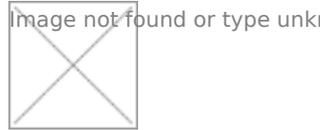


KASHMIRIS REVIVE SPIRIT OF KARBALA BY OFFERING SUPREME SACRIFICES: MASOOD

ISLAMABAD, August 18: The AJK President Sardar Masood Khan has said people of Jammu and Kashmir were enlivening the spirit of the Karbala tragedy by offering great sacrifices to get freedom from oppression and tyranny.



“Ashura Muharram reminds us of the supreme sacrifices offered by Hazrat Imam Hussain and his companion at Karbala to uphold the truth and golden principles of Islam, he said in a message on the occasion of Ashura Muharram.

He said that the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) teaches Muslims to fight tyranny and had also set enduring precedence for the freedom-loving people and the oppressed nations of the world.

President Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan said that the martyrdom of Imam Hussain and his holy companions has brought many wonderful lessons for our individual and collective life. The patience, courage, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to the golden principles of Islam will always be a beacon light for all of us.

He said that at Karbala, the family of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him) and his companions offered the supreme sacrifices to uphold the golden principles of Islam against the dictatorial powers.

“The message of Karbala is very clear and unambiguous. The purpose of those who went to Karbala was not to seize a piece of land or to gain a throne but to preserve and uphold basic human values. It was a battle between right and wrong and between justice and injustice”, he asserted.

The AJK president said that we need to seek guidance from the Karbala tragedy to achieve our supreme cause. "Our oppressed brethren including men and women are resisting Indian repression in Occupied Kashmir," he said, adding that Kashmiri people are eyeing us and on this sacred occasion. We pledge that we would promote fraternity and brotherhood, harmony, and the spirit of sacrifice in our national life.

Masood said, "Today, we need to inculcate unity and discipline in our rank and life. If we follow the example set by Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his companions, no power on the earth can suppress the voice of the Kashmiri people."

The AJK President also strongly condemned the use of force against the journalists covering the processions of Muharram in Srinagar, the capital of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and added that such tactics would not help India to silence the voices of freedom and justice.