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Political Developments

Deteriorating human rights situation in 'IIOJK'

The Nation, 6 February 2023

In the horrifying circumstances that continue to exist, it is also essential to consistently keep bringing attention to the 'deteriorating' human rights situation in 'India's illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK) to alert the international community and human rights organizations to the 'miserable existence' of the humanity under total lockdown for more than three years. The fact that 'ever-deteriorating' situation in 'IIOJK' has always been a matter of great concern for global human rights watchdogs who have been raising alarm over the 'systematic violations' of human rights committed with impunity by the 'occupying Indian security forces.' But regrettably, human rights organizations as well as the international community do not put pressure on India in any manner other than merely expressing concern. The human rights situation in the 'occupied territory' has stooped so low, particularly after India's Modi regime stripped it of its autonomous status unilaterally on August 5, 2019. The 'imperialistic' decision was quite rightly criticized by independent observers as an act of 'colonialism', pushing 'IIOJK' into a quagmire of uncertainty. The dissolution of the state and reducing its status from that of a state to a union territory and bringing it under New Delhi's direct control was

an 'atrocious assault' on the rights of the people.

There has been a massive upsurge of 'state violence' that has resulted in the death of thousands of innocent Kashmiris, particularly the youth who were killed during a cordon and search operations (CASO) and 'fake encounters' staged by the Indian 'security forces and secret agencies.' The 'toxic Hindutva ideology' of RSS-BJP has resulted in the systematic targeting of Kashmiri youths through 'extra-judicial killings.' Apart from the deaths, the 'extrajudicial killings', 'enforced disappearances,' torture, harassment of the 'unarmed innocent Kashmiris', arbitrary arrests of the youth, persecution of the political leaders, ban on human rights organizations, and a witch hunt against the dissenters especially the rights activists, media houses and journalists, at the hands of 'occupation authorities' has made an already gloomy situation even worse. The draconian laws in 'IIOJK' i.e., Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), and Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (JKPSA) provide impunity to the 'occupying Indian security forces.' The Kashmiri's sufferings at the hands of the 'occupying security forces' can be categorized as 'custodial killings', civilians arrested, 'enforced disappearances', structures destroyed/arson, 'women widowed', 'women half widowed', 'women gang-raped and molested', pellet victims particularly the Kashmiri youth, mass graves, and children orphaned.

As the civilian and military leadership as well as the people of Pakistan along with the Kashmiris living on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) and around the globe celebrate Kashmir Solidarity Day on 05 February 2023, emphatically demand the revocation of 05 August 2019, which ended the special status of 'IIOJK.' There is a dire need for creating awareness among the international community about Kashmir including the United Nations as the world somehow continues to fail to enforce the resolutions of the Security Council. The international community also needs to be awakened and reminded of its obligations towards Kashmiris 'unarmed indigenous' freedom movement. The illegal actions of India's 'fascist' Modi regime are direct violations of the UN Security Council's resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir, the United Nations Charter, and international laws. The Fourth Geneva Convention as paragraph 6 of Article 49 clearly says 'that the occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its civilian population into the territory it occupies.'

As the stringent lockdown continued in 'IIOJK', the Indian government announced a new domicile law for the 'occupied' territory. Under it, thousands of Hindus have been granted domicile certificates thus raising fear of demographic changes in 'IIOJK.' The indigenous Kashmiris are thus threatened to lose their political and cultural identity, their rightful demographic majority, and ownership of their properties in their homeland. This was in furtherance of India's policy of continuing to 'promote

Hindutva' at all costs and persisting with 'state terrorism' not only in the 'occupied' territory of Jammu and Kashmir but also against Muslims and other minorities in India in a ruthless manner. Pakistan, through its civil and military leadership over the years, agitated the Kashmir issue at UN General Assembly and other international forums, continuously urging the international community to play its role in ensuring the Kashmiris get their fundamental right of self-determination under the Security Council resolutions. Pakistan, through Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, has been raising the Kashmir issue at all international forums, urging the international community to raise their support for an end to ongoing 'atrocities' and 'brutalities' and gross human rights violations in 'IIOJK.' Despite all the hostile and inhuman measures by the Indian government over the years, the Kashmiri indigenous struggle is continuing, and their just struggle for freedom is bound to be victorious sooner than later.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/06-Feb-2023/deteriorating-human-rights-situation-in-iiojk>

