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# KASHMIR'S AUGUST: A CELEBRATION OF UNITY UNDER THE TIRANGA — A NEW AUGUST IN THE VALLEY

For decades, Kashmir's August was portrayed as a time of silence, unrest, or fear. But this year, the story was entirely different. Across the Valley, from Srinagar's Lal Chowk to the remotest villages of Kupwara and Shopian, thousands of Kashmiris stepped out with joy and pride to participate in Tiranga rallies.



The sight was remarkable: men, women, and children carrying the national flag in their hands and hope in their hearts. The tricolor was not just displayed — it was embraced, celebrated, and worn as an emblem of identity. The images of the rallies showed streets flooded with color, with school children marching in bands, local youth groups singing patriotic songs, and elders who once lived through the uncertainty of the 1990s now joining celebrations with visible relief on their faces. "The Tiranga rose higher than the mountains of the Valley, proving that Kashmir's heart beats with India."

### People's Participation, Not Fear

The massive scale of these rallies was a powerful answer to those who for decades tried to silence Kashmiris with fear. Separatist groups and terrorists once threatened anyone who dared to hoist the national flag. But the overwhelming participation of ordinary Kashmiris this August proved that those days are over.

No coercion, no fear — only genuine celebration. The Tiranga rallies were not state-managed spectacles, but people's festivals of freedom. In village squares, shopkeepers decorated their markets with tricolours, while in towns, women organized cultural programmes to mark the day. Social media was flooded with Kashmiri youth proudly posting photos of themselves with the national flag, sending a strong message across the

world.



## **Beyond Article 370: Progress as Identity**

For years, provisions like Article 370 and 35A were projected as symbols of Kashmiri identity. But in reality, they often isolated the region from development and progress. Since their abrogation of article 370 in 2019, Jammu and Kashmir has seen a wave of growth: new schools, new roads, healthcare facilities, tourism revival, and opportunities for entrepreneurship.

Young Kashmiris now dream of futures built on education, sports, and innovation. The Tiranga rallies reflected this changing mindset — a shift from victimhood to empowerment, from isolation to integration. The rise of Kashmiri athletes in national sports tournaments, the growth of local startups, and record-breaking tourist footfall are all signs of a society breaking free from the shackles of imposed stagnation.

## "Kashmir is rising with India"



## Kashmiri Identity Flourishing, Not Fading

Detractors often argue that Kashmir's culture and identity are under threat. Yet the Valley's heritage — its rouf dance, santoor melodies, kahwa traditions, and kalam recitations — continues to flourish.

The Tiranga rallies showed that being proudly Kashmiri and proudly Indian are not contradictions. Just as Punjab celebrates Baisakhi and Tamil Nadu celebrates Pongal, Kashmir too celebrates its unique culture — all under the same tricolour. This August, cultural performances were woven into Independence Day parades, with Kashmiri artists showcasing traditional music and handicrafts. The very act of carrying the Tiranga alongside Kashmiri symbols of tradition demonstrated that India's unity is built not on uniformity, but on diversity that strengthens national identity.





#### A Clear Rejection of Terrorism

Perhaps the most striking message of these rallies was the people's collective rejection of Pakistan sponsored terror and separatist propaganda. By stepping out in huge numbers with the national flag, Kashmiris made it clear that they seek peace, prosperity, and unity — not violence and division as desired by Pakistan.

Every Kashmiri child holding the Tiranga was a blow to extremist ideology. Every Kashmiri family celebrating Independence Day was proof that fear has been defeated. In fact, the rallies revealed something more profound: a generational shift. Young people, who form the majority of the Valley's population, are looking ahead with optimism rather than backward with bitterness. This generational confidence is the strongest assurance that the culture of terror sponsored by Pakistan will not succeed in Kashmir's future.



#### The Road Ahead

The Tiranga rallies are not the end, but the beginning of a new story. They symbolize a shift in mindset — from hesitation to confidence, from division to unity. Kashmiris today see themselves as active participants in India's democratic journey, not as bystanders to the conflict propagated by Pakistan.

The government's development push is important, but the people's own embrace of the Tiranga shows something even deeper: a desire to build their future with dignity and pride. Education reforms, empowerment of women, investments in local industries, and the resurgence of cultural tourism are shaping a Kashmir that stands tall in India's success story.

### A Message to the World

The images of thousands waving the Indian flag in the Valley have resonated far beyond India's borders. They dismantle the false international narratives of "occupation" and "silencing." The truth is simple: Kashmir is not waiting for freedom — Kashmir is already free. Kashmir is not suppressed — Kashmir is empowered.

Global media outlets that once highlighted unrest were compelled to cover the vibrant Tiranga rallies. The message to the world was unambiguous: Kashmir's future is tied to peace, progress, and pride as part of India. "Kashmir does not mourn August. Kashmir celebrates freedom in August."

