



## REPORT

### National Kashmir Conference on Human Rights Violations in IOK



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## **POLICY AND RESEARCH FORUM**

Policy and Research Forum (PRF) is a premier and leading think tank in Azad territory of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. It was established in March 2017 as an independent and non-profitable forum, dedicated to evolve policies, provide in-depth understanding and conduct research on various aspects of history, contemporary politics and conflict of Jammu and Kashmir.

Policy and Research Forum endeavours to involve policy makers, experts, researchers, media persons, and the civil society for developing intellectual discourse on the history of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the political, economic and geo-strategic significance of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, promoting objective research and active advocacy for the resolution of conflict of Jammu and Kashmir, and trainings of scholars, academicians and students on legal aspects of the conflict of Jammu and Kashmir.

## **Human Rights abuses in IOK**

People of Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK) have faced severe human rights abuses since 1947 and specially in last four decades. Torture Mass Killings, rapes and molestation including other serious crimes have been the routine activity of Indian occupational forces in the state of occupied Kashmir. An estimated figure is about 90,000 people being killed by occupational forces of India and 13000 women being raped. The mass rapes of Kunan and Poshpora including other incidents are clear example of Indian occupational forces using rape as a weapon against the women of IOK, asking their just right of Self-Determination. Office of the UNHCHR have recently published a report of its own kind regarding human rights violations in IOK.

## **REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KASHMIR BY OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS:**

On June 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights published a report titled ‘Report on the Situation of Human Rights in Kashmir.’ The report calls for an urgent need to address past and ongoing human rights violations and deliver justice for all people in Kashmir. The report details human rights abuses in Jammu and Kashmir and a situation of chronic impunity for violations committed by security forces from July 2016 to April 2018.

The report highlights the excessive use of force by the Indian security forces that led to unlawful killings and a very high number of injuries. According to the report, 145 civilians were killed by the security forces between mid-July 2016 and the end of March 2018. One of the most dangerous weapons used against protesters in 2016 – and which is still being employed by security forces – was the pellet-firing shotgun. According to official figures, 17 people were killed by shotgun pellets between July 2016 and August 2017, and 6,221 people were injured by the metal pellets between 2016 and March 2017.

People of the Indian Occupied Kashmir are facing massive human rights violation; the continuous plight of Kashmiris has also increased our responsibility for projecting human rights violations faced by the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir, so to highlight heinous crimes of Indian occupational forces, Policy and Research Forum, AJK, organized one day long conference.

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**National Kashmir Conference on Human Rights Violations in IOK**

***Policy and Research Forum AJK***

***Faculty of Social Science (Department of Politics and International Relations)***

**International Islamic University-Islamabad**

**December 17, 2018**

### **Inaugural Session: Kashmir; A Humanitarian Conflict**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>09:15</b>	Registration/Guests to be seated	
<b>09:30- 09:35</b>	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Hakeem Ullah
<b>09:35- 09:45</b>	Welcome Address	Dr. Muhammad Khan: Professor of Politics and International Relations-IIUI Chairman PRF
<b>09:45- 09:55</b>	Persecution of Educated Kashmiris Youth in IOK	Professor Dr. Samina Malik, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences
<b>09:55- 10:05</b>	An Overview of Human rights violations in IOK and role of UN	Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al Draiwesh, President IIUI
<b>10:05-10:15</b>	The Perceived Role of Academia towards Kashmir Cause	Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai- IIUI
<b>10:15- 10:25</b>	Pakistan's Kashmir Policy	Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan Federal Minister
<b>10:25- 10:40</b>	How to Project the Humanitarian Dimension of Kashmir Conflict	Lt Gen Khalid Lodi, Former Defence Minister
<b>10:40- 11:00</b>	Kashmir Conflict in the light of Foreign Policy of Pakistan	Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan President AJK
<b>11:00- 11:10</b>	Vote of Thanks	Dr Husnul Amin: Executive Director IRD, IIUI.
<b>11:10</b>	Shield distribution & Group Photo	