Kashmir Liberation Commission set up a three-day event on Kashmir Liberation Movement

Daily Parliament Times, 6 February 2023

During the three-day events held at Folk Heritage Islamabad by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission on February 5, Kashmir Solidarity Day bookstalls were set up with information on Kashmir history, the

Kashmir conflict, and the Kashmir Liberation Movement. Photographs, leaflets, signature campaigns, and booklets were used to illustrate Indian 'atrocities' and violations of human rights in the 'occupied Kashmir.' Many Kashmiris living in Rawalpindi/Islamabad also took part in the event and showed their support for the people of 'occupied Kashmir', and urged the world community to take note of violations of human rights in 'occupied Kashmir.' The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission in Lokwartha also screened documentaries about 'abuses' of human rights in 'occupied Kashmir' on a large screen. For three days, Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission officers and representatives manned the booth nonstop, providing information on the Kashmir problem and the ongoing state of 'occupied Kashmir' to notable visitors, including local and international media.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/02/06/kashmir-liberation-movement-set-up-in-three-day-events-organized-by-jammu-and-kashmir-liberation-commission/>

Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhatt are heroes of Kashmiri nation: Pasban-e-Hurriyat

Daily Parliament Times, 7 February 2023

The chairman of Pasban-e-Hurriyat, Uzair Ahmad Ghazali has said that Kashmiri will continue the mission of Muhammad Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhatt and added that the sacrifices of the great martyrs for the Kashmir cause will not be forgotten. He said that Pasban-e-Hurriyat will organize a rally

on 9th February 2023 in memory of Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhatt at Domel Afzal Guru Chowk. While paying tribute to the 'assassinated' leaders of the Kashmir freedom movement, he said that they embraced martyrdom fighting for the freedom of the state, adding that the 'biased judiciary' of India executed Muhammad Maqbool Butt on February 11, 1984, and Muhammad Afzal Guru on February 9, 2013, in Delhi's Tihar Jail. He said that the bodies of both the martyrs were buried in jail instead of handing them to their heirs as the Indian government knew that their funerals will prove a 'referendum against Indian occupation.' He further claimed that the Kashmiri nation will always remember those who have sacrificed for the freedom of their homeland, and added that India knows that her existence in the state of Jammu and Kashmir is as an 'occupier and usurper.' He claimed that the Kashmiri people will continue their struggle against Indian 'colonial military occupation' until independence', and appealed to the masses to join on the February 9th, 2023 rally to pay homage to the 'great martyrs' of the state.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/02/07/afzal-guru-and-maqbool-bhatt-are-heroes-of-kashmiri-nation-pasban-e-hurriyat/>

'AJK' PM attends the joint session of the Parliament as a special guest

Daily Parliament Times, 9 February 2023

The Prime Minister of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK), Tanveer Ilyas Khan attended the joint session of the Parliament as a special guest. Ilyas

Khan told the media present at the event that today was significant in Pakistani history because the political, moral, and diplomatic support for the Kashmiri people was once again reaffirmed and a unanimous resolution on Kashmir was adopted during a joint session of Pakistan's powerful national assembly, the Parliament. He said that to address the Kashmir issue, the OIC will also need to take action, as a body representing the Muslim Ummah, including the United Nations, which also has to play an important role. He argued that the UN should prioritize Kashmir to enforce its resolutions and stop India from breaching human rights in 'occupied Kashmir.' The valiant people of Kashmir made incalculable sacrifices, he claimed, in exchange for their 'freedom from India.' He claimed that the nation as a whole had once again reaffirmed its unwavering support for the Kashmiris and had paid tribute to the thousands of martyrs whose blood had fueled the Kashmiri freedom cause.

