

Consulate General of Pakistan
Los Angeles

Press Release

Today, the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles organized an event to observe Kashmir Solidarity Day to express solidarity with the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir in their just struggle against the Indian occupation.

Prominent members of the Pakistani-American community, academia and students from UCLA, USC and other universities attended the event. Many Kashmiris hailing from Azad Jammu & Kashmir as well as Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir were also present at the event. Messages by the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day were read to the audience.

Highlight of the event was live telephonic address of Ms. Asia Andrabi, founder of Dukhtaraan-e-Millat organization, which is part of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, from Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. In her address, Ms. Andrabi highlighted the atrocities committed by the Indian Security Forces over the defenseless and unarmed civilians of the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. She also thanked the Government and people of Pakistan for their continued support to the Kashmir cause..

Speaking on the occasion, Consul General Abdul Jabbar Memon said that the people and the government of Pakistan were with the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle for the right to self-determination. He said that Pakistan will continue to give moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir.

Other distinguished speakers who addressed the august gathering included Ms. Mahnoor Umair, President of the Pakistani Students Association, University of Southern California, Mr. Wajahat Dedmari, prominent Kashmiri leader from Indian Occupied Kashmir who is currently based in Los Angeles, Mr. Irfan Murtaza, President of Urdu Writers Society of Northern America, Mr. Arif Zaffar Mansuri, prominent businessman, journalist, publisher and host of The Mansuri Show on ARY News, Mr. Waqar Ali Khan, prominent media personality, host of Safer-e-Pakistan Show on Geo TV and President of Pakistani-American Chambers of Commerce, Dr. Muhammad Razaq, former President of Council of Pakistani-American Affairs and Dr. Shoaib Patel, prominent community leader of Los Angeles. Mr. Zafar Abbas, prominent media person, poet, writer and bureau chief of Urdu Times was Master of the Ceremony. The speakers emphasized the need to highlight Indian violations of human rights in Kashmir and expressed

satisfaction on the effective efforts made by the Government of Pakistan in this regard.

An exhibition of pictures depicting the beauty of Kashmir as well as the atrocities of the Indian security forces was also on display on the sidelines of the event. The audience took keen interest in the exhibition. Two paintings of the children of Kashmir by the famous artist Mr. Irfan Murtaza were also exhibited on the occasion. Towards the end, the guests were entertained with traditional Pakistani food.

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