**1<sup>st</sup> Session: Human Rights Violations in IOK in the Perspective of OHCHR-2018**

**Session Chair: Lt Gen ® Naeem Khalid Lodhi**

Time	Activity	Speaker
11:30- 11:40	Pattern of Human Rights Violations in IOK	GM Safi-Convener APHC
11:40- 11:50	World's First Mass Blinding Campaign in IOK; the Use of Pellet-firing shotgun	Professor Dr Adnan Sarwar-NUML
11:50- 12:00	Human Rights Violations in IOK: the Legal Perspective	Dr Noor Fatima-IIUI
12:00 – 12:10	Reprisals against human rights defenders and restrictions on Media in IOK	Mr. Owais Wasi, Dean Social Sciences, Rafah University
12:10- 12:20	Steps taken by the Govt of AJK to expose HR violations in IOK	Mr. Mansoor Qadir Dar Secretary J&KLC
12:20 – 12:50	Q/A and Shield presentations	

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Kashmir and Global Forums**

**Chair Session: Dr Syed Nazir Gilani-President JKCHR**

Time	Activity	Speaker
12:50- 1300	Role of International Community in the Perspective UK Parliamentary Resolution on Kashmir	Shaikh Tajmmul ul Islam, Executive Director Kashmir Media Service (KMS)
1300- 13:10	Desired Role of UN and OIC towards resolution of Kashmir Conflict	Dr Manzoor Afridi-IIUI
13:10- 13:20	How Best Pakistan can Project HRV in IOK at Global Level	Sidra Khan, Lec NUML (Ph.D Scholar QAU)
13:20 – 13:30	Indian Attempts to Change Demography of Kashmir and UN resolutions	Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan (Ph.D. Scholar Law Dept IIUI)
13:30 –14:00	Q/A and presentation of shields	

## **Lunch and Prayer Break: 14:00 -14:45 Hrs**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Various Perspectives on Human Rights Violations in IOK**

**Session Chair: Professor Dr Mansoor Akbar Kundi**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>14:50-1500</b>	A Perspective on the restriction of right to freedom of expression, Imposition of NIA and Geospatial Regulations	Professor Dr. Nazir Hussain, Director SPIR-QAU
<b>15:00-15:10</b>	A Perspective on Military courts and tribunals impeding access to justice in IOK	Professor Dr. Amna Mahmood-IIUI
<b>15:10-15:20</b>	A Perspective on violations of Educational and Health Rights in IOK	Mr Umair Pervez Khan, Member PRF
<b>15:20-15:30</b>	A Perspective on Youth's Genocidal Campaign in IOK	Mr. Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, Convener APHC
<b>15:30-15:40</b>	Kashmiri Perspective of Human Rights Violations in IOK	Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Mughal; President Journalist Forum
<b>15:40- 16:10</b>	Q/A Session	
<b>16:10 – 16:20</b>	Summary and Recommendations of the Conference	Dr. Masood Ur Rehman Khattak-Lecturer, Dept of Politics and International Relations, IIUI.
<b>16:20-16:30</b>	Presentation of shield and Vote of Thanks.	Chairman PRF

#### **Background:**

Kashmir Conflict is one of the simmering issues over the globe causing not only instability in the region but also a threat to peace of the world. This struggle of Kashmiris for their inalienable right to self-determination is being responded by brutal use of force by Indian Army and massive human rights violations. The use of pellet guns has caused thousands injured, defaced and blinded. Number of people are languishing in prisons and others facing persecution.

Present circumstances demanded us to act as a part of our responsibilities and role for resolutions of the conflict and projecting human rights. Realizing this daylong conference was organized in International Islamic University, Islamabad in collaboration with Department of Politics and International Relations and Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue, International Islamic University.

The aim of the event was to highlight the human rights violations in the Indian Occupied Kashmir, to seek the attention of the international community, youth, and media, to bring into attention the Indian brutality towards the Kashmiris and to enhance knowledge and create awareness regarding the cause and identify role of youth, media and intelligentsia.

Prominent personalities belonging to the Kashmiri community settled overseas, leaders of political parties, renowned scholars, Hurriyat Leaders, students and numerous representatives from various media houses attended the seminar.

President Azad (Free) State of Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Masood Khan was the chief guest. President of IIUI Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al Draiwesh, Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Dr Husnul Amin: Executive Director IRD, IIUI, along with several scholars of international repute who addressed the seminar on their respective subjects were Dr. Muhammad Khan, Dr. Nazir Gillani, Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, Sheikh Tajammul Islam, Prof. Dr. Adnan Sarwar, Dr. Manzoor Afridi, Dr. Nazir Hussain, Dr. Noor Fatima, Dr. Amna Mehmood, Owais Waseh, Umair Pervez Khan and Sidra Khan.

