Indian embassy in Washington, DC at which Barrister Sultan Mahmood Choudhary, President Azad Jammu Kashmir and other speakers drew attention of Biden Administration to the grave human rights situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir and urged the administration to intervene in facilitating a meaningful tripartite dialogue between India, Pakistan and genuine leadership of Jammu & Kashmir.

The participants, who came from various US states,

including Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, etc., waved placards reading: “Indian Forces: Out of Kashmir” “Stop Killing in Kashmir” “Demilitarize Kashmir” “U.N. Implement Resolutions on Kashmir” “US Can Stop Genocide in Kashmir,” “Wake Up Wake Up: UN Wake Up.”

Barrister Sultan Mahmood Choudhary warned that the deadly silence of the world powers over gruesome human rights abuses by the occupation forces in Kashmir has given India a virtual license to kill innocent Kashmiris. The government of India has to stop viewing Kashmir from the prism of Pakistan. Pointing out that hundreds of thousands of



people have been killed, tortured, jailed, and are missing, Barrister said that no struggle of such magnitude could be sponsored by an external party. Barrister warned that Kashmir is facing worst kind of oppression unleashed by Indian army. Innocent people are being killed, maimed, blinded, incarcerated, tortured and humiliated by the occupational forces. India is using its military might to crush the peaceful resistance movement of Kashmir. And this all is being done with impunity. Barrister Sultan added that Kashmiris are the real sufferers and unless they are taken on board no process, whether track one or track two can make any headway. He underlined it was imperative that self-determination be granted to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to maintain peace and stability in the region.

Dr. Ghulam N. Mir, President, World Kashmir Awareness Forum & Chairman, newly constituted “Kashmir Diaspora Coalition” said that we are honored to have the Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry, President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir among us on this sad day to join us on Kashmir Black Day. 75 years ago, today without any justification or provocation India invaded the state of Jammu and Kashmir. October 27 remains etched in our memory and our conscience. It was the day

India decimated our dreams of a free nation. The savage uncalled-for invasion was to become a long national nightmare for millions of Kashmiris.

Dr. Mir added that while our brothers and sisters in Azad Kashmir have been enjoying the fruits of freedoms across the border, their dream of being a part and parcel of one united free Jammu and Kashmir remains unfulfilled. We, the people of the Occupied Kashmir wish our Azad Kashmir well and thank them for their unwavering support as we wage our struggle for freedom from Indian occupation and now a dangerous settler-colonialism.

“Kashmiris are victims of multiple periods of genocide starting in 1947 and 1948 and multiple genocides in 1990s. Now Kashmir is a case of full-fledged ethnic cleansing, demographic change, and settler-colonialism. We ask the UN and the world community to stand up and speak out against Indian state terrorism and allow Kashmiris to exercise their right to self-determination under relevant UNSC resolutions. This is the only way an impending humanitarian catastrophe can be avoided, Dr. Mir demanded.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Chairman, World Forum for Peace & Justice said that the people of Kashmir do not wish anybody to take a partisan side. Kashmiris



are convinced, nevertheless, that impartial observers would support the Kashmir cause based on universal principles, democratic values, rule of law and international justice. It is high time that the negotiations, not violence, be the only way to resolve the Kashmir conflict, and that Kashmiris cannot be excluded from the negotiating table if a peace process is to be serious, meaningful and result oriented.

Dr. Fai highlighted that our objective of peaceful protest was to draw attention of the Biden Administration to the situation in Kashmir and to exert pressure on the government of India and to resolve dispute over Kashmir and help stop human right violations in Indian occupied Kashmir. “The genuine test of how much we care about such abuses is what we do about them, not just what we say about them. And the United Nations, despite all its shortcomings still seems an ideal place to begin with a serious plan of action,' Fai stressed.

Sardar Sawar Khan, former Advisor to the Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir said, “The United Nations has unfinished business in Kashmir. There exist several United Nations resolutions that clearly state the people of Jammu & Kashmir have the right to determine their own future through a free, fair and impartial vote. We are asking the United Nations to follow on its commitment to the people

of Kashmir. He hoped that a new dawn of prosperity, peace and stability will be guaranteed when the Kashmir dispute is resolved to the satisfaction of the people of Kashmir.

Dr. Maqsood Choudhary, a prominent humanitarian in the interfaith community said that our objective should be to motivate our community to participate in the American public square and be active participant in the civic discourse in our neighborhood. That will undoubtedly promote better understanding of our community before the wider American audience. He urged the audience to become involved in the public offices at the local level. He said that the Kashmir dispute is about the



right of self-determination of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. The people of Kashmir should be the makers of their destiny.

Imtiaz Khan, a notable human rights activist from New Jersey said that the resolution of Kashmir issue could have enabled both Pakistan and India to spend their finite resources more on the development of their people rather than on defense expenditure. He expressed his admiration to the Kashmiri American community for being the ambassadors of peace in the United States for the cause of Kashmir.

Saleem Qadri, a well-known human rights activist from Maryland said that the Kashmir question was one of the oldest unresolved international conflicts in the world. He said that the people of Kashmir



with both Pakistani and the Kashmiri leadership. It has chosen instead the brutal path of violent crackdown on all political dissent in Occupied Kashmir. In doing so, India is committing brutal acts of rape, torture and murder against thousands of innocent civilians.

