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“Today is the grim anniversary of revocation of Article 370....This is not what we expect from a democracy.....In January this year, I along with my colleagues sent a letter to Pompeo (on Kashmir and CAA)....We need to have these conversations (with India) even if they are uncomfortable...I hope that people in Kashmir will see democracy one day.” (Speech at APPAC event – August 5, 2020)

Watch video here.

Rep. Michael McCaul | R-Texas

“We note with concern that conditions in Jammu & Kashmir have not normalized one year after India’s repeal of Article 370 and the establishment of Jammu and Kashmir as a Union Territory” (Letter to Indian EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar – August 5, 2020)

Rep. Steve Watkins | D- Kansas


“I believe that the true spirit of America is only upheld when we bond together and fight back against human rights abuses and of course the situation in Jammu & Kashmir is one that I find deeply deeply concerning. We are very troubled about the reports that have incl detentions, kidnappings, media blackouts, bans on social media and the suppression of journalism. Most alarming is the restriction on tools needed to fight the COVID pandemic...It is important that the United States sends a message to the international community and to the govt of India that these acts aren’t going to be ignored and that the status quo will change.” Watch here.

Sen. Maggie Hassan | D-New Hampshire

“Thank you for the hospitality shown to me in Pakistan....actually being on the ground and meeting people is critical to our understanding ...I found the trip to AJK extraordinarily moving...when I went to India and asked for the same opportunity to go to Kashmir but was refused... I was able to meet with journalists who cover Kashmir.” (Webinar hosted by Pakistani American Tahir Javed – August 6, 2020).
Rep. Jim Banks | R-Indiana

Congressman Jim Banks pointed out that through bipartisan efforts the (Congressional Pakistan) Caucus was able to draw the attention of the U.S. leadership. He committed to continuing working to make congressional colleagues aware of the situation in Kashmir and ease their sufferings. (Speaking at Webinar organized by Friends of Kashmir and CG Houston – August 5, 2020). Watch the video here.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen | D-New Hampshire

“When you talked about Kashmir... I know how much of an impression it made on Sen. Hasan because she came back and talked about it....she talked about how impressed she was from her trip and how much she appreciated the Pakistani govt. being willing to open up and make her visit there and be transparent about what was going on, unlike the Indian government.” (Webinar hosted by Pakistani-American Tahir Javed – August 6, 2020).

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee | D-Texas

“Let the people of Kashmir know we stand with people of Jammu and Kashmir....I will continue to raise my voice for the rights of oppressed people worldwide.” (Speaking at Webinar organized by Friends of Kashmir and CG Houston – August 5, 2020).

Watch the video here.


“The curfew and lockdown in Kashmir is a violation of Indian courts....I stand for the rights of the Kashmiri people and will continue to do so, despite pressure from Indian Americans.” (Speaking at APPAC event – August 5, 2020)
Candidate Jamal Bowman  |  D-New York

Candidate Jamal Bowman called the human rights violations happening to the Kashmiri people unacceptable and vowed to stand with the Kashmiri people to fight for their fundamental human rights. He also called on the U.S., being the human rights leader, and the entire world to stand with the Kashmiri people. (Twitter on August 4, 2020).

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson  |  D-Texas

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson recalled co-sponsoring resolution HR-745 which condemned Indian actions in J&K and communication blockade and called for the restoration of normalcy. She assured continued strong support so that “life is spent in freedom.” (Speaking at Webinar hosted by Friends of Kashmir and CG Houston - August 5, 2020)

Watch the video here.

Rep. David Trone  |  D-Maryland

“I’ve heard reports that doctors there feel unable to voice their concerns for fear that Indian authorities will claim they are opposing the Government of India, thus putting their jobs at risk. Clearly, the pandemic layered on top of civil unrest in the region further threatens the lives and livelihoods of the residents in Jammu and Kashmir.

“India is a key democratic partner of the United States. It is the Indian government’s responsibility to ensure that the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir are afforded the same rights and privileges as all citizens of India, with equal and just treatment under the law. This respect for human dignity must be paramount.” (Press release – August 4, 2020).
Rep. Rashida Tlaib | D-Michigan

#OTD one year ago, India made the unfortunate decision to revoke #Article370 and robbed the Kashmiri people of their self-governance and basic civil liberties. I condemned the decision then and now, in the midst of the global #COVID19 pandemic, I am reaffirming that condemnation.

12:21 PM · Aug 5, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Replying to @RepRashida

Under the intensified lockdown in Kashmir pursued as a result of #COVID19, the continued detention of political prisoners and civilians, including children and the ailing, is all the more egregious and must be stopped.

10:131:406

I previously intro'd #HRes724 to condemn the inhumane abuses in #Jammu & Kashmir. To our Kashmiri neighbors here & around the world, know that silence is not an option & I will continue to pursue avenues of peace & justice for you & your loved ones.

