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5TH FEBRUARY THE KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY!



Background

The people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir intensified their struggle for securing inalienable right to self-determination in 1989. The mass movement gave sleepless nights to the Indian rulers who came with a heavy hand to crush the popular movement. In a bid to intimidate the general Kashmiri masses, India appointed Jagmohan Malhotra, who was notorious for his anti-Muslim bias and activities in India, as the Governor of the illegally occupied territory on 19 January 1990, dismissing the government of Farooq Abdullah. Immediately after assuming charge, Jagmohan ordered the Indian troops to deal with the freedom-seeking Kashmiris ruthlessly. The troops unleashed a reign of terror across IIOJK and on the night of 20 January, they molested several women in Srinagar during house-to-house searches. As the people came to know about the molestation of the women on the next morning, they took to the streets in the city in thousands to protest against this brutality. The troops massacred over 50 people and injured hundreds others by opening indiscriminate fire on these protesters in Gaw Kadal area. The carnage caused resentment in Pakistan and the ensuing 5th February was declared as a solidarity day across the country. Since then, every year, the day is being observed to express unity with the oppressed people of IIOJK at the state level.

Kashmir dispute

It is a historical fact that India illegally occupied the territory of Jammu and Kashmir by landing its troops in Srinagar on 27 October 1947 in total violation of the Partition Plan of the Indian Subcontinent and against the wishes of the Kashmiri people. Under the Partition Plan, Indian British Colony was to be divided into two sovereign states. Hindu majority areas were to form India and Muslim-majority areas of Western provinces and east Bengal were to constitute Pakistan. As per the understanding behind the Partition Plan, the then princely states were given the choice to accede either to Pakistan or India on the basis of their geography and demography. With overwhelming 87% Muslim population, Jammu and Kashmir was a natural part of Pakistan as both shared strong bonds in respect of religion, geography and culture. But, unfortunately, the then Hindu ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, announced the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India under a controversial document, Instrument of Accession. Maharaja's action laid the foundation of the Kashmir dispute. Many observers including prominent British historian, Alastair Lamb, and noted Kashmiri researchers, Abdul Majid Zargar and Basharat Hussain Qazilbash, deny the existence of such a document. The people of Jammu and Kashmir strongly resisted India's illegal occupation of their homeland and launched a movement to liberate it from the Indian yoke. Their resilience forced India to seek the help of the world community to get rid of the tough

situation. It approached the UN Security Council on 01 January 1948 and the World Body in its successive resolutions nullified the Indian invasion and called for holding of an impartial plebiscite under its supervision to allow the Kashmiri people decide their fate by themselves. Unfortunately, these UN resolutions and the pledges made by Indian leaders remain unfulfilled even after the passage of several decades.

Factors behind solidarity

Firstly, it is a moral obligation of every country to help the Kashmiris who are facing the worst kind of oppression under Indian rule. Secondly, the people of Pakistan have many legitimate and genuine reasons to express solidarity with their Kashmiri brethren as they are tied in strong bonds of religion, geography, culture, aspirations and economy. The Pakistanis and Kashmiris consider the Kashmir dispute as an unfinished agenda of the partition and the liberation struggle of the people of Jammu and Kashmir as an inseparable part of Pakistan Movement. It was the ideological commonality that prompted the Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference to pass a resolution in its meeting in Srinagar on 19 July 1947 whereby it was declared that Jammu and Kashmir should become a part of Pakistan. The number of Kashmiris who migrated to Pakistan from IIOJK since 1947 due to Indian brutalities is in hundreds of thousands that shows emotional connection of Kashmiri people with Pakistan. The attachment of the Kashmiris is manifest from the fact that the Valley of Kashmir has been, from time to time, reverberating with the slogans of “Long Live Pakistan” and “We Want Pakistan”. They hoist Pakistani flags on the national days of the country while they observe such days of India as black days.