APHC leaders Ghulam Muhammad Safi and Syed Faiz Naqshbandi also addressed the seminar.

Dr. Masood Khattak, Assistant Professor, IIUI performed the duties of stage secretary. This was an academic event which was attended by academia and large number of students from Faculty of Social sciences.

## **Inaugural Session: Kashmir; A Humanitarian Conflict**

### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**

**Dr. Muhammad Khan**  
**Chairman PRF**



Dr. Muhammad Khan, Chairman Policy and Research Forum thanked President of AJK, Sardar Masood Khan for his presence in the seminar. While addressing the audience he said that Kashmir has been the burning hell from last three decades. The recent Pulwama incident has come on the Kashmiris as a reason for another fresh episode of massacre done by occupational forces. India is guilty of massive human rights violations which we must highlight through media.

Furthermore, Dr. Khan said that Palestine and Kashmir are two main issues of Muslim community which are yet not resolved despite of having many UN resolutions. If we want to liberate Kashmir from Indian occupation we must mobilize the youth of Pakistan, AJK and IOK simultaneously. The conscious of international community must be shaken through news, media and social media.

He highlighted the recent report published by office of the United Nations of Human Rights Commission stating the human rights abuses of Indian state in IOK. He urged students and youth to read the report and share the stats on social media so that the India's state terrorism could be unveiled in front of the world.

Dr. Khan thanked all the audience, respected speakers and academia to participate in the event.

## **1<sup>st</sup> speaker**

**Dr. Sammina Malik**

**Dean Faculty of social Sciences, IIUI**

Dr. Samina Malik shed light on the persecution of Educated Kashmiris Youth in IOK. She quoted that 100,000 people have been martyred and 11000 women have been raped by occupational forces since 1989. After the martyrdom of Burhan wani in July 2016, a young freedom fighter, the Kashmir youth have been tortured and custodial killing have increased.

In recent years a new dimension has been reported in the technique of occupational forces to suppress the voices of freedom as the educated youth is being killed. Dr. Mannan wani, a PhD scholar, Dr. Rafi Bhat, Assistant professor at Kashmir University, Srinagar along with others have been martyred. This phenomenon of torturing educated youth is not only limited to IOK but Kashmiri youth studying in Indian universities are equally harassed and injured. The students of Aligarh university have been persecuted protesting against the killing of Dr. Mannan.

The government of India has used every technique to embarrass and insult the educated youth ultimately resulting the youth to leave their education incomplete. This is a designed and planned strategy to restrict the voices of IOK to come to the national and international media. The persecution of the youth must be stopped, and UN should act against these criminalities sponsored by Indian state.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> speaker**

**Prof. Dr. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al Draiwesh**

**President IIUI**



After welcoming all the worthy guests and audience, president IIUI said that such topics like Kashmir are very sensitive to Muslim Ummah. President IIUI Dr. Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiwesh said that Kashmir has become a metaphor of grief, atrocities and pain due to violation of human rights by Indian Occupied forces. He suggested that an academic day on Kashmir cause be announced to hold programs and activities for raising awareness of Kashmir cause among youth.

He praised the sacrifices of the Kashmiris for the cause of freedom and for struggle for the accession of Pakistan. We as a Muslim ummah are one and we know how to defend our rights. The terrorism and freedom movement of Kashmir could not be equated, and world must know the difference. It is the just struggle for right to self-determination. Pakistan have supported the cause which is worthy of praise. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is willing to cooperate for the cause and has always voiced the cause of Kashmir at international forums.

Furthermore, president of IIUI proposed the formation of “Kashmir Chair” in Islamic University, which should focus on the academic aspects of the Kashmir conflict. He asked President AJK, federal minister Ali M. Khan and others to support the idea of Kashmir Chair as Islamic University is ready for this.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker**

#### **Mr. Ali M. Khan Federal Minister**



Mr. Ali M. Khan said that Kashmir is very dear to the heart of every Pakistani. Kashmir movement is older than the freedom movement of Pakistan and I believe is the basis of Pakistan movement. It has been a continuous phenomenon for the youth of Kashmir for last seven decades. Pakistan must be strengthened if Kashmir has to be liberated.