(Twitter – August 5, 2020)

Rep. Anthony Brown | D-Maryland

One year ago, self-autonomy, freedom of expression, assembly and movement were restricted in Kashmir. COVID19 has exacerbated this humanitarian crisis.

I continue to stand with the Kashmiri people against this injustice

(Twitter – August 5, 2020)
Rep. Jackie Speier | D-California

It’s been a year since the people of #Kashmir — including families of my constituents — have lived in lockdown under our democratic ally India. Detaining civilians (including children) and preventing access to tele-health, education and other critical services is inhumane!

(Twitter – August 6, 2020)

Rep. T.J. Cox | D-California

“Violation of human rights is a source of concern for me and the people of the U.S. and so is the situation of human rights in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, where human rights of residents are being violated on routine basis.” (Webinar with CG Los Angeles – August 6, 2020)

Watch the video here.

Rep. Katie Porter | D-California

Today marks one year since India’s crackdown on Jammu and Kashmir. Millions remain cut off from phone and internet, the local economy is in ruins, and political prisoners are in custody without charges. It’s time for the lockdown to end.

(Twitter – August 6, 2020)
Rep. Greg Stanton | D-Arizona

Congressman Greg Stanton participated in an event arranged by PAKPAC where he expressed support for the people of Kashmir and said he would like to see them enjoy the same freedom as others. ([PAKPAC event](https://www.pakpaccanada.org) on August 2, 2020).

Rep. Terry Mezza | Texas State Assembly

Rep Terry Messa expressed support for peace, religious freedoms, and the right to self-determination. She emphasized the need for easing restrictions and ensuring liberties for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She also mentioned her interactions and enhanced understanding of the issue and wanted the US Administration to attend to the issue on merits and not just political considerations. ([Webinar of Friends of Kashmir and CG Houston – August 5, 2020](https://www.forkashmir.org)). Watch video [here](https).

Rep. Tony Rivero | Arizona State Assembly

Rep. Tony Rivero expressed solidarity and support for the people of Kashmir ([Webinar arranged by CG Los Angeles – August 6, 2020](https://www.cgla.com)). Watch the video [here](https).


Upsetting news marking a year since the Indian government revoked Jammu & Kashmir’s autonomy & plunged the region into blackout to squash dissent.

I said then the US must make clear these actions don’t befit the world’s largest democracy. Sadly, we must do the same today.

([Twitter](https://twitter.com/RepAndyLevin) – August 6, 2020)
India's oppressive siege of Kashmir tramples human rights
By Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Foreign Minister of Pakistan.
THE WASHINGTON TIMES | August 4, 2020

Over 70 years of attempts to put down the Kashmiri people’s struggle for self-determination has not worked. It is time for us to find a just and peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in line with the U.N. Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people.

In the meantime, as the siege of Kashmir enters its second year, Kashmiris await attention of — and action by — those who espouse the causes of freedom and human dignity to compel India to end one of the longest and most humiliating sub-humanization of Kashmiris in recent history.

Read [here](#).

Kashmir looks to America for moral leadership.
Op-ed by Dr. Asad M. Khan, Pakistan’s Ambassador to the U.S.
NEWSWEEK | July 17, 2020

Kashmir today is a burden on the conscience of the international community. The world cannot remain a bystander while systematic attempts are underway to deprive Kashmiris of their identity as well as fundamental rights through stealth and deceit. The international community, particularly the United States, cannot let India get away with its brutal oppression of the Kashmiri people under the cover of the coronavirus pandemic. The world must join the United Nations and other international human rights organizations in demanding an end to India’s egregious human rights violations in Kashmir.

Read [here](#).

THE WASHINGTON DIPLOMAT: Pakistani envoy talks Kashmir, Coronavirus
August 5, 2020

“...international reaction and response has not been commensurate with the level of repression that we are seeing in Kashmir,” adding that Pakistan will continue to “extend political, diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiris.” – Ambassador Dr. Asad M. Khan

Read [here](#).
THE WASHINGTON TIMES: Pakistan ambassador not ruling out another war with India over disputed Kashmir region
August 10, 2020

In an interview Monday with The Washington Times, Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan offered a generally pessimistic view of any chance for successfully walking back tension between the two nuclear-power neighbors.

“You have a border where you have over 2,000 violations since January. The Line of Control is hot,” he said. “No one can or should rule out the possibility of a larger confrontation.” – Read here.

Kashmir’s only hope of freedom from Indian tyranny is the United States
By Salman Bashir former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan and Abrar H Hashmi, Consul General of Pakistan in Houston.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE | August 18, 2020

The United States, that far-off land half a world away from Kashmir, is a beacon of freedom, liberties and justice to people around the world, so it has to play its lead role against human rights abuses of Kashmiris. By doing what is right and just, the United States will have asserted its moral authority and justified its preeminent position as a force for good in a world that is crumbling under the petty ambitions of a few. You are Kashmir’s only hope.

