



Pakistan's Right of Reply against India,
delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary
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Mr. Vice President,

We reject India's disinformation diatribe that cannot alter the ground realities, regardless of its periodicity.

The Indian delegation's statement today is yet another futile attempt to deflect attention rather than responding to the concerns raised on its atrocious human rights record, in the Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Notwithstanding the repetition of falsehood, Jammu and Kashmir remains a disputed territory. There are a dozen UNSC resolutions that attest to this fact.

In defying the UNSC resolutions for over seven decades, India has earned the dubious distinction of a persistent violator of international law.

India's non-compliance with UN Charter's Article 25 obligation represents another certification of an illegal occupier of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Indian Government's canard of "terrorism" was laid bare by the recent revelations made by the so-called former Governor of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

His disclosures have demonstrated how the Indian leadership used the bogey of terrorism to advance its sham victimhood narrative and the Hindutva agenda for domestic political gains and to perpetuate illegal occupation.

By imprisoning the majority of Kashmir's leadership and arbitrarily detaining thousands, the occupation regime peddles the false narrative of development and normalcy in the territory. These assertions belie the fact that India refuses access to any independent observers into the occupied territory.

For these reasons, India must eschew its systematic non-compliance with UNSC resolutions, reverse the illegal and unilateral actions of August 2016 and it must answer the questions raised in the latest revelations. India must shun its



state terrorism in occupied Jammu & Kashmir and stop forthwith its grave and systematic human rights abuses widely documented by OHCHR, UN experts and independent human rights organizations.

Mr. Vice President,

Several human rights organizations have deplored the arbitrary detention of Mr. Khurram Parvez, who has been detained since 22 November 2021, as a reprisal for his human rights work, including documentation and advocacy in IIOJ&K.

The charges brought against Mr. Khurram Parvez include serious terror-related charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, which is a counterterror law that violates international norms.

These human rights organizations have also condemned the filing of new criminal cases against Mr. Irfan Mehraj - a journalist and a human rights defender - in March 2023, and the ongoing reprisals against other human rights defenders.

Mr. Vice President,

Today, hate has permeated through the length and breadth of the country, thereby brutally dividing the communities. The unfortunate but horrendous incidents of burning churches, attacking homes and vandalizing private property in the state of Manipur are a stark reminder of the fallout of pursuing a state-sanctioned policy of peddling hatred and polarization.

Mr. Vice President,

Pakistan, for its part, will continue to counter India's false narrative, and act firmly and responsibly in the face of different provocations and continue to draw attention of this august Council towards the massive human rights violations perpetrated by the Indian Occupation Forces in IIOJ&K.

I thank you!

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