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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Ps. Please address the plight and the aspirations of the people of
Kashmir



Memorable Dates

1. August 13, 1948: The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan {UNCIP} adopted a resolution affirming that the status of Jammu and Kashmir State shall be determined in accordance with the will of its people. This was reaffirmed by UNCIP resolution of 5 January, 1949.

2. March 1, 1990: The biggest ever demonstration of 2.5 million people of Kashmir before the UN Military Observers Group HQ in Srinagar demanded in a memorandum the implementation of UN resolutions on Kashmir.

3. June 30, 1993: A 214 page report by internationally reputable human rights organizations [Boston based Physicians for Human Rights and New York based Asia Watch], the document affirmed the violation of international human rights and humanitarian laws by Indian forces in Kashmir and calls it a pattern of impunity and alleges Indian forces and government are committing these atrocities as a matter of policy and weapons of war against the occupation and freedom resistance & revolt.

Kashmir at a glance

location: It is situated in the heart of South-Central Asia and shares its borders with Afghanistan, China, India and Pakistan. A small strip of Wakhan separates it from Tajikistan.

Area: 85,000 square miles. It is larger than 95 other independent countries in area. Nearly two third of its territory is under the occupation of India and Pakistan controls onethird, which is considered "Azad" {Free Kashmir }, i.e Kashmir and people of Kashmir are divided by a cease fire line.

Population: Around 12.5 million, including 1.5 million refugees in Pakistan and 0.5 million living in other parts of the world. It is bigger in size than 109 sovereign countries of the world.

Political Status: Kashmir is a disputed " Heavenly Nation " within the meaning of international law. Indian forces deceptively entered Kashmir on October 27, 1947 and obtained temporary accession of the state from its autocratic ruler while at the same time promising the people of Kashmir as well as United Nations that the future status of the its nation hood would be determined by its people. India, Pakistan and United Nations has made many national and international commitments, agreements, promises, and pledges to the people of Kashmir and the international community. The people of Kashmir are keenly awaiting for the demilitarization of Kashmir and "Plebiscite".

Solutions: The international community in general and the UN Security Council & US in particular should use all their moral, economic and diplomatic influence to end forced and brutal suppression, occupation and annexation of Kashmir and the people of Kashmir.



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