Pakistan's support to Kashmir cause

The Pakistani leadership has always represented the Kashmiris' aspirations. The father of the nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, had termed Kashmir as the jugular vein of Pakistan. Prime Minister, Imran Khan, in his virtual address to the UN General Assembly in September 2020 drew world's attention to the worsening humanitarian crisis in IIOJK after Modi government's 05 August 2019 illegal move. The Army Chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, has repeatedly expressed Pak Army's support to the Kashmir cause. He has declared that

Pakistan is ready to fight till last bullet and last soldier for Kashmir. Pakistan's Foreign Ministry is consistently updating the world leaders on the Indian brutalities in IIOJK. The Pakistan Parliament has passed several resolutions since 05 August 2019, expressing solidarity with the oppressed people of IIOJK and condemning India's illegal actions in the territory.

Mass uprisings in IIOJK

The people of IIOJK intensified their freedom struggle in 1989 and came to the streets to secure their right to self-determination. The Indian rulers responded with the brute military might but could not subdue the brave Kashmiris. They added a new dimension to their freedom movement while hitting the streets in thousands during mass uprisings in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2016. However, Indian forces' personnel continued using brute force against the peaceful demonstrators, killing hundreds of them. Now, the Indian brutalities in IIOJK have increased manifold since 05 August 2019 and Indian troops have martyred 305 innocent Kashmiris till December 31, 2020 while thousands others including Hurriyat leaders and activists remain lodged in different jails. Since the mass uprising triggered by the extrajudicial killing of popular youth leader, Burhan Wani, on 08 July in 2016, besides killing over 1,330, the troops have caused injuries to more than 30,000 people by firing pellets, bullets and teargas shells on protesters. During this period, more than 10,842 people suffered pellets injuries and over 140 of them lost eyesight in both the eyes and 210 in one eye while vision of over 2,500 victims was damaged partially. The troops have also martyred 95,723 innocent Kashmiris, including 7,155 in custody and molested 11,226 women since January 1989 till 31 December 2020.

Modi's 5th August onslaught

The illegal and unconstitutional actions taken by Narendra Modi-led fascist Indian government in IIOJK on and after 05 August 2019 have put the peace of the entire world at stake. Besides imposing unrelenting military siege in IIOJK, the Modi regime has extended several federal laws and introduced new domicile rules in the territory. It has granted domicile status to thousands of non-Kashmiri Hindus including some IAS officers in gross violation of the UN resolutions and the international law. The BJP-led communal government is replacing the Muslim names of important places and

departments with Hindu names and plans to construct 50,000 temples to Hinduise IIOJK. It has initiated the process of delimitation of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies in IIOJK with an aim to give more seats to Hindu-dominated areas of Jammu division. The basic objective behind all these unilateral illegal measures is to convert IIOJK's Muslim majority into a minority by settling Indian Hindus in large numbers. It is also aimed at damaging the essence of the UN resolutions on the Kashmir dispute and affect the results in India's favour if New Delhi is compelled to hold a plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir in the future.

The BJP regime recently conducted elections for the District Development Councils in IIOJK. The aim of this exercise was



to show BJP's presence in the Kashmir Valley and mislead the world

d about the prevailing situation in the illegally occupied territory. However, the Kashmiri people expressed their resentment against the BJP as it could win only 3 out of 140 seats in the Valley. This vote against BJP was in fact a vote against the Indian occupation.

Kashmir dispute attracts global attention

Since Modi regime's move of 05 August 2019, the Kashmir dispute has become the focus of attention at the global level. Pakistan's strenuous efforts and the grave human rights situation caused by the continued military siege in IIOJK convinced the UNSC to hold its session on Kashmir thrice, first time after the period of over 50 years. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the US President Donald Trump have repeatedly offered mediation to resolve the Kashmir



dispute in the wake of heightened tension between Pakistan and India. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, several members of UK Parliament and US lawmakers as well as world bodies including OIC, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have expressed concern over the grim human rights situation in IIOJK. Even the international watchdog, the Genocide Watch in a statement expressed fears of genocide against the Muslims living in IIOJK and the Indian state of Assam.

