



Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary, at the High-Level Segment of 55th Session of Human Rights Council
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Mr. Vice President,

I am exercising our right to reply to reject India's fallacious assertions.

Claims of Indian delegation have no factual or legal basis; but are rather grounded in their inherent proclivity to resort to disinformation.

Domestic legislation and judicial verdicts, from its pliant judiciary, cannot absolve India of its international obligations.

The Occupied Jammu & Kashmir never was and never will be the so-called 'integral part' of India. Occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains the oldest unresolved agenda of the UNSC.

In continuation of its draconian measures in the occupied territory, the Occupation Regime has banned 6 political parties under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act that represent the true aspirations of the Kashmiri people, including Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarrat Alam faction), Tehrik-e-Hurriyat, 'Dukhtaraan-e-Millat', and Democratic Freedom Party.

Kashmiris' civil and political rights have been brutally infringed upon including their basic rights to freedom of assembly, association and freedom of religion or belief.

Rather than focusing on the deteriorating human rights situation in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian delegation's statement today is yet another futile attempt to deflect attention and scrutiny from its criminal human rights record, especially, in the occupied territory.

The Indian government must uphold its international human rights obligations towards the people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and towards its own minorities inside India.

Mr. Vice President,

Pakistan has already shared hard-hitting evidence of India's involvement in extra-territorial and extra-judicial killings, in 2023, of two Pakistanis on Pakistani soil, and transactions which directly linked these killings to India.



These assassinations had striking similarities with the pattern adopted by India in other countries.

Notably, according to a recent report, in 2023, India averaged nearly two anti-Muslim hate speech events, per day, and 75 percent of these took place in the states ruled by the BJP.

Given the history of instrumentalization of hate for political gains, the inexorable tide of anti-Muslim hatred and incitement to violence against Muslim minorities will be further stoked, as the country is headed towards national elections this year.

Mr. Vice President,

No electoral gains are worth human lives!

I thank you!