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Health Cards Coming to Balochistan – Your Key to Quality Healthcare

Pakistan reaffirms support for Kashmiris' right to self-determination

ISLAMABAD (INP): As the nation observes 'Kashmir Black Day' today, marking the 76 years of Indian armed forces' illegal occupation in Kashmir, President of Pakistan Dr Arif Alvi and Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar have assured the Kashmiri people of Pakistan's unwavering support for their legitimate struggle for the right to self-determination.

According to Kashmir Media Service, President Arif Alvi in his message said that October 27 1947 was one of the darkest days in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. "Over the last seventy-six years, India has not only renegeged on its obligations to the people of Jammu and Kashmir but has also disregarded multilateralism by backtracking on UNSC resolutions," he added.



He said the people of occupied Kashmir have endured endless oppression during this period, however, India has failed to weaken their resolve to realize their inalienable right to self-determination.

Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar in his message noted that over the last 76 years, India had employed various methods to perpetuate its illegal rule over Kashmir. However, since Aug 5, 2019, there has been an intensified campaign to 'Indianise' Kashmir and disempower the Kashmiri people in their own land, he lamented.

He said the Indian occupation has taken several measures to achieve these nefarious designs, including gerrymandering electoral constituencies, adding non-Kashmiris to voter rolls, issuing domicile certificates to outsiders, and introducing new laws on land and property ownership.

Punjab, Sindh CMs inspect work on Rawalpindi Ring Road project

RAWALPINDI (INP): Caretaker Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi along with Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Maqbool Bugar on Friday visited the Rawalpindi Ring Road Project to review progress of the construction work.

Chief Minister Naqvi appreciated the Commissioner Rawalpindi and Frontier Works Organization over their performance.

The work on the project should be completed swiftly, he said and directed the authorities to provide necessary project drawings to NESPAK as soon as possible.

The Sindh CM appreciated the ongoing projects in Punjab, especially the construction work of Rawalpindi Ring Road.

He said the problems being faced by the commuters in Karachi could be resolved through the Lyari Expressway and Karachi Circular Railway projects. Mohsin Naqvi offered full support of the Punjab government to his Sindh counterpart in the execution of different projects in the province. CM Naqvi drove the vehicle himself and inspected the project site with the Sindh chief minister. They also reviewed the progress of the project at Union Council Traha.

In order to speed up the work on the Ring Road, CM Naqvi directed the authorities to use additional road leveling machinery at the project site.

Health Desk:

QUETTA: In a significant move, the Caretaker Chief Minister of Balochistan, service. Residents can now conveniently register by sending their card step toward a healthier and more secure future for the people of Balochistan.



Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki, has announced the successful completion of preparations for the issuance of health cards in the province.

The initiative is set to revolutionize healthcare access for the residents of Balochistan, ensuring quality medical services at government healthcare facilities.

Health Card Booths Set Up In Hospitals

Several renowned hospitals, including Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Akram Hospital and Sajid Hospital, have set up health card booths, making it easier for the public to register for this essential healthcare

A Longstanding Demand Met

Expressing his satisfaction with the progress made, Caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki emphasized the government's commitment to providing top-tier healthcare facilities to the people.

This initiative comes as a result of proactive measures taken by the caretaker government to address pending healthcare issues in the region.

The issuance of health cards is poised to begin, marking a significant

This development signifies a major stride in enhancing public healthcare accessibility and is set to positively impact the lives of many residents in the province.

Up To Rs. 1 Million For Every Family

Former Chief Minister Balochistan, Jam Kamal Khan had taken this initiative to improve health services in the province.

He had repeatedly stated that health cards would address the medical treatment issue of the common man.

"Health cards up to Rs. 1 million would be issued to every Balochistan", the former CM mentioned.

33,000 illegal immigrants identified so far via mapping to be deported: Amir Mir

LAHORE: Punjab caretaker Information Minister Amir Mir on Friday revealed that approximately 33,000 people were identified through mapping as illegal residents lacking proper legal documentation and were now slated for deportation.

The provincial minister's statement coincides with the government's approaching October 31 deadline for illegal residents to depart from Pakistan. Earlier this month, the government gave an ultimatum to all undocumented immigrants, including Afghan nationals, to vacate Pakistan by the stipulated date, emphasizing that failure to do so would result in potential imprisonment and deportation to their home countries. Around 1.3 million Afghans are registered refugees and 880,000 more have legal status to remain in Pakistan, according to the latest United Nations figures.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore today, Mir said that prior to the Oct 31 deadline, "as many as 99,000 illegal foreign residents have been detained in Pakistan and 33,000 of them were found to be completely lacking any documents and staying illegally in Pakistan after their identification through mapping," adding that they would be deported.

