

**THERE IS NO OUT-OF-BOX SOLUTION OF KASHMIR ISSUE: AJK  
PRESIDENT**





MUZAFFARABAD, May 4: The President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Masood Khan while ruling out any out of box solution of the Kashmir issue and stressed for implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions.

In an interview with a private television channel here on Tuesday, the State President said that there are three parties to the Kashmir issue i.e. Pakistan, India, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir but the Kashmiris are the most important and basic party as these are the people who are to decide their future destiny, while Pakistan and India will play facilitators' role.

AJK President asserted that Tashkent Agreement, Simla Accord, Sawaran Singh-Bhutto talks and Musharraf-Vajpayee negotiations in the past remained inconclusive and no solution could be found to Kashmir because Kashmiris were not part of those parleys.

"All those rounds bilateral talks failed because Kashmir were directly or indirectly not involved in them, and still, only those talks would be successful in which the people of Jammu and Kashmir will be fully involved and their will and aspirations will be considered," he added.

Sardar Masood Khan dispelled the impression that the international community had not sided with the Kashmiri people after August 5, 2019, and said that the fact remains that after these unlawful actions of the Indian government, media and the civil society across the world had raised voice in support of oppressed Kashmiris while parliaments of several influential countries had condemned the Indian actions and supported the fundamental rights of Kashmir.

However, he maintained that the world's attention from Kashmir was diverted because of some internal factors of Pakistan and certain developments on the international level including the outbreak of novel coronavirus.

While talking about the reasons for the lack of any development on the Kashmir issue despite a debate in the UN Security Council, the AJK president said that although the UN Security Council session on the Kashmir issue after a lapse of 50 years was a great achievement but the session ended without reaching any conclusion and no president statement was issued about this session.

"Its the basic reason is that no permanent member of the Security Council except China was willing to speak against India or take decisive measures against that country," he said adding that these influential Western countries have strategic interests with India including to use India to reduce China's growing influence.

Responding to a question about change in Pakistan's stand on the Kashmir issue, Sardar Masood Khan said that Pakistan had adopted a principled stand since 1947, and there has been no change in it nor the people of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir would ever allow any kind of change in it.