

A Heartfelt Cry from Occupied Kashmir!

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As Pakistan prepares for the annual theatrics of February 5th Kashmir Solidarity Day, rehearsing anthems and forming human chains, it must look past the performative noise to the deafening silence of the Kashmir Valley. This “normalcy” depicted in the media and intelligence briefings is not peace. It is the quiet of a prison ward enforced by a criminal administrative siege that targets the body, mind, and Iman of the entire population of Occupied Kashmir. While the leadership of Pakistan sings of the “jugular vein,” the reality on the ground is a systematic erasure, where the dead are robbed of their graves, and the living are robbed of their voices, waiting not for solidarity, but for military intervention and mobilization of the armed forces.

The reality of “stabilization” and “normalcy” in Kashmir is the silence of a graveyard, enforced by the most draconian administrative siege in modern history. The Hindu State has moved beyond the military occupation of territory; it is now engaged in the forensic dismantling of a people, targeting their bodies, their minds, their economy, and their Deen. Since the unilateral annexation on August 5, 2019, and surrender by the leadership of Pakistan, the “Naya Kashmir (New Kashmir)” being built is not a development project. It is a settler-colonial enterprise designed to erase the Islamic identity of the Kashmir Valley. The data is irrefutable, yet the leadership of Pakistan choose to ignore it, or exploit it for their own convenience, and petty political objectives. Since 2019’s betrayal, Kashmir has been caged - 900,000 troops watching every breath, graves swallowing dissenters, jails echoing with torture. Tens of thousands have been martyred since the 1990s, rapes in Kunan-Poshpora staining the honor and enforced disappearances wiping out the ties of families. These have all become just numbers, with little relevance for they are Muslim names, and faces of Muslims in Kashmir —the cheapest blood in a world that averts its gaze.

After 2019 annexation and betrayal Kashmir lived through 550 days of communication blackout - a collective punishment designed to break the common psychology of resistance. The legal system has been weaponized into a tool of permanent incarceration. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) ensures that the “process is the punishment.” With a conviction rate of less than 0.6%, thousands are rotting in jails not because they are guilty, but to break their spirit. The Public Safety Act (PSA) creates a “revolving door” detention system, where men and women are released after years of jail, only to be re-arrested at the prison gate, just because of presumption of the authorities. Inside these prisons, torture remains endemic. The bodies of young Muslims are drilled and electrocuted - not to extract information, but to break the will. They are tortured to death in custody, or in fake encounters, for medals and promotions. It is not an anomaly. It is the standard operating procedure of a communal army protected by the absolute immunity of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

The Hindu occupation even fights the dead. It seems to fear the martyr more than the living mujahid. Since 2020, the bodies of those killed in encounters are not returned to their families. Instead of resting in ancestral graveyards, these youth are buried in remote, unmarked graves in Boniyar, hundreds of kilometers away. When

mothers like Parveena Ahangar - the founder and chairperson of Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) try to document the disappeared, their offices are raided and files seized. In this 2New Kashmir," even remembering the dead is a crime against the state.

The Hindu run administration installed the Indian national emblem inside Dargah Hazratbal, an act of idolatrous dominance intended to humiliate the believers. The Jamia Masjid in Srinagar remains padlocked on Fridays, the sermon silenced, the religious gathering prohibited, sermons and speeches scrutinized, Ulama and Imams profiled. This is not "counter-insurgency." This is their hatred for Muslims and a war on Islam.

The "Bajwa Doctrine" and the Illusion of Peace: While the Muslim population of Kashmir was being suffocated under the weight of domicile laws and religious desecration, the leadership of Pakistan was busy pivoting. In March 2021, General Bajwa declared a shift from "geo-politics to geo-economics," speaking of "burying the past" to unlock trade. "The past" he wanted to bury is Kashmir. He tried to prioritize the connectivity with Central Asia over the slaughter of Muslim brothers. It is not a statesmanship; it is a shopkeeper mentality of a hypocrite that trades goods over the bodies of the people. The "gray list" of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have dictated Pakistan's Kashmir policy. The liberation of Kashmir was traded for financial stability. Despite the pride of Pakistan being a nuclear power, the Hindu State was not deterred from the annexation of Kashmir. The response of a nuclear Muslim state was reduced to a "30-minute protest" — a masterclass in performative politics designed to give the angry public a ritual, while ensuring no tangible steps were taken. Diplomats issued statements every Friday, the OIC passed resolutions, and then all went back to their parties, while the Muslims of Kashmir see all these theatrics in silence, despair, with pelleted eyes, from cages of homes, torturing prisons, and silent graves. Now on February 5th, while Pakistan celebrates Kashmir Solidarity Day, it has also become just a ritual, just another holiday. Patriotic songs are played, whilst human chains are formed.

