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## Political Developments

### **APHC-'AJK' urges G-20 countries to boycott the upcoming event in 'IIOJK'**

*Pakistan Observer, 1 May 2023*

The All Parties Hurriyat Conference 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (APHC-AJK) chapter has urged the member countries of the G20 to boycott the proposed meeting of the forum in 'Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK) and play their role in resolving the Kashmir dispute. The APHC-'AJK' leaders, Imtiaz Wani, Syed Aijaz Rehmani, and Mushtaq Ahmed Butt among others in their separate statements in Islamabad said that the G20 member countries should realize that development and prosperity are not possible without resolving the Kashmir dispute. Describing lasting peace as the key to achieving economic stability and sustainable development, they said the dream of economic prosperity cannot be fulfilled in the absence of peace. The leaders said India has usurped the fundamental political and human rights of the Kashmiris and is holding the G20 meeting in an internationally recognized disputed territory to divert the world's attention from the Kashmir dispute and legitimize the illegal actions taken since 5 August 2019. They said the Kashmiri people hope that the G-20 member countries, which are champions of human rights and civil liberties, will boycott the proposed meeting in 'IIOJK', keeping in mind its disputed status and realizing India's 'nefarious intentions.' They said by holding a G20 meeting in Srinagar, the

Modi government wants to give an impression to the international community that the situation in 'IIOJK' is perfectly fine while the fact is that India has turned it into a 'killing ground' where it is committing 'crimes' against humanity.

<https://pakobserver.net/aphc-ajk-urges-g-20-countries-to-boycott-upcoming-event-in-iiojk/>

### **G20 meeting in 'IIOJK' amid human rights concerns**

*Pakistan Observer, 1 May 2023*

India's decision to host the G20 meeting in 'occupied Kashmir' has drawn mixed responses from various quarters. While the Indian government has defended the move as an attempt to showcase the region's potential for economic development, human rights activists have raised concerns over the plight of people residing in the disputed region. The fact that Kashmir is considered one of the most militarized zones in the world has further fueled apprehensions about the possibility of ongoing human rights violations taking place during the event. Critics have also accused India of using the G20 meeting as a platform to legitimize its 'illegal occupation' of the region. These allegations have been vehemently denied by the Indian government, which has maintained that the event is purely aimed at promoting economic growth and development in the region. However, the issue of human rights violations in Kashmir cannot be ignored. In 2019, the Indian government revoked Kashmir's special status and imposed a

communications blackout and a heavy military presence in the region. The move has been widely criticized by human rights organizations, which have documented numerous violations, including arbitrary detentions, torture, 'enforced disappearances', and 'extrajudicial killings.'

The communications blackout has severely restricted access to healthcare, education, and other essential services for the people of Kashmir. The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has described the situation in Kashmir as a 'collective punishment' of the population. India's decision to host the G20 meeting in Srinagar has been seen by many as an attempt to normalize its 'occupation' of the region.

The international community has expressed concern over the situation in Kashmir, with some countries calling for India to address the human rights violations in the region. Pakistan has criticized the move as perpetuating India's 'illegal occupation' of the region. Despite the concerns, India has defended its decision to host the G20 meeting in Srinagar and has also claimed that the situation in Kashmir has improved since the revocation of its autonomy in 2019, a claim that has been refuted by human rights organizations. A recent survey conducted by the International Crisis Group found that 78% of Kashmiris believe that the situation in the region has worsened over the past year, with only 2% saying that it has improved. The survey also found that 65% of Kashmiris support

dialogue between India and Pakistan to resolve the conflict.

As the international community continues to monitor the situation in Kashmir, it remains to be seen how India will address the concerns over human rights violations in the region. The situation in Kashmir is complex and has roots in the history of the region. The conflict between India and Pakistan over the region has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people and ongoing human rights violations. The international community must continue to monitor the situation in the region and demand that India addresses the concerns over human rights violations in Kashmir. Dialogue between India and Pakistan is crucial to resolving the conflict in Kashmir, and both countries must work towards a peaceful resolution. The international community can play a vital role in facilitating this dialogue and ensuring that the rights of the people of Kashmir are protected.

