

MASOOD KHAN PAYS RICH TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS ON KASHMIR MARTYRS DAY

Muzaffarabad; 13 July 2018: Sardar Masood Khan, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir, in a statement issued here on the eve of Kashmir Martyrs Day paid glowing tribute to the martyrs of 13th July 1931 who were ruthlessly murdered in Srinagar.



Today, he said, the people of Occupied Kashmir living on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) and Kashmiris and Pakistanis are observing the 87th Kashmir Martyrs Day with renewed pledge to continue the mission of Kashmiri martyrs in their struggle for self-determination and freedom from the Indian Occupation forces.

The President said that after 87 years the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir are still facing an oppressive reign of terror. He said that the Indian forces have made the whole of Jammu and Kashmir into a virtual prison for the Kashmiris. He said that Indian forces are killing innocent Kashmiris, womenfolk are being dishonoured, hundreds of Kashmiris both young and old have lost their eye-sight due to the use of illegal pellet guns.

President Masood Khan has said that the recently released report by

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, has highlighted major human rights violations in IOK and the absolute immunity enjoyed by the Indian Occupation forces against any prosecution.

The President in this message urged international humanitarian organizations to take cognizance of the grave human rights violations taking place in IOK.

President AJK said that the sacrifices of our martyrs and ghazis will not go in vain and no earthly force or India's oppressive rule will make us forgo our struggle for our inalienable right to self-determination. Furthermore, the President strongly supported the unwavering stance of the Joint Resistance Leadership in their peaceful struggle for freedom.

The President paid rich tribute to Aasiya Andrabi, Fahmeeda Sofi and Naheed Nasreen and strongly condemned their illegal arrest and transfer to Delhi. He said that Assiya Andrabi and her companions are human rights defenders and simply demanding their freedom from the occupation forces.

The President demanded that India retreat its forces from Jammu and Kashmir. He said that it's the responsibility of the international community to ascertain the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris in IOK according to UN Security Council's Resolutions. "The only solution to this long-standing issue is through a plebiscite in which the people IOK are allowed to practice their free political will", he said