Conclusion

The observance of the Kashmir Solidarity Day conveys a clear message to India that it would have to recognise the



Kashmiris' right to self-determination as guaranteed by the UN resolutions. It also sends a message to the World Body to fulfill its commitments of holding a plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute. In view of Modi regime's actions to change the demography and disputed status of IIOJK, the solution of the Kashmir dispute has become more imperative for ensuring regional as well as global peace. By showing solidarity with the people of IIOJK, the government and people of Pakistan give message, loud and clear, to the Kashmiris that they are not alone in their fight for the noble cause of freedom.

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Let me start with a quote of Laura Ingalls Wilder”
If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere. “Today I wake-up early in the morning it was too cold. Everything was frozen even the living creatures seems to be dead. After a short snap of time I gazed through my window everything was looking chilly, whispering of ice drops was just alluring. The eye delighting view of atmosphere will surely steal heart of any tourist whoever likely to visit Kashmir. Meanwhile my physique got refreshed, flowing of ideas turned into decorated words. Indeed the fabulous beauty of Kashmir is beyond description. One of the most beautiful place on planet earth with eternal romance on the earth with equally beautiful people. The poets have described Kashmir as one of the finest land upon which sun shines with lovely landscape, majestic forests, green pastures, silent and beautiful lakes, waterfalls, snow clad mountain, climate of Kashmir is most salubrious and invigorating it is generally said that while staying in Kashmir one must have fan and fur together.

The beauty and charm of Kashmir Valley are well-versed and well-known. There could be no one who may have heard about the place and not wanted to visit it, just to revel in the abundance of nature's blessings, brimming in the region. But, no matter how much one says or writes about the enchanting wonderland, it will still be an injustice to its supple beauty and magnificence. Whoever visited Kashmir they feel it not less than heaven. Thousands of books have been written on the beauty and charming nature of valley. There are thousands of places on earth but no comparison with the beauty of Kashmir. People came from different corners of world and enjoy the natural beauty of Kashmir. I have visited so many places in India but in reality the climate of Kashmir is most enchanting, captivating and ravishing It has the accolade of being called The Switzerland of Asia. With snow-clad

mountains, tall-trees of Chinar, lush green plains and valleys, Kashmir is one of the most bewitching places on earth. It has been a great attraction for the tourists all across the country and abroad as well.

Kashmir widely famous for its rich flora and fauna. The place holds great importance for the medicinal plants as well ornamental plants. Kashmir is the home of beautiful wild animals especially Hangul that is famous all over the world. Rivers lakes, mighty waterfalls long lines of cypress trees are some of the delightful attractions for tourists. Apart from the scenic beauty, the Shalimar and Nishaat Bagh, have great historical importance. They were built by Mughal King Jahangir Chashme Shahi is known for its medicinal values. Gulmarg and Sonmarg are the trekker's trails. Chandanwari, Verinag, Anantnag and Nagin Lake are worth seeing places. The scene of Dal Lake with houseboats and their reflections in still waters of the lake present an impressive sight. Besides, there are shrines of historical and religious interest.

Every year thousands of pilgrims visit these places. Gulmarg, Sonmarg and Pahalgam having great scenic attraction, these places are good health resorts. All these and many more like its cultural hues, narrow ravines and gorges as well as hills and dales make it a heavenly abode on earth. Indeed, the beauty of Kashmir is enchanting. Nobody can deny the fact that from the last few years many species hit by conflict and environmental disturbances as a result many species got extinct. It is responsibility of administration to preserve the rich flora and fauna of Kashmir. Once upon a time, Amir Khusro, One of the Greatest Poet said a couplet in Farsi and which was later after two centuries was repeated by Jahangir when He saw the beauty of Kashmir. “Agar firdaus bar roo-e zameen ast, Hameen ast-o hameen ast-o hameen ast”. It means “ If there is a paradise on earth, It is this, it is this, it is this”

