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Throughout September
I had hoped that this month I would talk about the work we are doing for promoting Pakistan-U.S. cooperation in trade, investment, energy, and education—that the latest nightmare of the Kashmiri people, which began on August 5, would be over by now. Unfortunately, this was not to be.

As India's brutal lockdown in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir entered its second month in September, the Embassy and Consulates continued to highlight the growing humanitarian crisis in Kashmir in our engagements with the U.S. government, Congress, media, and think tanks.

These efforts reached a crescendo during Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to New York to participate in the 74th session of the UN General Assembly.

In the lead-up to the Prime Minister's address at the UNGA, the Embassy organized a series of engagements to draw U.S. media's attention to the worsening human rights situation in Kashmir. These included interviews and opinion pieces by both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.

Finally, in an impassioned and widely-acclaimed address before the United Nations on September 27, the Prime Minister urged the United Nations and international community to play their role in ending the siege in Occupied Kashmir, and to resolve the longest-pending dispute on the UN agenda. While the Prime Minister spoke at the UN, thousands of Kashmiris protested outside the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza to denounce India's aggression in Kashmir and to demonstrate their solidarity with the oppressed people of Kashmir.

The Prime Minister had earlier met with U.S. President Donald Trump on September 23—their second meeting in two months. The Prime Minister appreciated President Trump's offer of mediation in resolving the Kashmir dispute, noting that India's actions in Occupied Kashmir posed a threat to regional peace and stability. Both leaders also agreed to build on the positive momentum generated in the bilateral relationship since the Prime Minister's visit to Washington in July.

The Prime Minister's visit to New York was highly successful in achieving its primary objective—to put the Kashmir dispute at the front and center of the international agenda. The visit and, especially, the Prime Minister's powerful call for resolving the Kashmir dispute at the UN has continued to resound in the United States.

In addition to building momentum for the Prime Minister's visit to New York, my team and I remained busy in apprising the U.S. Congress of the need for an immediate end to India's lockdown in Occupied Kashmir.

Our efforts bore fruit as over 70 U.S. lawmakers—both Senators and House Representatives; Republicans and Democrats—have so far made public statements about the harrowing human rights situation in Occupied Kashmir. These included presidential candidates, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Kamala Harris and former congressman Beto O'Rourke. Remarkably, 35 members of the House of Representatives wrote a joint letter to the U.S. administration, expressing concern over the situation in Occupied Kashmir and urging the United States to play a role in defusing tensions between Pakistan and India. In October, the House Foreign Affairs Committee is set to hold a hearing on the human rights situation in South Asia that would also focus on Kashmir.

The U.S. media also continues to give unprecedented coverage to the human rights violations being committed by Indian security forces in Occupied Kashmir.

In short, we can draw some satisfaction from the fact that the Kashmir issue is resonating in the United States with a force and urgency that has not been seen in many years. This is a tribute to our collective efforts. Nonetheless, I would remind Kashmiri and Pakistani Americans that this is going to be a long fight. All of us need to continue to speak for the Kashmiri people until they can speak for themselves.

Pakistan stands with Kashmir.

Dr. Asad M. Khan, Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States
During the month of September, Pakistan’s diplomatic efforts and activities across the United States were relentless in pursuit of elevating the voices of Pakistani and Kashmiri peoples. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) provided us with a platform to highlight India’s ongoing siege of Kashmir.
Prime Minister Imran Khan addressed the UN General Assembly session in New York on 27 September 2019. In an impassioned speech, the Prime Minister called on the United Nations to urge India to immediately lift the inhuman curfew in Occupied Kashmir.

Prime Minister Khan reminded the world community of its responsibility to ensure that Kashmiris get their right to self-determination as enshrined in several UN Security Council resolutions.

He warned the world leaders that the unresolved nature of the Kashmir dispute posed a serious challenge to regional peace and stability.

Watch the full address of Prime Minister Imran Khan here.

FACT – It has been over 65 days since Kashmir has been under siege by a total communications blackout.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
Prime Minister Imran Khan met President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York on 23 September 2019. The two leaders reaffirmed their resolve to build a broad-based and mutually-beneficial partnership between Pakistan and the United States.

