

DECEMBER 12; ISLAMABAD: INDIA CAN NEVER BREAK RESOLVE OF KASHMIRI PEOPLE: MASOOD KHAN

Sardar Masood Khan, President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has said Kashmiris are gallant nation and they will continue fighting until they are granted their inherent right to self-determination in line



with UN Security Council resolutions and their own aspirations.

Speaking at Kashmir Conference organized by All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) and Kashmir Media Service at Kashmir House here, he termed India a coward enemy who is struggling hard to fight poorly equipped 250 militants with its 700,000 soldiers.

The conference was also addressed by Federal Minister for Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan Affairs, Ali Ameen Gundapur, Pakistan Peoples Party leader, Senator Rehman Malik, Jamaat Islami Occupied Kashmir leader Ghulam Muhammad Safi, Executive Director Kashmir American Council, Dr Imtiaz, Chairman London based Jammu and Kashmir Human Rights Council, Dr Nazir Gillani, former Secretary Foreign Affairs, Aizaz Chaudhry, Convener All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Syed Faiz Naqashbandi, Director Kashmir Media Service, Sheikh Tajam-ul- Islam, Dr Zafar Bangash, Younas Nabi Baig, Abdul Hamid Loan and

others.

President Sardar Masood Khan while referring to statements of Indian defence ministry officials, who claimed that there are hardly 200 to 250 militants in the occupied valley, questioned that why India needs 700,000 army to fight a few hundred militants?

“India on one hand claims the presence of a couple of hundred militants in Occupied Kashmir and on the other it did not explain why there is a need to have 700,000 Indian forces and black laws in the occupied state,” he emphasized.

The president said that in fact Indian army backed by infamous Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) and Public Safety Act (PSA) is meant to suppress the political aspirations of the people of Occupied Kashmir and their just struggle.

Terming people of Kashmir as most brave and courageous nation of the world, Masood Khan said they are fighting an armed to the teeth occupier with sticks and stones for over 70 years. “They are neither disappointed nor tired of their struggle to kick the aggressor out of their land,” Masood Khan said and added Kashmiri people are struggling for their freedom and will continue their fight relentlessly till the desired goal is achieved.

“Kashmiri youth, mostly teen agers are being blinded on mass-scale and women are raped to break the will of Kashmiri people but India will never be able to succeed in her nefarious designs and ill motives,” he added.

President Masood further said that Indian Occupation army’s brutalities and barbaric acts have crossed all the limits especially in indiscriminate use of pellets guns for mass blinding of youth, which the global media has termed as the first mass blinding in human

history.

He urged India to respond positively Pakistan's offer of dialogue and opening of Kartarpur corridor as a confidence-building measures. New Delhi should respond by halting military operation in Occupied Kashmir and releasing all political prisoners detained and imprisoned in different jails of occupied Kashmir and India.

The AJK President also paid glowing tributes to the martyrs of Kashmir struggle and said it is the blood of Kashmiris that has kept the Kashmir issue alive.