<https://pakobserver.net/g20-meeting-in-iiojk-amid-human-rights-concerns/>

### **Kashmir Council (EU) Chief calls for International solidarity with the oppressed laborers of 'IIOJK'**

*Daily Parliament Times, 2 May 2023*

The Chairman of Kashmir Council (European Union), Ali Raza Syed called upon international labor organizations to express solidarity with the oppressed workers and laborers of 'Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu Kashmir' (IIOJK). On the eve of International Labor Day, Syed said that

due to the Kashmir dispute, the economic conditions of 'occupied Kashmir' residents are unfavorable and this situation has had bad effects on the common people of the disputed region, especially the Kashmiri labor class. He said that due to a lack of job opportunities, the workers in 'occupied Kashmir' are moving to other parts of India where fanatical and extremist organizations make them the target of their hatred. He claimed that the same behavior is happening to the students of 'occupied Kashmir' studying in India for a long time. Over the past several years, such unfortunate incidents have taken place in various universities in India.

<https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2023/05/02/kashmir-council-eu-chief-calls-for-international-solidarity-with-the-oppressed-laborers-of-iiojk/>

### **President asks ministry to expose Indian designs behind planned G-20 Summit in 'IIOJK'**

*The Nation, 3 May 2023*

The president of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi has asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to intensify its efforts to expose India's 'nefarious designs' and the 'ulterior motives' behind its planned move to hold the G-20 Summit in the UN-recognized disputed territory of the 'Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK). The president expressed these views while conveying the letter of the Convener of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Mehmood Ahmed Saghar, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for appropriate action

on the issue raised by him. In his letter to the president, Mehmood Ahmed Saghar sought the urgent attention of Pakistan towards the Indian government's highly controversial move to convene a meeting of the members of the G-20 countries in Srinagar and its far-reaching consequences on the Kashmiris' ongoing struggle for the right to self-determination. Expressing serious concern over India's plan to hold the G-20 Summit events in the UN-recolonized disputed territory, the Convener termed the move as a part of a 'multi-faceted and multi-front campaign' that New Delhi had been waging to create confusion about the Jammu and Kashmir Dispute.

He added that India wanted to dilute Kashmir's international and legal status; strengthen the notion that Kashmir was nothing but its internal matter; deflect the world's attention away from the real issue; hide ground realities, and promote its so-called normalcy narrative. He had highlighted that India was yet again trying to use this crucial meeting to project its baseless normalcy narrative. Saghar had emphasized the need for a mega diplomatic offensive by Pakistan in the United Nations, and other regional and international fora, to expose India's 'nefarious designs' behind holding such a meeting in 'IIOJK.'

<https://www.nation.com.pk/03-May-2023/president-asks-ministry-to-expose-indian-designs-behind-planned-g-20-summit-in-iiojk>

## **The Pulwama Revelations: Modi's fake narrative**

*The Express Tribune, 03 May 2023*

For seven decades, India's most potent foreign policy tool has not been its military might but its 'fake narrative' against Pakistan. India did everything possible to project a negative image of Pakistan in the world community. India's foreign policy has remained Pakistan-centric, with Pakistan being viewed as India's main enemy rather than China. This obsession is rooted in the philosophy of Chanakya Kautilya and is often referred to during election campaigns and political rallies. Furthermore, the Indian national media, particularly under the current BJP-RSS government, is known for airing fake and sensational news stories against Pakistan. India's Hindu-nationalist rulers have used 'fake surgical strikes', false propaganda campaigns, and baseless accusations against Pakistan to achieve their Hindutva-driven political agenda.

The recent revelations by the so-called ex-governor of the 'Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IOJK), Satya Pal Malik, have once again upheld Pakistan's persistent stance regarding the Pulwama attack of February 2019. Mr Malik in his interview with Wire reveals that the Pulwama attack was a result of India's 'incompetence' and that Modi wanted to blame Pakistan for the incident and gain electoral advantage therefrom. These disclosures demonstrate how the Indian government has repeatedly

employed the notion of terrorism from Pakistan to promote its false, vicious narrative and Hindutva agenda to reap political benefits. Also, it highlights the Indian government's anti-Pakistan and anti-Kashmir narrative. During the 2019 general election in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the Pulwama attack as a rallying point to garner support from voters. His repeated references to the attack helped him secure a larger majority in parliament, ultimately resulting in his return to power. Modi uses the Hindutva card to justify aggressive policies towards Pakistan and extremism towards Muslims, which have significantly increased tensions between the two countries and have contributed to a dangerous level of escalation of hostilities time and again. Furthermore, the use of Hindutva politics to justify India's occupation of Jammu and Kashmir has been a significant source of regional instability. India has been engaged in a pattern of blame-game politics against Pakistan, and the Indian government has been responsible for conspiring to disrupt the negotiation process between the two nations. India is pursuing an aggressive strategic doctrine without considering the potential repercussions of such a belligerent military strategy. To advance its sinister objectives in Kashmir and promote its anti-Pakistan narrative, the Indian government has resorted to false-flag operations and made false claims over the years. The Indian government and its military