Shoaib Irshad, Joint Secretary of Kashmir American Welfare Association (KAWA) called on the world leaders to persuade India and Pakistan to initiate a meaningful dialogue with the Kashmiri leadership to settle the Kashmir dispute once and for all. He suggested that it is better for Indian authorities to shun its stubborn approach and resolve this long pending issue.

Aftab Shah, a well-known businessman from New Jersey highlighted that Indian army is conducting a campaign of slaughter in Kashmir. Each day they shoot and kill civilians; detain and brutally torture innocent Kashmiri men, women and children. He added that there is no freedom in Kashmir, only death, destruction and oppression.

Raja Liaqat Kayani, President, Kashmir House, Washington said that the Indian army is engaged in serious human rights abuses in Kashmir, and we believe that world powers need to know that the so-called 'world's most populous democracy' is a grave offender of the most basic of human rights.'

Sardar Sajid Sawar expressed his sadness that no

civilized nation, not even the United States seems to be concerned with the human rights atrocities being committed in this unfortunate land of Kashmir. Not a single word has been uttered by them against human rights violations taking place in Kashmir.

Sardar Aftab Roshan Khan said that the world powers must remind both India and Pakistan that the final status of Jammu & Kashmir is yet to be determined and it has to be decided by the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Akram Butt, a familiar businessman of the community said, "Each day that India kills innocent civilians, it strengthens the sentiments of Aazadi amongst the general population in Indian occupied Kashmir. The right of self-determination is the right of Kashmiris that was guaranteed under UN Security Council resolutions.

Maqsood Chughtai said that it was our duty to support the people of Kashmir who are struggling for their right to self-determination.

Shafiq Shah of Maryland said that we stand should to shoulder with our Kashmiri brethren. He added that defying all odds, the brave desire and aspirations of the Kashmiris for liberty and justice remain strong forever.

Gul Sheer Sai said that today the consensus is that Kashmir conflict remains the underlying cause of the nuclear confrontation between the two neighboring countries. Without a just and lasting peace in Kashmir that vindicates self-determination, trying to reduce missile and nuclear arsenals in South Asia will be an exercise in futility.

Zia Ul Hassan said that we feel honored to help our brethren in Jammu & Kashmir. We believe that it is only fair that the Kashmir dispute must be decided in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions. We must accept whatever the people of Kashmir decide.

Zafar Shah said that the people of Jammu & Kashmir want Azaadi (freedom). Our message to the people of Kashmir is: Continue your peaceful struggle; Freedom is ours; and don't compromise on your basic principle of self-determination.

Sardar Zarif Khan, main emcee of the rally said that nothing better could be said about human rights in Kashmir. Every human rights group that has

examined the convulsed scene in Kashmir has reported harrowing human rights violations, including tens of thousands of extrajudicial killings, rape, torture, plunder, arbitrary arrests, and ruthless suppression of free speech and press. The United States State Department annual human rights report invariably paints an ugly human rights dispensation in Kashmir

Kashmir Black Day Observed at Pakistan's Missions Worldwide; Resolve to Support Kashmiris Reiterated



The embassies and high commissions of Pakistan across the world observed the Kashmir Black Day on Thursday to condemn Indian human rights abuses in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and reiterate a resolve to keep supporting the oppressed Kashmiri people.

In this connection, Pakistan's diplomatic missions held a variety of events including seminars and photo exhibitions, attended by notables from the respective countries, members of the Pakistani community as well as the Kashmiris living there.

The Kashmir Black Day is observed to

commemorate the forcible landing of Indian troops in Srinagar on October 27, 1947 which continues to forcibly and illegally occupy this territory ever since. At the ceremonies, the Pakistani envoys read out the messages of the president, prime minister and foreign minister of Pakistan at their respective ceremonies. At a Kashmir Black Day ceremony held at Pakistan's embassy in Ankara, Deputy Head of Mission Abbas Sarwar Qureshi said India had been trying to silence the Kashmiri struggle for freedom and peace through armed aggression. He reiterated that Pakistan would continue its political, moral and diplomatic support to

Kashmiris and thanked the Turkish government and people for their principled stance and support to Kashmir cause.

At a similar event in Tokyo, Charge d'Affaires Ismat Hassan Sial highlighted the continuous atrocities being committed by Indian occupation forces in the IIOJK and reiterated Pakistan's resolve to keep up supporting the Kashmiri people.

Convener APHC Islamabad Syed Faiz Naqshbandi and President of Kashmir Forum-Japan Shahid Majeed expressed their views on the ongoing repression and grave human rights violations by the Narendra Modi-led Hindutva government.

Besides a photo exhibition held at the embassy, the Pakistani community and Kashmiri diaspora held a protest in front of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, while holding banners and placards, and also marched towards the UN Representative Office in Tokyo and submitted a demarche.

In Ottawa, Pakistan High Commissioner Zaheer Janjua has called on the international community to come together and demand India's compliance with its international obligations in line with UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir.

A pictorial exhibition was also arranged to highlight the Indian atrocities in the IIOJK.