#### Kashmir is India

This August, Kashmir sent out its clearest message yet. The Tiranga rallies were more than celebrations of Independence Day — the rallies were affirmations of belonging, courage, and pride.

Kashmir is not broken — Kashmir is not forgotten — Kashmir is not apart — Kashmir is alive — Kashmir is rising — Kashmir is India!

The image of a Kashmiri child smiling under the Tiranga is the ultimate answer to decades of lies and fears. It tells the story of people who have chosen hope, unity, and freedom. As the national flag continues to flutter proudly in the Valley, the world must recognize what the people have declared: Kashmir's destiny is with India — and together, they are moving forward.

# PEOPLE IN POJK, BALOCHISTAN & KHYBER PAKHTOONKHWA, WHO CARES — A VOICE FROM DEEP IN PAKISTAN

The situation inside POJK, Baloch & Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa has reached an unprecedented point from where return to the previous normal is extremely difficult and in certain aspects, the situation is irreversible. Today, if we take a look around us and try to analyse the current conditions, we'll find the state apparatus is totally dysfunctional.

- The economy is in shambles.
- Unemployment is breaking records with each passing day.
- The infrastructure is in ruins.
- Corruption and the corrupt are thriving.
- There is no accountability whatsoever.
- Social evils and crime are rampant.
- Drugs and alcohol have flooded the community.
- Arrests, torture, property seizures are commonplace.
- Division of people on sect and ethnic basis is state policy.
- The fear to speak freely is widespread.
- Youth and children have been made intellectually bankrupt.
- Civilians are being killed and no one talks about it.
- Thousands of innocents are in jails.
- No real leadership to guide people.

These are classic signs of a community on the verge of collapse. For decades, enemies tried different methods to bring down through various evil means. Each time they failed because the conscience of people was still alive. This time, the situation is very different. It seems the people have sold their conscience and accepted the imposed false normal upon them.

Things have reached to such a point where we can't go back now, but further damage can be stopped. People have to take to streets to protect their own families from the occupation and it's evils. If anyone thinks their family will be safe from the above mentioned things then they are living in a fools paradise. Everyone will suffer in one way or other. Some will lose their children to drugs, some to bullets, some to jails, some to adultery, some to unemployment, and some will loose their religion. People won't understand what we are saying now but will do when the fire reaches their houses. If there is an iota of conscience and conscious thought left in people, then they should think, analyse, argue and decide as to what should be done.

During the devastating floods in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, the suffering of ordinary people exposed the complete apathy of Pakistan's ruling elite. Instead of providing adequate relief, shelter, and rehabilitation to the victims, reports highlighted how funds meant for flood relief were either diverted or embezzled by corrupt politicians and local authorities. Relief material never reached thousands of displaced families, while leaders shamelessly used the tragedy as a stage for political theatrics and photoops. The very money that should have been spent on rebuilding lives was misused, leaving victims abandoned in the face of disaster—a grim reflection of how the state exploits human suffering for its own political gains.

People often think we as individuals can't do anything, no to make changes at a community level we have to start at individual levels. First of all shun this approach of "Ahsas e kamteri". Have some self-respect and dignity. Don't fall for occupational narrative and gimmick.

Don't participate in events and activities which white wash the crimes of the occupational forces or police. Keep your conscience clean. The same forces kill our brothers, the same police has sent thousands to jails and same police has abducted hundreds of bodies of martyrs for 5 years now. In the last decade alone, we have witnessed dozens of fake encounters, and a dozen more forceful disappearances. How does your soul rest knowing all this?

Pakistan today stands at a point of no return. Its society has been eaten up by terrorism, corruption, and failed political leadership. The real occupation is not in Kashmir, but inside Pakistan itself — where the people are enslaved by a handful of corrupt generals, terrorists, and dynastic political parties like PPP and PML-N. Ordinary Pakistanis are trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty, extremism, and brainwashing. Families there are not losing children to "occupation forces" but to heroin smuggling rings run by ISI-backed networks, to bullets fired in Karachi gang wars, to forced disappearances in Balochistan, and to Taliban militancy in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa. This is the reality that Pakistanis refuse to confront.

Instead of teaching self-respect, the Pakistani establishment teaches its people "Ahsas-e-ghulami" the mentality of living under military dictatorships. Every Prime Minister from Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to Imran Khan has either been overthrown, jailed, or made a puppet of Rawalpindi. And still, Pakistanis remain silent, clapping for the same army generals who have drowned their country in debt and handed over national





sovereignty to China. Where is the dignity in that?

Pakistan's so-called leaders and parties PPP, PML-N, PTI, JUI-F are all two sides of the same rotten coin. They fight on TV, but unite when it comes to looting national wealth, protecting terrorists, and spreading venom against India. Their "moral high ground" is a joke the same politicians who cry for Kashmir have never apologized for the genocide of Bengalis in 1971, or for the massacre of Shias, Ahmadis, and Baloch in their own land.