Prime Minister Khan appreciated President Trump’s continued offers of assistance in mediating the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He described India’s brutal lockdown in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir as a dire humanitarian crisis with implications for regional security.

The two leaders also reviewed the evolving regional peace and security scenario. They reiterated their shared interest in a peaceful and stable Afghanistan.

FACT: The Washington Post and several other international news organizations have chronicled at least 19 people across 13 villages in southern Kashmir who have been abused by the Indian armed forces in the days after the crackdown.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
During his visit to New York, Prime Minister Imran Khan spoke with top media organizations and journalists to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Indian-Occupied Kashmir and why he is open to President Donald Trump’s offer of mediation between Pakistan and India. In his interview with Christiane Amanpour (CNN) PM spoke about his fears for Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and tensions with India. He also appeared on ‘Morning Joe’, a morning news and talk show on MSNBC.

Prime Minister Imran Khan also met with the editorial boards of both The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. While condemning India’s lockdown in Occupied Kashmir, Prime Minister Khan said he would appeal to the United Nations for help.

FACT – At least 300 people have been arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA), which allows for detentions of up to two years without trial.
Prime Minister Imran Khan delivered a keynote address at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He spoke about the current state of Pakistan-US relations, recent developments in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJK), Pakistan-India relations and the situation in Afghanistan. He also highlighted steps taken by the Government for socio-economic development in the country.

Prime Minister Imran Khan also addressed a sold out crowd at the Asia Society, a New York-based prominent US think tank. During his remarks he reiterated Pakistan's position on India's lockdown in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He also highlighted Pakistan's foreign policy and domestic policy priorities.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
Prime Minister Imran Khan met Republican Senator Lindsey Graham in New York. The Prime Minister appreciated Senator Graham’s support for strengthening Pakistan-U.S relations. He expressed his grave concern over the deteriorating situation in Indian-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized that the United States should play a positive role in resolving the Kashmir dispute.

Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan received Prime Minister Imran Khan on his arrival in New York to attend the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly.
STANDING WITH KASHMIR: FM QURESHI SPEAKS TO U.S. MEDIA

In addition to Pakistan’s numerous meetings during UNGA, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi spoke to both CNN and Newsweek, explaining how the situation in Kashmir could impact the world and stressed the need for international mediation in order to avoid further conflict.

In an Op-Ed for CNN, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi stated that "Pakistan has called for a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir dispute.” He warned that “India's is not a voice of reason and tolerance. It can go to any length to detract attention from its actions in Kashmir. The world must let Kashmir speak and be heard.”

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
In an interview with Newsweek, Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan said that things are getting worse in Indian-Occupied Kashmir. Ambassador warned that, if left unchecked by world powers, India's crackdown on Kashmir could destabilize the region to the point of another conflict between Pakistan and India.

In addition, Abid Saeed, Minister Press of the Pakistan Embassy in Washington, wrote a rejoinder to an op-ed by India's ambassador to the United States in The New York Times. Mr. Saeed wrote that India should explain "how it plans to foster “hope for development” through mass incarceration, torture and cowardly night raids into homes to pick up children?"

STANDING WITH KASHMIR: AMBASSADOR KHAN ENGAGES U.S. MEDIA ON PAKISTAN & KASHMIR THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Ambassador Khan had a detailed meeting with David Sanger, national security correspondent and senior writer at The New York Times. Ambassador apprised him about the current state of Pakistan-U.S. relations and Pakistan's concern about recent developments in Indian-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Ambassador Asad M. Khan hosted Jennifer Amur, South Asia editor and Susannah George, Pakistan bureau chief, Washington Post at the Embassy residence.

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IN THEIR OWN VOICE: PRESIDENT AJK IN DC

President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Masood Khan came to Washington D.C. to ensure that the voices of Kashmiris are heard across the U.S. and to provide first hand testimony to the developments taking place in the region and across the line of control (loc).

#LetKashmirSpeak
A roundtable discussion on ‘The Future of Jammu and Kashmir’ was organized at The New America Foundation. Speaking at the event, President AJK Masood Khan gave his perspective on the latest developments in Occupied Kashmir and its consequences for the region.
In an interview with Newsweek, President AJK Masood Khan warned that "there's now a state of war with India."