Read here.

A World Away, Kashmir Dreams of American-style Justice
By Javed Ahmed Umrani, Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago

INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIGEST | August 8, 2020

India’s international scrutiny and censure continues to grow, and its dismal disregard of human dignity and fundamental rights and freedoms is being meticulously documented by human rights, civil society organizations, and the international media. Images of youths’ pellet-pocked faces, of widows mourning their husbands, and of a 3-year old sitting atop his grandfather, shot dead in the street by Indian soldiers, are imprinted on the world’s consciousness.

The UN human rights machinery has consistently highlighted India’s noncompliance with its international human rights obligations.

The international community, particularly the U.S., must take immediate cognizance of the humanitarian crisis in IIOJK and hold India accountable for its crimes.

Read here.
The Cost of Ignoring the Crisis in Kashmir
By Abdul Jabbar Memon, Consul General of Pakistan in Los Angeles
THE NATIONAL INTEREST | August 12, 2020

Protecting the rights of the people of Kashmir is a moral, as well as legal, imperative for the nations of the world.

The international community must speak up and hold India accountable for its crimes—and there is no country better suited to lead the charge than the United States of America. In the twentieth century, the United States repeatedly stood up in defense of those who are oppressed, threatened, and or vulnerable. Under U.S. leadership, the world fought back the forces of fascism, communism, and totalitarianism in all its forms.

Read here.

What’s Happening In Kashmir Needs To Be Stopped
Op-ED by Ayesha Ali, Consul General of Pakistan, New York
CREATIVE DESTRUCTION MEDIA | August 11, 2020

It is incumbent upon the international community to ensure that India is made to immediately stop the genocide of Kashmiri people; halt unjustified land grab in IIOJK; stop India from unilaterally altering the geographic and demographic status of IIOJK; scale down the number of its armed forces and paramilitary forces both inside IIOJK and along the LoC and let the Kashmiris exercise their legitimate right to self-determination in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions.

The United States has supported the Kashmiris and recognizes the principles underlying their just cause. …In the backdrop of the continued genocide of the Kashmiris at the hands of the extremist Indian government, we urge and appeal to the US to continue to play its role and to use its influence to make India immediately cease its illegal actions in IIOJK.

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THE EMBASSY OBSERVES YOUM-E-ISTEHSAL

To express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiri people on completion of the one-year military siege of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), Youm-e-Istehsal was observed in the Embassy by observing one-minute silence at 11:00 am. The messages of President and PM were read out by DCM and Ambassador at the occasion.
WEBINAR: Kashmir’s Continuing Ordeal: A year after August 5, 2019
Monday 03 August, 2020

Watch [here](#).

WEBINAR: Indian Oppression in Kashmir: A Burden on Humanity’s Conscience
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WEBINAR: Crisis in Kashmir | A Webinar hosted by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Houston
August 5, 2020.

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WEBINAR: Human Rights Crisis in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir | A Webinar hosted by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles
August 6, 2020

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WEBINAR: One Year of India’s Military Siege of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir | Hosted by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Chicago

August 07, 2020

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India revoked Kashmir’s autonomy a year ago. What has happened since then? The government claimed it needed to clean up the region’s separatism and radicalization

By Sameer Lalwani

THE WASHINGTON POST | August 5, 2020

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Mass disenfranchisement of Kashmiri Muslims, deteriorating security, economic backsliding and a contentious political agenda do not suggest the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has become any less volatile. Even if the Indian government remains committed to suppressing political resistance through massive security force commitments and tight social controls, the region appears poised for a gradual resurgence of quasi-violent instability and armed insurgency, where any significant spark risks setting off a nuclearized interstate crisis between India and Pakistan.

Read here.

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Militants Attack in Indian Kashmir as It Locks Down for Anniversary

By Reuters

NBC NEWS | August 5, 2020

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With a heavy deployment of troops and curbs on public movement, Indian authorities kept a tight lid on potential protests in Kashmir on Wednesday, the first anniversary of the revocation of the disputed region’s semi-autonomy.

Read here.

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Heavy Troop Presence as Kashmir Marks Year of Lost Autonomy

By Archana Chaudhary and Sudhi Ranjan Sen

BLOOMBERG | August 5, 2020

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Authorities lifted a curfew in the main city in India’s portion of Kashmir where sweeping movement and Internet curbs and a heavier than usual military presence marked a year since the revocation of seven decades of autonomy in the disputed Muslim-majority region.