He said that founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah not only created Pakistan but instilled a faith in Muslim ummah that we can rise again. His idea of self-believe is the way forward for our youth today.

He supported the idea of Kashmir chair and urged universities to make Kashmir as discourse in the institutions. Fifth generation war should be dealt with planning and social media should be used a tool for exposing Indian brutalities. Youth must take the lead by protesting.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Speaker**

##### **Lt Gen Khalid Lodi Former Defence Minister**



Lt. General Khalid Lodhi in his presentation talked about how to project the humanitarian dimension of Kashmir Conflict. He stressed youth to first understand the problem to depth and make a uniform discourse for the international community.

He added that narrative of Kashmir must be projected with absolute clarity. Unfortunately, the media of Pakistan is neglecting the issue. PEMRA must act and should highlight the atrocities at least in national media.

Kashmiris are fighting the war of Pakistan and the youth of Pakistan must stand with the Kashmiri youth so young students of Pakistani universities must reach out to the civil societies of the world through all possible means which will help the cause.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Speaker**

##### **Sardar Masood Khan, Chief Guest**

##### **President of AJK**



Speaking on the occasion, chief guest Sardar Masood Khan said that policy of India is to kill people and the state of India is abusing the international human rights violations in IOK. It is involved in gross violations including fake encounters, custodial killings, mass blinding using pellet guns, molesting the women, enforce disappearances, abductions and other illegitimate ways to torture the youth.

If we must reach to the international community, empty rhetoric will not serve our cause. We must be equipped with knowledge and exact stats. Since 2010, 6000 people have been blinded as per Al Jazeera's report. More than 400 people have been martyred, mostly teenagers, only in 2018.

He added that the government of important capitals are silent but international civil societies are responding. UN has published a report

which demands repealing the draconian laws like AFSPA in IOK. The report also urges human rights council to constitute a commission of inquiry which shall conduct international independent inquiries.

He also highlighted the role of OIC which had passed yearly resolutions in favour of Kashmiris right to self-determination and have constituted a special envoy for Kashmir which unfortunately have not been allowed by India to visit.

President Masood Khan asked the youth to take keen interest in Kashmir conflict and play their individual part in highlighting the brutalities in IOK. The student's responsibility is to invest in the special communication tools to be the vanguard of the cause for Kashmir and Pakistan. He thanked president of IIUI for proposing to form Kashmir chair and completely indorsed the suggestion.

In the end he appreciated the work and efforts of Policy and research forum and thanked Dr. Muhammad khan and others for organizing such a conference which is covering all the dimensions of the conflict.

### **Vote of Thanks**

**Dr. Manzoor Khan Afridi**

**HOD Department of Politics and IR**

Dr. Manzoor Khan Afridi, head of department of Politics and IR wrapped up the inaugural session of the conference and presented vote of thanks to all worthy speakers and students, faculty and others for participating in the conference.



## **1<sup>st</sup> Session: Human Rights Violations in IOK in the Perspective of OHCHR-2018**

The session of the National conference of Kashmir was chaired by Lt Gen  
® Naeem Khalid Lodhi.

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker**

**Mr. Mansoor Qadir Dar,  
Secretary to the Government of AJK**



**Topic: Steps taken by the Govt. of AJK to expose HR violations in IOK**

Mr. Mansoor Qadir Dar, Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell informed the audience about the steps taken by the Azad Government of state of Jammu and Kashmir, to highlight the atrocities in IOK by Indian occupational forces. He stated that government has worked under the leadership of Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider khan to counter the propaganda of India. JKLC organizes seminars, conferences, speech competitions and involve youth to lobby for the cause using information communication technologies. He also thanked and appreciated the work and efforts of Policy and Research Forum the premier think tank of Azad Jammu & Kashmir—which organized the national conference on Kashmir in significant institution like IIUI. He also mentioned the future plans of the think tank regarding the launching of International journal of Kashmir studies which will be the first ever research journal published from erstwhile state of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. He further added that under the instruction of the Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir, Mr. Farooq Haider Khan, special attention is given to social media to counter the Indian propaganda. He welcomed the department of Politics and International Relations for collaborating with GOAJK to organize such a conference on the subject.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:**

**Dr. Noor Fatima**

**Department of International Relations, IIUI**



**Topic: Human Rights Violations in IOK: The Legal Perspective**

Dr. Noor Fatima, in her address shed light on the international law perspective. She discussed the legality of the accession document in which she said that Maharaja of Kashmir Hari Singh was not eligible to sign the accession document as his government was not able to withstand the power without Indian military aid. Further, article 52 of the law of treaties of Vienna convention, a treaty signed under any threat is invalid. The treaty has also not been shown up in UN in original form so it also doubts India's position on treaty of accession.

