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ISLAMABAD, Feb 5 (APP): Indicating towards the nefarious means being used by India to malign the indigenous freedom movement of the people of Indian occupied Kashmir (IoK), President Mamnoon Hussain Monday urged the world nations to use their influence for the right to self-determination of the Kashmir's to ensure sustainable and lasting peace in the region.

“According to latest reports, notorious militant organisations operating in the different parts of the world were being mobilized in IoK by India to sabotage the indigenous movement of Kashmir. This is a very treacherous scheme which will have devastating repercussions. This Indian effort will also go in vain like those of the past. Insha Allah,” he said while addressing a seminar organized in connection with the Kashmir Solidarity Day here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Minister for Defence Engr.Khurram Dastgir Khan, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan, Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Maulana Fazal-ur- Rehman, MNA Shafqat Mehmood, Senator Rehman Malik, Convener of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Ghulam Muhammad Safi, Chairperson of APHC Peace and Culture Committee Mishal Malik and Chairperson / President of South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) Dr Maria Sultan also addressed the seminar.

The president said, “We believe that the situation in IoK has already endangered the peace of South-Asia.”

He said freedom struggle of the brave and valiant people of Kashmir was a unique movement in the world. They had been facing persecution for the last 70 years. Despite this severe repression, they had been heroically facing the subjugation, he added.

He said it was the only freedom movement of the world against which all forms of oppression were used. Even, Pellets guns were deliberately fired into the eyes of youth which destroyed their lives by damaging their eye-sight, he added.

“We pay tribute to the young children who lost their eye-sight, our sisters who sacrificed their husband, parent who sacrificed their beloved children for the sake of freedom.”

The president reiterated that the people and the government of Pakistan would continue to provide political, moral and diplomatic support to the people of IoK until the achievement of their objective.

He recalled that during the independence movement of Sub-Continent, the people of Kashmir associated their future with the Muslims of the region in their struggle for Pakistan and they also participated in the struggle for Pakistan with full enthusiasm.

“Despite this reality, at the time of the partition of India, a malicious conspiracy was hatched to deprive the people of IoK of their birth right to freedom. The people of IoK are protesting against this till today and striving for the completion of the unfinished agenda of the partition. I think that global conscience should support the people of IoK by keeping aside all other considerations,” he added.

He further said, “This is the era of the freedom of humanity which also ensures its protection. Established international norms and the United Nations Charter also endorse it.”

By following the same principles and value, the people of IoK started a movement for the realization of their inalienable birth right, but they had to face gross persecution and massacres, he said, adding, attempts were being made to deprive them of their motherland by changing its demography.

The president said, "This dire situation awakened the international conscience and the international community openly supported the struggle of Kashmir's."

Resultantly, he mentioned, the Indian leadership was forced to pledge to the international community that it would not deprive the Kashmir's of their right to self-determination and this dispute would be resolved permanently through a free and fair plebiscite. Later, the Indian leadership reneged on their promises, he added.

He said, in this age of communication, the world was fully cognizant of the situation in IoK. Pakistan and other responsible states were drawing the attention of the international community towards this tyranny but the world had failed to end those Indian brutalities, he added.

"We believe that turning a blind eye towards the atrocities being committed in IoK will complement the obnoxious practice of the oppression of weak and impoverished nations which will be devastating for the international peace," he added.

The president said despite of the massacres, mass graves and atrocities committed by the Indian occupation forces and Hindu extremists the freedom movement of Kashmir continues with full vigour.

"Being aware of immense courage and passion for freedom of Kashmir's, I believe that this unprecedented movement of human history will achieve the desired objective," he added.

He said all enlightened circles of the world were with the people of IoK for the restoration of their fundamental right to freedom. On the other hand, the powers which were turning a blind eye towards the brutalities being unleashed in IoK for the sake of their petty interests would not be forgiven in the history of mankind, he added.

"Therefore, I invite all the independent and prudent nations to support the legitimate struggle of the people of IoK to save the world from a grave human tragedy," he added.

The president demanded that all political prisoners in IoK should be released, right to freedom of expression should be restored, use of fire-arms against innocent civilians and their persecution should be stopped.

India should withdraw its draconian laws, leadership of IoK should be permitted to travel abroad, international human rights observers should be allowed to work in IoK, he added.

He said, "We also call upon the United Nations to fulfil its promises to the people of IoK because the solution of this longstanding issue is only possible through a free and fair plebiscite in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations."

He said, "February 5, in our national history is a day on which people from Azad Kashmir, IoK and Pakistan unanimously reaffirm that Kashmir belongs to Kashmir's and its future is to be decided by the people of Kashmir."

The people of IoK did not accept and recognize the Indian occupation and they would not do so in the future, also, he added.

"On this day, I along with the whole nation reiterate that we are for Kashmiris and Kashmiris are for us. There is no difference between us, we were one, are one and will always remain one. Insha Allah."

The president also prayed to Allah Almighty to end the darkness of tyranny and oppression in IoK. "May the sacrifices of Kashmir's be rewarded and may there be an early dawn of their independence."
