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The UN promised Kashmiris the right of self determination to decide their future through the vote. They are still waiting for that vote to take place.

While the media focuses on India and Pakistan, the core issues are being ignored: Kashmir, Kashmiris, their rights, and their aspirations for freedom, peace and justice.

The August 5, 2019 reinvasion of Kashmir by India while dismantling Kashmir's "special status" under Article 370 and Article 35A of its Constitution is an act of aggression amounting to an illegal annexation of the UN-recognised disputed territory.

WHAT DOES INDIA HAVE TO HIDE IN KASHMIR?

INDIA REJECTED THE UN REQUEST ACCESS TO KASHMIR

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has on numerous occasions requested that the Governments of India and Pakistan give his Office unconditional access to Kashmir to assess the human rights situation. India rejected this request, while Pakistan offered access should the Office obtain access to Indian-Adminis-

UN: KASHMIR COMMUNICATIONS

SHUTDOWN A 'COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT'

India makes a serious effort to keep the world blind to its occupation of Kashmir. Censorship in Kashmir involves censorship of news media, social media, as well as blocking internet and mobile service. According to the Software Freedom Law Center, the internet in Kashmir has been blocked at least 150 times for as long as 133 days in a row. www.InternetShutDowns.in

MORE KASHMIRIS ARE PROTESTING: THE UN

While Indian-Administered Kashmir has experienced waves of protests in the past—in the late 1980s to early 1990s, 2008 and 2010—this current round of protests appears to involve more people than the before: tinyurl.com/UNKashmir



KASHMIR HUMAN RIGHTS STATISTICS

SINCE 1989

C.J. Werleman: tinyurl.com/WerlemanKashmir

Killings:.....	94,479
Custodial killings:.....	7,048
Disappearances:.....	10,125
Gang rapes:.....	10,283
Kids orphaned:.....	20,085
Women widowed:.....	20,005
Buildings destroyed:.....	106,071

"It is a conflict that has robbed millions of their basic human rights and continues to this day to inflict untold suffering." The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights:

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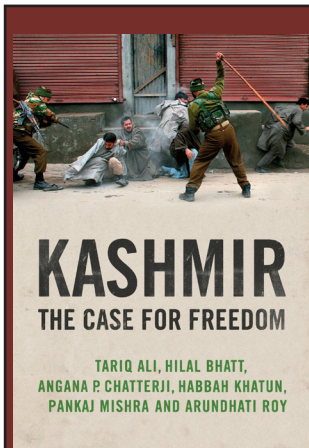
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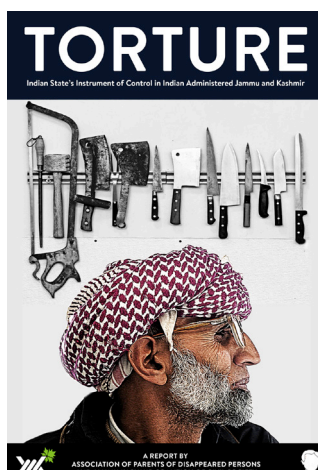
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Kashmir is one of the most protracted and bloody occupations in the world—and one of the most ignored. Under Indian military rule (that at half a million troops exceeds the total number of US forces in Iraq and Afghanistan) freedom of speech is non-existent, and human-rights abuses and atrocities are routinely visited on its Muslim-majority population. Kashmir: The Case for Freedom is a passionate call for the end of occupation, and for the right of self-determination for the Kashmiri people.
tinyurl.com/amazonKashmir



"His flesh was cut from buttocks and he was made to eat it."

This 550 Page Report is the work of Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) & Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS)

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Depending on the lens through which this conflict is viewed, the rebel combatants are called "terrorists", "militants", "freedom fighters" or "mujahids". Most Kashmiris call them 'mujahids' and when they are killed, hundreds of thousands of people—whether they agree with their methods or not—turn out for their funerals, to mourn for them and bid them farewell. Indeed, most of the civilians who were killed this past year, are those who put their bodies in the way of harm to allow militants cornered by soldiers to escape.

