



**Pakistan’s Right of Reply against India’s, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third  
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Mr. President,

I am exercising our right to reply to reject India’s falsehoods.

The Indian delegation should realize that disinformation can never change the facts on ground, especially those established by the UN Security Council.

Rather than focusing on the deteriorating human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian delegation has made yet another futile attempt to deflect attention and avoid scrutiny of its criminal human rights record in the Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The fact is that massive human rights violations perpetrated by the Occupation Forces in the occupied territory continue with impunity.

Another fact is that the Occupied Jammu & Kashmir never was and never will be the so-called ‘integral part’ of India. As enshrined in various UNSC resolutions, Jammu and Kashmir is an UN-recognized disputed territory and India remains an illegal occupier.

However, truth has this indomitable trait of resurfacing, in one form or the other.

Time and again, the UN mandate-holders have raised alarm on the state of human rights in occupied Jammu & Kashmir. Most recently, they have raised specific objections to the draconian laws being applied in the occupied territory and providing occupying authorities the powers that are inconsistent with international human rights law.

Mr. President,

A recent caption by an international media report; “any story could be your last” aptly describes the state of freedom of press in Occupied Kashmir.

From extrajudicial killings to torture and arbitrary detention. From denying right to health to housing – India has achieved the singular achievement of denying every right to occupied Kashmiris.

We call upon India to provide the international media, OHCHR and the Special Procedure Mandate Holders access to the occupied territory and determine the facts on the grounds.



India wants the world to see it as the poster child of development, but it cannot mask the pervasive hatred and intolerance against its minorities.

The Government of Pakistan, its political and religious leadership categorically and promptly condemned the recent incidents and took remedial actions: now contrast this with what the Indian Government and leadership did. When called out over the heinous human rights crimes in Manipur, there was deafening silence from the top Indian leadership much less concrete actions.

We would advise India to introspect and reverse the tide of hatred and violence against minorities instead of resorting to disinformation against Pakistan.

I thank you!