

Message from H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi  
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
on Kashmir Black Day – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018

27<sup>th</sup> October marks one of the darkest chapters of the Jammu & Kashmir history. On this day, seven decades ago, Indian forces landed in Srinagar to occupy, subjugate, oppress and terrorize the innocent people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoK) in blatant violation of international law.

The United Nations Security Council through several of its resolutions, has validated the Kashmiris' right to decide their future through a fair and impartial plebiscite. Despite its commitment to the international community to enforce these resolutions, India has embarked on a path of punitive suppression and pathological genocide that continues to this day.

Indian human rights atrocities have been well documented in the Report of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on Kashmir and have been corroborated by leading human rights organizations. India does not realize that it is impossible to crush the spirit of a people once they commit to the achievement of their freedom. Pakistan strongly supports the OHCHR Report's recommendation to constitute a Commission of Inquiry (COI) to analyze the human rights situation in Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir.

We pay homage to the sacrifices of our brethren in IoK and reiterate our unflinching and steadfast moral, diplomatic and political support for the just cause of the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir. This support will continue till the realization of their lawful right to self-determination.

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