The provincial information minister said the above figure would continue to increase as mapping was carried out on a daily basis.

NADRA Blocks 70,000 Suspected NICs in Balochistan: Achakzai

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: Balochistan's Caretaker Information Minister, Jan Achakzai, disclosed on Friday that the National Database and



Registration Authority (NADRA) has blocked over 70,000 national identity cards in the province.

"NADRA is currently re-verifying all of these suspected NICs," the Minister revealed while responding to a question on the matter.

Sources within NADRA indicated that the majority of these NICs were suspended in the Chaman and Killa Abdullah districts of Balochistan.

Repatriation A Principled Decision

The Caretaker Information Minister informed that illegal immigrants would be assisted at the

Pak-Afghan border crossings in Chaman, Qamrudin Karez, and Barabcha, which connect to Afghanistan.

He emphasized that the federal government had fundamentally decided to repatriate all illegal refugees to their respective countries.

"It's not exclusively related to Afghan refugees," he clarified, urging "certain" political parties not to politicize the federal government's decision.

Refugees From Sindh, Punjab To Be Supported

Jan Achakzai mentioned that the refugees originating from Sindh and Punjab would also receive support from the Balochistan government for repatriation to their home countries.

In response to a question, Mr. Achakzai stated that if free movement was allowed at the Chaman and Spin Boldak borders, a similar demand could arise from the people of Waziristan.

"The old policy has been revised,

and the requirement for passports must be enforced," the Information Minister emphasized.

Pakistan Not A Banana Republic: Minister

He questioned the consequences of allowing 50,000 people to cross borders without valid documentation, suggesting that such actions could diminish the country's reputation.

He advised political parties to critique the government without jeopardizing national stability.

All law enforcement agencies have intensified their cooperation in this regard to ensure the orderly repatriation of illegal immigrants to their respective countries. "After the November deadline for illegal immigrants expires, we will not permit any Afghans to enter Pakistan without proper documents," he clarified. He also stated that the crackdown on illegal immigrants would be intensified after the November deadline.

Balochistan Colleges Scandal: Soomro Charged with Fake Lecturer Appointments

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QUETTA: Jameel Soomro, central to the appointment of bogus lecturers scandal within the Balochistan



colleges' department, has been formally charged with fraudulent lecturers' appointments. His name has also been added to the Exit Control List (ECL).

In addition, the appointment orders for Jameel Soomro in the college department have been exposed as fraudulent.

A fake notification of 15 candidates was issued by the colleges and higher education departments with a fake recommendation letter from the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC).

Fake BPSC Notification Issued On March 1, 2022

Director of the Anti-Corruption Department, Abdul Wahid Kakar, disclosed

that on March 11, 2022, fake orders were issued for the appointment of 15 female lecturers, relying on a fake notification from the Balochistan Public Service Commission (BPSC).

These women illegally drew salaries for a full year. Following the registration of a case against four employees from the Department of Colleges, the masterminds behind this scam were identified.

The director of the Anti-Corruption Department mentioned that Jamil Soomro and his spouse, are the key figures responsible for the bogus lecturer appointments.

Soomro's Name Placed on ECL

Authorities are actively pursuing their arrest, Mr. Kakar informed. In light of the court's declaration of Jameel Soomro as an adver-

tising accused, his name was promptly placed on the ECL.

Furthermore, investigations by the Department of Colleges have confirmed that Jameel Soomro's appointment orders in the colleges' department were also found fake.

Notably, one of the women appointed in the colleges' department through the fake notification happens to be the wife of the accused Jameel Soomro. A well-placed source within the Anti-Corruption Department revealed that an inquiry was already underway against Mr. Soomro for his own fake appointment from Junior English teacher to Lecturer.

Daily Quetta Voice will continue to provide you with the latest updates on this significant development in the Colleges and Higher Education Department Balochistan. Your trusted source for breaking news and in-depth coverage.

Pak Iran Highway Blocked Against Load Shedding

Riaz Baloch:

NOSHKI: Protesters blocked main Pakistan Iran highway against power outages near Mal area of Noshki district on Friday morning.

The protesters burnt tires and blocked the highway to vent their anger against the authorities.

The blockade caused the suspension of traffic between Pakistan and Iran.

The protesters who were local tribesmen were demanding of the government and WAPDA to make sure provision of uninterrupted power supply.