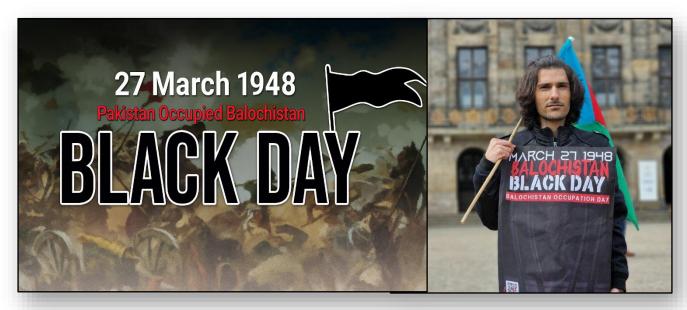
And what of their "activists" and "journalists"? Most are ISI's paid stooges, tasked with glorifying terrorists like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, and Syed Salahuddin. Pakistan has raised entire generations of children not on education or innovation but on jihadi textbooks that preach hatred against Hindus, Christians, and even fellow Muslims. This is why their youth today are jobless, brainwashed, and ready to blow themselves up for 72 imaginary virgins. This is the real tragedy of Pakistan.

Everywhere in Pakistan from media to trader bodies to transport unions people have been silenced by blasphemy laws, extremist mobs, or military courts. No lawyer, no journalist, no politician dares to question the ISI. Anyone who does is either disappeared, tortured, or dumped in a ditch. Baloch activists, Pashtun students, Sindhi nationalists all crushed, all silenced and yet the same Pakistan dares to lecture India?

The truth is simple: Pakistan itself is collapsing under its own weight of extremism, corruption, and terrorism. Its economy is bankrupt, its society is radicalised, and its politics are enslaved by Generals. The "fire" they warn others about is already burning in their own homes and no amount of propaganda, no number of fake "Kashmir solidarity days," can hide that Pakistan has become a failed state.

# MARCH 27: A BLACK DAY

That same day back in 1948, Pakistan started planning the occupation of the Balochistan region. Shortly after this, the people of Balochistan were suppressed and a massive crackdown took place. Later, the forces of the Pakistani army entered Kalat and occupied our land and territory over the next few months.



The 27th of March for us Baloch will always be a Black Day. Pakistan thinks that the resistance in Balochistan is over, but the truth is poles apart from their claims.

The occupational setup has once again started a full-fledged propaganda campaign across Balochistan. Children from schools and colleges are being forced to take part in these Pakistani flag rallies and road shows. This is not just an attempt to send a message to their domestic and international audience that Baloch have accepted Pakistan, but a deeply thought and well-planned agenda is behind it all. These marches and rallies are an effort to push into the psyche of people that the resistance has lost. We ask our people to not let these rallies dishearten you.

The education department is on the frontlines to make this propaganda widespread. Some officials and employees from the department do it willingly for personal gain, whilst most are forced to take part in it. Despite enduring decades of atrocities under Pakistan's occupation, the people of Balochistan continues to stand resilient. They remain determined to preserve their culture, nurture their communities, and strive for the growth of their land. Mothers, in particular, carry the hope of the future by working tirelessly to educate their children, ensuring that the spirit of Balochistan lives on through the next generation.



# **AUTHOR'S NOTE**

India pays solemn homage to every brave heart who has laid down his life to safeguard peace and protect innocent citizens from the menace of Pakistan sponsored terrorism. The so-called "resistance" glorified by Pakistan-backed propaganda is nothing but a desperate attempt to spread fear and destabilize the Valley. The truth is clear terror has no future in Jammu & Kashmir.

What is often ignored is that Pakistan itself is crumbling under the weight of extremism, sectarian killings, and political chaos. Instead of lecturing others, Islamabad must answer for the continued oppression in Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (POJK), the plight of the people in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, and the systematic suppression of voices in Balochistan, where disappearances, killings, and human rights violations have become routine.

The local population of J&K is witnessing unprecedented development, empowerment, and opportunities under the Indian Constitution. Roads, schools, universities, sports facilities, and employment programs are reaching every corner of the Valley contrary to the lies being peddled by those who thrive on violence. Political parties and people's representatives here are part of India's democratic fabric, not "puppets" as falsely claimed.

India has always believed in peace, progress, and prosperity for its citizens. However, those who attempt to destabilize will be dealt with firmly. Our commitment is not only towards the youth of Kashmir but also towards ensuring that the voices of those suffering in POJK, Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, and Balochistan are not forgotten. These regions, especially POJK which is an integral part of India, remain a matter of deep concern for New Delhi.

The path ahead is one of progress, not propaganda; of peace, not proxies. The people of Jammu & Kashmir have rejected the gun and chosen growth, dignity, and democracy while those across the border remain chained to terror and tyranny.