He claimed that the unanimous resolution of the joint session of the Parliament on Kashmir was very important, and added that this voice from the Parliament of Pakistan will reach the whole world and will make them realize their responsibilities. He claimed that India is constantly changing the status of Kashmir, paving the way for bringing a Hindu Chief Minister, for which non-Kashmiris are being allotted domiciles. He claimed that Kashmiris were being deprived of their properties and their basic human rights, claiming that India had

abolished the special status of 'occupied Kashmir' and had practically given all the powers to the Indian Army and was besieging the valley. He said that we will not sit down with India until the Kashmiris get their legitimate right to self-determination and 'occupied Kashmir' will be free from Indian 'oppression and tyranny.' The joint session of the Parliament was also attended by the president of 'AJK', Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, and former Prime Ministers Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi among others.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/02/09/pm-ajk-sardar-tanveer-ilyas-khan-attends-the-joint-session-of-the-parliament-as-a-special-guest/>

'AJK' remembers Kashmir freedom struggle icon 'Shaheed' Dr. Afzal Guru on his 10th martyrdom anniversary with due respect

Daily Parliament Times, 9 February 2023

The 10th anniversary of the murder of 'renowned Kashmiri independence struggle' leader 'Shaheed' Afzal Guru was marked in 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK) with the appropriate solemnity and respect. Dr. Afzal Guru, a 'brave leader' of the Kashmiri freedom struggle, was hanged on this day nine years prior in 2013 in New Delhi's notorious Tihar Jail on a 'fake charge of attack' on the Indian Parliament merely for his 'offense' of speaking out for the recognition of Kashmiris' legitimate right to self-determination and the freedom of his homeland from long 'Indian shackles.' Special ceremonies to pay rich tributes to the 'eminent hero' of the Kashmir

freedom struggle were held in various 'AJK' district headquarters including the State's metropolis. Speakers, at a ceremony, paid rich tributes to 'Shaheed' a Kashmiri freedom fighter on the eve of his 8th martyrdom anniversary. They described the sad demise of Afzal Guru as a 'judicial killing' and worst violation of human rights at the hands of 'fascist India' and her 'occupational forces' in internationally acknowledged 'Indian Illegally occupied Jammu Kashmir State' (IIOJK).

While paying rich tributes to 'Shaheed' Afzal Guru and Maqbool Butt the speakers said the martyrdoms were an inseparable part of the ongoing Kashmir liberation movement and the Kashmiri people would protect the supreme sacrifices of their martyrs and take their mission to its logical end. The chairman of the Central Publicity Wing of Jammu Kashmir Plebiscite Front Azeem Dutt Advocate termed the hangings of Muhammad Maqbool Butt and Dr. Muhammad Afzal Guru as 'judicial murders' and said that India did not fulfill legal requirements while executing the two great heroes of the Kashmir freedom struggle. Dutt claimed that with all that 'brutality and cruelty' India could not kill the freedom sentiment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir but had strengthened the resolve and commitment of the Kashmiris towards their 'indigenous struggle for liberation' of the motherland from long Indian 'forced occupation.'

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/02/09/ajk-remembers-kashmir-freedom-struggle-icon->

[shaheed-dr-afzal-guru-on-his-10th-martyrdom-anniversary-with-due-respect/](#)

GB CM again moves SC against PM's orders

The Nation, 10 February 2023

The Chief Minister (CM) of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) Khalid Khurshid Khan has moved the Supreme Court (SC) for the fixation of his constitutional petition challenging the appointment of a judge as well as the extension is given to three judges of the region's chief court by the Pakistan government. In September last year, the CM filed a petition under Article 184(3) of the Constitution through senior lawyer Makhdoom Ali Khan and made the federal government, GB governor, and newly-appointed Judge Javed Ahmed respondents. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had given an extension to three judges of the GB Chief Court on September 16 following a summary moved by GB Governor Syed Mahdi Shah. However, the summary was initiated without consulting the CM. Later, the registrar's office returned the petition by raising seven objections. In the meanwhile, the GB CM challenged the objections by filing an appeal in the chamber, which was heard by Justice Munib Akhtar. Subsequently, a four-page order issued by Justice Munib Akhtar while deciding the appeal in the chamber in November noted that 'I conclude that prima facie (which suffices for disposing of Chamber Appeals of the present nature) the office objections cannot be sustained.'