In an interview with Public Radio International, Masood Khan, President AJK, highlighted that it has been almost two months since India tried to annex the disputed territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

President AJK Masood Khan gave a roundup of his visit to DC-based Pakistani media persons before his return. He said he had been successful in sensitizing U.S. officials, media, and think tank community about the grave humanitarian crisis in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and the dangers it posed to peace in South Asia.

In an interview with Shaun Tandon, White House Correspondent of AFP, President AJK Masood Khan said he was hopeful that U.S. would play a role in resolving the Kashmir dispute.
TELLING THE WORLD: ENGAGING ACROSS ALL PLATFORMS (TWITTER POSTS)

For over 2 months with a complete blackout of communications, thousands imprisoned, including entire spectrum of political leadership plus children, & a growing humanitarian crisis. In IOJK 100k Kashmiris have been killed over 30 yrs fighting for their right to self determination

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as committed to them by the international community through UNSC resolutions.

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TELLING THE WORLD: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE UN HQ IN NEW YORK

Thousands of Kashmiris, Sikhs and Pakistani Americans gathered outside the United Nations building on 27 September to protest India's lockdown in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir on the same day that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the UN General Assembly.

#LetKashmirSpeak   #StandWithKashmir
TELLING THE WORLD: PROTESTS AT “HOWDY MODI” RALLY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Hundreds of people held demonstration outside the NRG Stadium in Houston as Indian Prime Minister Modi addressed the "Howdy, Modi" event organized by Indian Americans.
TELLING THE WORLD: KASHMIR RELATED PROTESTS

A vehicle fitted with a digital screen drawing attention to the crisis in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir was operated by a group of Kashmiris at important locations in Washington DC.
THE WORLD IS WATCHING: U.S. POLICYMAKERS VOICE SUPPORT FOR KASHMIR IN RECORD NUMBERS

An overwhelming number of American policy-makers made official statements, sent letters, spoke to media, and tweeted in support of the Kashmiri people and against the undemocratic stance India has taken.

FACT – Over 4,000 Kashmiris have been arrested since August 5.

#LetKashmirSpeak #StandWithKashmir
"The Modi-Trump rally is happening at a moment when the state of Kashmir remains under lockdown. In early August, Modi’s government unilaterally revoked Kashmir’s longstanding autonomy, has cracked down on dissent, jailed political leaders and instituted a communications blackout."

“The lockdown has also blocked Kashmiris’ access to basic medical care. In a letter published in the British Medical Journal on Aug. 16, a group of doctors from across India asked their government to ease restrictions on communication and travel, saying they were “a blatant denial of the right to health care and the right to life” because they made it difficult for patients and staff to get to hospitals. A recent Human Rights Watch report notes that, “From chemotherapy to dialysis, patients are struggling to access lifesaving treatment on time.”

“President Trump has voiced no criticism of these troubling moves. He should be demanding that these restrictions be lifted and communications be restored immediately.”
THE WORLD IS WATCHING: TWEETS FROM THE HILL

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (D-WA):
“I continue to be deeply concerned about credible reports of a humanitarian crisis in Jammu & Kashmir. Even in complex situations, we look to strong democratic allies like India to uphold basic human rights and due process. I also remain concerned about a surge of attacks against religious minorities in India. I’ve raised these concerns before, and I urge the Indian govt. to work to uphold religious tolerance – along a principal of Indian history and democracy.”

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (D-NY):
“Just met with the NY Consulate General of India, Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty re: the ongoing situation in #Kashmir out of my concern for human rights. Kashmiri-Americans deserve transparency. As a democratic nation, the voices and concerns of the people of Kashmir must be heard.”

Senator Ed Markey (D-MA):
“The Rohingya fled a campaign in Burma to erase their existence only to face a campaign in Bangladesh to erase their experience. Indonesia, Kashmir, Bangladesh: there is a disturbing trend of the most vulnerable populations in Asia being silenced with communications blackouts.”

Brad Sherman (D-CA): Chair House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia
“Yesterday, I hosted several of my colleagues in a meeting with Ambassador Wells, the top State Department official focused on South Asia. Most of our discussions focused on Kashmir, both the immediate human rights situation and the legal status of Kashmir. We will soon be holding hearings in my Subcommittee to discuss human rights in South Asia. We will discuss, among other things, the need to restore communications and restore civil liberties in Kashmir.”

