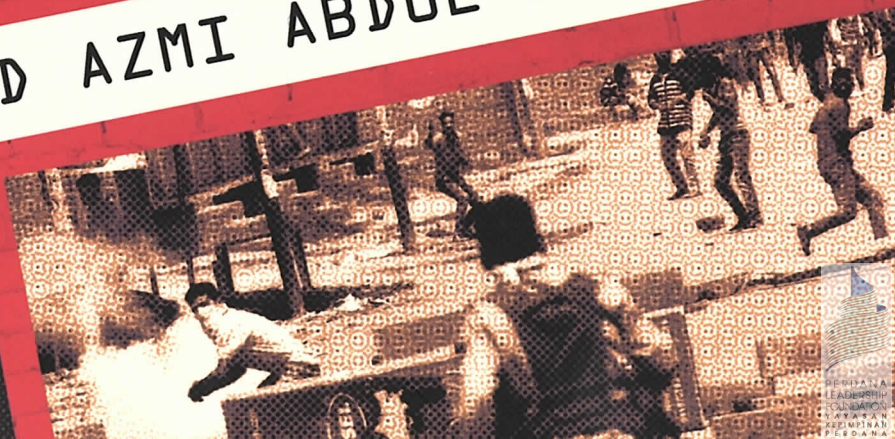


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"Now, despite UN (United Nations) resolution on Jammu and Kashmir, the country has been invaded and occupied. There may be reasons for this action but it is still wrong. The problem must be solved by peaceful means. India should work with Pakistan to resolve this problem. Ignoring the UN would lead to other forms of disregard for the UN and the Rule of Law."

**Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad
Speech at 74th UN General Assembly
(he was then the Prime Minister of Malaysia)**



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PREFACE



Preface

“Whoever kills a person [unjustly]...it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind.”

(Quran, 5:32)

“The Kashmir cause should have been the world attention, as it is another text book of colonization and genocide. India has ignored and violated the UN resolution

for a plebiscite and right for self-determination. The dire situation is still prevailing with no sight for a resolution base on the UN decision. Kashmiris have a legitimate right to resist and protect their dignity and demand for freedom.”



**Datuk Sri Syekh Ahmad Awang,
Chairman International Islamic Tassawur Center,
Malaysia.**

“The history of occupied Kashmir is comparable to what had happened to the Palestine and the Rohingyas. In some instances or even worst. Kashmiris are now persecuted under the Nationalist Hindu Supremacy Rule of the BJP and backed by the RSS with the Hindutva ideology. Not only that they are being suppressed unjustly and inhumanly but their existences are annihilated. India has enacted draconian laws to curb any uprising and freedom fighters are coined as terrorist. While India has executed state terrorism against Kashmir, the world has now reacted strongly to the atrocities. This book concretely exposes the deadly silence.”



**Datuk Wira Syekh Abdul Ghani Samsudin,
Chair Secretariat for Ulama Assembly of Asia.**

“Kashmir has a strong legal argument against the Indian Illegal Occupation of Kashmir. Based on the UN Resolution, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international law, India is culpable of crime against humanity. Parliamentarians must rise and raise the voice for justice for the Kashmiris. Peace is paramount, but justice is the fundamental principle. Kashmiris have the right to seek justice and the world and all the legislators in all democratic countries must render their support to the Kashmir cause irrespective of race, nationalities and creed. This is an issue of humanity.”



**Datuk Hj Hasanuddin Mohd Yunus,
Member of Parliament of Malaysia, Vice President National Trust Party
(Amanah) Malaysia.**

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The women and children of Kashmir are the worst victims of the Indian occupation of Jammu and Kashmir. Thousands of half widows are suffering due to their missing husbands. Thousand more children are orphaned when their parents are martyred by Indian troop attacks. The Indian forces are merciless in using pellet guns to blind civilians. This book captures the variety of dreadful consequences of the Indian occupation, but the Kashmiris have not abundant their struggle. The world must not be silent in the face of a tyrannical and racist regime of India to deny the rights of Kashmiris.”

