**Missing actionable solidarity**

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It is now a general perception that Kashmiris are missing result oriented and practical actionable solidarity. Pakistan has failed in projection of the Kashmir issue to drag the Modi government to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for his unprecedented crimes against humanity against oppressed Kashmiris. This year, on Kashmir Day, I would like to express my solidarity with Kashmiri brothers and sisters who are struggling for their basic right of self-determination and advise the government to stand up with full power with Kashmiris the way Quaid-e-Azam and Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto stood with them and highlighted their case.

The government and all of us need to have the same spirits and strength which was expressed by tribal warriors who invaded Kashmir with their bravery and passion. Why has it happened and where is our strong will and power of support to Kashmiris worldwide. My heart bleeds when I see the endless crime against Kashmiris by the Indian army under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Where is our slogan on Kashmir and where is our state radio and media which has stopped their great work of the past highlighting the Kashmir issue through special programmes? We recall about Kashmir on the given set dates and express solidarity. Today is again one of those days where we will all make flowery speeches and the same statements from the PM House, President and leaders of political parties shall be issued. But, will the government list out what concrete steps have been taken after the scrap of legal status of Kashmir and what efforts have been made to get the oppressed Kashmiri brothers and sisters out of the Indian ongoing oppression and brutalities?

[Biden forms China task force to meet growing challenges](https://nation.com.pk/11-Feb-2021/biden-forms-china-task-force-to-meet-growing-challenges)

550 days have passed since the brutal curfew was imposed by Indian Forces in the valley of Kashmir. PM Narendra Modi has imprisoned and caged the unarmed Kashmiris and has snatched their basic rights and access to food and medicines. Since October 27, 1947 Indian troops are committing unprecedented brutalities in terms of mass murders, blinding through pellets, rapes, tortures, enforced disappearances, political repression and suppression of freedom of speech. The valley has witnessed all kinds of brutalities since day one yet the international community and so-called champions of human rights are sleeping and even the United Nations couldn’t implement its Security Council Resolutions on Kashmir and silently witnessing the worst kind of human rights violations in Kashmir turning a blind eye. United Nations Commission for Human Rights in its report dated June 14, 2018, has highlighted in detail the brutalities committed by Indian government and per the available statistics since January 1989 till January 31 2018, 94,644 innocent Kashmiris have been killed, 7,099 were killed in custody, 11,042 women were gang-raped and 7,485 were injured by pellets. We all know that the day was observed and passed with speeches and some mini long marches by some activists.

[KP Govt innovates tool to strengthen ADP planning process](https://nation.com.pk/11-Feb-2021/kp-govt-innovates-tool-to-strengthen-adp-planning-process)

The world knows that the bone of contention between Pakistan and India is the ongoing 70 year conflict over Kashmir. Kashmir, the paradise on earth, is the only territory in the world which shares its borders with the three nuclear powers. The Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, had termed Kashmir as “the jugular vein of Pakistan”.

On October 22, Quaid e Azam ordered for an armed invasion of the state of Jammu and Kashmir with the help of Pashtun lashkars (battalions) and army troops. History applauds those less than 2,000 Pashtun tribesmen who stormed Muzaffarabad and easily scattered the Kashmir state army deployed there. By the time Maharaja came to know that Pakistan had already conquered the important town of Muzaffarabad and were on the outskirts of Uri, barely 100 miles from the capital city of Srinagar. Owing to mysterious reasons, the troops did not annex the capital and Pakistan could not capture the whole Kashmir valley. The enemies of Pakistan had joined hands as the odds were many to make the experiment of a free and independent Muslim state a failure. Hari Singh, who initially wanted his sole rule in Kashmir and Kashmir to become independent fled to India just when Pakistan was nearing victory through occupation of Kashmir. Hari Singh asked for India’s help against Pakistan and Nehru sent troops to Kashmir from a possible Pakistani invasion which India could never accept. India demanded Hari Singh to sign the instrument of accession to the Indian dominion in return for sending its troops to Kashmir. At first, Nehru faked concerns and sympathy to the cause of the Kashmiris as he promised to hold a plebiscite to determine the fate of Jammu and Kashmir. When Lord Mountbatten presented India’s offer of holding plebiscite before Quaid e Azam during a meeting in Lahore five days after India dispatched its troops, Quaid categorically rejected it. Indeed, he was a visionary leader and had the foresight to what was coming for Kashmiris if India was to be believed as he knew that the plebiscite would be sabotaged if remained under Indian supervision.