Arundhati Roy "Our Captured, Wounded Hearts: Arundhati Roy On Balakot, Kashmir And India: tinyurl.com/ArundhatiKashmir

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Kashmir is more than three times the size of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg combined. India holds 101,387 sq. km of Kashmir, Pakistan controls 78,114 sq km known as "Azad Kashmir" or Independent Kashmir, the two areas divided by heavily militarised Line of Control.

- Total population of both Kashmirs is 17 million with a Muslim majority.
- Urdu is the official language on both sides of the Kashmir.
- Independent Kashmir has its constitution and a flag. Indian held Kashmir lost its flag, constitution and right to self govern and statehood because of illegal amendment to the Indian constitution by dropping its Article 370.
- Capital of Indian occupied Kashmir: Srinagar. Capital of Independent Kashmir: Muzaffarabad

LOCATION:

Heart of Asia, with historical links to both South and Central Asia. Bordered by Pakistan, India, China.

PRESENT STATUS:

In dispute since 1947. 63% of the area is occupied by India by deploying 800,000 securitymen.

CAUSE OF DISPUTE:

India's claim that Kashmir is Indian territory. The claim is rejected by the people of Kashmir, and challenged by Pakistan. It has never been accepted by the United Nations, never legally validated.

SOLUTION:

An impartial referendum as promised by India, Pakistan and the United Nation under impartial control to determine the future status of Kashmir.

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KASHMIR IS NOT AN INTERNAL MATTER OF INDIA

We would like to underscore that the Kashmir conflict is not an "internal matter" for India to resolve on its own terms. Neither is it a matter to be resolved bilaterally by negotiations between India and Pakistan, and not only because they have failed to do so for over seventy years. Kashmiri people have continued a longstanding resistance and for the conflict to be resolved, it is imperative that their wishes be determined, through direct and ethical means such as the referendum promised by UN Security Council resolutions in 1948, the conditions of which both Pakistan and India have failed to fulfill. KashmirScholarsNetwork.org

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS & KASHMIR SCHOLARS

Human Rights Watch: hrw.org/tag/kashmir
United Nations: <https://tinyurl.com/UNKashmir>
Kashmir Scholars: KashmirScholars.org
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**A LETTER BY WORLD
SCHOLARS ON KASHMIR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS'
SECRETARY GENERAL**

KashmirScholarsNetwork.org

**WE RECOMMEND THAT UNITED NATIONS WORK
URGENTLY TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING GOALS:**

- 1) Immediate cessation of Indian violence against Kashmiri civilians.
- 2) Recognize the right of the Kashmiri people to determine their own political future, and mediate a just settlement based on the right to self-determination. In this process, international monitors must ensure that there is no government reprisal or intimidation against the people of Kashmir as they discuss future arrangements and express their political aspirations.
- 3) Work urgently to demilitarize both sides of the Line of Control between India and Pakistan. Further, to demilitarize all of Kashmir and immediately revoke Indian impunity laws such as the Armed Forces Special Powers Act.
- 4) Create mechanisms and procedures that will allow Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control to meet freely and discuss their political futures.
- 5) Create a Special Rapporteur with the mandate to investigate and report on crimes against humanity in Kashmir. This would be the first step in setting up credible mechanisms for documentation, accountability and justice, (such as an international criminal tribunal) for human rights abuses in Kashmir over the past three decades, including extrajudicial executions, torture, gendered and sexualized violence, enforced disappearances, and unknown, unmarked and mass graves.
- 6) Create a UN Commission of Inquiry with the mandate to investigate all instances of human rights violations, which will be the first step in seeking accountability and justice for these crimes.

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**OCCUPATION IS A CRIME.
MILITARIZATION IS INJUSTICE.
SELF-DETERMINATION IS A RIGHT.**



Make Kashmiri voices the main voice on Kashmir.
StandWithKashmir.org is run by Kashmiri Americans.

Other websites run by Kashmiris includes
www.GreaterKashmir.com • www.KashmirLife.net
www.RisingKashmir.com • www.KashmirReader.com

**THERE IS NO JUSTICE FOR ASIFA BANO &
10,283 OTHER VICTIMS OF GANG RAPES
WITHOUT FREEDOM FOR KASHMIR**



An 8-year-old Kashmiri girl, Asifa Bano, was abducted in a pre-meditated manner by the leader of a Hindu temple with the express purpose of terrorizing the Muslim neighbors into leaving the area. To do justice by Asifa would be to recognize that in her tragedy lies the story of thousands of women and girls in Kashmir who have experienced the same crimes fueled by the same ideologies. She was gang-raped in the temple, then was killed by having her head smashed with a stone. The body was placed in an open space where it could be found. The incident took place in Jammu and Kashmir on January 12, 2018.