The protest prompted the local administration to reach the spot and have negotiations with protesters. After assurance of the administration, the protesters reopened the highway.



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EDITORIAL

Editor: Asim Khan

AI and Climate Change completely missing in Balochistan budget

Editorial:

The future is all about the Artificial Intelligence (AI). The AI has the potential to significantly impact education and transform the learning experience for students across the globe.

AI-powered tutoring systems can provide interactive and adaptive support to students. These systems can assess students' knowledge, identify areas of weakness, and offer targeted guidance and resources to help them improve.

Experts say the AI has so far taken mere baby steps. Still a lot needs to be done. The AI is going to dominate education, politics, economy etc. in the future.

No word of AI in the Balochistan Budget

Despite its need and importance, the Balochistan government has not allocated a penny for the AI in its financial budget for the year 2023-24. The provincial government allocated more than Rs. 100 billions for primary, middle and higher education sector. The Finance Minister Balochistan, Zamarak Achakzai did not utter a single word about the AI.

Besides AI, the government has not focused on the looming threat of climate change. Balochistan, the country's arid largest province is prone to all natural disasters because of its vulnerability to the global warming and climate change.

Rs. 71 crore allocated for Climate Change and more than Rs.73 billions for C&W department

The government allocated Rs. 71 crore rupees to tackle the climate change, whereas, more than 73 billion rupees were allocated for the communication and works department. The department is known for chronic corruption and most of the amount is likely to go into some narrow pockets.

Promotion of AI education provides an opportunity to our students to compete on national and international levels. Its promotion can open new vistas of opportunities for our students.

However, investment in the climate change department is extremely necessary in view of the province's vulnerability to the global warming. Devastating floods last year played havoc across Balochistan and life was completely paralyzed for a month. The provincial government needs to change its priorities when it comes to AI and climate change since the former offers opportunities and the latter poses a serious threat to human life.

New world order?

Asim Sajjad Akhtar:

As Palestinians are slaughtered to death by the Israeli war machine, rulers of Muslim-majority countries scramble to depict themselves as principled supporters of the Palestinian national movement. The posturing has included an 'extraordinary' meeting of the OIC in Jeddah last week, which concluded with an ostentatiously 'powerful' condemnation of Israeli aggression.

We've seen this all before. Closer to home, a choreographed waving of the Palestinian flag was a highlight of Nadeem Sharif's trumped-up return to Pakistan on Oct 21. Meanwhile, the army chief has met the Palestinian ambassador, issued at least two statements in favour of Palestinian statehood and called for an immediate ceasefire.

Yet beyond symbolic statements and photogenic moments, the rulers of the 'ummah' are largely despondent about their own people, their worship at the altar of profit and geopolitical power in world affairs. Insofar as the contemporary nation state is largely synonymous with dominant ideas of political community, there is no singular Muslim ummah. Consider the way in which the Pakistani mainstream is vilifying Afghan refugees

after the government's horrific decision to deport them back to Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

The Taliban's original patron, Saudi Arabia, has historically propagated a totalitarianist worldview at home as well, although the crown prince's reign has coincided with the Saudi monarchy's 'opening up' in ways similar to the Gulf kingdoms of the UAE and Qatar.

Qatar has at least spawned the AI Jazeera media network, which offers some respite from a virtualist and strained support of Zionist Israel which characterises mainstream media. But on the whole, Gulf monarchies, countries like Egypt and Jordan which border historic Palestine, as well as most other Muslim countries couldn't care less about the democratic aspirations of their people, let alone colonised Palestinians. Turkey prides itself on being a democracy, but Ankara's treatment of Nagorno Karabakh is despotic.

On the other hand is the standard Western liberal refrain that Israel is a democracy in the region. Laughable and sickening at the same time, it mirrors the broader claim of Western states that they are

beacons of freedom. All of this stands exposed (yet again) in the face of the genocidal violence against Palestinians. Between the imperialism of the so-called Western 'rules-based order' and the sloganeering of the 'ummah', a majority of the world's people — including but not just Muslims — are today ruled by despotic profiteers and opportunists.

What of our immediate neighbours India and China, which together have to almost three billion people? The former is increasingly dominated by a majoritarian and hateful political ideology whereby Muslims, oppressed castes and disempowered voices are subject to increasingly violent purges. Sadly, New Delhi has not taken a principled stand on the carnage in Palestine, turning its back on India's history as a leader of the Non Aligned Movement and supporter of national self-determination for all colonised peoples.