The judge noted that the matter of governance in GB and attendant issues, including the availability of fundamental rights to the people, had been dealt with in the Civil Aviation Authority case. In his fresh application, the CM stated that in case the plea was not allowed, the people of GB will suffer irreparable loss. It contended that the appointment, as well as extension of superior courts judges of GB, violates the principles of access to justice, independence of the judiciary, rule of law, and fundamental rights. It noted that despite the clear provisions of the GB order and the petition pending before this hon'ble court chief judge and judge of the supreme appellate court and chief judge and judges of the chief court are being purportedly appointed, confirmed and their tenures extended without any consultation with or advice of the elected government (i.e. chief minister and cabinet).

This is unconstitutional, without lawful authority, and of no legal effect, the application added. The application stated that the respondents are packing the courts with nominees of the PML-N in the supreme appellate court and the chief court of GB and added that 'all such appointments are mala fide, without lawful authority and of no legal effect.' The application said that the petition raised questions of public importance concerning the enforcement of constitutional and fundamental rights conferred by the Constitution. The questions so raised required an urgent hearing. It is learned that three early hearings have

been submitted by the chief minister so far. However, the case has not been fixed yet.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2400428/g-b-cm-again-moves-sc-against-pms-orders>

Economic Developments

Indus Water Treaty: The past, present and future

The Nation, 5 February 2023

Since 1947, Pakistan and India have faced multiple obstacles in establishing amicable ties with one another. Such obstacles started, inter alia, with disagreements over the territorial jurisdiction of each nation at the time of separation, which then transitioned into (what Pakistanis believe to be) an unfair division of assets between the two neighbors. The major issue to grab the headlines, even today, is the dispute surrounding Kashmir. Pakistan has labeled Kashmir as its 'jugular vein', and both countries have always maintained the harshest possible stance on the matter. Another major issue, which seemingly dissipated from the forefront over the past 50 years, was related to water and hydropower-related concerns. This issue is related to the water resources of both Pakistan and India. Because Pakistan and India share the river Indus and its tributaries, there arose multiple issues concerning water management.

As both countries are agro-based economies, the Indus River supplies water to multiple agricultural farms located within its vicinity, which

contribute towards the economies of their respective nations. Therefore, this became a major bone of contention between the two nations and was used on multiple occasions to stifle the other's agricultural output as well as their economy. This led to the signing of the Indus Water Treaty.

The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is a bilateral agreement between India and Pakistan signed in 1960, which governs the distribution and management of the Indus River and its tributaries. This treaty, brokered by the World Bank, remained one of the most effective and robust water agreements in the world and has remained, for the most part, largely unaffected by the constant political tensions/border skirmishes between the two countries. Pakistan holds a central role in the IWT as the lower riparian state, located downstream from India, and therefore heavily reliant on the Indus River and its five main tributaries—Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej. These waterways play a vital role in the economic and social development of Pakistan, supplying water for irrigation, and hydropower, as well as for domestic and industrial purposes.

The IWT establishes a comprehensive framework for the sharing of the Indus waters between the two countries, with India retaining control over the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej) for hydropower generation and storage, while Pakistan retains exclusive rights over the western rivers (Jhelum and Chenab). In the finer points of the treaty, there is a dispute resolution mechanism, which entails that all

technical disputes shall be resolved through the appointment of a neutral expert, along with a Commission, hosting representatives from both countries, to ensure effective implementation of the treaty and resolution of any other disputes.

Since its inception, the IWT has faced several challenges and disputes, primarily due to differences in the interpretation of certain provisions and the changing water needs of both countries. However, the treaty has, for the better part of 50 years, withstood the test of time and proven to be flexible enough to accommodate such changes, and the Commission has successfully resolved most disputes through negotiations. In recent times, one of the most major disputes relating to the IWT has been the construction of large dams and hydropower projects on the eastern rivers by India, which has been vehemently opposed by Pakistan. Pakistan thinks that India violates the treaty provisions and reduces the flow of water to its territories. However, India has maintained that these projects are within the limits of the treaty and are necessary for its economic development.