leadership act out of sheer desperation as they have failed to crush the will of the Kashmiri people and impose their hegemonic designs on the region, especially Pakistan. Moreover, it is a futile attempt to conceal their continuous human rights abuses against Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir as well as the Muslim minority in India – something that has drawn UN concern repeatedly.

By deliberately inciting war hysteria against Pakistan, India's Hindu-extremist rulers have been endangering peace in the region and risking a potential all-out war between the two nuclear-armed nations. The latest revelations suggest that the world community should be aware of India's propaganda campaign against Pakistan, which is driven by selfish political motives and relies on lies and deceit. The allegations of so-called cross-border terrorism and attempts to malign Kashmiris' struggle for freedom are also brought to light. India's war-mongering policies against a nuclear-armed neighbor have put regional peace at high-risk. Pakistan has always shown restraint and responsibility to prevent escalation that could increase nuclear risks with far-reaching consequences for the region and the world. India needs to abandon this perilous strategy and work towards a more inclusive and peaceful vision of regional politics.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2414493/the-pulwama-revelations-modis-fake-narrative>

## **Strike in 'IIOJK' and 'AJK' on May 22 against the G-20 meeting in Srinagar**

*Pakistan today, 7 May 2023*

A complete strike will be observed in 'Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK) and 'Azad Kashmir' on 22 May against India's controversial move of holding the G-20 meeting in Srinagar, while Kashmiris living around the world will hold anti-India protests on the same day. The 'Modi-led Hindutva government' in India is going to hold the Group 20 meeting in the internationally recognized disputed territory from May 22 to May 24. The decision to observe the strike and protest demonstrations was taken during a meeting held at Kashmir House, Islamabad.

The president of 'Azad Kashmir', Sultan Mehmood Chaudhary, and All Parties Hurriyat Conference-'AJK' chapter leaders participated in the meeting. It was jointly decided in the meeting that on the occasion of the G-20 meeting in Srinagar, there will be a complete strike in 'IIOJK' as well as 'AJK', while anti-India protests would be held in New York, London, Washington, Brussels, Geneva, and other major cities of the world to draw the attention of the international community to the ongoing human rights violations in the 'occupied territory' on a large scale. It was said in the meeting that India has accelerated its 'atrocities in IIOJK' after 5 August 2019. During the meeting, the 'AJK' president said that he has made it clear

in his letter to the Group of 20 countries that holding its meeting in Srinagar is a violation of the United Nations Charter and international law because Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized disputed region. He said that 'Azad Kashmir' is the base camp of the freedom movement and that its people will keep raising the Kashmir issue.

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2023/05/07/strike-in-iiojk-ajk-on-may-22-against-g-20-meeting-in-srinagar/>

### **Posters urge G-20 countries to boycott meeting hosted by Modi regime in 'IIOJK'**

*Pakistan Observer, 7 May 2023*

In 'Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK), posters have appeared in Srinagar and other areas urging the G-20 countries to boycott the meeting of the forum being hosted by Narendra Modi-led Indian government in the internationally recognized disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The posters displayed by All Parties Hurriyat Conference on walls, pillars, and poles appealed to the G-20 countries that they should realize the Modi regime's ulterior motives behind holding the meeting in 'IIOJK' to cover up its crimes in the 'occupied territory' and legitimize its illegal actions of 05 August 2019. They urged these countries to take notice of India's continued denial of the Kashmiris' right to self-determination recognized by the UN Security Council. The posters called upon the UN to honor its

commitments made over seven decades ago and impress upon India to settle the lingering Kashmir dispute following UN resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiri people. The posters were also posted on social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter.