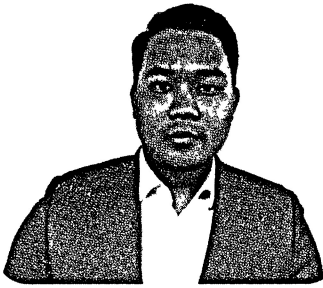


***Datin Sri Ustazah Rosiah Saleh,
Chair Malaysian Women for Kashmir.***

“While India is continuing its state terrorism against the Kashmiris, it will not be able to hide its cruelty and barbaric atrocities to the world although after the abrogation of Article 370 was followed with an enforced communication lockdown. The struggle to reclaim the sovereignty rights of the Kashmiris will prevail. All the pressures on the Kashmiris will be resisted and the world will finally realise that a racist regime will not sustain no matter how suppressive it may be.”



***Dr. Mohammad Fauzi Zakaria,
Director Advocacy for Justice and Peace Institute.***



“Kashmiris suffers the same plight of the Palestinians. It is the legacy left by the British colonialism that had positioned Kashmir to be in the state of dispute. The conflict is in actual fact between India and Kashmir. Kashmir has the right for self-determination, but India wants to engulf the princely state to reduce the dominant Muslim state into a Hindu majority union territory under the BJP New Delhi administration. The youth of Kashmir has risen to defend Kashmir and the right for a dignified future. Malaysian youth stand in solidarity with Kashmir.”

***Muhammad Fadhil bin Yusni,
President Malaysia Kashmir Youth Movement.***



“Kashmir is an issue that transcends the boundary of nationhood. It reflects the principle of justice and rights of existence. The history of occupation by a foreign force is the basis for reclaiming the rights for self-determination for Kashmiris. The legitimate rights are clear under the UN resolution. India is using the Israel model of apartheid rule and colonial settlement. We read this book as a statement of solidarity with the Kashmiris and it gives an account of why the world community cannot continue its deadly silence.”

***Johan Ariff Ismail,
Director International Relief and Humanitarian Outreach.***

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“Whatever India tries to do to suppress the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the resilience of the people will not be subdued. As far as the more than 70 decades of struggle, it is proven that the freedom struggle will not submit to tyranny and authoritarianism. The Israel model used by India will fail. We see the sufferings have escalated but the

determination of all Kashmiris to carry on in the fight for dignity and justice is ever growing despite the increasing persecution by India.”

Nasir Zakaria,
President Ummah Care, Malaysia.

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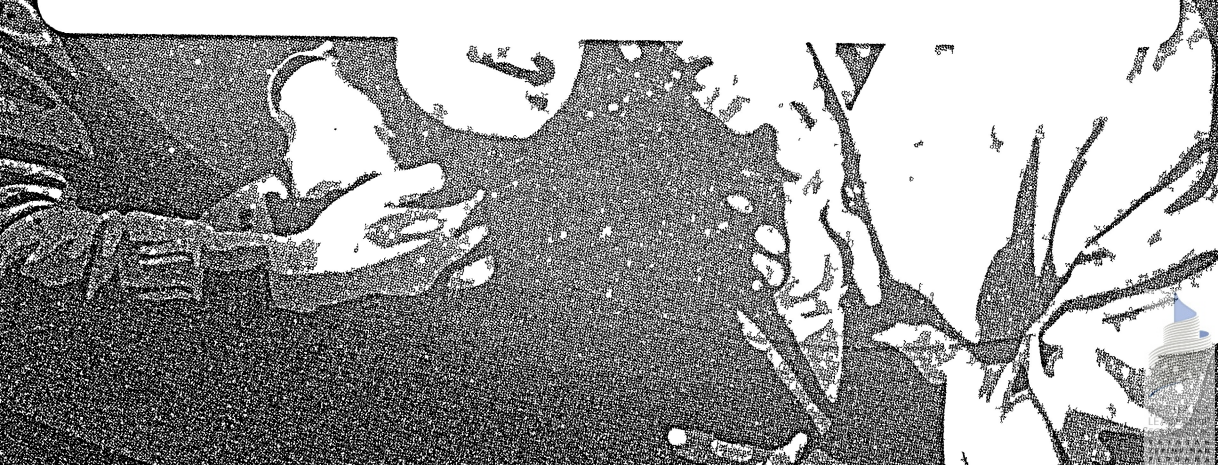
CHAPTER 1 Deafening Silence - A Grim Slow Death Of Kashmir



