



RESOLUTION NO. 271

The Senate of Pakistan, after having detailed discussions and deliberations on adjournment motions moved by Senators from all Parliamentary Parties on the unprecedented State terrorism, brutal killings, human rights violations and restrictions on freedom of expression including mass and social media restrictions in the Indian Held Kashmir (IHK), unanimously resolves, to express solidarity with the oppressed and struggling people of IHK in their latest popular, spontaneous, indigenous and widespread upsurge against the illegal and unjust occupation.

The House takes note that since the pivotal martyrdom of Burhan Wani, and scores of innocent civilians, the unprecedented brutality of the Indian security forces in the Valley have resulted in an ongoing massacre leading to over 50 fatalities, 3500 injuries and nearly 150 persons blinded and critically maimed.

Apart from the fifth generation of Kashmiris facing near genocidal policies of the State, with the highest soldier-civilian ratio in the world as over 700,000 troops and paramilitary remain as occupiers in a Valley with a population of 4 million, black laws reinforce the egregious human rights violations. Black laws like the Public Safety Act, the Jammu & Kashmir Armed Forces Special Powers Act and other punitive measures which should be immediately repealed since these are repugnant to fundamental rights and human dignity encoded in universal laws and civilised norms. The proliferation of mass graves and the blatant use of lethal and proscribed non-lethal weapons testify to this chilling reality.

To cover up these excoriable crimes against humanity, the 'world's largest democracy', India, has resorted to the worst kind of censorship including print, electronic and social media blanket bans. This attempt to blackout voices of truth coming out from behind this 'Iron Curtain' of terror and shame has included intimidation and harassment of journalists, conscientious objectors and human rights defenders.

The Senate, representing the sentiments of the entire Federation of Pakistan,-

STRONGLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNNS these blatant violations of international and human rights laws, and

URGES the international community, inter governmental and inter-parliamentary organizations, elected representatives and bodies, human rights organizations, civil society and media organizations working for freedom of expression to respond to this urgent call of conscience by implementing forthwith the United Nations resolutions on the inalienable right of self-determination of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Moved by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House on his own behalf and on behalf of entire House.
Unanimously passed by the Senate of Pakistan
on 22nd July, 2016**