China appears relatively stable, has been arguably the biggest antagonist of neoliberal globalisation and is potentially the single-most obvious challenge to contemporary Western hegemony. But China is not democratic, and is far less egalitarian than it was a few decades ago. Nei-

ther is there conclusive evidence (yet that it is pursuing a global worldmaking project which breaks with the financialised capitalist system that is disposing billions and exacerbating an already acute climate crisis.

Then there are dark horses like Russia as well as another big Muslim country, Iran, the latter is close to Hezbollah, and by extension Hamas as well. There is a real possibility that the US, Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil have at least pushed back against the imperialist-bastion of Gaza. The fact that some sane voices continue to exist in the so-called international community is no mean feat, given how hegemonic the logic of capital and authoritarian statecraft have become.

The highest level was 0.88 for Singapore, and the lowest 0.29 for the Central African Republic. Countries closer to Pakistan in terms of rank were Lesotho, Comoros, Iraq, and Malawi, among others. The levels for India and Bangladesh were 0.46, and 0.49 respectively, both of which are higher rankings than Pakistan. According to the World Bank, there are six key components for measuring HCI.

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Nawaz's remarks against women criticised in Senate

LAHORE: PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's remarks against women at his homecoming rally came under fire in a Senate session on Friday.

Nawaz had compared PML-N's women supporters with PTT's — without naming the party — and implied that his supporters were more "decent".

"Where are our sisters? Look how respectfully our sisters are listening to this rally. There is no one dancing to music here. Do you understand what I am saying or not," he had said.

Nawaz's remarks were condemned by politicians like ex-PTI MNA Maleeka Bokhari and journalists alike.

The matter reached the Senate, where PTT's Senator Wajid Iqbal took aim at Nawaz's remarks. Iqbal, while referring to the late PML-N senator Rana Maqbool, stated that he re-

spected women and he should have taught his leader how to respect women.

"[MQM head] Altaf Hussain also talked against women and had to apologise later," Iqbal added.

"Please do not make political statements," said Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjani.

"I am not making a political statement," Iqbal replied.

Sexism in Pakistan's political system is not new, nor is it new to the PML-N party.

Recently, senior PML-N leader Khawaja Asif made a statement on the floor of parliament, using a derogatory reference for PTT's women members of parliament.

A few years ago, he referred to a senior female PTT member as a "tractor trolley". Instead of retracting his words in the face of backlash, he took complete ownership of what



was said. Rana Sanullah, while speaking to reporters outside the Punjab Assembly in 2018, made inappropriate comments about the women who attended the rally at Lahore's Minar-i-Pakistan, saying:

"The women who attended the rally were not from honourable families because their dance moves implied where they had actually come from."



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Planning and Development Sami Saeed along with Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Information Minister, Governor Sindh, Kamran Iqbal, Ambassador of Korea, Park Ki-jun, and others cutting the cake on the occasion of the National Foundation Day and the Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea at the residence of the Korean Ambassador.

Lawmakers, activists remind UK govt of its responsibility on Kashmir

LONDON (INP): Lawmakers, activists, professionals and students, emphasizing the need for mass awareness regarding the right to self-determination, reminded the British government of its responsibility on Kashmir.

During a roundtable conference hosted by Tehreek-e-Kashmir UK President, Fahim Kayani, in the British parliament to commemorate 76 years of illegal occupation of Kashmir by India, the participants discussed the highly militarized situation in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Chaired by Shadow Minister Jess Phillips, the roundtable conference in "unequivocal terms extended its support to the just cause of Kashmiris whose right to self-determination" as enshrined in various resolutions passed by the United Nations

General Assembly and Security Council. Among the participants were Debbie Abraham, MP and Chairperson of All Parties Kashmir Parliamentarian Group for Kashmir, Andrew Gwynne, MP and Chairman of Labour Friends of Kashmir, Kim Leadbeater, MP, Yasmin Qureshi, MP, Paul Blomfield, MP, Muhammad Yasin, MP, Rachel Hopkins, MP, Lord Wajid Khan and Simon Lightwood, MP.

Muzammil Ayyub Thakur and Shaista Safi presented testimonies of war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by India in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The duo are natives of IIOJK, living in exile.

India sent its forces to occupy Jammu and Kashmir on October 27, 1947, which triggered a mass mobilization against New Delhi's

illegal military rule.

The conference decried the grave human rights situation in the occupied territory, especially after August 2019 when the Modi-led fascist Indian government repealed its special status and imposed military siege in the territory. It is incumbent upon the British lawmakers to press their government to stand up and stop India from its state terrorism in the occupied territory, the participants of the conference added.