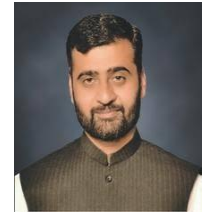
She further said that Indian occupational forces are responsible for the illegitimate occupation of Jammu And Kashmir State. The human rights abuses are day to day work of Indian army and paramilitary forces in IOK which is against the international human rights laws. Chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir High court (IOK)Srinagar said that abuse of human rights in IOK is unprecedented.

The ban on international media in IOK is also contradictory to the international law perspective. Dr. Noor said that Indian occupational forces brutalities are likely to be qualified for the application of common article three of Geneva convention for criminal accountability.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SPEAKER**

**Mr. Owais Wasi**

**Dean Social Sciences, RIPHAH University**



**Topic: Reprisals against human rights defenders and restrictions on Media in IOK**

Mr. Owais Waseh said that Indian military is committing a genocide of the Kashmiri people under a well thought out plan since 1989. Furthermore, he said that enforced disappearance is a technique which is used by Indian state. According to different reports, more than 18 journalists have been disappeared for writing on the Indian brutalities. 16 newspapers including Kashmir reader, Kashmir times and others are facing repressive measures by the oppressive state. Access to mobile phones and internet is also denied.

Human rights defenders and activists are arrested are disappeared. Asim Javed, Khuram Pervez, Pervez Embrose are few classic cases to be quoted who faced repressive laws like Public Safety Act. Media and journalists who are projecting the human rights violations must be appreciated and Kashmiri people throughout the world must speak in favour of these media persons.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKER:**

**Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Safi**

**Convener APHC**



**Topic: Pattern of Human Rights Violations in IOK**

Ghulam Muhammad safi reportedly said that Indian state has systematically abused the human rights in IOK. Many organizations like Human Rights watch, Amnesty International and OIC have repeatedly issued reports on human rights accuses.

Excessive use of force, civilian killings, fake encounters, use of pellet gun for blinding the youth, torture, mass graves, violations of right to health, freedom of speech restricted, ban on journalists and sexual violence are all patterns of HR violations in IOK.

### **5<sup>th</sup>SPEAKER:**

**Professor Dr Adnan Sarwar**

**Head of Department, IR, NUML**

**Topic : World's First Mass Blinding Campaign in IOK; the Use of Pellet-firing shotgun**

Dr. Adnan Sarwar reiterated that the international community must specifically take notice of the Indian military's use of pellet guns against Kashmiris, killing of youth during detention, sieges and serious high handedness met out to the children, the elderly and womenfolk as well. He said that it is very clearly written in the relevant articles of the Geneva Conventions that no community can be denied basic human rights. India is committing crimes against humanity in IOK.

Mass blinding campaign is a serious violation and a heinous crime of occupational forces. The youth of Pakistan must act the source of taking the original stories to world and plead Kashmir cause effectively as Kashmiris are looking towards Pakistan. Kashmiris have played their part now it's the time for us to publicize their case.

At the end of the session question answer session for ten minutes was held in which students participated in the discussion.

First session was concluded by Lt General Khalid Lodhi with following comments that Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of partition. The massive human right violations in IOK are matter of concern for Pakistan and international community has to play its part for its resolution.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Kashmir and Global Forums**

**Chair Session: Dr Syed Nazir Gilani-President JKCHR**

### **1<sup>st</sup> SPEAKER:**

**Dr Manzoor Afridi**

**Head, Department of Politics and IR, IUI**



**Topic: Desired Role of UN and OIC towards resolution of Kashmir Conflict**

Dr. Afridi discussed the role of UN and OIC towards resolution of Kashmir conflict. He said that we are required to conduct research since the world listens to arguments and pays no heed to mere emotions. He welcomed the report published by OCHCHR, it is first concrete step taken by United Nations after its resolutions. India cannot hide her crimes against humanity. Now it is the duty of academicians and educational institutions in Pakistan and AJK to discuss this report and project it through social media and other mediums. He said that think tanks can play a vital role to aware the international community about the true aspects of Kashmir conflict. India is misleading the world and tries to divert attention from human rights situation in IoK.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SPEAKER:**

