



**Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Mr. Junaid Suleman, Second Secretary, at the High-Level Segment of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of Human Rights Council**

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Madam President,

Pakistan is exercising its right of reply in response to the statement made by India.

This Council has once again been treated to a fabricated script in a desperate attempt to deflect attention from India's extensively recorded human rights crimes in occupied Jammu & Kashmir and against its own minorities.

Obviously, this canard is neither new nor authentic.

This Council and the wider international community can see through Indian lies, diversionary tactics and its compulsive deceit.

I would like to draw attention of the Council members towards independent EU Disinfo Lab's shocking revelations. In its two comprehensive investigative Reports, the NGO has exposed in great detail India's State-sponsored global disinformation campaign against my country, including at this very Council. These reports, inter alia, demonstrate how India has used proxies, created 750 fake news outlets, and 550 fake websites in 116 countries.

We emphasize that there cannot and there should not be place for sponsor and peddler of such disinformation at this Council.

The UN human rights machinery, parliaments, independent civil society and global media continue to call out India for its grave violations in occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

Only last week, the UN Special Procedures publicly warned the world community about India's demographic engineering of the disputed territory and its devastating human rights implications. No amount of guided tours will help India sell its, self-serving narrative of 'normalcy' in occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

These public expressions of concerns confirm that India's claim over Kashmir is no more than that of an occupier, and a willful violator of UN Charter, UNSC resolutions, and international law.

Madam President,

Pakistan concedes that India knows too well about state terrorism as its principal architect. India has the insidious laurel of establishing and financially supporting for 33 years the terrorist organization-LTTE in one of its neighbouring countries.

India continues to direct subversive activities in my country through more than 85 cross-border terrorist bases. We have presented irrefutable evidence to the world that India has invested



more than 13 million USD in nourishing UN-designated terrorist organizations TTP and JuA against Pakistan.

One cannot expect anything less from the modern godfather of Nazism and Fascism-the BJP-RSS nexus, which has unleashed mass violence against Dalits, Christians, Adhavis, and Muslims in its own country. This is evident from the marked surge in hate crimes against Indian minorities by at least 60 percent during the last six years of Hindu Raj.

From Delhi pogrom to Gujarat pogrom, hands of today's Indian Prime Minister are drenched in blood of innocent Muslims. Just as the victims of Gujarat, the victims of Delhi pogrom still await justice even after one year as its instigator, a BJP leader, Kapil Mishra boasts to 'redo' this communal violence if needed.

Madam President,

Like all oppressors, India has no defense for its crimes against humanity in illegally occupied Kashmir. We reiterate our call on India to allow unhindered and full access to the UN human rights mechanisms, and independent observers to the occupied territory for establishing facts on the ground.

If India claims "normalcy" and parrots the mantra of "development" in occupied Jammu&Kashmir, why does it not allow independent observers? Is it not curious that while India launches vile attacks against those who speak out against authorities, it rolls out red carpet to foreign envoys to show "normalcy", which has not existed for decades.

We ask India: is it ready to allow independent observers and media to carry out an objective assessment of the situation in IIOJ&K?

I thank you.