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KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY ACTIVITIES

MUZAFFARABAD AZAD KASHMIR





SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN MUZAFFARABAD



HUMAN CHAIN AT KOHALA



HUMAN CHAIN AT BRARKOT



HAVELI AZAD KASHMIR



MIRPUR AZAD KASHMIR



RAWALPINDI



LAHORE



DIFFERENT PART OF THE COUNTRY











Pakistan expresses 'unshakable' support for Kashmiris on Solidarity Day

President Arif Alvi leads a march on Kashmir Solidarity Day in Muzaffarabad along with AJK PM Raja Farooq Haider and AJK President Sardar Masood Khan. Pakistan is observing Kashmir Solidarity Day on Friday with public rallies being observed across the country to express wholehearted support of the Pakistani nation to the just struggle of Kashmiri people for their inalienable right to self-determination under United Nations resolutions.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Imran Khan will address a public gathering at Kotli in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, President Arif Alvi also addressed a session of the AJK Legislative Assembly in Muzaffarabad. He also led a solidarity march alongside AJK PM Raja Farooq Haider and AJK President Sardar Masood Khan.

Solidarity walks were arranged in several other cities and the four provincial capitals whereas human chains were formed at Kohala and other important points linking Pakistan and Azad Kashmir, according to Radio Pakistan.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi led a rally in the capital along with Information Minister Shibli Faraz, Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani and National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser.

Talking to reporters during the procession, Qureshi said the media's role in raising voice for Kashmiris was becoming more important by the day. Addressing the Kashmiris through the media, he assured them of the Pakistani nation's support in their struggle for self-determination. "We understand that you are suffering from oppression and facing difficulties," Qureshi said. "You will be successful because you are with the truth."

The foreign minister said that India has "always tried to break

people's courage [...] but it will fail" in its attempts to oppress the Kashmiris. Provinces, federation units hold solidarity marches

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah also participated in a solidarity walk held in Karachi along with other provincial ministers and government officials. The walk started from the People's Secretariat and will conclude at the Jinnah's mausoleum. The Sindh chief minister condemned Indian brutality in occupied Kashmir and said that the "world's conscience should wake up". "India has imposed the world's longest curfew in Kashmir," he was quoted as saying by the CM House.

A formal event to observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day was held in Quetta at the Balochistan Assembly, where Chief Minister Jam Kamal and other provincial lawmakers formed a human chain by linking their hands together.

Addressing the ceremony, CM Kamal said that the Pakistani government will continue to raise its voice for the Kashmiris on every forum.

He said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi "is no different from Trump", the former US president who, Kamal said, "was rejected because of his negative policies".

In Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan led a march from CM House to Governor House. The walk was also attended by provincial lawmakers and other officials.

Rallies and gatherings were also held in Gilgit Baltistan, where government officials addressed the public.

Lawmaker Obaidullah Baig, while addressing a public meeting at Itehad Chowk, said that the people of GB will always stand with the Kashmiris and raise their voice for the latter's right to self-determination. He also called for an end to Indian brutality

In the occupied region.

GB Finance Minister Javed Hussain Manwa, in his address, extended support for "all movements by innocent people" and added: "The Kashmiri brothers in Muzaffarabad [should] not raise objections over constitutional rights to make Gilgit Baltistan stronger.

"The provision of constitutional rights to Gilgit Baltistan will strengthen [Pakistan's] stance on the Kashmir issue."

One-minute silence was also observed to show solidarity with the Kashmiris at the end of the gathering.

PM, president issue messages

Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Arif Alvi in their messages today condemned the oppression of Indian forces in occupied Kashmir and called upon the international community to play its part in ensuring that the residents of the region are granted the right to self-determination.

"Denial of this right and subjugation of Kashmiris is the very negation of human dignity," Radio Pakistan quoted the president as saying.