**Sidra Khan**  
**PhD Scholar, QAU**

**Topic: How Best Pakistan can Project HRV in IOK at Global Level**



Sidra Khan said that Pakistan can project Kashmir conflict more effectively by highlighting the humanitarian dimension of the conflict instead of political aspect. The international mediation must be stressed, and a multilateral approach should be projected. the importance of Kashmir conflict as a nuclear flash point must be reiterated in international arena.

India's effective diplomacy should be countered by proactive approach of Pakistan's foreign policy. The demographic changes against the UN resolutions in IOK are to be emphasized in different forums to expose the design of Indian state.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> SPEAKER**

**Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan**

**PhD Scholar, Law, IUI**



**Topic: Indian Attempts to Change Demography of Kashmir and UN resolutions**

Raja Sajjad Khan in his address said that demographic changes are being implemented by Indian state in different geographical regions of IOK. Muslim population in Jammu region in 1947 were 60 % but now it has reduced to 30%. The first ever attempt of demographic transformation was Jammu genocide in Aug-Nov 1947. According to international newspaper the Indian state killed more than two hundred thousand Muslims were killed in first week of November 47.

Ladakh region has faced 100% growth of non-Muslims in just ten years. Abrogation of article 35A of Indian constitution in IOK is also a well-planned strategy of Indian state for population ratio change.

India is using Israeli model for changing the demography of the region which is against UN resolutions that must be stopped by intervention of concerned circles.

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKER**

**Shaikh Tajmmul ul Islam**

**Executive Director Kashmir Media Service (KMS)**

**Topic: Role of International Community in the Perspective UK Parliamentary Resolution on Kashmir.**

Sheikh Tajammul Islam emphasized to vigorously pursuing the case of Kashmiris since India is not a weak country and as such full force is required to uproot its standing from Indian Occupied Kashmir.

Dr. Syed Nazir Gillani comprehensively concluded the session after having limited Q&A. He said that India by design is changing the demography of the region. It is the responsibility of the academia, journalists and other concerned circles to expose Indian crimes.

He emphasized on pleading the case persistently and to pursue a strong and viable strategy to resolve the Kashmir issue according to the aspirations of the Kashmiri people. He said that the United Nation's Human Rights Council has also exposed the atrocities of the Indian military and further stressed the need for active diplomacy to keep the power structure alive.

Lunch and Prayer break was observed prior to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final session of the conference.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Various Perspectives on Human Rights Violations in IOK**

Professor Dr Mansoor Akbar Kundi of department of politics and IR of IIUI chaired the session.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> SPEAKER**

**Professor Dr. Nazir Hussain**

**Director SPIR-QAU**



**Topic: A Perspective on the restriction of right to freedom of expression, Imposition of NIA and Geospatial Regulations**

Dr. Nazir Hussain highlighted the importance of the UN report, with respect to human rights in the Indian Occupied Kashmir. He said that the world has realized the atrocities of the Indian military and as such we should now unitedly move forward to the attainment of our mission.

He also criticized the policies of government of Pakistan regarding Kashmir conflict. He demanded an active diplomatic effort for pleading the case. In his address Dr. Hussain urged Kashmiri leadership to be unified and come strong so that international community may listen to the voice of Kashmiris.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> SPEAKER**

**Professor Dr. Amna Mahmood-IIUI**



**Topic: A Perspective on Military courts and tribunals impeding access to justice in IOK**

Dr. Amna Mehmood precisely mentioned about the black laws introduced by the Indian state in IOK which do not allow the chance of free and fair trial of so called “militants”. The state has been involved in denying the right to justice to individuals of IOK. it is against the international law perspective.

She expressed her confidence in the ultimate success of the movement for Kashmiri freedom and stressed upon the role of newspapers and electronic media in propagating the Kashmir issue.

**3<sup>RD</sup> SPEAKER**

**Mr Umair Pervez Khan**

**Member PRF, Visiting lecturer IIUI.**



**Topic: A Perspective on violations of Educational and Health Rights in IOK**

Umair Pervez Khan, in his presentation referred to universal declaration of human rights 1948 which specifically mentions that every human is free and equal by birth. Every individual has the right to education, health, life, freedom to speech and all the liberties of a dignified citizen. But India despite of being the signatory to many International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights still violate the charters.