Meanwhile, various Pakistani and Kashmiri organisations also planned to hold different Kashmir-related events in major cities of Canada, including capital Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

At an event held in Kabul, Charge d'Affaires, Sarfraz Ahmed Khan said that the Kashmiri people were awaiting the international community to fulfill its promise of holding a plebiscite according to UN Security Council's resolution.

He also condemned the illegal unilateral Indian action of August 5, 2019 including the abolition of

special status of the valley in order to marginalise the Kashmiris.

A documentary and a special song on Kashmir prepared by the foreign ministry were run on this occasion.

Ambassador of Pakistan to Russia Shafqat Ali Khan, at a Kashmir Black Day event in Moscow, said, "Pakistan's only objective is the fulfilment of the legitimate aspirations of our Kashmiri brethren."

He expressed the hope that the difficult days of Kashmiri people are numbered and light can be seen at the end of the long dark tunnel. A documentary about the 75-year-long resistance to the Indian occupation and brutality in Jammu and Kashmir was screened on the occasion. A photographic exhibition depicting the Indian atrocities and the freedom struggle was also held.

The Kashmir Black Day event held in Kazakhstan highlighted, through a documentary, the brutal Indian ways of suppressing Kashmiri voices. An exhibition of posters and pamphlets depicting human rights violations in IIOJK was also displayed on the sidelines of the event.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Bahrain observed Kashmir Black Day at an event held at the Chancery building to commemorate the act of aggression against innocent Kashmiris by the Indian security forces.

The embassies of Pakistan in Maldives and Belarus organized events to observe Kashmir Black Day and express solidarity with the oppressed people in the IIOJK.

The embassy in Greece held a photo exhibition, webinar and presentation highlighting the plight of Kashmiris. "Friends of Kashmir" protested outside the Indian embassy reminding India of its international obligations.

At a seminar organized by Pakistan's high

commission in London, High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan said on August 5, 2019, the Hindutva-inspired BJP government gave shape to a long-standing design to extinguish Kashmiri freedom struggle through illegal and unilateral steps and the Kashmiris' rights began to be usurped with ever greater barbarity.

The seminar was addressed, virtually and in-person, by cross-party British parliamentarians including Lord Qurban Hussain, Paul Bristow MP, Khalid Mehmood MP, Yasmine Qureshi MP, Naz Shah MP, Afzal Khan MP and Muhammad Yasin MP. Besides, renowned historian Victoria Schofield, Shaffaq Mohammad former MEP, and Kashmiri Leader Raja Najabat Hussain also addressed the seminar.

The British MPs called upon the UK government to play its due role to protect the rights of the Kashmiri people.

Earlier, the high commission organized a day-long photo exhibition to highlight human rights violations in IIOJK. Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan said on Thursday that it was a high time that the world community should move beyond the political rhetoric and play its due role to resolve the lingering dispute of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. While addressing a protest rally held to observe the 'Black Day' in the State metropolis, the AJK PM said, "Kashmir is a burning spark that has the potential to ignite cataclysm." He said that the time has come that instead of paying lip service, the world powers should come clean and take practical steps to resolve the Kashmir conflict once and for all.

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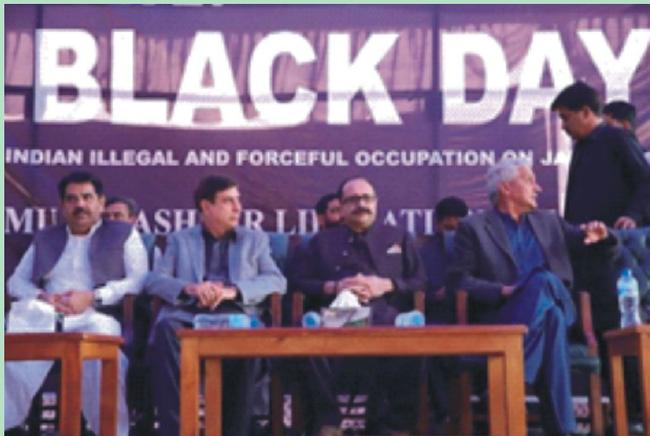
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INDIA'S AGENDA IN KASHMIR

Sajjad Shaukat

In his book, 'The Prince', Machiavelli advises the rulers to have a lion-like image outwardly, and act upon the traits of a goat internally. He also suggests, the use of terror to obtain their goals. In his sense, a good ruler should be a good opportunist and hypocrite. Since Narendra Modi, the fanatic leader of the extremist ruling party BJP, became the Indian prime minister, he has been following the discarded tactics of Machiavelli in the modern era. Under his regime, the persecution of religious minorities such as Sikhs, Christians, and especially Muslims Kashmiri Muslims have been intensified in accordance with the ideology of Hindutva (Hindu Nationalism).

In this regard, under a well-planned hidden agenda, the Modi-led regime has accelerated the implementation of bringing demographic changes in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). India's move to register almost 2.5 million new non-local voters in the IIOJK triggered outrage among the local Kashmiris and Muslims, as it will permit voting rights to any Indian citizen living temporarily in the region. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar told reporters on August 17, this year that more than 2 million new voters are expected to be enrolled in the region ahead of local polls due in November 2022.