President Alvi further said that the "demographic apartheid" in occupied Kashmir, under which the "Kashmiris' majority is being turned into a minority", is a violation of the international law.

"Your freedom from clutches of illegal Indian occupation is not far," the president declared in a tweet posted on the President of Pakistan's official account.

He also addressed the international community and said: "You must intervene and be on right side of history by fulfilling your promise of plebiscite in line with UN resolutions to restore peace in Kashmir."

The prime minister, in a statement issued by his office, termed the realization of Kashmiris' "legitimate and inalienable" right to self-determination as "indispensable for durable peace and security in South Asia".

He also expressed "unshakable" solidarity with the Kashmiri people and condemned India's "brutal suppression" of the occupied region. He once again urged the international community to "hold India accountable for its crimes against

humanity in IIOJK".

The premier also issued a message through his personal Twitter account, saying that Pakistan had always supported the Kashmiris in their struggle for the right to self-determination but the "onus of creating an enabling environment lies with India".

He said that despite seven decades of Indian oppression of the occupied region, its residents had continued their struggle.

The premier once again said that Pakistan would "take two steps forward for peace" but only "if India demonstrates sincerity in seeking a just solution to the Kashmir issue".

"But let no one mistake our desire for stability & peace as a sign of weakness," he warned. "Rather, it is because of our strength and confidence as a nation that we are prepared to go the extra mile to ensure a just peace that fulfills the legitimate aspirations of the Kashmiri people."

Chief of Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa also issued a message for the occupied region's residents:

"Salute to Kashmiris for their valiant struggle, braving gravest atrocities, human rights violations and lockdown in IIOJ&K under Indian occupation forces. Time to end this human tragedy and resolve Kashmir issue as per aspirations of people of J&K and UN resolutions."

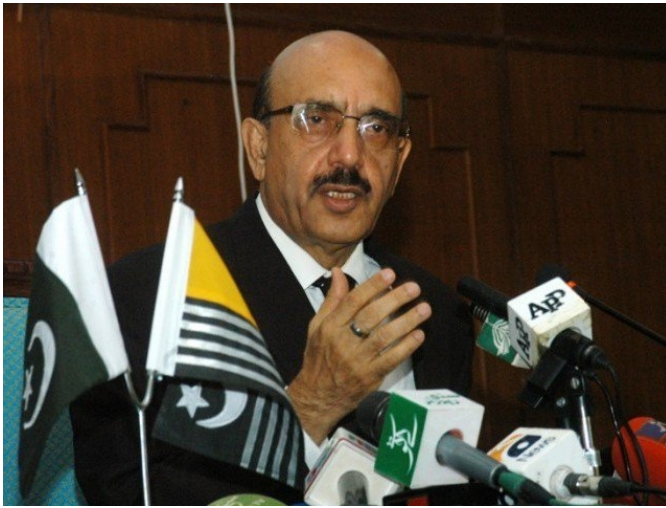
Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi paid tribute to the "just struggle of our Kashmiri family" against the Indian forces and said: "No level of blackout and censorship can silence the strong, unflinching resilience of Kashmiris' in the face of such unspeakable atrocities by the rogue Indian state." He vowed that Pakistan would "never relent" its support for the Kashmiris' right to self-determination.

"Kashmir is for the Kashmiris," he declared. The foreign minister added that the incumbent Indian administration of Narendra Modi, which is "busy fortifying [its] policy of hate, censure and repression across India, Kashmir and beyond", cannot silence the world.

"Each day fascist Indian regime wakes up to int'l condemnation of their brutal campaigns at every global forum and in every headline," he said.

MASOOD HIGHLIGHTS PLIGHT OF PEOPLE IN INDIA-HELD KASHMIR

Karachi: “Every day in India-occupied Kashmir is like



doomsday and today is no different. Today also the mothers there will mourn over the bodies of their martyred sons. And if they are lucky enough to be alive, they will find themselves being thrown into concentration camps there,” said President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan during a meet-the-press programme of the Karachi Press Club here on Saturday.