<https://pakobserver.net/posters-urge-g-20-countries-to-boycott-meeting-hosted-by-modi-regime-in-iiojk/>

### **Economic Developments**

#### **The pace of progress on ongoing projects of 'AJK' reviewed**

*Pakistan Observer, 1 May 2023*

A high-level meeting of the 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK) Communications and Works Department (C&W) reviewed the progress on ongoing development projects of mass public welfare in various parts of the State. The 'AJK' Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq chaired the meeting and stressed the need for the timely completion of the national-level projects. He also directed bringing the Shunter Kashmir Highway project on the fast track. He directed the concerned authorities to introduce E-tendering to ensure transparency in the contracts and emphasized that E-tendering should not only be employed in the highways department but other departments should also introduce tendering process to make its process transparent.

<https://pakobserver.net/pace-of-progress-on-ongoing-projects-of-ajk-reviewed/>



## Centre, GB govt agree on wheat price hike

*Dawn, 6 May 2023*

The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM)-led federal government and Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) led Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) government agreed to increase prices of subsidized wheat in the region. The agreement was reached at a meeting held between Adviser to the PM on Kashmir Affairs and GB Qamar Zaman Kaira and GB Chief Minister Khalid Khurshid Khan in Islamabad. The meeting decided to increase the subsidized wheat price in GB by Rs 7.50, to Rs 20 per kg. The region's cabinet would approve the decision to increase the price and the agreement will take effect from 15 May. For the release of funds for development, the federal government had demanded the GB government increase the price of subsidized wheat in GB which the latter did and then the federal government released 5 billion development funds. The federal government will also release another 5 billion for the development budget in the next two days.

The federal government was also informed by the GB government that without necessary support for the development of the agricultural sector in the region, there are serious challenges to increasing subsidized wheat prices. It demanded the federal government provide the required resources for agriculture development to produce wheat at the local level.

While talking to Dawn, Mr. Kaira said that it was a mutual decision between the GB government and the federal government to increase subsidized wheat prices to maintain a supply of the commodity to the region. He said it was difficult to maintain the quantity of subsidized wheat supply to GB in the allocated funds as the wheat prices had increased across the country. Mr. Kaira said the federal government had not given any condition to the GB government to release funds for subsidized wheat. He said the GB cabinet had already decided to increase the subsidized wheat prices in the region and the federal government had agreed to the GB government's decision. Mr. Kaira said that despite the financial crunch, the federal government would continue to support the GB government.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1751177/centre-gb-govt-agree-on-wheat-price-hike>

## 'AJK' govt looks towards the center for promised funds

*Dawn, 7 May 2023*

The Prime Minister of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK), Anwarul Haq meet Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and reiterated the demand for the release of stuck-up funds promised by the center for budgetary support for the current fiscal year. The reluctance of the center to release committed funds has put the 'AJK' government in a tough situation to deal with the brewing financial crisis. The former 'AJK' premier

Tanveer Ilyas also met Mr Dar on 25 February 2023 but failed to convince him to release the funds. A well-placed source privy to the meeting told Dawn that the finance ministry had released 5 billion each for 'AJK', Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) under the head of development funds. Mr. Haq also met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to secure commitment for the release of funds. The meeting with Mr Dar was a follow-up but the 'AJK' premier failed to secure any assurance for the release of the budgetary funds related to increases in salaries and pensions, releases of development grants, and a subsidy amount on wheat flour. The PMLN-led coalition government in Budget 2022-23 reduced the recurrent budget of the 'AJK' government by 15 billion against the committed amount of 74.32 billion. However, the PTI government agitated against this unlawful reduction. As a result, the federal government agreed to take the burden of an increase in salary and pensions.

As per agreement with the federal government, the financial impact of an increase in salaries and pension is 15 billion for employees of 'AJK.' Despite several requests, the finance ministry has yet to release this amount to 'AJK.' The 'AJK' premier also apprised the finance minister of the 'AJK's economic health in the wake of non-releases of the committed amount and that 'we urgently need 11 billion from the center to pay salaries and pensions,' however,

Mr. Dar was non-committal in the meeting. On the development grants, the finance ministry has released only 14.2 billion in the first 10 months of FY23 against the total amount of 28.5 billion. This amount did not include the inflation factor, which would add another 7 billion to the total Annual Development Plan for 2022-23. The 'AJK' government has requested the finance ministry for 26 billion over and above the released amount to fulfill its budgetary requirements. The 'AJK' government allocated 3.8 billion to provide subsidized wheat flour in FY23. However, Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation (PASSCO) has provided imported costly wheat pushing up the subsidy amount by 10 billion. At the same time, 'AJK' is still awaiting the 4G auction proceeds amounting to 5 billion from Pakistan Telecommunication Authority.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1751329/ajk-govt-looks-towards-centre-for-promised-funds>