Taking note of the Indian illegal act, in a statement issued on August 19, 2022, the Foreign Office spokesperson (FO) Asim Iftikhar said: "Pakistan categorically rejects the deliberate Indian attempts of pre-poll rigging and overt manipulation in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir...permitting temporary residents to register as voters is a clear manifestation of the treacherous Indian design to influence the outcome of so-called elections in the territory." He further stated: "Pakistan reiterates its complete rejection of

India's entire litany of steps aimed at turning the Muslim majority into a minority, including the formulation of the so-called 'Delimitation' Commission and its baseless report, the issuance of fake Kashmiri domiciles to millions of outsiders, and changes in the property laws", called on "the international community to take cognisance of its attempts at effecting illegal demographic changes in the [occupied Jammu and Kashmir] region."

The FO added: "India will not be able to break the will of the Kashmiri people or to mislead the world community." Besides human rights organisations and NGOs, the main political parties of the IIOJK have sharply criticised the move as Kashmiris fear that the rule changes will allow the extremist Hindu-nationalist BJP government to alter the demographics of the region. In fact, Indian brutal actions against the Muslim Kashmiris reached their peak on August 5, 2019, when the Indian government led by the biased Indian Prime Minister Modi abrogated articles 35A and 370 of the Constitution, which gave a special status to the disputed territory of the IIOJK. Indian regime split Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to be ruled by the federal government. Indian rulers have also issued over 1.8 million domicile certificates to non-Kashmiris to change the ethno-demographic structure of the IIOJK. And the Indian government introduced many new laws and amended several others to facilitate non-Kashmiris and outsiders in order to usurp the rights of the Muslim Kashmiris. In this connection, the J&K Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act enables all those who lived in the occupied state for 15 years or studied there for seven years may apply for domicile. Even those who have appeared in class 10th or 12th examinations in Kashmir may also avail of this opportunity. The domicile holders have

the right to job in Kashmir and they can purchase property and have ownership rights. In New Delhi in October 2020 introduced a new law i.e. Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of Central Laws) Third Order, 2020, enabling any Indian citizen to buy property in the territory. The Kashmir Media Service (KMS) News Org on August 5, 2022, indicated: “The Modi regime has initiated the process of delimitation of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies in J&K with an aim to give more seats to Hindu-dominated areas of Jammu division.

By doing this, the RSS-backed Indian regime wants to gain majority whenever so-called Assembly elections are held in IIOJK and install its own chief minister in the occupied territory.” In its various reports, Al Jazeera wrote: “Kashmiris fear the new laws, are aimed at a land grab to dilute the Muslim-majority character of the region...The new laws also allow the lands acquired by the government for

industrial or commercial purposes to be disposed of or sold to any Indian. These also authorise the Indian army to declare any area as “strategic” for operational and training purposes.”

India intends to thwart the related UN resolutions which recognise that Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory and that the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people will be decided after holding a plebiscite. So, if New Delhi is compelled to hold a plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir in the future, the results can go in the Indian favour. Another Indian hidden objective is that the demographic changes will quell a decades-long independence movement of the Kashmiris. But, despite the deployment of more than 900,000 military troops in the IIOJK, who have martyred thousands of the Kashmiris through brutal tactics-fake encounters, New Delhi has failed in repressing the Kashmiris' prolonged war of liberation.

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WESTERN 'COMMENTARY' ON KASHMIR RATTLES INDIA

Baqir Sajjad Syed



The German foreign minister's rare backing of Pakistan's position on the Kashmir dispute has deeply upset Delhi because the two happenings may be more than a coincidence. Many in Pakistan have been quick to present these developments as a sort of diplomatic coup, but one must not miss the context in which the statement

was made and the tour took place. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock had last Friday at a press conference with her Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said: “Germany has a role and responsibility with regard to the situation of Kashmir. Therefore, we support intensively the engagement of the United Nations to find peaceful

solutions in the region.” Baerbock had further called for political dialogue between Islamabad and Delhi, and encouraged “political and practical cooperation”. The German foreign minister's statement did not mark a major departure from her country's stance on Kashmir dispute, but the formulation may be different this time and troubling for Delhi, Ambassador Abdul Basit, who served as Pakistan's envoy in both Delhi and Berlin, observed. This statement and US Ambassador Donald Blome's earlier trip to AJK smack of the West's anger and disappointment over Delhi's position on the Ukraine conflict. Delhi had strongly reacted to the statement and the trip. Objecting to FM Baerbock's remarks, Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Adrindam Bagchi said: “All serious and

conscientious members of the global community have a role and responsibility to call out international terrorism, especially of a cross-border nature”. Most observers agree that these Western actions are more rhetorical than substantive. Dr Maleeha Lodhi, former envoy to US, UK and UN, in her comments asked if Germany and other Western countries had ever talked about Indian brutalities in occupied Kashmir. “There has not been a single word, for instance, on demographic change that is under way in occupied Kashmir. Would they pressure India to stop that,” she asked. She, therefore, did not see anything unusual in the German FM's statement and the US envoy's AJK trip. Abdul Basit, meanwhile, asked Pakistanis not to read too much into the statement and the ambassador's visit. (Courtesy: Dawn)

Pakistan's Diplomatic Efforts to Resolve Kashmir Dispute

Kamran Aziz

The dispute over Jammu and Kashmir dates back to 1947 when India and Pakistan came into being as two sovereign states under the Partition Plan. As per the plan, Jammu and Kashmir was among the princely states about whom it was decided that the people of these states would decide their political future. However, in total defiance to the Partition Plan, India hatched a conspiracy with the involvement of Viceroy and Maharaja of state against the people of Kashmir and Pakistan to annex the Muslim majority state by force.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars over Kashmir, which had been a Muslim-majority state governed by a Hindu ruler at the time of partition. Despite persistent illegal actions, India has miserably failed to dampen the resilient spirit of the Kashmiri people, who continued to stand firm in the total rejection of India's illegal occupation. Pakistan has always stood by Kashmiri people.