Despite these challenges, the IWT has continued to play a critical role in promoting cooperation and stability between India and Pakistan. It has provided a platform for dialogue and cooperation on water-related issues and has helped to mitigate the risk of water conflicts between the two countries. The treaty has also had a positive impact on the economic

development of both countries, particularly Pakistan, by providing a reliable source of water for irrigation and hydropower generation. As a result, the IWT has been one of the most successful and enduring water agreements in the world and has played a critical role in promoting cooperation and stability between India and Pakistan. However, most recently, disputes relating to the IWT are threatening to reach an unprecedented high. Pakistan holds the opinion that with the power projects in the works for India, the flows of the water shall be severely impacted, leading to catastrophic eventualities for its irrigated agriculture. In this regard, Pakistan has approached the Court of Arbitration to settle this dispute, while the same has been boycotted by their Indian counterparts. Concurrently, India has requested Pakistan (through notices exchanged over diplomatic channels) to agree to amend the IWT. India proposes to bar any third party from intervening in disputes relating to the Treaty and any disputes resulting therefrom.

On the other hand, Pakistan believes that such matters should be placed before the Court of Arbitration and resolved accordingly, to ensure transparency and justice for all those concerned. There is a fear that without the intervention of an unbiased third party for dispute resolution, Pakistan risks being bulldozed in negotiations. It is worth noting, Pakistan's reliance on this treaty stretches far beyond the supply of water in their rivers, as it is

directly linked to our economic standing, which is in dire straits as it stands. The World Bank has allowed for two separate proceedings to resolve this long-standing dispute to prevent an impasse between the two nations, which shall be detrimental to the Treaty itself. To this end, the questions which arise are: Will the IWT be renegotiated? Can the Court of Arbitration enforce its law on India despite its decision to boycott? Can the IWT remain effective in the coming times? Without running streams of water, how will Pakistan (an agro-based economy) meet its agricultural demands to support its economy? As of now, we are all mere spectators in this dispute waiting to see where the dust settles in this historic dispute between Pakistan and India, with only one hope; to avoid what will be a cataclysmic blow to Pakistan's brittle economy.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/05-Feb-2023/indus-water-treaty-the-past-present-and-future>

Establishment of the 26 MW Shagharthang Hydropower Project will end load shedding in Skardu: GB Chief Secretary

UrduPoint, 6 February 2023

According to the Chief Secretary of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), Mohiuddin Ahmed Wani, it is a tragedy that there is no regional grid system in GB, as a result of which residents have been dealing with a terrifying energy crisis for many years. He added that the GB government was taking effective and practical actions to address the significant issue of the energy crisis on

a long-term basis while also enhancing other sectors, which is crucial to resolving the current energy crisis in GB. Two significant Public Sectors Development Programme (PSDP), the 26 MW Shagarthing Power Project and the Regional Grid Station GB-Phase One, were approved during the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) meeting, which was presided over by federal minister for planning and development Ahsan Iqbal. The Regional Grid Phase I scheme project, which will cost 17 billion rupees, will be completed in the next three years, and it has been advised to send the clearance for final approval. The system will be connected via the regional grid, and the sharing system will remove the power deficit issue in these districts. According to him, there is very little foreign investment in the power projects sector for a variety of technical reasons. However, the completion of this project would assist the GB administration in luring foreign capital into the power sector. The national grid will be connected to the regional grid in GB after the grid work is completed, allowing other provinces to use the extra electricity produced in GB. Regarding the 26 MW Shagharthang Hydropower Project, the chief secretary stated that this project is crucial for easing the region's energy issue, particularly in the Skardu district. After this project is completed, the city of Skardu will no longer experience load shedding, which will not only save the people from load

shedding but also encourage tourist and industrial growth in the GB, improving the socioeconomic situation of the populace.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/gilgit/national-news/live-news-3462733.html>

