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**Message from Dr. Arif Alvi
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
(To Mark Youm-e-Istehsal on 5th August 2021)**

On August 5 2019, India yet again in violation of international law and norms undertook illegal and unilateral actions in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) to further perpetuate its occupation.

Through these actions, India tried to change the demographic structure of the occupied territory and eliminate the distinct identity of the Kashmiris people in violation of UN Charter and International law, including the 4th Geneva Convention.

These Indian actions were also aimed at foreclosing the exercise of the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people promised to them in numerous resolutions of the UN Security Council. Through continuous illegal and unilateral steps, the Indian government has created an environment of fear and chaos in IIOJK. The people of IIOJK are being subjected to collective punishment by Indian Occupation Forces, which have turned the territory into the largest militarized zone in the world.

For the past twenty-four months, Kashmiris have suffered the worst human rights violations inflicted by Indian Occupation Forces including military siege and unprecedented restrictions on fundamental freedoms of Kashmiris. To this day, the senior Kashmiri leadership remains incarcerated under trumped-up charges. Extra-judicial killings and arbitrary arrests and detentions also continue unabated.

India's illegal actions in IIOJK were aimed at breaking the spirit of the Kashmiri people, but these have manifestly failed. These steps were also forcefully rejected by Pakistan, the Kashmiris, and the international community. These Indian actions have also been denounced by international media and human rights organizations as a means to continue its illegal and brutal occupation of the region.

The day also serves as a reminder to the international community to hold India accountable for its actions and deliver on its promise to the Kashmiris. A just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people, is indispensable for durable peace and stability in South Asia.

The international community must call upon India to end its campaign of repression and human rights violations in IIOJK and reverse all its illegal actions, including those initiated on and after 5 August 2019, and to cease and desist from imposing any additional unilateral changes in the occupied territory.

The people of Pakistan stand solidly by the Kashmiri brothers and sisters in their just struggle and will continue to highlight the Jammu and Kashmir dispute to the international community. Our ultimate objective remains the peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute as per relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiris people.

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بھارت نے بین الاقوامی قانون اور اقدار کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے 5 اگست 2019ء کو ایک مرتبہ پھر بھارتی غیر قانونی زیر تسلط جموں و کشمیر میں دوبارہ یکطرفہ کارروائی کی تاکہ اپنے اس قبضہ کو مزید جاری رکھ سکے، بھارت نے اپنی ان کارروائیوں سے مقبوضہ علاقہ میں آبادی کا تناسب بدلنے کی کوشش کی اور کشمیری عوام کی منفرد شناخت کو بھی ختم کرنے کی کوشش کی جو کہ اقوام متحدہ کے چارٹر سمیت چوتھے جنیوا کنونشن اور بین الاقوامی قانون کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ بھارت کی ان کارروائیوں کا مقصد کشمیری عوام کو حق خود ارادیت کے حق سے محروم کرنا ہے جس کا اقوام متحدہ کی سلامتی کونسل کی کئی قراردادوں میں وعدہ کیا گیا تھا۔ بھارت کی نسل پرست بی جے پی حکومت نے غیر قانونی زیر تسلط جموں و کشمیر میں خوف و ہراس اور افراتفری کا ماحول پیدا کر دیا ہے۔ بھارتی غیر قانونی زیر تسلط جموں و کشمیر کے عوام کو بھارتی مقبوضہ فور سزاجتماعی سزا دے رہے ہیں جس سے یہ علاقہ دنیا بھر میں سب سے زیادہ فوجی رکھنے والا علاقہ بن گیا ہے۔ بھارتی مقبوضہ فور سز کے ہاتھوں گذشتہ 24 ماہ سے کشمیریوں کے انسانی حقوق کی شدید اور سنگین خلاف ورزیاں کی گئی ہیں جن

میں فوجی محاصرے اور کشمیریوں کی بنیادی آزادیوں پر بے مثال پابندیاں شامل ہیں، آج تک کشمیر کی اعلیٰ قیادت غلط اور دھوکے سے لگائے گئے الزامات کے تحت جیلوں میں بند ہے جبکہ کشمیریوں کی ماورائے عدالت ہلاکتوں اور دانستہ گرفتاریوں اور حرارت کا سلسلہ بلا روک ٹوک جاری ہے۔ بھارتی غیر قانونی زیر تسلط جموں و کشمیر میں بھارت کی یہ غیر قانونی کارروائیاں بھارت میں بڑھتے ہوئے ہندو فاش ازم کا مظہر ہیں۔ بھارت کی ان کارروائیوں کی بین الاقوامی میڈیا اور انسانی حقوق کی تنظیموں کی طرف سے بھی شدید مذمت کی گئی ہے جو کہ مقبوضہ علاقہ میں اس کی غیر قانونی اور بربریت کو جاری رکھنے کا ذریعہ ہے۔