Due to continuous efforts of Pakistan to support the cause of oppressed Kashmiri people, prominent world leaders, parliamentarian across the globe,

international media, think tanks and human Right Organizations reiterated their support for the Kashmiris in their legitimate cause. Pakistan also engaged the Islamic world/OIC to exert pressure on India to abide by UN resolution on Kashmir.

Pakistan also supported Kashmir cause at all diplomatic channels to educate international audience on grave human rights abuses by Indian government and occupational forces by arranging seminars, conferences, talk shows, photo exhibitions, debates. Pakistan has always remained firm on its policy that Kashmir will always remain cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. Pakistan has reiterated its firm resolve to stand with Kashmiris till realization of their right of self-determination as promised by the international community.

Pakistan believes that only solution of Kashmir dispute lies in bindings of the UN Security Council resolution and wishes of Kashmiri people are imperative, indispensable and associative in the process of advancing the process. The Indian state is

bound to observe the international norms as referred by the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Article 27 of this convention declares that a party cannot invoke the provisions of its internal law as justification for its failure to perform a treaty. Despite suffering for 75 years under illegal Indian occupation, Kashmiri people remain committed to their demand for right to self-determination, and

Pakistan has emerged as voice of Kashmiris at all international forums.

International community, especially the West, must rise above their economic and strategic interests and put pressure on the Indian government to withdraw its illegal forces from IIOJ&K and give the people their right to self-determination.

Courtesy: Pakistan Observer

Rising Hindutva And Its Impact On The Region

Noor Ul Qamar

The contemporary politics in India is driven by the extremist ideology of Hindutva making it a state of growing intolerance and religious bigotry. Hindutva is advocated by another Indian nationalist militant organization, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the current ruling party of India, the BJP exclusively wants Indian culture to be defined in term of Hindu values. This exclusiveness in the character of Hindutva ideology will undertake even more significant proportions because of Hindu social system's antagonistic nature which even divided its own believers and followers into a caste based social system that prohibits vertical mobility.

In mid-2014, the BJP won the elections with Modi coming into power who steered India from secularism which was thought to be superficially at its best during the rule of Congress party, to a conventionally discrete Hindutva ideology. The country is defined as a secular state according to the constitution of India and the much-dominated Congress party was rather proud over this statement. Pride aside, the Indian Muslims suffered a lot under Congress government in the name of lack of jobs, communal violence, state sponsored target killing after the 9/11 attacks and so on. However, today it would be just to say that the Indian Muslims would delightedly welcome Congress's scam of secularism over Hindutva manifested BJP that has agonized their lives. BJP's success in 2014 elections has not only transformed

the political framework but it has also changed the social dimensions and ground realities of India. This is perhaps the first time when India's multi-ethnic and religiously diverse population has been divided and Modi's victory in 2019's elections shows that this trend is not going to capitulate to change any time soon. The strong commitment to Hindutva of both RSS which has very deep roots in the Hindu society and BJP, the current party in power both demand for an urgent need of understanding this extremist ideology and its implications. The concept of this ideology was explained by Vinayak Damodak Savarkar in his pamphlet, "Hindutva: Who is a Hindu". This pamphlet explains the basis of this ideology that requires deep love for Hindu civilization and values and to interpret Indian culture exclusively in terms of Hindu values. The second supreme RSS leader Madhav Sadashiv Golwarkar explained the implications of Hindutva for non-Hindu communities in the region in the following words:

"The non-Hindu people of Hindustan must either adopt Hindu culture and language, must learn and respect and hold in reverence the Hindu religion, must entertain no idea but of those of glorification of the Hindu race and culture. In a word, they must cease to be foreigners, or may stay in the country wholly subordinated to the Hindu nation, claiming nothing, deserving no privileges, far less any preferential treatment not even citizens' rights."



Considering the personal bigotry of Modi and his anti-Muslim biasness, much of which has been reflected many times such as in the large-scale holocaust of Muslims in Gujrat in 2002 when he was responsible for the Chief Minister ship, his all-time membership of RSS and BJP's close ties with RSS, the BJP's total submission to Hindutva should not have come as a surprise rather it should have come as a writing on a wall once voters of India let Modi-led BJP government to come into power, Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian nationalist leader and also the pioneer of modern India was assassinated by another nationalist shortly after the partition of sub-continent. Gandhi's nationalism was violence free that sought after a free India from British Colonial Raj. People all over the world were inspired by his struggle for freedom, human rights and his nationalist ideology of a secular India where religion will be the private affair of a being. On the other hand, his assassin Nathuram Vinayak Godse, who shot Gandhi three times in the chest was the member of the same extremist nationalist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) which advocates the Hindutva ideology brought up by BJP after electoral victory in 2014. The RSS was an extremist right wing in India which was founded in 1925 by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, a doctor in the city of Nagpur, British India, as a Hindu nationalist and a volunteer paramilitary organization. Later, immediately after the assassination of Gandhi, RSS got banned in India. However, in no time sooner RSS revived itself through politics by finding another party Bhartiya Jana Sangh (BJS) whose successor is the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) which is playing current power politics in India and is led by Modi.