CM announces to waive off tuition fees of Kashmiri students enrolled in Punjab

The Nation, 8 February 2023

The caretaker Chief Minister (CM) of Punjab, Mohsin Naqvi has announced to waive the tuition fees of Kashmiri students studying in Punjab. He also announced that 200 Kashmiri students would also be given laptops by the Punjab government. While talking to a delegation of Kashmiri students studying in Punjab who met him at his office, the CM asked the traffic police to issue driving licenses to Kashmiri students and assured them that the Bank of Punjab would also be asked to open accounts for them. Similarly, steps would be taken to fix the post-graduation quota for Kashmiri students enrolled in medical colleges and the prime minister would also be approached to resolve the visa issues of Kashmiri students who are like our own children, he added. The students thanked the CM and appreciated the organization of events on Kashmir Solidarity Day. The participants also offered prayers for the departed souls of earthquake victims in Turkiye and Syria. Columnist Taufiq Butt said that the doors of Pakistanis' hearts are

always open for Kashmir and Kashmiris.

<https://www.nation.com.pk/08-Feb-2023/cm-announces-to-waive-off-tuition-fees-of-kashmiri-students-enrolled-in-punjab>

The financial crisis will be avoided by releasing two billion rupees for GB's development: Governor

Dailyk2, 8 February 2023

The federal government has given Gilgit-Baltistan's (GB) finance department a grant of 2 billion 20 lakh rupees for the third quarter. Syed Mehdi Shah, the governor of GB, claimed that the federal government's distribution of 2 billion rupees will avert GB's financial collapse and that the pace of work on projects related to development will pick up. The contractor community, in particular, was quite anxious, he continued, as GB was going through a serious financial crisis as a result of the federal government's failure to pay funding and the cessation of development efforts. He claimed that the contractors could only finish the work with the help of loans, and he expressed his delight at the money being released. He asserted that he had completed the assignment and did not require credit. He declared that he will protect the rights of the GB people to uphold his constitutional duties, and added that he had used his constitutional position for the benefit of the populace.

<https://www.dailyk2.com/Post/12051>

The governor of GB briefed the minister of Kashmir affairs on the shortage of 360,000 sacks of wheat

Dailyk2, 10 February 2023

Momin Jan, the secretary of food in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), met with Syed Mehdi Shah, the governor of GB, and provided a thorough explanation of the delivery of wheat in GB. According to Momin, the federal government has allotted GB a quota of 16 lakh sacks of wheat, of which 12 lakh 40 thousand sacks have been given and there is still a deficiency of 3 lakh 60 thousand sacks. Syed Mehdi Shah, the governor of GB, contacted Qamar Zaman Kaira, the advisor for Kashmir and GB affairs, and informed him of the shortage of 360,000 sacks of wheat in GB and urged the federal government to make sure that wheat is delivered right away so that the people of GB do not experience a wheat crisis. The Governor received assurances from Kaira, that the federal government will secure the supply of 360,000 bags as soon as feasible.

<https://www.dailyk2.com/Post/12110>

From Vernacular Urdu Media

Kashmir will become Pakistan: JSMU observed Kashmir Solidarity Day

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The Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU) observed Kashmir Solidarity Day to honor the 'oppressed' Kashmiris' right to self-determination and to show complete support for the Kashmir liberation cause and the

unmatched spirit of freedom of Kashmiris. Professor Amjad Siraj Memon, vice chancellor of JSMU, stated that the entire Muslim Ummah must speak out against Indian 'aggression' and grave human rights violations in 'occupied Kashmir.' He claimed that though India keeps 'killing Kashmiris' with all available state power, however, he asserted, the battle for independence has continued despite all forms of 'oppression.' He said that the 'occupying government' of India in the valley must grant the people of Kashmir the right to self-determination per the United Nations charter. During the event, students and faculties members also delivered speeches and sang songs in support of Kashmiri's 'azadi movement.' Dr. Azam Khan, the registrar of JSMU, expressed appreciation for the students' voices in support of their Kashmiri brothers and sisters, and added that the reverberation may be heard throughout Pakistan, especially in 'occupied Kashmir.' He claimed that Kashmir is Pakistan's aorta, and February 5th is the day on which Kashmiris renew their love and commitment to their nation. JSMU student council chair, Professor Kefi Iqbal asserted that the Indian government had abolished Article 370 like 'robbers plundering property' at midnight and that we call on everyone to speak out in favor of restoring 'occupied Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional status.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/karachi/national-news/live-news-3462185.html>

