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Excellency,

I am writing this letter to apprise you and other esteemed Parliamentary Colleagues on the ongoing atrocities on the defenseless and innocent Kashmiris in Indian Occupied Kashmir at the hands of Indian forces.

On 8th July 2016, the Indian forces killed a young Kashmiri Leader, Burhan Muzaffar Wani, a social media icon, in extrajudicial killing.

More than 200,000 Kashmiris, mostly youth, participated in the gatherings, held in several locations across Indian Occupied Kashmir on 9th July, to offer funeral prayers. The Indian forces tried, albeit without success, to discourage peaceful funeral gatherings by clamping curfew and use of brute force, *which led to the killings of 15 Kashmiris and more than 300 were injured.*

The Indian forces further aggravated the situation for aggrieved Kashmiris by their inhuman act in which the Indian forces attacked ambulances, clinics and hospitals to deny immediate medical attention to the injured, some of whom were critical.

The Indian forces not only used excessive force to suppress the Kashmiri youths' peaceful expression of sentiments of grief and imposed curfew but they also blocked all means of communication, including a complete media blackout.

India has closed down Amnesty International's offices to deny them reporting on the crimes against humanity, perpetrated by the Indian forces on the Kashmiris. India has also refused to allow UNHCR's fact finding mission to the Indian Occupied Kashmir and not even responded to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) similar request made during July last in the wake of the grave human rights violations.

The atrocities and blatant violations of human rights committed by the Indian forces on Kashmiri young men, women and children are now into its 48th day and continuing unabated with impunity. According to the estimates, *more than 80 Kashmiris have been killed and over 7,000 are injured.*

I am availing myself of this opportunity to also register with your Excellency a gruesome act committed by the Indian forces. Pellet guns have been used by the Indian forces, on the defenseless Kashmiris. The firing was aimed above the waist line, which indicated intention to kill. This has caused severe injuries to the eyes of the Kashmiris. *Total eye victims are now more than 500. More than 150 have lost their eyes while many others' eyes have been partially damaged.* A generation of young Kashmiris is being *targeted to cripple them for life time.* Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has announced assistance to those with eye injuries to save them from a life time misery.

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The Kashmiri Leadership, Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umer Farooq, Shabbir Shah, Yasin Malik and many others remain in detention since day 1.

Pakistan has taken up the issue with Secretary General United Nations, President UN Security Council, Secretary General Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Commissioner Human Rights and Members of the United Nations and its Security Council as well as OIC Members. However, it seems that India, out of arrogance is not willing to end the bloodshed of hapless Kashmiris despite voices of concern from the International Community.

Pakistan has offered India talks on Kashmir with the view to amicably resolve this longstanding dispute between the two countries. India has not any inclination and is trying every effort to divert the International Community's attention to hide its cruelties in Indian Occupied Kashmir. India has also been indulging in the senseless attempt to portray the indigenous Kashmiri movement for self-determination as terrorism. But International Community has rejected that notion. Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in its 13th Summit Declaration in Istanbul also rejected the Indian claim of equating Kashmiri struggle for self-determination with terrorism. The very scale at which the current movement has spread clearly reflects it being indigenous.

On behalf of all members of National Assembly of Pakistan, I am writing to not only invite your kind attention to the deteriorating situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir but also seek your condemnation of the Indian brutalities and to urge India to end the repression and resolve the issue in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolutions on Kashmir, which allow Kashmiris to exercise their right of self-determination under a UN supervised plebiscite, as early as possible.

Sincerely,



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