

Chairman of Majles A'Shura of the Sultanate of Oman and Head of Delegation Mr. Sheikh Khalid bin Hilal Al Maawali calls on President Dr. Arif Alvi

Islamabad, September 05, 2019: Indian fascist regime, previously involved in the Gujarat Massacre, had now endangered the regional and international peace because of its access to the nuclear button, said President Dr. Arif Alvi, while talking to the Chairman of Majles A'Shura of the Sultanate of Oman and Head of Delegation Mr. Sheikh Khalid bin Hilal Al Maawali, who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today. Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaiser was also present on the occasion.

The President highlighted that Pakistan strongly rejected the illegal Indian actions of August 5, whereby it unilaterally tried to alter the disputed status of the IOJ&K, which was a breach of the Resolutions of the UNSC. He emphasized that India's assertion of Jammu and Kashmir being an internal matter was not true, as testified by the recent meeting of the UNSC. Every Muslim must feel the pain of the innocent Kashmiris, who were subjected to blatant human rights violation by Indian Forces through ghastly clampdown, involving a month long curfew and suspension of basic amenities of life to the people, he added.

The President said that Pakistan sought support of Oman along with the international community to urge India to respect the UNSC Resolutions, which give an inalienable right of self-determination to the people of Kashmir. As a member of the OIC, Oman must make efforts to solidify OIC's support for the people of Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, he added.

Highlighting the close interaction between the two parliaments and formation of Friendship groups in the upper houses of both countries, the President said that Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with Oman and was keen to further enhance these brotherly relations in all spheres. In this regard, the creation of Pak-Oman Friendship group in Majlis A' Shura of Oman would further connect the two countries. He emphasized that regular high-level interactions through established mechanisms of Bilateral Political Consultations and Joint Commission would promote and expand bilateral ties in diverse fields. He underscored that the current level of bilateral trade was not commensurate with excellent political ties and highlighted the need to diversify bilateral trade by taking advantage of geographical proximity, the investment-friendly policies of Pakistan, and Pakistan's potential of exporting food items, construction materials, leather and surgical goods to Oman. Furthermore, he said that Pakistani community had been making valuable contribution to the development of Oman and pointed out the need to increase the opportunities in employment of Pakistani workers in banking, health, education, petroleum and food sectors.

Pakistan was a peaceful nation and desired peace in the region, said the President. He underlined that peace in Afghanistan was pivotal for sustainable regional peace and Pakistan was dedicated to the ongoing reconciliation process in Afghanistan.

Mr. Sheikh Khalid bin Hilal Al Maawali appreciated the excellent bilateral relations, and said that the formation of Friendship groups in the upper houses of both countries would go a long way in further bolstering the bilateral relations. He said that Pakistani Diaspora in Oman was playing an invaluable role in the progress and prosperity of Oman. He agreed that the trade relations between the two countries needed further boost.

In the end, the President extended invitation to the Sultan of Oman to visit Pakistan.