SBP organized football and hockey games to demonstrate support for Kashmiri brothers and sisters

Urdupoint, 6 February 2023

Athletes and students participated in a rally and held matches under the sponsorship of Sports Board Punjab (SBP) to support Kashmiris who are protesting India's 'illegal annexation' of Jammu and Kashmir and the maltreatment of Kashmiri citizens. In support of the 'oppressed Kashmiris', on Kashmir Solidarity Day, football and hockey teams for both boys and girls competed and also participated in a protest to express their support for the Kashmiris. Special guest and institution Director, Syed Umeer Hassan said that Kashmir is Pakistan's aorta and that Pakistan supports the Kashmiri people in their struggle during his speech on the occasion. The athletes' unwavering support for their Kashmiri compatriots was something he recognized and appreciated. The event was attended by faculty members, civil society members, and students.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/laahore/sports/live-news-3462208.html>

Outline a plan for resolving the Kashmir issue that goes beyond resolutions: Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan

Jasarat, 8 February 2023

The government should provide a roadmap for resolving the Kashmir issue rather than simply passing

resolutions, according to Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan. While presenting his viewpoint during a Senate meeting, he claimed that although Kashmiris have long been 'oppressed', a fresh wave of 'crimes' and violence has begun since PM Modi took office, and added that since August 5, 2019, Kashmiris have been subject to 'genocide.' He claimed that Amnesty International and other global human rights organizations have since raised their voices. He said that 'Azad Kashmir' and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) have been threatened by the Indian Army as of October 27. What is being done by the federal government? The previous government led by Imran Khan, according to Mushtaq Ahmad, reached two deals despite the recent atrocities. The Kartarpur Agreement was one, and the Cease-Fire Agreement was the other. The Kashmir issue was intended to be put on hold for 20 years by the former Army Chief and DG-ISI. The present Army Chief's trip to the Line of Control is much-appreciated but still, it's insufficient. He claimed that the United Nations resolutions had granted the Kashmiris the authority to conduct both political and military activities. The federal government should now move beyond the resolutions and present a roadmap to the Kashmiri leadership and Pakistan Parliament as a whole.

<https://www.jasarat.com/2023/02/08/senator-mushtaq-ahmed-5/>

UET Lahore hosted the Kashmir Solidarity Day event to show their support for Kashmir

Urdupoint, 8 February 2023

To show support for the Kashmiris, a celebration of Kashmir Solidarity Day was conducted at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore. Several civil society members and students from all parts of the nation attended the event, which was hosted in the Chemical Seminar Hall and was supported by several campus organizations. Students showed their support for Kashmiris through a variety of performances and writing assignments, including essays on Kashmir, speeches, Bait Bazi (Urdu poetry), live painting, article writing, and a variety of performances. The students also reaffirmed their commitment to assisting Kashmiris in their fight for freedom. The event was organized with assistance from the UET Debating Society, Literary Society, Dramatics Society, and Environmental and Horticulture Society. The director of student affairs, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali Qaisar, and the registrar, Muhammad Asif, were also present at the ceremony.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/lahore/education/live-news-3465375.html>

Pakistan voiced its concern at the eviction of Kashmiris from the 'occupied valley'

Jasarat, 10 February 2023

Pakistan has expressed its opposition to the campaign to 'evict Kashmiris' from

their homes and land in 'Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IOJK). Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, a spokesperson for the Foreign Office, said during the weekly news conference in Islamabad that the effort to displace Kashmiris from their land in 'occupied Kashmir' is still ongoing and the newest move to evict Kashmiris from their houses is a series threat to the inhabitants. Sadly, she claimed, Muslims, particularly those with low-income make up the majority of individuals who face eviction. Zahra Baloch said that it is critical to safeguard the rights of those

who are impacted and added that in several Indian states, bulldozers have recently been employed to terrify Muslims by razing their homes. This model is now being used in the 'occupied Kashmir.' She said that it is regrettable that Indian authorities are intimidating the residents of 'occupied Kashmir' by using land as a weapon and asserted that we continue to keep an eye on the troubling circumstances in 'occupied Kashmir.'

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