PM Khan at UNGA Address: “I picture myself. I am in Kashmir. I have been locked up for 55 days ... and there are rapes, Indian army going into homes, soldiers. Would I want to live this humiliation? Would I want to live like that?”
THE WORLD IS WATCHING: TWEETS FROM THE HILL

• **Congressman Gil Cisneros** (D-CA): “The situation in Kashmir is deeply troubling. I’m closely monitoring the situation and hope that when Congress comes back into session, that we act to ensure the people of Kashmir are treated with respect and their basic human rights are protected.”

• **Congresswoman Judy Chu** (D-CA): “It’s been over a month since mobile phones & internet access were cut off in Kashmir. And one month in, many political leaders are still being held in ‘preventive detention.’ As the world’s largest Democracy, I urge India to demonstrate its leadership and lift restrictions on communications and provide the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir with the same rights as other citizens of India.”

• **Congressman Mike Levin** (D-CA): “We must call attention to the situation in Kashmir, where the Indian government has left millions stranded without any way to contact family and friends. Schools have been closed and public meetings banned. This is not how democracies are supposed to act.”

• **Congressman Tony Cárdenas** (D-CA): “I applaud the House Foreign Affairs Committee’s Subcommittee on Asia for holding a hearing on the humanitarian and human rights situation in the Kashmir Valley. Reports of the situation in Kashmir are concerning. It is important that we understand the severity of the situation. The people of Kashmir need access to clean water, food, and access to information and school. The dispute over Kashmir will only be solved when India, Pakistan, and the leadership of Kashmir come to the table.”

• **Congressman Eric Swalwell** (D-CA): “The strife in Kashmir isn’t just about India and Pakistan – it is an issue that has worldwide military, economic, and moral consequences.”

• **Congressman Alan Lowenthal** (D-CA): “The ongoing crisis in Kashmir is unworthy of the world’s largest democracy. The Indian government is behind a lockdown which is badly harming innocent people. I call on India to respect human rights and end the curfew!”

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Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MN): “While I have deep respect for India and its important relationship with the US, I condemn the revocation of #Article370 & #Article35A, the imposed communications blockade, suppression of life-saving medical care, and reports of widespread human rights violations in #Jammu and #Kashmir. The communication blockade doesn’t just mean people cannot get in touch with their families, it also means shortages of medicine and an inability to receive medical care. And multiple reports indicate that over 3,000 people have been indefinitely detained without charges by the Indian government under the Public Safety Act, including children, lawyers, doctors, religious leaders, and opposition political leaders. I urge the Indian government to accept responsibility for the human rights violations being carried out, hold the responsible parties accountable, and lift the comms blockade and all curfew restrictions to shed light on what is happening in Jammu and Kashmir.”

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA): “I’m deeply troubled by reports of detentions without due process and communications blockades in Kashmir. The US must speak out against this human rights crisis. India can and must do better to ensure that freedoms for all its citizens are upheld.”

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY): “We stand for the basic human dignity of Kashmiris & support democracy, equality, and human rights for all - including the most vulnerable. Reports of violence & torture are extremely concerning, and the blockade from communication and life-saving medical care must end.”

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• Congressman James McGovern (D-MA), Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Congressman Andy Levin (D-MI), Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA), Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ), Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Congressman Don Beyer (D-VA): Letter to U.S. Ambassador in India and U.S. C’dA in Pakistan
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- Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO): Letter to Secretary Pompeo

- Reps. Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Al Green (D-TX), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Andy Levin (D-MI), Mike Levin (D-CA), James McGovern (D-MA), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Katie Porter (D-CA): Statement

FACT: The line of control (LOC) between India and Pakistan is one of the most militarized frontiers in the world.

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THE WORLD IS WATCHING: MEDIA COMMENTS FROM THE POLICYMAKERS

**Senator Kamala Harris** (D-CA) *Candidate for Democratic presidential nomination*: Speaking at a public event: “[On Indian human rights violations in Occupied Kashmir] We are all watching. Because so often when we see human rights abuses, whether it is in this country or around the world, the abuser would convince those that they abuse that nobody cares and that nobody is watching, nobody is paying attention, which is the tool of the abuser. So that is part of what I would say. We are watching.”