The BJS, which came forward in the 1930s and 40s proclaimed its manifesto by adopting the Hindu version of nationalism very much alike to Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party or Benito Mussolini's Republican Fascist Party. Meanwhile, the RSS

acted like a major paramilitary organization that backed the BJS just like Hitler's Nazi Party in Germany was backed by a major paramilitary organization in Europe during WW2 period, the Schutzstaffel (SS). The RSS still stands today in modern India and is very integral part of its political drive. It is also the world's largest voluntary organization and BJP which is the political extension of RSS is world's largest political party.

With the inception of this new political extension of RSS, the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) in 1980, the Indian politics undergo a major dynamic shift resulting in religious and social crisis. The RSS Hindu nationalist culture made BJP highly independent that resulted in agitation politics and a shift from democracy to authoritarianism. The Ekamata Yatra in 1983 that introduced religiously inspired terms like Ganga, Bharat Mata etc., the Operation Blue Star of 1984 designed to smash so called communal Sikh extremism, the coming back of Ayodhya issue by Sangh Parivar that led to the demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992, criticism of Qur'anic verses by Indian Supreme Court in the notorious Shah Bano case in 1985, 2002 Gujarat riots and bombing of Samjhota express in 2007 marked the darkest events on Political history of India in which RSS, Bajrang Dal and BJP had a pivotal role to play creating a great split between Hindus and other minorities. Religious extremism by then had deeply enrooted itself into the political construct of Indian democracy.

As briefly explained above, India's current political arena has transformed a lot since its independence and BJP's electoral success in 2014 further was a defining moment for not only India but also for this region of South Asia as a whole. With Modi the most powerful man in India the Hindutva agenda has been purposefully embedded into all institutions and walks of India by BJP.

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NEWS SECTION

PRESIDENT REITERATES PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT TO KASHMIRIS' STRUGGLE

President Dr Arif Alvi has reiterated Pakistan's



moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle for securing their right to self-determination. Dr Arif Alvi addressing the launching ceremony of Kashmir Air at Bagh in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, urged the international community to play an effective role in resolving the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN Security Council's resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. President Alvi also launched the commercial helicopter flight operations in AJK to promote tourism in the region. The AJK Prime Minister, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas, was also present on the occasion. Kashmir Air, a private company, is going to launch commercial helicopter flights to AJK and northern areas of Pakistan for the transportation of tourists.

PM URGES WORLD TO RECOGNISE BRUTAL NATURE OF NEW DELHI'S POLICIES IN IIOJK

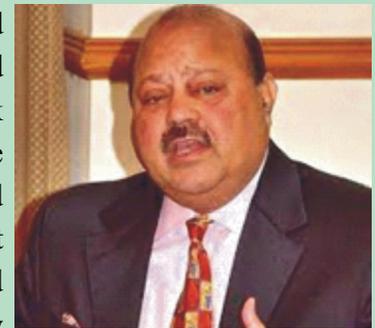
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged the world to recognise the brutal nature of New Delhi's



policies in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). In a tweet, the Prime Minister said the terrorized valley of Kashmir is manifestation of India's policy of preferring bullet over ballot. The Prime Minister said at the CICA summit in Astana, he explained how India uses the mantra of democracy to hide its gross human rights abuses in the illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

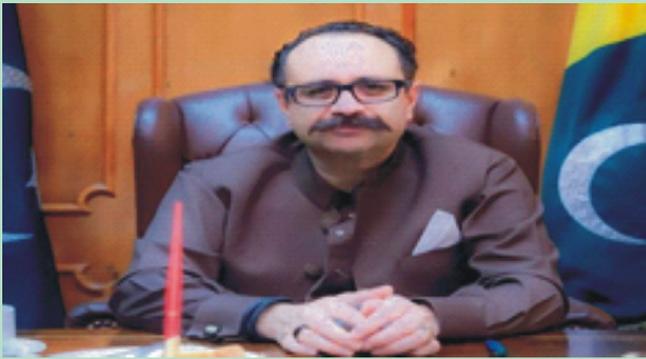
AJK PRESIDENT GRIEVES OVER DEMISE OF JAILED HURRIYAT LEADER ALTAF AHMED SHAH

Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry expressed deep sense of shock and grief over the death of incarcerated Kashmiri Hurriyat leader Altaf Ahmad Shah, the son-in-law of the late Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, in Indian unlawful custody. Terming Altaf Ahmad Shah's demise as a big loss for the Kashmir Freedom Movement, the AJK president said in a statement issued from US city of Boston that the deceased leader's lifelong struggle for Kashmir cause, his sacrifices and services would be remembered for a long time. Pertinently, Late Altaf Ahmad Shah who breathed his last in a New Delhi hospital had been languishing in Tihar jail for the last five years. He was suffering from various acute ailments and was recently shifted to the hospital in a critical condition.