The participants also expressed concern over the muzzling of the vibrant local media in IIOJK, which has seen well-designed clampdown by the Modi-led Indian regime in IIOJK.

Proposals made by Fahim Kayani on the occasion included urging the British government to "convince the United Nations.

Webinar in Paris highlights Indian state terrorism in IIOJK

PARIS (INP): The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Forum, France, organized a webinar on Black Day, October 27, in Paris to highlight the Indian state terrorism in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the speakers of the webinar were Ambassador of Pakistan in France Asim Iftikhar Ahmad.

Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Forum, France, President Mirza Asif Jarral, Chairperson of Friends of Kashmir, Ghazala Habib, analyst Brig (Retd) Waqar Hassan, Kashmir Council European Union, Brussels, Chairman Ali Raza Syed.

Kashmir Institute of International Relations Chairman Altaf Hussain Wani, Hurriyat leaders Syed Faiz Naqshbandi and

Shamim Shawl, Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Forum, France, Vice President Abdul Hameed Lone, Jammu and Kashmir Self Determination Movement International Chairman Raja Najabat Hussain, former member of National Assembly Samia Raheem Qazi.

President of Youth Council Pakistan Shahzad Khan and Dr Shugafa Ashraf.

Ambassador Asim Iftikhar addressed the seminar said Pakistan's unwavering support to the Kashmiri people will continue and will strongly highlight the case of Kashmir in every forum of the world. He thanked all the distinguished guests for their participation in the webinar. Mirza Asif Jarral on the occasion said Kashmiri people observe October 27 as Black Day on both sides of

the Line of Control and the world over to denounce the illegal occupation of their motherland by India. He said on October 27, 1947, India attacked Jammu and Kashmir against the will of the Kashmiri people and illegally occupied it. Since that day, such a period of human rights violations started that Kashmiris have been completely deprived of their basic human rights, he added.

He said India has deprived the people of Jammu and Kashmir of their birthright, the right to self-determination and has violated UN Security Council resolutions to hold a referendum in Jammu and Kashmir. Hurriyat leaders Altaf Hussain Wani, Syed Faiz Naqshbandi, Shamim Shawl, Abdul Hameed Lone, Ghazala Habib, Ali Raza Syed, Raja Najabat Hussain



ISLAMABAD: Activists of All Party Hurriyat Conference in Islamabad under the auspices of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell protest demonstration outside the United Nations Military Observer Group on the occasion of October 27 Black Day.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi calls on the Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakhar.

Pesco Dera Circle recovers over Rs515m dues

DI KHAN (INP): The Pesco Dera Circle has recovered a total of Rs 515 million of its dues during the ongoing drive started on September 13, says Superintendent Engineer Sardar Islam Khan Gandapur.

Talking to media persons on Friday, the Superintendent Engineer said that the crackdown against the 'Kunda mafia' and recovery of dues against defaulters were moving ahead with concrete results at the Pesco Dera Circle's Pesco Rural Division, Pesco City Division, and Pesco Tank Division in line with the directives of the

government.

He said that Pesco was a national asset and appealed to people to ensure timely deposit of dues and monthly bills in order to overcome the issue of load shedding and strengthen the company.

Giving details, he said 1,945 illegal connections were removed, 889 cases against electricity thieves had been registered, and 346 electricity thieves were apprehended.

He mentioned that due to the non-payment of Rs 570 outstanding by the consumers, 329 trans-

formers had been disconnected in different areas.

Out of these outstanding dues, Rs 130 million are solely related to tribal textile mills, which have now been closed down due to non-payment. Due to more than 80% losses, Pesco Dera Circle's 11 feeders have also been disconnected from the grid.

Sardar Islam Khan Gandapur stated that cases have been filed against electricity thieves, imposing a Rs 325 million fine. He said Rs 2,260,507 had been recovered in penalties from these electricity thieves.

Anti-India demon held in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD (INP): An anti-India protest demonstration was held outside the office of the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) in Islamabad on the occasion of Black Day, today.

The protest demonstration was jointly organized by All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Jammu and Kashmir chapter and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell.