“It is such terrorism that the people of occupied Kashmir are facing on a daily basis. The honour of Kashmiri women is also at stake,” he said.

“And all these crimes against humanity are committed against the Muslim population of India-occupied Kashmir, who are in a majority there, but not for long if the Modi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party are allowed to carry out their agenda,” he said.

“The Indian government has been pushing Hindus into occupied Kashmir as they kill more and more indigenous Muslims. These people from all over India are also being issued domiciles and they are not just entering educational institutions and grabbing jobs, but also taking over land and property. In fact, they are encroaching on and laying claims on land that was rightfully owned by the Muslims of that region,” he pointed out.

About those who support the cause of Kashmir, President Masood Khan said that they have been shown support by

Turkey, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates. And not just these countries, the ASEAN countries, the European Parliament, the British Parliament and the US Congress have also noticed the gross violations of human rights in India-occupied Kashmir even though the United Nations turns a blind eye.

“The Muslims of India-occupied Kashmir are like an endangered species. But the world raises alarm when you hurt an endangered species though nothing of the sort is happening for these people as the human rights violations continue openly,” he said.

“India sees Kashmir as the first step. Next they want to take Pakistan in order to create their 'Akhand Bharat',” he pointed out.

Later, while answering a question regarding retaliation from Pakistan, the AJK president said that Pakistan has already replied to Indian attacks in the form of numerous wars for Kashmir with India. “But it shouldn't be just the armed forces of Pakistan standing up to defend Kashmir, it should also be the people of Pakistan who should raise their voices for the freedom of Kashmir,” he said. “Don't lose hope for Kashmir. Keep the faith,” he added.

While replying to another question regarding new US President Joe Biden, who is now in the process of reversing the former president's policies and may not be as friendly with Modi as President Trump was, President Masood Khan said that yes, Biden should be approached from the diplomatic platform for the Kashmir issue now.

India has intensified the reign of terror in occupied Kashmir to suppress the indigenous freedom movement launched by the people of occupied Kashmir for attaining their fundamental right to self-determination, Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan

MUZAFFARABAD (PID,AJK) The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan has said that India has intensified the reign of terror in occupied Kashmir to suppress the indigenous freedom movement launched by the people of occupied Kashmir for attaining their fundamental right to self-determination.

He was addressing the Azad Jammu and Kashmir legislative

state and so for over 3382334 of Indian citizen including retired Indian soldiers have been issued state domicile to change the demography of the state to fulfill its nefarious designs and added that if the same situation is allowed to continue then after three year India will change the demography of the state completely.

He said the entire Hurriyet leadership has been put behind bars by the Indian government and urged upon the Pakistan government to strongly project the Kashmir issue at international level to apprise the world community about the atrocities being committed by the Indian forces in Occupied Kashmir.

Leader of the opposition Choudhary Muhammad Yasin, Parliamentary leader of the Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, former Parliamentary leader of the Jamiata-e-Islami Mr. Abdul Rasheed Turabi and Sardar Hussain Ibrahim also addressed the session.

Programs were organised by various

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Muzaffarabad (PID) A ceremony was organized by Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell and Tehreek-e-Astqalal Jammu and Kashmir to pay tribute to Shaheed Muhammad Afzal Guru. The ceremony was held by former Minister of Government