Chapter 1

Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid

An effective way of ignoring the plight of the Kashmiris is by obscuring the world from knowing the realities on the ground. In that way rights to political and self-determination will gradually be diminished and obliterated. Kashmir will slowly be paralysed ending a slow death. In that process voices are blocked from the international community to listen to the cries of inhuman predicament that is experiencing on a daily basis by Kashmiris by the foreign occupation of India. Just like many communities who are under duress of human rights violation, the Kashmir case is a striking example of how a once sovereign state is reduced to a colony of a foreign force in full sight of the world. From 1947 the Indian genocide and crime against humanity on a population were conveniently distracted from serious attention by the international community. Little does the world know that Kashmir is experiencing a process of de-population by military operation and by the administration of India



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All modes of communication were cut off, and the region is still without high-speed internet a year later, causing many difficulties for average Kashmiris.

Since the insurgency of Kashmir in 1989, the state has experienced bloody conflict from both sides, resulting in more than 50,000 deaths. According to a report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, published last month, gross human rights violations by state security forces and armed groups have occurred, including cross-border firings, sexual violence, enforced disappearances, and acts of terrorism. The report emphasises continued use of excessive force against civilians—for example, the use of pellet-firing shotguns has led to 1253 people being blinded between 2016 and 2018.

About 7,000 people were arrested before and after August 5, 2019, including nearly the entire mainstream political leadership.

The people of Kashmir were **“dying a slow death”** due to the ongoing clampdown. CPI(M) leader of Kashmir and former legislator Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami said, when Article 370 was nullified and the State bifurcated as Union Territories.

He said the the truth is *“dheere, dheere mar rahe hai, ghutan ho rahi hai wahan [We are dying slowly. We are being suffocated there]”*. In an emotional appeal to the rest of the country, he said: *“Hum bhi jeena chate hai, ek Kashmiri, ek Hindustani bol raha hai yahan. Yeh meri appeal hai, hamari bhi sune, hamme bhi zinda rehne ka mauka dein [we also want to live, a Kashmiri, a Hindustani is saying this. I appeal, we too should get a chance to live].”*

The nullification of Article 370 and reorganisation of the State without any consultation with the State showed the desperation of the Narendra Modi regime. “Average Kashmiri doesn’t ask for heavens, we just ask for a chance to march with you, take us along,” he said.

The clampdown was enforced, halting businesses, food supplies restricted, medicines came into short supply, freedom of moved curtailed, suspending schools and limiting functions of hospitals, suspending communication facilities and

crippling the daily life, Kashmiri politicians were thrown into jails, mosques barred and locked, house raided under pretext of hunting down terrorist and militants.

Kashmiris, he said, were neither forced or compelled to join India. “People of Kashmir decided not to accept diktats from the other side, but to join secular India. We were neither forced or compelled.” Today, those bonds that were created by the hard work of the people of Kashmir and the rest of the country have been assaulted.

Before August 5, 2019, Kashmir was a nominally autonomous region. After August 5, it has become virtually a settler colony in the making. Kashmir thus became an annexed territory where all existing structures, the majority of them; Indian-born, were dissolved so they could fit into the vision of India held by the ruling BJP.

The change not only divided the parts of region along the communal lines, but also gave free rein to the military’s heavy-handed approach.

Continuing changes-imposed policies like the domicile law (a new law that gives outsiders the right to become a resident of J&K), The idea of the mainstream that was formed decades ago has been completely uprooted by the BJP. With no political activity visible on the ground, common people have been subjected to brutal policies thrust forward by New Delhi without any hindrance.

The mainstream party of Kashmir PDP which knotted a bond with the BJP termed the “Agenda of Alliance” to address the long-pending Kashmir issue, collapsed. Kashmiris are living a life with a bleak future.

After the abrogation of Article 370, thousands of people were left jobless had serious negative impacts on them, immediate and gradually.

The evacuation of all tourists from the region and the lockdown in the abrogation’s aftermath ensured the crumbling of the business sector as well as halting the transport system in Kashmir.

India crushed Kashmir economically and mentally but shows the entire world that everything is normal in Kashmir.