Mr. Khan maintained that health rights have been denied to citizens of IOK. Anxiety and Depression has increased as statistics of psychiatric center of Srinagar show that more than one million Kashmiris visited them in 2017 compared to 1700 in 1989. Suicide cases have also increased in the region and 62% of females have been reported of committing suicide. Quoting JKCCS, Mr. Khan said around 200 ambulances were damaged by security forces in 2016 unrest. None of the attacks or obstructions on medical staff which occurred in 2016 have been investigated.

Educational rights have also been deprived to citizens of IOK. A media investigation claimed that schools and colleges were closed for nearly 60 per cent of the working days between July 2016 and May 2017.

Concluding Mr. Khan urged the youth of Pakistan and AJK to equip themselves with the knowledge of the conflict as we had been the worst advertisers of the Kashmir case which should have been pleaded more wisely at international forums.

**4<sup>TH</sup> SPEAKER:**

**Syed Faiz Naqashbanid,  
Convener APHC (M)**



**Topic: A Perspective on Youth's Genocidal Campaign in IOK**

Syed Faiz Naqashbandi said that India is an occupational force which has stated a systematic campaign of eliminating youth population in IOK. There has been brutal bloodshed of the educated youth post Burhan wani martyrdom. The Kashmir is an internationally recognized conflict between two nuclear neighbours which must be resolved in accordance to UN resolutions.

Furthermore, he explained how India has introduced several black laws to suppress the Kashmiri struggle. He also added that the use of pellet guns is also a violation of human rights and hence we should not sit idle but must make efforts to defeat India at all international forums. He also suggested that a United Nation's delegation visit Azad Kashmir and Indian Occupied Kashmir to observe the real situation.

Prof. Dr. Kundi, Chair of the session concluded the session by stressing the importance of research and knowledge to plead the Kashmir case at international level.

**Wrap up**

**Dr. Muhammad Khan,  
Chairman PRF,**



Dr. Muhammad Khan highlighted the contours of the seminar and gave a tribute to the president of AJK for his untiring efforts to promote

the Kashmir cause. He also thanked president IIUI for the proposal of Kashmir Chair to be constituted at IIUI and expressed his hope that it will be functioning soon. He appreciated the entire team of Policy and research forum, Jammu and Kashmir liberation cell, AJK and faculty and students of department of Politics and IR, IIUI for making the conference successful. He assured that this forum is open to all individuals and welcomes constructive advice. Dr. Muhammad Khan also reiterated that we must forge ahead and make efforts to mitigate the sufferings of the Kashmiris at the hands of the Indian occupational forces.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Considering the addresses of the speakers the following recommendations were formulated:

1. Kashmir chair should be constituted in IIUI which should be followed by other universities of Pakistan and AJK to create the discourse based on research for promoting the cause.
2. Kashmiris should be given the opportunity to present their case on their own since their voices prove to have a positive and strong impact. The government of Azad Kashmir and the leadership of Hurriyat can also play an important role in this regard.
3. Kashmiri diaspora shall be engaged to project the cause internationally.
4. A delegation from the United Nation's Human Rights Council should visit both, Indian Occupied Kashmir and Azad Kashmir to analyse the violations of human rights.
5. The Government of Pakistan should unveil India's true face in the United Nation's by highlighting the human rights violations in Indian Occupied Kashmir.
6. To unveil the Indian brutality, the youth of Pakistan and AJK should use social media as a platform to shed light on Indian cruelty in Indian Occupied Kashmir and reach out to European Union, members of the Parliament of various countries, and policy institutes regarding these massive human rights violations.
7. The demand from Kashmiri leadership must be unanimous and all groups must be united.
8. There is a need to unify international media and overseas Kashmiris so that processions are organized for the Kashmiri cause.

9. Since the contemporary world gives immense importance to youth, the Kashmiri youth should visit important countries of the world where they can highlight the human rights concerns in Indian Occupied Kashmir.
10. Kashmir dispute is not bilateral but a multilateral issue, therefore the Kashmiris should be given a fair representation in the dialogue between Pakistan and India.