### **From Vernacular Urdu Media**

**The Army Chief's reference to Kashmiris in his remarks at the army's parade convention raised Kashmiris' spirits: APHC- 'AJK' leader**

*UrduPoint, 1 May 2023*

The way Army Chief General Asim Munir 'exposed Indian repression' and demonstrated Pakistan's unwavering support for Kashmiris, according to Mahmood Ahmad Sagar, convener of the All-Party Hurriyat Conference- 'Azad Jammu Kashmir' (APHC-AJK),

boosted the spirit of Kashmiris. He claimed that the army chief not only emphasized the value of Kashmiris' lives in his historic speech but also pledged the army's political and moral backing for the cause of Kashmiris. The people of Kashmir, he claimed, appreciate the Pakistan Army Chief's stance on the Kashmir issue. He praised General Asim Munir's steadfast dedication to the Kashmir cause and his support for the rights of the Kashmiri people and urged the international community to take an active part in bringing about a fair and lasting resolution to the protracted struggle. He claimed that South Asia is threatened by the Kashmir dispute and that the Army Chief and Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif have been pressing for its speedy resolution. The political and military leadership of Pakistan made several statements that, according to Sagar have not only boosted the morale of the Kashmiri people but also shown their faith in Pakistan.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/islamabad/national-news/live-news-3564567.html>

### **The G-20 members should participate in efforts to settle the Kashmir conflict: Former 'AJK' PM**

*UrduPoint, 1 May 2023*

Sardar Atiq Ahmad Khan, the former prime minister of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK) and president of the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, has argued that the G-20

members countries should work to settle the Kashmir dispute following United Nations resolutions rather than attending the forum meeting in the internationally recognized disputed area. Atiq stated that 'occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (OJK) is a disputed territory recognized by the United Nations (UN) and that India's decision to host a summit of the G-20 there is against the UN Charter and international law. By planning such activities in 'OJK', he claimed, India is attempting to conceal its misdeeds in the area from the outside world. The G-20 summit is designed to give the impression that things are normal in the 'occupied territory' and that the Modi government's chants of peace are just a ruse to support its illogical claim that things are fine in the 'occupied' region and to support its continued 'occupation' of the territory. He asserted that the G-20 members should not attend this meeting because it is a contested territory as per UN resolutions. He claimed that India had stationed roughly 1 million soldiers in the 'occupied territory', making it the world's most militarised region at this point. The Group of G-20 nations should therefore question India about why more than half of its army is stationed in disputed Kashmir. He urged the world community to take strong action to halt hosting meetings in 'IOJK.'

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/muzaffarabad/national-news/live-news-3564760.html>

**The creation of 'Hindu militia' in 'occupied' Jammu and Kashmir is indicative of the Modi government's criminal intentions: Mushaal Hussein Mullick**

*UrduPoint, 2 May 2023*

The head of the Peace and Culture Organisation (PCO), Mushaal Hussein Mullick, has criticized the 'fascist' government led by Narendra Modi for arming and training 5,000-strong Hindu militias in 'Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IOJK) to incite communal unrest and draw attention away from the Kashmir freedom movement. Infamous RSS militants are allies of these militias. Mushaal claimed that with the help of RSS, the notorious Indian government created the armed Hindu militia to terrorize Muslims and put an end to the Kashmiris' ongoing struggle for freedom. She claimed that to forward their divisive and bloody objective, the BJP was putting itself in danger by fabricating a religious conflict in 'IOJK.' She claimed that the newest militia group, the Village Defence Guards, will only make matters worse in Kashmir because similar organizations were established in the 1990s which are responsible for the slaughter of innocent Kashmiris in addition to other horrible crimes including murder, 'rape', extortion and 'extra-judicial killings.'

She continued by stating that the militarization of the disputed region would be exacerbated by the arming of Hindus with the criminal purpose to

stymie the legitimate and rightful freedom struggle of the Kashmiri people. She said that New Delhi is wrong to believe that unrelenting brutality can put an end to the Kashmiris' quest for freedom. Instead of supporting armed gangs and employing force to put an end to the Kashmiri struggle, she asked the Indian government to accept the realities on the ground and recognize the Kashmiris' right to self-determination rather than repeat decades-old tried and failed approach. Mushaal argued that the world's leading nations and human rights organizations must immediately acknowledge Modi's 'criminal attitude' and the serious threat he poses to both regional and global peace. She argued that the G-20 nations had to shun PM Modi and abstain from the forum gatherings that are being held in 'IOJK' at his government's invitation.

