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**REPORT ON THE SEMINAR**    **G20 MEETING IN OCCUPIED JAMMU AND KASHMIR: THE VIOLATIONS OF THE UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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## Introduction

Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) has organized a series of seminars in educational institutes to expose and condemn the plans of the Indian Government in organizing the G20 Meeting in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir. In the series of seminars, the third seminar was organized with the collaboration of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Men) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May in Ali Akbar Awan Government Model High School Chattar Domail Muzaffarabad. The theme of this seminar was “G20 Meeting in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir: The Violation of UN Charter and International Laws”. The MD Small Industries Corporation Amir Mahmood Mirza, Director Kashmir Policy Research Institute Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Divisional Director of Education Schools Poonch Khawaja Javed Iqbal, District Education Officer Muzaffarabad Khwaja Tariq Shafi, Principal from Ali Akbar Awan Government Model High School Chhatar Domail Ali Asghar Abbasi, Media Coordinator Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Commission Sardar Ali Shan, Deputy Director Education Abdul Ghafoor Abbasi, and A senior teacher Qamar ul Haq Qureshi addressed the seminar. The officers from Kashmir Policy Research Institute, some newly appointed DEOs, 180 Principals and teachers from different schools, and a large number of students from the host institution attended the seminar.

The speakers, while addressing the seminar, were of the view that the G20 meeting in the officially recognized disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir is a barren violation of the UN resolutions on Kashmir and international Laws. They were of the view that India knows that unless it gives the Kashmiris their birthright, the right to self-determination as per the UN resolutions, our struggle will continue. No conference or event of any kind in Occupied Kashmir can affect the status of the Kashmir issue. In the context of the situation, it is necessary to start an awareness campaign on the history of the Kashmir issue, and its legal and political aspects in the educational institutions of Azad Kashmir so that the new generation is fully aware of all aspects of the Kashmir issue. India's violation of human rights to suppress the freedom struggle in Occupied Kashmir should be brought before the international community in a lively and effective manner. The people of the base camp and the Kashmiri diaspora living abroad will have to work more effectively to thwart Indian ambitions.

## Opening of the Seminar

A senior teacher from the host Institute Mr. Sohail Mughal conducted the stage. He briefly introduced the event and explained the history and purpose of the G20 – The Group of Twenty. Then he explained what the reason behind organizing this seminar is. The seminar was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Bashir Chohan, A teacher from Ali Akbar Awan Government Model High School Chattar Domail. Then Mr. Shahid Yaqoob Khan, another teacher from the same institute, presented Naat-e-Rasool (SAW).



**Mr. Sohail is conducting the Stage, Mr. Bashir Chohan is reciting the verses of Holy Quran, and Mr. Shahid Yaqoob is presenting the Naat-e-Rasool (SAW)**



## Remarks of Different Speakers

All the speakers strongly condemned Indian Ploy to organize the G20 meeting in the disputed region of Kashmir. They expressed their remarks that the government of India is involved in severe human rights violations in a way that Kashmir is on the brink of genocide. On the other hand, they stated that India is trying to convince the international community that the situation is absolutely normal in Kashmir. Below are the remarks of the guest speakers.

### a. Remarks of Media Coordinator JKLC Sardar Ali Shan



The media coordinator of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell, Mr. Sardar Ali Shan, focused on the role of media in this G20 meeting. He said that the role of our youth in exposing and condemning Indian poly to mislead the international community is almost negligible. He said that this G20 meeting is a blessing in disguise to highlight the human rights violations in IIOJK and to convince the international community in rekindling the Kashmir Case. Moreover, India is violating the Instrument of Accession based on which it claims that Kashmir is its integral part. He gave the message that we should write research articles and KPRI is a set platform for us. In this way, we can project the Kashmir case effectively.

### b. Remarks of Mr. Qamar Ul Haq Qureshi, A Senior Teacher



Qamar Ul Haq Qureshi, a senior teacher, while addressing the seminar, briefly described the concerns of the Indian Government behind organizing the G20 Meeting in Kashmir. He said that if we raise our voices against it, the venue of this meeting can be shifted to somewhere else. He gave an example of an international cricket match played between India and West Indies: A half match has been played in Srinagar then on the voice against it, it was shifted to another venue.

Then he asked the audience what we are doing now. He suggested that we should change our strategy in a way that the foreign office of Pakistan should include at least one member from JKLC.

**c. Remarks of Deputy Director Education Abdul Ghafoor Abbasi**



Deputy Director Elementary and Secondary Education (Men) Abdul Ghafoor Abbasi, strongly condemned human rights violations in IIOJK. He added that the butchers of hundreds and thousands of Kashmiri Muslims are trying to mislead the International Community. He appreciated the work of KPRI that is doing the work efficiently in limited resources.

**d. Remarks of Principal in the Host School, Ali Asghar Abbasi**



The Principal of Ali Akbar Awan Govt. Model High School Chattar Domail, Ali Asghar Abbasi said that it is a great honor for us to host such a worthy event. He said common people and even students have very less knowledge of the actual Kashmir Conflict and the recent developments in IIOJK. He added that it is a great step of KPRI to organize such events in educational institutes. He encouraged the teachers to get publish research articles on the Kashmir Issue and involve the students in research activities as well. He, on speaking the theme of the seminar, said that we have no issue with the G20 meeting anywhere except in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### d. Remarks of Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Director KPRI



Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, in his presidential address, said that it is a great privilege to address the nation builders. He said that teachers are real leaders and nation builders, and they are linked with the profession of prophets.