یہ دن عالمی برادری کو بھارتی غیر قانونی زیر تسلط جموں و کشمیر میں سول آبادی کے خلاف جنگی جرائم پر بھارت کا احتساب کرنے کی یاد دہانی دلاتا ہے اور عالمی برادری کو کشمیریوں کے ساتھ کئے گئے وعدے پورے کرنے کی بھی یاد دہانی کرتا ہے۔ جنوبی ایشیاء میں امن و استحکام کیلئے اقوام متحدہ کی سلامتی کونسل کی قراردادوں اور کشمیری عوام کی امنگوں کے مطابق جموں و کشمیر کا منصفانہ اور پرامن حل ناگزیر ہے۔

عالمی برادری کو بھارت کو کشمیری عوام کو طاقت اور جبر سے دبانے کی مہم ختم کرنے اور 5 اگست 2019ء اور اس کے بعد مقبوضہ علاقہ میں کئے گئے تمام اقدامات واپس لینے پر زور دینا چاہئے۔ ہم جموں و کشمیر کے تنازعہ کو اقوام متحدہ کی سلامتی کونسل کی قراردادوں اور کشمیری عوام کی امنگوں کے مطابق حل کرنے کے اپنے حقیقی مقصد پر قائم ہیں۔

Message by the Prime Minister of Pakistan to mark Youm-e-Istehsal
(5 August 2021)

Today marks two years since India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019 in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). These actions were followed by unprecedented military siege and restrictions on fundamental rights and freedoms of the Kashmiri people to perpetuate Indian occupation in the occupied territory. Yet, India has failed to break the will of Kashmiri people. Kashmiris face unabated extra-judicial killings, custodial tortures and deaths, arbitrary detentions, burning and looting of houses to inflict collective punishment, and other worst forms of human rights abuses.

India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019 and subsequent measures particularly pertaining to domicile rules and the land ownership laws are aimed at changing the demographic structure of IIOJK and converting the Kashmiris into a minority in their own land. These measures are in blatant violation of international law including the UN Charter, the United Nations Security Council Resolutions, and the 4th Geneva Convention. Pakistan, the Kashmiris, and the international community forcefully rejected these steps.

The criticism and censure of India's illegal actions in IIOJK by a number of international organizations including UN, OHCHR, European Parliament, international media and by various human rights experts and human rights organizations is well documented.

Pakistan has the utmost respect for the people of IIOJK for their unparalleled courage, sacrifices and persistence in facing Indian tyranny as they resolutely struggle for their legitimate right to self-determination.

All the unilateral and illegal actions taken by India in IIOJK, from the outset, the measures initiated on and after 5 August 2019, and any additional unilateral changes that India may introduce in the future, are violations of international law including the Security Council Resolutions and the 4th Geneva Convention, and *ipso facto* null and void.

Pakistan calls upon the international community, including the United Nations, human rights organizations and the global media, to hold India accountable for its crimes against the Kashmiri people.

I would like to reaffirm Pakistan's abiding commitment to the Kashmir cause. We will continue to extend all possible assistance to Kashmiris till the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination and a just resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people.

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**Draft Message by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan to mark Youm-e-Istehsal
(5 August 2021)**

On this day today, marking twenty-four months since India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019, we honor sacrifices of Kashmiris and salute their indomitable spirit in their just struggle for inalienable right to self-determination.

In violation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir and of international law, India tried to obliterate the distinct identity of the Kashmiri people. India hoped that by attempting to alter demographic structure of Indian Illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK), it could dampen the spirit of the Kashmiri people or at the very least, make them compromise on their legitimate right to self-determination. On both counts, India has abjectly failed. These steps were forcefully rejected by Pakistan, the Kashmiris, and the international community.

The unabated Indian repression including extra-judicial killings of innocent Kashmiris, unprecedented restrictions on freedom of speech, fake encounters, cordon-and-search operations, custodial torture and deaths, enforced disappearances, incarceration of Kashmiri leadership and youth, use of pellet guns, destruction and burning of houses, and other methods of subjugation have miserably failed to shake the resolve of the Kashmiri people.

The Jammu and Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan has been on the agenda of UN Security Council since 1948. It remains an internationally recognized dispute, the solution of which is firmly anchored in the relevant UN Security Council resolutions in accordance with UN Charter and the wishes of the people of Kashmir.

Regrettably, India has not fulfilled its commitments to the UN Security Council, Pakistan, international community and the Kashmiri people.

The international community, human rights organizations, international media and the civil society have called India out on its tyranny in the region. World leaders and Parliamentarians have expressed concern and shown their support for the Kashmiris.

More than 1.5 billion people of the region deserve to see the dawn of peace and prosperity which has been held hostage to the gross and systematic violations of human rights in IIOJK.

Pakistan calls upon the international community to hold India accountable for its crimes against Kashmiris and demand that India reverses its illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019, revoke draconian laws, cease all human rights violations, and stop its state-terrorism against the people of IIOJK.

We express complete solidarity with the people of IIOJK and assure our Kashmiri brothers and sisters that the Government and people of Pakistan stand united with them. Pakistan will not relent in its support until the Kashmiris realize their legitimate right to self-determination in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions.
