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### Press Release

India has moved away from United Nation Security council resolutions, the ongoing situation in Indian Occupied Jammu Kashmir demands global attention, said experts at a webinar hosted by Legal Forum for Kashmir (LFOVK) on the ‘**Black day**’ October 27, 2021.

Legal Forum for Kashmir (LFOVK) held a virtual conference **Black Day: Demystifying Kashmir under siege** to mark 27 Oct 1947 as black day for IOJK.

The experts in the virtual conference highlighted the consequences of Prolonged Military occupation in IOJK, particularly the situation after August 5 2019 when Indian Fascist Government robbed the semi-autonomous status of occupied territory.

Associate Professor at National Defence University Islamabad, Dr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, said that the most important thing on 5th August 2019 was Indian government played a wicked trick to rob the right of Kashmiris through so called unilateral parliamentary act.

Prof Dr Shabana Fayyaz, HoD – Department of Defense and Strategic Studies, Quaid e Azam University. She stated that what the people of Kashmir wants and what is happening in Kashmir is actually breach of international human rights law. And Kashmiris are facing aggressive policy of Indian government.

“Even the people who are in favor of Delhi like Mehbooba Mufti and Umer Abdullah were imprisoned and cornered. Muslims are facing oppression by Modi regime not only in Kashmir but across India just because of their religious ideology,” She added.

Saba Aslam Executive Director of Islamabad Conflict Resolution, stated that every day in Kashmir is a black day. The level of persecution has been intensified. The India National Investigated (NIA) agency is acting like *Heinrich Himmler*, who was the architect of the holocaust. The NIA falsely implicated innocent Kashmir’s and later tortured them in infamous jails. Not only the young and old but Kashmiri mothers and daughters are languishing in jail. Our sisters Nahida Nasreen, Asiya Andrabi, and Fahmida have been detained in Tihar Delhi jail from last 5 years.

This brutal agency has killed Muhammad Ashraf Sehrai under custody; Qaid e Kashmir Syed Ali Gillani was martyred under house arrested even family was not allowed for funeral.

This is the new tyrannical phenomenon employed by Modi to kill Pro-freedom leaders under custody. The government of Pakistan must push world community including the ICRC to visit jails in India and Jammu & Kashmir; Indian forces might Kill Musrat Alam Butt Chairman APHC. The RSS-backed Hindus have already threatened to assassinate Musrat Alam inside custody. There is a proper court order reflecting this fact.

Farzana Yaqoob former Minister of (AJK) said whatever happens in Kashmir is because of illegal occupation and presence of military troops in occupied territory.

“Kashmir is in state of war there are war crimes going on and still no action taking by any independent or international organization” she added.

Advocate Nasir Qadri Director of (LFOVK) while concluding the session thanked all the guest for sharing valuable opinions. More than 7 decades of military occupation in IOJK speaks endless tales of war crimes. Pakistan has been very aggressive on the diplomatic front but times has come to move beyond. The recent dossiers on war crimes shared by MOFA, though is welcoming step after long time but same needs to be taken to logical end. We have to be very pragmatic while invoking the ‘law fare’ on Kashmir. Even a single case of war criminal in dossier, if prosecuted by International court or under ‘Universal jurisdiction’ would be enough to show world what is happening in IOJK.

LFOVK will hold Series of webinar which will focus Cyber espionage and particularly giving special emphasis on Pegasus, a contemporary test case for Cyber espionage.

LFOVK draws various expert opinions from across the globe by inviting international law experts, diplomats, politicians and lawyers.