SACRIFICES OF KASHMIRI MARTYRS WILL NEVER GO IN VAIN: AJK PM

Azad Jammu Kashmir Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan says the sacrifices of the Kashmiri martyrs will never go in vain. Paying rich tribute to deceased veteran Kashmiri Hurriyat leader Altaf Ahmad Shah, he said Altaf Shah had been a staunch freedom fighter who devoted his



entire life for the noble cause of Kashmir's freedom. AJK Prime Minister said Shah's death in custody and the jail authorities' denial to provide him the right to medical treatment speak volumes as how the India's apartheid regime is treating Kashmiri prisoners.

GERMAN FM UNDERLINES NEED FOR POLITICAL DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE KASHMIR DISPUTE

German Foreign Minister, Annalena Baerbock says



her country encourages Pakistan and India to follow the track of United Nations and intensify political dialogue to resolve longstanding Kashmir dispute. Responding to a question at the joint presser with Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in Berlin, she said every country in the world has a role and responsibility in resolving the conflicts and ensuring peace in the world. She said Germany intensively supports the engagement of United Nations to find peaceful solutions in the regions and has a role and responsibility to resolve the Kashmir dispute. Speaking on the occasion, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said Pakistan believes that international law should be implemented and United Nations Security

Council's resolutions should be respected everywhere.

FM BILAWAL'S LETTER ON DETERIORATING SITUATION IN INDIAN-OCCUPIED KASHMIR DELIVERED TO UN LEADERSHIP

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations, Munir Akram, Thursday delivered to the UN leadership Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's identical letters on the worsening situation in Indian illegally occupied Kashmir, as Kashmiris and Pakistanis all over the world observed "Black Day". The "Kashmir Black Day" marks the anniversary of India's massive invasion and occupation of the Himalayan state on 27 October 1947. The Ambassador met the President of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Korosi of Hungary, and the UN Security Council President for the month of October, Michel Biang of Gabon, and handed over to him the letter, which was delivered to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who is out of town.

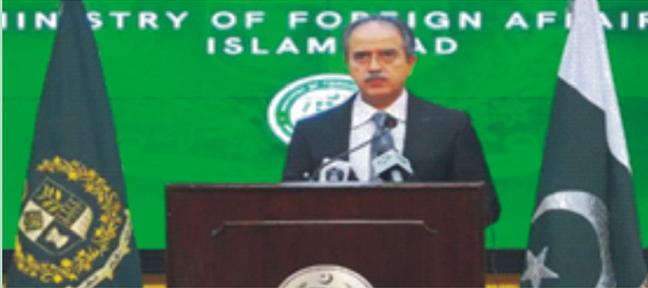
ON KASHMIR BLACK DAY, OIC REAFFIRMS "FULL SOLIDARITY" WITH KASHMIRI PEOPLE

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Thursday reiterated its "full solidarity" with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their quest for the right to self-determination, as they observed Black Day to mark the completion of 75 years of the Indian occupation of the IIOJK. On the occasion, the OIC general secretariat, pursuant to the decisions and resolutions of the Islamic Summit and OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, urged India to halt and reverse the illegal and unilateral actions taken on August 5, 2019, according to a statement issued by the OIC secretariat in Jeddah. The Muslim world body also called for the reversal of the subsequent Indian steps to change the internationally recognized disputed status of the territory and to alter the demographic structure of the occupied territory. The OIC demanded India to

respect the basic human rights of the inhabitants of Jammu and Kashmir.

PAKISTAN CONVEYS PROTEST TO INDIA OVER CUSTODIAL DEATH OF ALTAF SHAH IN TIHAR JAIL

Pakistan has conveyed strong protest to India over the inhuman custodial death of Hurriyat leader Altaf



Ahmed Shah, in Delhi's infamous Tihar Jail. The Indian Charge d' Affaires was summoned to Foreign Office in Islamabad on Tuesday to register the protest. It was deplored that despite Pakistan's serious concerns over Altaf Ahmed Shah's sharply deteriorating health, as well as his daughter's letter addressed to Indian Prime Minister apprising him of Shah's precarious health condition, the Indian government remained completely indifferent. The Foreign Office said India not only failed to provide satisfactory medical care to Altaf Ahmed Shah who was suffering from renal cancer but also created inordinate delays in his hospitalization and essential diagnostic tests.

'HIOJK'S TUMULTUOUS SITUATION CAN ESCALATE PAK, INDIA TENSION'

Pakistan's Ambassador to the US, Masood Khan, has warned that the prevailing turbulent situation in



Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir can lead to escalation of tensions between Pakistan and India.

The Pakistani envoy said this in an interview with Newsweek. He said there is

a persistent threat that the two countries can use their strategic weapons in case a war erupts. Masood Khan maintained that it was the Indian

aggression that had led to the first Indo-Pakistan war. He pointed out that since then the two countries have fought three more major wars with frequent clashes occurring across the Line of Control in the internationally recognized disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

PAKISTAN CALLS UN TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF KASHMIR DISPUTE

Pakistan has called on the United Nations to actively promote a peaceful settlement of Kashmir dispute in accordance with Security Council



resolutions and the wishes of Kashmiri people. Speaking at the U.N General Assembly, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Munir Akram said Pakistan desires peaceful relations with all its neighbours, including India but to ensure durable peace in South Asia, the resolution of Jammu and Kashmir dispute is essential. The Pakistani Envoy, describing India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir as the worst manifestation of modern-day colonialism said for 70 plus years, through force and fraud, India had avoided the implementation of UN resolutions.