Khawaja Farooq Ahmed, Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Sheikh Aqeel-ur-Rehman, Secretary Kashmir Liberation Cell Chaudhry Mohammad Imtiaz, Vice Chairman Tehreek-e-Astqalal Jammu and Kashmir Mushtaq Butt, Hurriyat leader Azair Ghazali, Sajjad Latif, Arm Qureshi, Sajjad Anwar Abbasi and others addressed the ceremony while civil society, traders, political and social personalities, media and all Alas, people from life attended. Addressing the ceremony, the speakers paid

organizations in Islamabad and Rawalpindi in regards to Kashmir Solidarity Day

Islamabad, Rawalpindi (PID) Programs were organised by various organizations in Islamabad and Rawalpindi in regards to Kashmir Solidarity Day, reassuring the determination that the political, diplomatic and moral support of the Kashmiri people will continue at all circumstances. At am. Minute silence was held and all traffic stopped. On the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day, a signature campaign was held at Sanctores and Safa Malls Islamabad under the supervision of the Independent Government of Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion, a documentary based on human rights abuses was shown in occupied Kashmir and symbolic polling was also done regarding giving the rights to the Kashmiris. On the occasion, the personalities visiting the stall were also briefed and with reference to Kashmir. Literature was also distributed. In these reports journalists, students, civil society and Kashmiri community based in Rawalpindi / Islamabad participated.

tribute to Shaheed Afzal Guru, saying that the struggle for the great cause he sacrificed for will continue and the people of Azad Kashmir will continue to do their own. Political, moral and diplomatic support will continue. Speakers said the people of occupied Kashmir have killed their lives for Afreen but they did not slip. Salute to the people of occupied Kashmir on the everlasting struggle. He said the people of occupied Kashmir are in military siege after the unconstitutional, illegal and

unethical measures of India on August,, the extremist rulers of India have given their troops an open exemption of Kashmiris massacre. He said that despite the worst atrocities of India, Kashmiris have failed India's heinous ambitions and failed India's strategy with their courage and determination. Speakers on the occasion demanded the UN and Security Council to say that they will do it. Take practical measures to implement your resolutions and play your practical role in giving Kashmiris

their internationally recognized right to self-respect. Speakers said that the people of occupied Kashmir are being imposed on the worst atrocities of human history, whose example is past. I don't get it but the UN and other global organizations have become silent spectators. He said that the people of Pakistani and Azad Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan are on the back of their oppressed and occupied Kashmiri brothers. Insha Allah and the day is not far when the whole state of Jammu and Kashmir is free. Kar will be part of Pakistan. At the end of the ceremony, a rally was also held against Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir.

A special event to observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day was organized today in the Embassy of Pakistan Washington, D.C

A special event to observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day was organized today in the Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C. to express Pakistan's support for the just struggle of the Kashmiri people for their inalienable right to self-determination as envisaged in the UNSC Resolutions and in accordance with wishes of the Kashmiri people. Messages of the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan were read out on the occasion. A special documentary featuring the history and significance of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute and depicting the plight of Kashmiris in IIOJK at the hand of Indian occupation forces was also screened.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador of Pakistan Dr. Asad M.

Khan reiterated Government of Pakistan's continued moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their struggle for right to self-determination against the worst form of repression unleashed by the Indian security forces for several decades.

Ambassador highlighted that India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5th August 2019 were in contravention to its international obligations, commitments to the United Nations and bilateral agreements and understandings between the two countries. He also drew attention to the grave peace and security threat posed by the Indian actions and called for the international community, particularly the US, to urge India to end its human rights violations in IIOJK and rescind illegal and unilateral actions taken on August 5, 2019.

Ambassador Khan lauded the role played by the Pakistani and Kashmiri American community in highlighting the gross human rights violations in IIOJK and echoing the voice of innocent Kashmiris in the halls of U.S. Congress. He stressed upon them to continue sensitizing the respective Congressman and members of civil society on this grave issue.

The Embassy also arranged a photo exhibition highlighting the recent spate of Indian atrocities and massive human rights violations in the IIOJK. The event was live streamed on the official Facebook page of the Embassy and was well attended by participants from diverse background to express their support and solidarity with the people of IIOJK.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN IOK

(From Jan 1989 till 31 Jan 2021)

Total Killings*	95,741
Custodial killings*	7,163
Civilian arrested	161,407
Structures Arsoned/Destroyed	110,386
Women Widowed	22,924
Children Orphaned	107,813
Women gang-raped / Molested	11,234

