



**Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Mr. Umair Khalid, Third Secretary, during the General Debate under Agenda Item No.2 at the 49<sup>th</sup> session of Human Rights Council**

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Mr. President,

I am exercising the right of reply to respond to the baseless allegations made by Indian delegation against my country.

Deflection and disinformation define India's diplomacy today. Instead of introspection, what we keep hearing from Indian representative is deception and what-aboutry.

It is time for India to end this charade, and confront its atrocious criminal human rights record. This is the least India can do as a member of this august body.

Mr. President,

Independent observers have documented the industrial scale human rights abuses under the Hindutva Raj. Impunity reigns supreme and accountability absent in India's governance and judiciary structures. To refresh the memory of Indian delegation, allow me, Mr. President, to present a few facts.

Mr. President, it is only in India only where Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains have been officially categorized as Hindus in its Constitution.

It is only in India where political leaders condone public calls for genocide for purely electoral gains.

It is only in India where the largest number of anti-conversion laws has been enacted worldwide in a bid to subjugate its minority groups.

It is only in India where spewing anti-Muslim hatred and publicly dehumanizing minority communities is a pre-requisite to win elections and become Prime Ministers and Chief Ministers.

It is only in India where women and girls, belonging to minority communities, are openly intimidated, harassed and molested with full State sanction.

It is only in India where terrorists, the likes of Babu Bajrangji the mass-murder of Muslims in Gujarat pogrom, are released on so-called humanitarian grounds while human rights activists and journalists are killed by the BJP-RSS thugs for speaking out the truth.

It is only in India where the instigator of Delhi pogrom, Mr. Kapil Mishra, have the audacity to say that he will once again instigate violence against Muslims.



India's willful defiance of UN Charter, international law and responsible State behavior transcend its internal borders. This signature non-compliance by India now finds its vivid expression in its illegal and unilateral actions of 05<sup>th</sup> August in occupied J&K.

The UN human rights machinery, the OIC, world parliaments, independent civil society and global media has determined time and again that India remains an illegal occupier of Jammu & Kashmir.

Mr. President,

Like all oppressors, India remains averse to these facts. Instead of facing the inconvenient truths, the Indian representative manufactures falsehoods, deploy deception and spread disinformation with a singular objective i.e. to deflect global attention and scrutiny of its criminal human rights record.

We, therefore, reiterate our call on the Council, UN Special Procedures and global human rights actors to call out India's human rights crimes on its mainland as well as in occupied Kashmir.

I thank you.