



Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, at the High-Level Segment of 52nd Session of Human Rights Council
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Mr. President,

I am exercising our right to reply to reject India's inaccurate and fallacious assertions. The Indian delegation should realize that repeated lies and disinformation can never change the facts on ground especially established by the United Nations Security Council.

Claims of Indian delegation have no factual or legal basis; but are rather grounded in their inherent proclivity to resort to disinformation. A campaign, which has time and again been exposed by global independent experts.

After trying to silence its domestic critics, the fascist regime in India has been attempting to deceive this esteemed Council, gag the international media and peddle narratives based on mere propaganda.

However, truth has this indomitable trait of resurfacing, in one form or the other. The RSS-BJP regime cannot wash off its hands of the grave crimes committed against its minorities, even if they try to ban BBC's documentary or conduct raids on their offices.

The Indian delegation's statement today is yet another futile attempt to deflect attention and scrutiny from its criminal human rights record, in the Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The current repressive regime has perpetuated the massive human rights violations perpetrated by the Occupation Forces in IIOJ&K.

Mr. President,

It must be stressed that Occupied Jammu & Kashmir never was and never will be the so-called 'integral part' of India.

As enshrined in the UNSC resolutions, Jammu and Kashmir is an UN-recognized disputed territory and India is an illegal occupier of the territory.

India's unilateral and unlawful actions since August 2019 are a blatant violation of the global human rights' structure that we all endeavor to strengthen, here at this Council.

Due to the rampant human rights violations and threat to regional peace, the Security Council has met thrice since August 2019 to take cognizance of the extremely distressing situation in the occupied territory; the UN position on Jammu & Kashmir has been publicly re-



affirmed by UN Secretary General; the UN Special Procedures have publicly warned about the devastating human rights impacts of India's demographic engineering; and hence the Jammu & Kashmir remains on the Security Council's agenda.

Mr. President

One of the glaring manifestations of the regime's repressive policies is that, today, India is leading the world with the highest number of internet shutdowns recorded last year. Out of 187 global outages, 84 took place in India, including 49 in IIOJ&K, as reported by digital rights group Access Now.

By imprisoning the majority of Kashmir's leadership and arbitrarily detaining thousands, the Occupation Regime peddles the false narrative of development and normalcy in the territory.

However, it needs to realize that such brutal measures provide an added fillip to the just struggle of the Kashmiris for self-determination – a legitimate pursuit demonized under the garb of bogey of terrorism.

I thank you!