<https://www.urduPoint.com/pakistan/news/islamabad/national-news/live-news-3566909.html>

**Newly elected 'AJK' PM led delegation meets with PM Shehbaz Sharif**

*UrduPoint, 2 May 2023*

The Prime Minister of 'Azad Jammu and Kashmir' (AJK), Anwarul Haq leads a delegation that meets with Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. The delegation was given assurances by Shahbaz Sharif that Pakistan's government will use all of its resources for the development and prosperity of

'AJK.' He also pledged that the issues with the financial aid and assistance for 'AJK' development would be rectified as soon as feasible. The Pakistani nation is fighting for the freedom of its Kashmiri brothers, and its people will always be by their side, he said, adding that India cannot stifle the voice of Kashmiris with its usurping tactics. He claimed that India's illegal action on 5 August 2019, is an attack on the human rights of innocent Kashmiris, and the international community, including the United Nations should take notice. He claimed that Pakistan supports Kashmir Cause and that his country aggressively denounces the human rights abuses and daily atrocities committed by its Indian military against the Kashmiris in all international fora. The 'AJK' government representatives Chaudhry Latif Akbar, Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, and Col. (retired), Chaudhry Yasin, president of the PPP, Raja Farooq Haider, former prime minister of 'AJK,' and Shah Ghulam Qadir, president of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) in 'AJK' were present at the meeting. The federal ministers for planning, finance, and revenue, Senator Ishaq Dar, and Qamar Zaman Kaira, the prime minister's adviser on Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Kashmir affairs were also present at the meeting.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/pakistan/news/islamabad/important-news/live-news-3566735.html>

### **Photos of Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir are displayed on posters in 'occupied Kashmir'**

*Jasarat, 4 May 2023*

Posters featuring the image of Pakistan's Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir have appeared in 'Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir' (IIOJK), hailing him for standing up for the Kashmiris and supporting their right to self-determination. The posters, which read: 'Thank you Pakistan army chief; we are grateful to you for sticking to Pakistan's national position regarding the 'IIOJK' and supporting the Kashmiris' just cause,' have been put up all around Srinagar. The Jammu Kashmir Democratic Youth Forum, Jammu and Kashmir Political Resistance Movement, and Jammu Kashmir Democratic Movement displayed the posters. Masroor Abbas, the head of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference in 'IIOJK' has expressed appreciation for the remarks made by the Army Chief, who reaffirmed Pakistan's support for the legitimate struggle for liberation being waged by Kashmiris.

In a statement released in Srinagar, Abbas stated that Kashmiris appreciate this remark and are incredibly appreciative of Pakistan for supporting their rightful struggle for self-determination on a political, psychological, and moral level.



According to Abbas, the Kashmir issue is the primary cause of poverty in South Asia, and resolving it will enhance the quality of life for all South Asians, including Kashmiris, Pakistanis, and Indians.

<https://www.jasarat.com/2023/05/04/army-chief-posters/>

### **Member of UN Security Council should not attend G20 summit: JI head Siraj ul Haq**

*Jasarat, 7 May 2023*

The head of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Pakistan, Siraj-ul-Haq, has stated that the five permanent members of the Security Council should not attend the upcoming G20 summit in Srinagar. Sirajul Haque claimed that India planned to host the G-20 summit in Srinagar to fool the international community and to justify its unlawful conduct of 5 August 2019. He continued, citing Security Council resolutions that declare Jammu and Kashmir to be a disputed region. Since 23 crore people in Pakistan back the legitimate fight of Kashmiris, he claimed that India cannot defend hosting any level of G-20 summit in the disputed area. According to Haq, the failure of the two countries to negotiate the Kashmir dispute caused the breakdown of the peace. By refusing to engage in reciprocal dialogue, may Allah forbid, the situation today be pushed in a way that is not in the best interests of the nation and the people,

added that JI has made every effort to resolve the issue.

<https://www.jasarat.com/2023/05/07/siraj-ul-haq-418/>



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