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Hon. Prime Minister

Arrest of JKNAP and JKNSF leadership and members in AJK

Leadership and activists of Jammu Kashmir National Awami Party (JKNAP) and Jammu Kashmir National Students Federation (JKNSF) have been arrested on 19 July 2009 from the territories of Azad Kashmir currently administered as trust responsibility by the Government of Pakistan under UNCIP Resolutions until the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir exercise their right to self determination. The trust has to be discharged in the best interests of the people and without prejudice to the full regime of human rights of the people.

Government of Pakistan in fact should have discharged its obligation in regard to the setting up a UN supervised administration in Azad Kashmir as stipulated in the UN mechanism on Kashmir.

JKNAP and JKNSF had organized protest marches and public meetings, as part of their political faith in freely expressed politics of a people entitled to equality and self-determination. UNCIP Resolutions and article 257 of the Constitution of Pakistan don't cause any restraint on the freedom of opinion.

JKNAP and JKNSF advocate the reunification of Jammu Kashmir and its complete independence through political and non violent means, in the manner which is enshrined in UNCIP Resolutions, article 257 of the Constitution of Pakistan and the Hurriyat Constitution adopted on 31 July 1993. JKCHR has argued its position in this regard in the Writ Petition No.122 of 1992, decided on 2 April 1999 by the High Court (full court) of Azad Kashmir.

JKCHR is concerned on the arrest of Liaquat Hayat (central president of JKNAP), Wajid Ayyub and Shaihid Sharaf. The local administration has lodged FIR's against more than hundred activists of JKNAP and JKNSF and police is harassing the families and friends of

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the activists of JKNAP and JKNSF. It is also reported that four Kashmiri students were allegedly abducted by members of secret services from Rawalpindi for being the activists of JKNSF and humiliated.

All these are State Subjects. Their arrests in the area administered as Trust Obligation by the Government of Pakistan is a matter of serious concern for JKCHR. These territories are a Trust Obligation of other member nations of UN as well.

You are requested to take urgent measures as chairman AJK Council for the release of these State Subjects and ensure that the local administration and other non State Subject members of administration don't violate the Trust Obligations.

We sincerely hope that this communication merits your most early consideration.

Yours faithfully



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