Senior leader of APHC-AJK chapter, Ghulam Muhammad Safi, led the demonstration while Azad Jammu and Kashmir Minister Ahmed Raza Qadri exclusively participated in it. APHC-AJK leaders, Syed Yusuf Naseem, Sheikh Abdul Mateen, Dawood Khan Yousafzai, Raja Shaheen, Syed Gulshan Iqbal, Shaikat Butt, Engineer Hanza Mehboob, Zahid Ashraf Mehmood, Ashraf Bux, and Liberation Cell Sarwar Hussain

Gilgiti, Afsar Khan, PML-N leader Sardar Muhammad Siddique, Nisar Mirza, Sardar Abdul Majeed, Sardar Sajid Mehmood, Sardar Azzem Sarwar, Sardar Najeeb Ghaffoor Khan, Inam-ul-Hassan Kashmiri, Raja Rashid Raza and Hakeem Nadeem Qadri spoke on the occasion.

Ahmad Raza Qadri said that on October 27, 1947, India illegally and immorally occupied Jammu and Kashmir by landing its army in Srinagar against the wishes of the Kashmiri people. This action of the Indian government, he said, defied a violation of the Partition Plan of the subcontinent, Two-Nation Theory, all domestic and international laws and principles besides violation of the wishes of the Kashmiri people.

Senior Hurriyat leader Ghulam Muhammad Safi said the killing of Kashmiris in occupied Jammu and Kashmir is the worst

example of Indian state terrorism and the increasing violent acts of the Indian troops in the territory are a result of the impunity they enjoy under the black laws. He said India, by issuing domicile certificates to the non-Kashmiris in the occupied territory, is conspiring to convert the Muslim majority into a minority but the Kashmiri people will never let it succeed in its nefarious ambitions.

Ghulam Muhammad Safi urged the United Nations and the international community to take notice of Indian atrocities in IIOJK and play a role in resolving the Kashmir dispute according to the United Nations resolutions.

At the end of the protest, a memorandum was submitted to the UN Military Observer Group, condemning the Indian atrocities in the occupied territory and demanding the implementation of the UN resolutions.



QUETTA: Caretaker provincial minister for information Jan Achakzai addressing on the occasion of Kashmir Black Day.

Special event held to celebrate 100th anniversary of Republic of Turkey

ISLAMABAD (INP): To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey, a special event was organized at Pakistan Embassy. Ambassador of Pakistan to Turkey Dr. Yousaf Junaid hosted Turkish dignitaries including Governor Ankara Vasp Sahin, Ankara Mayor Mansur Yavas, MP Ali Sahin, MP Burhan Kayaturk, MP Mehmet Emin Simsek, MP Mustafa Kaya, MP Muhammet Kufli Aydin, MP Adurrahman Dusaik, Mehmet Mehdi Eker Former Minister of Food and Agriculture, Rector of Ankara University Prof Engin Soysal, Mustafa Yurdakul, DDG TKT Omer Faruk Tanrıverdi and dignitaries from academia, business and media at a traditional Pakistani brunch. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Pakistan Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group Ali Sahin stated that Pakistan Turkey relations are a gift from Allah Almighty for the peoples of both countries.

These centuries-old brotherly and strategic relations are not

only a source of mutual strength but also serve as an anchor for regional stability under the direction and vision of the leaderships of both countries.

Ankara Mayor Mansur Yavas underscored that Pakistan Turkey enjoy deep rooted historical, cultural and brotherly ties and this friendship would grow stronger in the years to come, based on our shared values and mutual interests. In his remarks, Governor Ankara Vasp Sahin stated that Pakistan and Turkey relations are exemplary as both countries have always stood together in times of need and have consistently supported each other on regional and global platforms.

While congratulating the Turkish nation in its closing remarks, Ambassador Dr Yousaf Junaid paid rich tribute to Turkey's founder Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's leadership in war of liberation and subsequent founding of Republic. He further stated that the century of the Republic is a testament to the unwavering commitment and vision of the peoples of both countries.

These centuries-old brotherly and strategic relations are not

democratic nation despite serious challenges.

The ambassador also highlighted that under the visionary leadership of President H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's progress and development achieved new heights and Turkey emerged as a strong prosperous country in the company of nations.

The ambassador underscored that this is a mutual celebration of Turkey's remarkable journey and achievements over the past century. Highlighting glorious Pakistan Turkey bilateral relations, the ambassador reiterated that 'One Nation - Two States' best describe the fraternal Pakistan Turkey relationship, founded on common religious, cultural and linguistic affinities and a shared history.

He underscored that these exemplary fraternal ties, have no match in the world in terms of warmth, depth and unanimity of views. These relations trace their roots in the centuries old people to people relations and common views reflected in the poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Mehmet Akif Ersoy, the national poets of the two countries.