He said that it is a common misconception among some people that Pakistan is not doing anything for Kashmir and that the advocacy of Pakistan for Kashmir is not important. He argued that the geography of Pakistan in framing its foreign policy and the role of Pakistan in maintaining the current status of AJK have great importance. Then he presented a comparison of the lives of the people on both sides of the Cease Fire Line. He informed the audience that a major share of the territory of Islamabad and the chamber of commerce in Sialkot are owned by Kashmiris. Moreover, Refugees enjoy the equivalent facilities and status in Pakistan rather than being marginalized. He said that the political and economic stability in Pakistan is the key to project and fight the Kashmir Case effectively.

He said that some people are blaming the Government of Pakistan for not playing its role efficiently. We should analyze what role we are playing. What we are doing? Are the UN, OIC, SCO, and other organizations going to awaken us? He added that we are doing nothing except blaming the world community. On the Other hand, we depend on the reports of Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the United Nations. We should utilize them more efficiently rather than just criticizing them. We have to do research based on which these organizations publish their reports. He gave the reference to the work of the work of the Jammu and Kashmir Colation for Civil Societies based on which The Human Rights Watch, an international non-governmental organization for human rights, published two important reports in 2018 and 2019.

Then, explaining the G20 meeting in Kashmir, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan rejected India's claim of Kashmir as its integral part. He said that India has the right to organize G20 meeting anywhere except Kashmir as Kashmir is not its integral part. By organizing G20 Meeting in Kashmir, India is going to violate the resolutions of the United Nations that are not just resolutions but agreements between Pakistan and India. He said that the existence of Cease

Fire Line, Control Line, and the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan shows that Kashmir is not an integral part of India.

Then Director KPRI presented some statistical facts and figures on human rights violations in Kashmir. He said that more than 100, 000 Kashmiris have become martyred, more than 23,000 women have become widowed, more than 108,000 children have become orphaned, more than 11,250 women have become the victim of gang rape, and there are around 2500 half-widow women in IIOJK. These sacrifices will not be wasted and the entire Kashmir will be free one day. It is our religious, moral, and national responsibility to highlight these human rights violations on all national and international platforms. It is a debt to us. At last, Dr. Rajja Muhammad Sajjad Khan encouraged the students and teachers to use Hashtag trends on Twitter and Facebook to highlight these violations. He motivated the students to email the relevant authorities on daily bases that the Indian government is violating human rights as well as the UNSC resolutions. He said that we should use our freedom for the freedom of our brothers and sisters living in IIOJK.

**e. Remarks of District Education Officer Muzaffarabad Khwaja Tariq Shafi**



District Education Officer Muzaffarabad Khawaja Tariq Shafi was of the view that Kashmir Policy Research Institute is fulfilling its responsibility in a great manner. Now, it is the responsibility of teachers, who are trainers in schools, committee members in their mosques, members of Jirga, and leaders and role models in the community, to aware the people related to them of the Kashmir Case. He took oath from the teachers attending the seminar to organize a similar event in their school and upload the pictures on all the social media platforms with the hash tag “#SayNoToG20InSrinagar”.



**f. Remarks of Divisional Director of Education (Schools) Poonch Khawaja Javed Iqbal**



Mr. Khawaja Javid Iqbal, in his remarks, focused on the importance of the transfer of knowledge to the younger generations. He said that we have to tell the stories of the people who give their lives for the independence of Kashmir, i.e. Yasin Malik, and Syed Ali Gillani. He said that our youth is unaware of the founding fathers of the Kashmir Movement. They do not even recognize the picture of the heroes of Kashmir that is pitiable. So we have to aware our young generation about these heroes by telling them the stories of their fights and struggles. At last, he invited the KPRI team to organize similar events in District Poonch.

**g. Remarks of the MD Small Industries Corporation Amir Mahmood Mirza**



Mr. Amir Mahmood Mirza, the chief guest, addressing the teachers said that teachers in any movement play a pivotal role. He gave an example of the role of teachers in the Bangladesh Movement.

He said Kashmir is not an unfinished agenda of the partition of the subcontinent –a common misconception among people. By stating it an unfinished agenda, we ignored the 100-year struggle for the freedom of Kashmir. He added that we have to teach the history of the Kashmir case from 1846 not from 1947. We have to adopt a smart approach. For this, he suggested the Divisional Director of Education (Poonch) order all the school principals to give 15 minutes a week to aware student for the History of the Kashmir Conflict. There are 52 weeks in a year, so 13 hours in a year can be allocated for this purpose. He suggested that the teachers present here in the seminar should give this message to others and a chain reaction process should be adopted.

At last he gave the message to teachers to aware themselves and then give awareness to others of the Kashmir Case. Then repeat the message as repeated in Surah Rehman.

## Summary

KPRI, with the cooperation of The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Men) organized a seminar in Ali Akbar Awan Government Model High School Chhatar Domail Muzaffarabad on G20 Meeting in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir is the Violation of UN Charter and International Laws. The Purpose of the seminar was to expose and condemn India's plan behind organizing G20 meeting in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir. The speakers said that the people of the base camp should unite and raise the voice of the oppressed people of Occupied Kashmir. They told that violations of human rights that India is doing in Occupied Kashmir should be exposed to the world in an effective manner. To ensure that the next generation is thoroughly informed about the Kashmir issue from all angles, it is imperative to launch an awareness campaign about the history of the Kashmir dispute as well as its legal and political ramifications in Azad Kashmir's educational institutions. India's abuse of human rights in Occupied Kashmir should be vigorously and forcefully brought to the attention of the world community. To impede Indian goals, base camp residents and members of the Kashmiri diaspora residing abroad will need to work more diligently.