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**Statement by Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan Permanent Representative to the UN,**  
**during General Debate on Agenda Item 9 -Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms and intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the DDPA at the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**  
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Madam President,

Pakistan reiterates its deep concern over the resurgence of racism, xenophobia and Islamophobia, rooted in the ideologies of exclusion and hate.

Under the garb of nationalism and in order to win votes, populist parties continue to demonize minorities, migrants and refugees in their own countries.

In India, the ruling party BJP draws inspiration and cadres from its mother-ship organization - the RSS that stands for racial purity of Hindus.

BJP ascent to power was fueled by destruction of a five hundred old heritage mosque. Its present leadership instigated racially-inspired pogroms in Gujarat, Muzaffarnagar, Delhi and elsewhere in India.

Empowered by electoral triumphs, the BJP last year declared stateless over 1.5 million people in Assam. Migrants were labeled as termites and confined to camps.

Stirring frenzy over protecting cows, nearly 60 Muslims were lynched to death by zealous mobs in a country which is a leading exporter of beef.

Bullied by the BJP Government, a compliant media in India rolls out the conveyer-belt of fake news, hate messages against political opponents, minorities and neighboring countries.

In a practical affirmation of creating racial purity, the Government in India has issued 1.6 million domicile certificates to Indian nationals for residence in the Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The purpose of this demographic engineering is to make indigenous Kashmiris a minority in their own homeland, in clear violation of UN Security Council resolutions and breach of all bilateral agreements with Pakistan.

Indian Government entrenched racism against Muslims has compounded the plight of Jammu and Kashmir and converted a situation of 7 decades old illegal occupation into a full-blown human rights and humanitarian crises.



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This Council cannot remain a silent spectator as India drifts into a racially inspired communalism that entails death, destruction and indignities towards minorities and human rights defenders.

The Council, especially its members that put a premium on objective standards and principles must close the gap between words and actions. They must shun political expediency and call out the forces of bigotry, exclusion and racism in India as well as in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

I thank you.