

MASOOD CONDEMNS ARBITRARY ARRESTS IN IIOJK AHEAD OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY



MUZAFFARABAD, August 12: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) President Sardar Masood Khan on Thursday strongly condemned arbitrary arrests of dozen of youth and fresh restrictions on the movement of people in Illegally Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir ahead of India's Independence Day.

Reacting to house-to-house searches and arbitrary arrests of people by the Indian Army and police in Srinagar and other areas, the President said that India, on one hand, was preparing to celebrate its Independence and on the other depriving Kashmiris of their basic freedom.

“The voices of dissent are being increasingly muzzled while organizations aligned with the “BJP-RSS have gained freedom. It is a mockery of India’s so-called democracy and freedom”, the State

President said.

The AJK President said that not only the lives of Kashmiri Muslims have been made miserable in India and IIOJK but all minorities including moderate Hindus, Dalit, Christian, Sikh, and Parsi communities are being badly affected by the policies of Modi's fascist government.

“Now this perception has deepened in the world that there is no democracy in India but a rule of oppression in which the rights of all except the limited ruling class and the ruling party, are not protected and their lives, properties, and dignity are at peril”, Khan said.

The State President said that Occupied Jammu and Kashmir has practically been turned into a military garrison and police state where unarmed personnel in army and police uniforms are not only terrorizing innocent and helpless Kashmiris, but they are also engaged in genocide through the massacre of innocent people.

Strongly condemning the ruthless atrocities and blatant violation of the human rights of the Kashmiri people by the Indian forces in occupied Kashmir, President Masood called upon the international community to play its role for the realization of the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions.

He said that Kashmiris were determined to carry on their struggle until they liberate their territory from India and make it part of Pakistan as per their political desire.