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A day long Kashmir Conference was organized by the Policy and Research Forum (PRF) under the title: “*A perspective on resolution of Kashmir Dispute: International Law, Human Rights and Global Response*”. The Conference was spread over three sessions:-

1) Inaugural Session:-

Started from the recitation of Holy Quran, the session was presided by Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan, Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir was chief guest.



This session was addressed by Ameer Jamat-e- Islami Azad Jammu & Kashmir Abdul Rasheed Turabi and Convener APHC, Ghulam Muhmmad Safi. Speakers appreciated the Govt. for establishment of PRF. Though there has been a lake of active role of International Community, yet there is need that constant effort should be made to highlight the Kashmir Cause at all International Forum, UNO, EU, OIC and other Forums. Secretary J&KLC, Mr. Idrees Abbasi discussed the recent events of Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Cell and PRF. Dr. Muhammad Khan in his introduction of the Forum, made a mention about the Primary role of

Policy and Research Forum; internationalization of Kashmir dispute, make policies for the Political leadership of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan to pursue the dispute at various levels. He made a mention of the future prospects of Policy and Research Forum for highlighting the Kashmir Dispute in the essence.



Session I:-

The session was chaired by Hon'able Speaker of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Mr. Shah Ghulam Qadir. This session mainly debated the Kashmir case in the perspective of international law and role of International Community.



Generally, it was realized that owing to their economic and strategic interests, major powers, US, UK, EU and even other powers has not played their due role for resolution of Kashmir dispute. It was noted that international law and conventions provide the solid basis for

the resolution of Kashmir dispute as a case of right to self-determination. Syed Mudasar Gardezi , Member PRF was moderator of this session. Speakers were, Miss Sidra Khan, Lecturer IR, Department NUML, Mr. Qasim Haider Member PRF, Muhammad Idress Abbasi, Secretary J&KLC, Mr. Awais Wasi Dean Social Sciences *Riphah* University Islamabad and Dr. Mansoor Kundi, former vice chancellor *Gomal* University.



Session II:-

The session was chaired by prominent scholar, former Chief Justice of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Supreme Court, Syed Manzoor Hussain Gillani. The Indian strategy of making demographic changes in Indian Occupied Kashmir and massive Human Rights Violation were debated during this session.



It was emphasized that government of Pakistan Azad Jammu and Kashmir must put their teeth down, disallowing the India to change the demographic character of Kashmir (IOK). Pakistan is at a more high grounds on the Kashmir issue than India. Govts. of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir must reach over to international community, UN and global forums to project the case of Kashmiri People. Miss Sidra Khan, Lecturer IR, Department NUML was moderator of this session. Speakers were Mir Adnan ur Rehman, Department of Law UAJK, Dr.

Sumera Shafique, Member PRF, Altaf Hussain Wani, Director Programme KIIR, Dr. Muhmmad Khan, Chairman Policy and Research Forum, Dr. Khwaja Farooq Ahmed, vice chancellor AJK University and Dr. Habib-ur-Rehaman Vice Chancellor MUST. Special shields were awarded to Miss Rabia Mustafa and Miss Uzma Munshi lecturer IR Women University Bagh.



WAY FORWARD

As a way forward the conference seriously feel that India must be pursued to stop human right violation in Indian Occupied Kashmir, demilitarize the State and give Kashmiris the right to self-determination. Whereas, Pakistan has to approach the International capitals for stopping the human rights violations through diplomatic and Political engagements. The Scholars of Pakistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Kashmiri and Pakistani diaspora play a role in liberalizing the global community by highlighting the Indian atrocities in Indian Occupied Kashmir. The youth of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan must make use of social media for highlighting the negative role of India. Our scholars, the main stream media and academic circle must play an active role toward persuading the global community in the favor of resolution of Kashmir issue.