**Kashmir solidarity day**

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Like every year, the people and government of Pakistan observed yet another Kashmir Solidarity Day on February 5, 2021 to reiterate their continued and unstinted moral, diplomatic and political support to Kashmiris struggling and suffering at the hands of occupying Indian security forces. February 5 has already been declared a public holiday so that people, from all walks of life, fully and actively participate in all activities of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

The hearts of Pakistanis and Kashmiris beat together, slogans of ‘Kashmir Banay Ga Pakistan’ (Kashmir will be a part of Pakistan) and Pakistan Zindabad are frequently raised in the occupied territory and the Pakistan flag is hoisted at mosques and other places on different occasions. The founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah had described Kashmir as the lifeline of Pakistan.

Pakistan will continue supporting the just cause of Kashmiris, living in the longest lockdown in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, till they win freedom from this forcible Indian occupation, exercise their right of self-determination and decide their future themselves in a free, fair and transparent plebiscite under UN supervision.

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Through the observance of Kashmir Solidarity Day, the people and the Pakistani leadership will also be giving a clarion call through rallies and meetings for waking up the somehow sleeping international community. Even after seeing, observing, noticing and condemning ongoing Indian security forces brutalities and atrocities on innocent Kashmiri men, women, youth and children engaged in unarmed struggle against Indian occupation for more than seven decades, it is not doing anything more than that.

Pakistan, through its leadership, has not only revived and activated the lingering unresolved Kashmir issue at all international forums, but also been repeatedly and emphatically telling and warning the world at large that there will be no durable peace and stability in South Asia until the Jammu and Kashmir dispute is resolved on the basis of international legitimacy, and that Kashmir is quite rightly described as a “nuclear flash point”.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, at his press conference few days back, on the first of the New Year, has called upon nuclear armed India and Pakistan to “come together and seriously discuss their problems ‘stemming from the unresolved Kashmir dispute saying there was no military solution to the decades old conflict, it is clear when seeing Pakistan and India, military confrontation between the two would be a disaster of unmitigated proportions for both countries and the whole world. He further said that it is absolutely essential to have a de-escalation of the situation on the Line of Control. With regards human rights abuses in Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir, I think it is essential that human rights are fully respected, he stood by his statement of August 8, 2019 wherein he had called for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute based on UN resolutions and the UN Charter.

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He evaded outrightly condemning India for flagrant violations on the Line of Control (LoC); ceasefire violations killing innocent civilians in an unabated manner and also for its human rights violations in the illegally occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

One cannot help saying that the UN is helpless in getting its Security Council resolutions implemented, even after more than seven decades of the lingering Kashmir dispute.

One is reminded here of the guerrilla war which ensued from 1975 to 1999 between Indonesia and pro-independence forces in which thousands of East Timorese were killed. In 1999, East Timor was placed under UN supervision and on May 20, 2002 Dili became the capital of the newly-independent Democratic Republic of Timor-Listel.

The burning question which arises here is that if the UN could take East Timor under its supervision subsequently leading to its independence from Indonesia, then why cannot the world body can take over occupied Jammu and Kashmir where the bloodshed, violence and human rights violations are going on for decades together, and implement the Security Council resolutions by holding a free and fair plebiscite to solve the burning Kashmir dispute. Is the world body afraid of a big country such as India, which is now ruled by Bharatiya Janata Party-Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (BJP-RSS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi promoting Hindutva?

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India has all along been clamouring about Jammu and Kashmir being its integral part in a vain attempt to cheat its own people and befool the international community .It is an established and duly internationally acknowledged fact that Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory, India has no other claim over it than that of an occupier, like all occupiers and colonisers of the past, India wants to physically, politically and psychologically crush the indigenous Kashmiri struggle. India has become a nightmare for its minorities.

On August 5, 2019, India had not only unilaterally annulled the special status of Jammu and Kashmir but also placed the entire 8 million population of occupied territory under military siege which is continuing for 17 months—more than 500 days—in an unending manner and the territory remains shut to the outside world with no means of communications, no media and no UN observer visits there.

The Kashmiris’ just indigenous struggle continues, people and the civil and military leadership of Pakistan are extending all moral, diplomatic and political support at all international forums. The blood of Kashmiris will certainly and surely not go waste and they are bound to secure their fundamental right of self-determination in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions with the continued blessings of Almighty Allah sooner or later.