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- Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

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Human Rights Situation in Jammu and Kashmir (Indian occupied)

I wish to invite your urgent attention to a serious human rights situation and medical emergency which has unfolded in the Indian occupied part of Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian army is engaged in a war with the unarmed people. It has placed the people under curfew for over a month. Over 6000 people have been injured over the past one month by these forces across Kashmir with around 800 cases reported on Friday (August 5) alone. Death toll has risen to 60. Critically injured have received eye injuries and majority of them have been blinded for life by the use of pellet gun. Kashmiri youth remains their target.

Indian security forces are under caution for their number, behaviour and location under UN Security Council Resolution of 21 April 1948. Friday was the bloody Friday in the Valley, when army locked the Hazrat Bal Mosque and the Jamia Masjid, refusing the Muslims to offer Friday prayers. It is a new development and the Hindu Indian soldier, seems free to interfere in the religious practice of the Muslim majority in the State.

The situation merits urgent attention of the UN Secretary General under article 99 of the UN Charter. It is a good news that Government of Pakistan has formally approached medical

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relief charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) for emergency health services in Kashmir.

It is extremely important that your office takes cognizance of the situation and reminds Government of India of its obligations in the disputed State under the UN Resolutions. We respectfully urge you that a special session of the UN Human Rights Council on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the manner of one called for Palestine in September 2014, is convened. There is an urgent need that we examine the possibility of reporting the situation to International Criminal Court for War Crimes.

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights should take all possible steps to protect the life, property and honour of the people and ensure that the Indian soldier is restrained as required under UN Resolution of 21 April 1948.

Yours Sincerely



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