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According to Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President Sheikh Ashiq, Kashmir had suffered economic losses worth 400 billion Indian rupees (roughly \$5.3 billion) since August 2019. The economy is sinking and is “nearing collapse”. Professor Nasir Ali, a prominent Kashmir-based economist, agreed that Kashmir’s economy is in shambles. He expressed that for the last many years, there has been an unfavourable business climate in the region due to prolonged unrest.

After the killing of the popular rebel commander Burhan Wani, south Kashmir became a hotbed for new-age militancy. Now the muscular policy from the BJP and ill-treatment of locals by the Indian forces have widened militancy’s roots from south to central and north Kashmir.

According to a report by Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS), a human rights organisation working in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir, the first seven months of 2020 have witnessed at least 347 killings in different incidents of violence, including the killing of 74 civilians.

To understand the reason for rebel recruitment in the areas affected, most of them expressed that the ill-treatment and continuous harassment by Indian forces, in various forms, has given a strong reason to take up arms.

A dangerous silence ensued, when on the ground after the abrogation of Article 370, India ensured no opposition from Kashmiri politicians. Many were being placed under arrest for months that kept them silent. The social construct that underlies the political existence of political dissent was destroyed.

The abrogation, has legitimised the intensification of separatist sentiments. What India did was it gave a renewed justification. Kashmir’s demand for self-determination with sovereign powers of its own is legitimate according to the UN resolution.

According to *Kaisar Andrabi is an independent journalist from Srinagar* “Kashmir is now suffocating. There is anxiety, fear, concern, and uncertainties. Experts believe that the silence of people about the drastic changes in Kashmir should not be ignored. Developments have been coming hard and fast: the abrogation of Article

370, the bifurcation of the state, a downgrade to a union territory, domicile law changes, delimitation of constituencies, notifying “**strategic areas**” for use by the army, a six-months political logjam followed by a pandemic lockdown, and a connectivity embargo. All these movements are fanning the flames of popular anger and it sooner or later it burst out in a disaster. At this point, handling the resulting crisis would be an uphill task for New Delhi”.

Despite decades of instability, developmental indicators suggest that Kashmir is doing well compared to the rest of India. In 2016, life expectancy was 68.3 years for men and 71.8 years for women, which are greater than the respective national averages. However, the protracted exposure to violence has led to a formidable mental health crisis. A Médecins Sans Frontières study in two rural districts affected by conflict stated that nearly half of Kashmiris rarely felt safe. Those who had lost a family member to violence, one in five had witnessed the death first hand. Therefore, it is unsurprising that people in the region have increased anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi vows that his decision to revoke autonomy will bring prosperity to Kashmir.

Killing softly and decimating gradually, Kashmir is the real aim of India. Since Kashmir the only princely state with Muslim majority is perceived as a treat to India. While Kashmir with its resources can self-govern itself, India wants the territory under its full grip by giving no space to breath and suppressing the voices that Kashmir Lives Matter.

The deadly silence of the international community emboldens India to take on the Israeli model of complete control on its occupation of Palestine. Delaying and not taking concrete measures to give the rights of self-determination for a dignified freedom, will keep the Kashmir issue unresolved for years to come. The people of Kashmir need healing from the deep wounds of this decades-old conflict, not subjugation to further violence and alienation.

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Kashmir is a victim that has endured more than 7 decades of brutal crimes against humanity by a fascist foreign power. The Kashmir dwellers with their own tradition and culture, living on their own indigenous system of life, rich in their own diverse way of livelihood, have been decimated physically economically, politically and culturally.

Kashmir is fighting back, resisting and resiliently waking up to confront and challenge the show of power by the Indian occupation forces. Many perished, tortured, apprehended, treated inhumanly and crushed in the most militarized zone in the world. Their resistance is an inspiration to all freedom fighters and to those who embrace the dignity of martyrdom.

The struggle is the manifestation of the call for jihad and the endurance of oppression under the banner of truth and justice. The world community may be incapacitated to act under the present imperialistic world order, but Kashmiris have held on for decades of standing up with courage.

For those Kashmir leaders, activists and freedom fighters who are now under extreme barbaric brutality by the fascist regime of India, I stand in solidarity and will always affirm my unreserved support "

Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid - President MAPIM



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