MUSHAAL URGES UN BODIES TO INTERVENE TO SETTLE KASHMIR DISPUTE

Chairperson of Peace and Culture Organisation Mushaal Hussein Mullick Thursday urged the UN bodies to intervene to avoid a further bloodbath in Kashmir and ensure a just resolution of the decades-old dispute as per the UN agreed formula. Mushaal, the wife of incarcerated senior Hurriyat leader



Yasin Malik, said in a statement on “Black Day” marked by Pakistanis and Kashmiris all over the world on October 27 as a protest against Indian illegal occupation of Kashmir on the same date in 1947 that Kashmiris have been resisting the brutal Indian occupation for 75 years. She said Kashmiri people were facing the worst kind of state terrorism as the fascist Narendra Modi government converted Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) into the largest human cage in the world in violation of all existing Human Rights treaties and bindings.

GOVT RAISES KASHMIR DISPUTE ON EVERY INT'L FORUM: KAIRA

Adviser to Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan Qamar Zaman Kaira has reiterated Pakistan's firm resolve of moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle for freedom. Talking to media persons in Islamabad on Wednesday, he said the government has raised the Kashmir dispute on every international forum and this is an issue on which all political parties have always been united beyond their political differences.

APHC LEADER ALTAF AHMAD SHAH EMBRACES MARTYRDOM IN INDIAN JAIL

Illegally detained senior leader of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Altaf Ahmad Shah, has embraced martyrdom in Indian captivity. According to Kashmir Media Service, Altaf Ahmad Shah, who was son-in-law of the icon of Kashmir freedom movement martyred Syed Ali Gilani, had been languishing in New Delhi's infamous Tihar

Jail since his arrest in 2017. He was diagnosed with late stage renal cancer.

SIA FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST JOURNALIST, PHD SCHOLAR IN IIOJK

In Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the State Investigation Agency (SIA) has filed a charge sheet in a National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Srinagar against a digital magazine editor and a PhD scholar in a false case. Indian police arrested Prominent Kashmiri journalist Fahad Shah on February 04 under black



law, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on the charges of publishing anti-India content. Similarly, the police on April 17 arrested a PhD scholar of the University of Kashmir, Abdul Aala Fazili, who is also a journalist, for writing an article in an online magazine.

AT UN, PAKISTAN CALLS FOR RESOLUTION OF J&K, PALESTINE ISSUES FOR LASTING PEACE

At the United Nations, Pakistan has reiterated that there will be no peace in South Asia and the Middle East until the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine are enabled to exercise their right to self-determination. Speaking in a debate on the rule of law at national and international levels in the UN General Assembly's legal committee, Pakistan's deputy permanent representative Aamir Khan said the right to self-determination is a fundamental pillar of the world order. He called on the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, to invest more time and energy to secure the implementation of its own resolutions on Palestine and the Jammu and Kashmir disputes.

JKLC ACTIVITIES GALLERY



HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN IOK

(From Jan 1989 till 31 Oct 2022)

Total Killings	96,145
Custodial killings	7,270
Civilian arrested	165,307
Structures Arsoned/Destroyed	110,495
Women Widowed	22,951
Children Orphaned	1,07,887
Women gang -raped / Molested	11,256

Fahad Shah

The criminalized pattern

Arrest, Bail, and Rearrest

Imbisaat Rao



"I'm an independent journalist and writer. I write about human rights, South Asia politics, free speech, and books for several publications" writes Fahad Shah, the founding editor of 'Kashmir Walla'- the voice of suppressed and silenced Kashmiris.

"Journalism has been criminalized in Kashmir. Now, you can be booked under Public Safety Act for your reporting. Draconian, highly condemnable". The blunt, forthright, and brave words of Fahad Shah (34) were hushed by the Indian government, on a cold evening of February 4th, 2022. Aqib Shah, the victim's brother told The Quint, "Fahad merely told my folks not to worry about anything, it might happen that I would have to spend a night here at the police station."

He was then arrested, and charged with four undefined cases, under the repressive Unlawful activities prevention act. After receiving bail for 2 of the three cases- the arrests for which had been

consecutive- he was charged under the Public security act, a "preventive detention" act that allows authorities to detain a person for up to 2 years without conviction.

The journalist had been subject to various illegal raids and attacks at his abode, with interrogations designed to get him to reveal the sources of his reporting. Charges of terrorism and sedition were placed on the winner of Human rights press award 2020, and in July, the National investigation agency (NIA) court in Jammu denied bail to Shah.

The relentless and desperate voice of innocent and subjugated Kashmiris has been consistently silenced by the Indian government. Advocates like Fahad Shah who raise their pens and brawl for their rights intellectually have been treated and convicted for terrorism, propagated by the cowardice of human rights violators, who cloak their inhumanity in front of the world, and in UN security council meetings, while they scorch thousands of Kashmiri lives in the blazing fires of hell- the imprisoned valley of Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.