The ruling party ministers actually protested for the release of the rapists. They also blocked officers from reaching the court with indictments against the rapists and the police officers involved in the plot. The murderers and rapists achieved their goal: All Muslims in that neighborhood have moved out.23

More than 10,000 Kashmiris have been gang raped by the Indian forces. The majority of cases do not get reported because officers from "upper" Hindu castes are mostly responsible for these crimes. Sometimes, to force poor people to withdraw their cases, they file false cases against the victims. The method to this madness came straight from Burma, where Rohingya Muslims fled mass rapes.





PROMISE OF INDIAN PRIME MINISTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TO THE WORLD ABOUT KASHMIR

"We have declared that the fate of Kashmir is ultimately to be decided by the people. The pledge we have given not only to the people of Kashmir but to the world. We will not and cannot back out of it." (In broadcast to nation on All India Radio: Nov. 2 1947).

HIBA, YOUNGEST VICTIM OF INDIA'S BRUTAL PELLET GUNS IN KASHMIR, STILL WITHOUT SIGHT



Since 2010 India has used pellet guns, normally used for hunting animals, as "non-lethal" weapons to control protests in Kashmir. Approximately 3800 cases of pellet gun injuries have been registered with the State Human Rights Commission. However, the Pellet Victims Welfare Trust says that the number soars much higher most don't register themselves because of fear of security forces.

KASHMIR SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR 130 SCHOOL DAYS

Although the world recently discovered that everything in Kashmir is shut down, this is a normal practice of Indian army. Schools and colleges were closed for nearly 60 percent of the working days between July 2016 and May 2017. An estimated 130 school days were lost in 2016 for approximately 1.4 million children.

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A TIMELINE OF KASHMIR FREEDOM STRUGGLE

The Kashmiri struggle for self-determination goes back not just to the year 1947 but to the year 1931, when Kashmiris began a mass movement against the war lord imposed on them.

1846-BRITISH SOLD KASHMIR IS SOLD TO HINDU WARLORD

British colonial rulers of India sold the territory, including its populace (by a sale deed called the Treaty of Amritsar, in return for a sum of money) to a Hindu warlord who had no roots in Kashmir.

This warlord's acts of brutality during his regime have left bitter memories, some of which persist to this present day. Several mosques were occupied by his forces. The slaughtering of a cow was declared a crime punishable by death.

1931-KASHMIRIS' FIRST ORGANIZED PROTEST

The Kashmiris made their first protest against Maharajah Hari Singh's cruelty when he declared death sentence for eating beef.

1946-THE "QUIT KASHMIR" CAMPAIGN The 1931 protest led to the "Quit Kashmir" campaign against the Maharajah in 1946.

AUGUST 14, 1947-India and Pakistan are free.

JANUARY 1948-India took Kashmir issue to UN Security Council.

APRIL 21, 1948-UN Resolved for Self-Determination for Kashmiris.

JANUARY 24, 1957-UN Security Council reaffirms 1948 resolution. The Security Council, reaffirming its previous resolution to the effect, "that the final disposition of the state of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with the will of the people expressed through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of United Nations."

1965, 1971 India and Pakistan fought over Kashmir, became nuclear powers while Kashmiris waited for the UN to give them the right of self determination.

1989: A popular mass resistance movement began in Kashmir.

2019 AUGUST - Indian government strips Jammu and Kashmir state of the special status that gave it theoretical autonomy.

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One of the 800,000 Indian soldier holds two Kashmiri civilians on gun point as they duck for cover. Srinagar, Kashmir



A Kashmiri woman kisses the tombstone of her son at martyrs graveyard in Srinagar, Kashmir. Below: A young Kashmiri boy shouts pro-freedom slogans (Azadi) during a protest on the outskirts of Srinagar, Kashmir



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