**Senator Tim Kaine** (D-VA) *Former Democratic Nominee for Vice President*: Remarks in media: “It is very much a matter for the administration and the administration has to take it more seriously. At the end of the day we do need the administration to weigh in. We have just come back from the recess and what I am starting with is meetings with my colleagues and representatives of the governments so we can promote more stability.”

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Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Todd Young (R-IN), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) sent a letter to U.S. President Trump expressing their grave concern regarding the situation in Kashmir.

The United States has a vital role to play in facilitating a resolution to this humanitarian crisis, and we urge you to act swiftly. Once the urgent humanitarian situation has been addressed, we hope the United States can play a constructive role in helping resolve the underlying disputes between the two nuclear powers, India and Pakistan.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Todd Young
United States Senator

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

Lindsey Graham
United States Senator

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EMBASSY OUTREACH
IN
THE UNITED STATES
Governor Sindh Imran Ismail, Ambassador Asad M. Khan, Assistant Secretary of State Ambassador Alice Wells and Ambassador-at-Large for Foreign Investment Ali Jehangir Siddiqui speaking at the luncheon meeting.

Ambassador Khan convened a luncheon meeting in honor of Governor Sindh Imran Ismail. The Governor led a JS Global business delegation to engage with U.S. businesses and government with the aim to boost trade and investment cooperation. The delegation comprised of the CEOs of leading Pakistani businesses.
Embassy Outreach: Increasing Economic Growth and Diversity

Ambassador Hosts Pakistani Parliamentarians and Community Members

Ambassador Khan hosted a dinner reception at the Embassy in honor of female Pakistani Parliamentarians visiting the U.S. under the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) exchange program as well as prominent members of the Pakistani-American community who were visiting Washington to attend Kashmir Day at Capitol Hill.

Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth Calls on Advisor to the Prime Minister for Commerce

Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth Keith Krach called on Advisor to the Prime Minister for Commerce Abdul Razzak Dawood during UNGA in New York. They discussed opportunities for enhancing bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation between Pakistan and the US.
EMBASSY OUTREACH: PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS VISIT WASHINGTON

EMBASSY HOSTS DELEGATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM BALOCHISTAN

A delegation of Parliamentarians from Balochistan visited Washington DC on an official visit. The delegation was led by Senator Anwar-ul-Haq and included Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Finance Minister for Balochistan, Mir Zia Ullah, Home Minister for Balochistan and Danesh Kumar, Member Provincial Assembly.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSTS PAKISTANI PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM BALOCHISTAN

A PROMINENT COMMUNITY MEMBER FROM MARYLAND, AISHA KHAN, HOSTS PAKISTANI PARLIAMENTARIANS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
EMBASSY OUTREACH: HOSTED AT THE EMBASSY

EMBASSY COMMEMORATES ‘DEFENSE & MARTYRS DAY’

The Embassy of Pakistan observed ‘Defense & Martyrs Day’ to honor the services of the Armed Forces of Pakistan for the defense and security of the country and to pay homage to brave Pakistani men and women who laid down their lives in the service of their homeland. This year Defense Day was observed along with ‘Kashmir Solidarity Day’ to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir currently suffering under the repressive lockdown by Indian occupation forces.

Ambassador Khan paid tribute to the resilience of the Pakistani people and the courage and sacrifices of Pakistan’s armed forces in defending the homeland against threats to the country’s independence and sovereignty.

Randall Schriver, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense, was chief guest at the occasion. He acknowledged Pakistan’s contributions in the war on terror and appreciated Pakistani leadership for its cooperation in achieving the objective of peace in the region.

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EMBASSY OUTREACH: HOSTED AT THE EMBASSY

NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY DELEGATION

Ambassador Asad M. Khan addressing participants and faculty of College of International Security Affairs and National Defence University at the Embassy of Pakistan.

Ambassador Asad M. Khan in discussion with faculty members of College of International Security Affairs and National Defence University.

FACT- There are still over 8 million people living in Kashmir who, since August 5, have been living through a complete telecommunications blackout.

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