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Mountbatten offered to Jinnah that India would hold a plebiscite in the state of Kashmir, provided that Pakistan withdrew its military troops from Kashmir and also stipulated that the Indian Army would remain in the Kashmir Valley. Jinnah rejected the offer, instead he proposed an immediate withdrawal on both sides, to which Mountbatten told Jinnah that he needed the consent of Nehru. The talks ultimately failed to reach an agreement and the Kashmir issue was referred to the United Nations. Now the decades have passed, the plebiscite Nehru promised was never held as foreseen by Quaid e Azam. Unfortunately, both the countries occasionally raised the issue and accused each other for holding back on plebiscite, so much so that the issue of plebiscite was eventually forgotten.

On the basis of Quaid’s vision and efforts on Kashmir, it is our moral obligation to design a concrete national policy on Kashmir and successive governments should follow it consistently. It was very unfortunate that Quaid-i-Azam died a year after the independence of Pakistan. Kashmir would have been part of Pakistan had Quaid e Azam lived a few more years. After Quaid e Azam, it was Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto who played as a real defender, voice and messenger of Kashmiris who highlighted the Kashmir issue internationally. He was the first who reopened the chapter of Kashmir issue at the UN that was being closed for many years. He urged that the Kashmir issue should be resolved according to the UN resolutions. He took a hard stance on the issue and stated “Kashmir is to Pakistan what Berlin is to west”. He contended it on international forums uprightly time and again. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto knew the fact that without resolving the Kashmir issue, the dream for durable peace and prosperity was not possible in the region. The best solution of Kashmir was nothing but to hand it over to Pakistan since it was a Muslim majority area and also because our Quaid aimed for it. He knocked worlds conscious in the United Nations bravely with his bold speech. His address was remarkable as it summed up everything about Kashmir and its people. He said, “Jammu and Kashmir is more a part of Pakistan than it can ever be with India, with all her eloquence and all her extravagance with words. Jammu and Kashmir is part of Pakistan, in blood, in flesh, in culture, in history, in geography. In every way and in every form.” He was equally aware of the nuclear designs of India. For that very reason, he reportedly said, “Pakistan will fight, fight for a thousand years. If... India builds the (atom) bomb.... (Pakistan) will eat grass or (leaves), even go hungry, but we (Pakistan) will get one of our own (atom bomb).... We (Pakistan) have no other choice!”

[ECP proposes March 2, 3 and 4 as possible dates for Senate elections](https://nation.com.pk/11-Feb-2021/ecp-proposes-march-2-3-and-4-as-possible-dates-for-senate-elections)

It was the Kashmir issue which forced his enemies to orchestrate the ouster against his government and he had to bid farewell to not only his government but the world too. Later on, his brave daughter Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto carried on her father’s mission in Kashmir and revitalized the issue in 1989. Since then, Kashmiris freedom movement turned over a new leaf. Just like her father, she also delivered a legendary address at the 51st session of the United Nations General Assembly, held on 3rd October 1996, which continues to garner applause even today from the international community and global leaders. She had stunned the international community and heads of state with a powerful address. The most popular quote from her address is: “To suppress the brave Kashmiri youth, India sent in 600,000 military and paramilitary forces. The tools of murder, torture, rape, persecution, arson, incarceration and assassination attempts were ruthlessly used. I have been urging our Government time and again in my articles, books and also press conferences to highlight the atrocities, brutalities and crimes against humanity by the Indian Prime Minister, who has so far managed to impose the following in Kashmir:

[Rangers, FC personnel will be deployed outside polling stations: ECP](https://nation.com.pk/11-Feb-2021/rangers-fc-personnel-will-be-deployed-outside-polling-stations-ecp)

1. Scrapping the special status of Kashmir.

2. Amendments in domicile law.

3. Inhabitation by RSS and Hindu      Extremists in the valley.

4. Long curfews and brutalities on Kashmiris including women and children.

5. Engineering forced disappearance and abduction of more than five thousand Kashmiri youth, without any justification.

I once again urge Prime Minister Imran Khan to take the Kashmir case to the United Nations (UN) and file a lawsuit in International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC) against Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his accomplices for their crimes against humanity and genocide in Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (IIOK).

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