The Defiance of the Abandoned Prisoner: Despite abandonment, and despite the brute force of the occupation, the spirit of the Muslim of Kashmir remains the only liberated matter in this subjugated land. The occupier Hindu regime believed that by revoking Article 370 and importing a "steel frame" of Hindu bureaucrats to rule, they would "Hinduize" the territory. They have failed by their own submissions. In May 2025, during the short four-day war between the believers of Pakistan's armed forces and the army of the Hindu State, the "roof-top referendum" saw thousands of unarmed Muslims of Kashmir cheering for the warplanes of Pakistan Air Force, making Dua for their victory. They celebrate the victory of Pakistan from cricket field to battlefield, in rejection of the occupier's identity. The 5th February 2026, Kashmir Solidarity Day will be no different from the past theatrics, but there are sincere sons of this Ummah who truly care for the Ummah of Prophet Mohammad (saw) and their accountability before Allah (swt). There are people amongst the people of military power who really want to act. So, this is not a call for the military general who plays golf with western diplomats and talks of "strategic restraint," but for the officers who bow their heads in sujood and remember their Lord, His (swt) accountability, the day of judgment, and remember the oath of Jihad.

O Sincere Officers in the Pakistani Army! You are the inheritors of a legacy that does not recognize these colonialist nationalistic borders. When Muhammad bin Qasim stood on the shores of Sindh, he did not wait for a resolution from any Taghut (non-Islamic authority), so how does the criminal UN Security Council have weight for you? Muhammad bin Qasim did not check the "economic indicators." He led an army of the Khilafah (Caliphate) because Muslim women cried out at the tyranny of Raja Dahir. Today, four million of your Muslim sisters in Kashmir are crying out. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ الظَّالِمِ أَهْلُهَا وَاجْعَل لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا وَاجْعَل لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ نَصِيرًا﴾ **“And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and for the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, ‘Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper?’”** [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa:75]. Your current leadership — the Ruwaybidah (incompetent) rulers and commanders — have compromised. They have accepted the “status quo” dictated by Washington. They fear the “grey list” of the FATF more than they fear the judgment of Allah. They have made you the guardians of colonial borders. They have turned the “sword of Islam” into a shield for the American regional order. For seventy years, the leadership of Pakistan - civilian and military alike - has repeated the slogan: “Kashmir is the jugular vein of Pakistan.” You treated it as poetry. On April 23, 2025, when New Delhi placed the Indus Waters Treaty in “abeyance” following the Pahalgam escalation, you learned that it is actually a matter of life and death. Thus, these rulers have traded the “jugular vein” for a “trade route,” forgetting that a body without a jugular vein cannot trade; it can only bleed to death.

O Sincere Officers of Pakistan Army! The “status quo” is a lie. The “peace process” is a trap and the peace they promote is the peace of the graveyard. History will not record that Pakistan lost Kashmir on the battlefield. It will record that Pakistan surrendered Kashmir in the backrooms of diplomacy, in exchange for loans and diplomatic favors. When you stand before your Lord, none of you will be asked about your rank or salary, but about why you remained silent when your brothers cried out for help. Look at your uniform. It is not a costume for parades. It is a shroud you wear to protect the Ummah. Do not let history record that when the “jugular vein” was cut, you were busy saluting the executioner. Tear up the “Washington Policy.” Smash the “Bajwa Doctrine” that values trade over blood. You have the military power. You have the noble Deen. You have the Shariah obligation. You will not meet your Creator with a “policy paper” as a defense in your hand. Meet Allah (swt) with the dust from marching in Jihad in the Path of Allah (swt) on your boots.

The Ruwaybidah agent leadership have chained the loins of this Ummah. Hizb ut Tahrir has been calling you again and again to break these chains of humiliation and give nussrah (military power) to its sincere leadership to re-establish the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood. You hold the keys to power; do not use them to lock the prison of the Ummah, but to open the gates of victory. Be the Ansar of this century and restore the shield (junnah) of the Khilafah that our beloved Prophet (saw) gave glad tidings of.

This is a sincere cry from an occupied Islamic land.