Read here.
India accelerates its nationalist transformation of Kashmir as the world remains silent
By Hafsa Kanjwal
THE WASHINGTON POST | August 4, 2020

Kashmiris, like all people, deserve to live a life of dignity and security. It is unconscionable that the international community has enabled India’s actions. India must allow access to foreign journalists, human rights observers and international delegations.

Most importantly, Kashmiris must be given the right to determine their future, something promised to them by the international community more than 72 years ago. The future of South Asia, and indeed the world, depends on it.

Read here.

Virus lockdown shuts Kashmir year after autonomy is stripped
By Aijaz Hussain | AP
THE WASHINGTON POST | August 5, 2020

... 18 U.N. human rights experts urged India and the international community on Wednesday to take urgent action to address the “alarming” human rights situation in Indian-administered Kashmir. They asked India to allow U.N. teams to visit the disputed region.

“If India will not take any genuine and immediate steps to resolve the situation, meet their obligations to investigate historic and recent cases of human rights violations and prevent future violations, then the international community should step up,” they said in a statement.

Read here.

Kashmir, One Year Later
By Kathryn Salam
FOREIGN POLICY | August 4, 2020

Twelve months since the Modi government announced the repeal of India’s Article 370, communications are still slow, arrests are routine, and the pandemic rages on.

Read here.
In Kashmir, a Year of Exploding Memories. A year after the state's special status was revoked, peace remains a distant hope.
By Adil Amin Akhoon, Sharafat Ali

FOREIGN POLICY | August 2, 2020

New Delhi has contained dissent through its heavy-handed tactics, but in doing so, it has only alienated and angered Kashmiris more than ever.

Read here.

What India's new residency law means for Kashmiris
By Sheikh Saaliq and Aijaz Hussain Associated Press

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR | August 4, 2020

About 400,000 people have been given domicile certificates to Kashmir under India's new residency law. Kashmiris view the move as the beginning of settler colonialism that would alter the demographic mix in India's only Muslim-majority region.

Read here.

Journalists have died for their reporting in Indian-administered Kashmir. But since last year, few dare to print the truth
By Bilal Kuchay

CNN | August 4, 2020

Journalists and editors who worked during the shutdown say the government restrictions made reporting all but impossible. And in the months since, they say colleagues have been intimidated, questioned and even charged under anti-terrorism laws for pursuing stories deemed critical of the government. Almost one year after the start of the communications blackout, while internet and phone lines have now largely been restored, many newspapers are relying on government advertising revenue to stay afloat. All that has caused some to question whether an independent press in Jammu and Kashmir is possible at a time when readers need it most.

Read here.
Voices from Kashmir: Inside India's year-long crackdown

By Niha Masih, Shams Irfan and Joanna Slater

THE WASHINGTON POST | August 4, 2020

In Kashmir, they speak of feeling humiliated and silenced, of crippled businesses and shuttered schools — and the fear of never knowing when deadly violence may strike again.

Three Kashmiris described their experiences over the past year in interviews with The Washington Post.

Read here.

Kashmir schooling now more challenging with virus

By Dar Yasin | AP

THE WASHINGTON POST | August 4, 2020

Experts say lack of formal schooling during the lockdown could have a serious psychological and emotional impact on the children. With no opportunity to be with friends, many homebound students are struggling to reimagine the school experience as parents take over the role of teachers.

Read here.

AP Explains: Kashmir on edge 1 year after major Indian shift

By Aijaz Hussain and Sheikh Saaliq | AP

THE WASHINGTON POST | August 4, 2020

The changes have deepened anger and frustration among ordinary people, intensifying anti-India sentiment in the region. They have also energized the Kashmiri diaspora around the world.

Read here.
India’s residency law in Kashmir amplifies demographic fears
By Sheikh Saaliq and Aijaz Hussain | AP
THE WASHINGTON POST | August 4, 2020

Under a new law, authorities have begun issuing “domicile certificates” to Indians and non-residents, entitling them to residency rights and government jobs. Many Kashmiris view the move as the beginning of settler colonialism aimed at engineering a demographic change in India’s only Muslim-majority region.

Amid growing fears, experts are likening the new arrangement to the West Bank or Tibet, with settlers — armed or civilian — living in guarded compounds among disenfranchised locals. They say the changes will reduce the region to a colony.

Read here.

India on Guard in Kashmir Ahead of Anniversary of Lost Autonomy
By Reuters
THE NEW YORK TIMES | August 4, 2020

With a heavy deployment of troops and barricades of barbed wire, India put Kashmir under the strictest lockdown in several months on Wednesday, the first anniversary of the Himalayan region’s loss of autonomy.

Read here.

Curfew Imposed in Indian Kashmir as It Marks One Year of Revoked Autonomy
By Archana Chaudhary
BLOOMBERG | August 4, 2020

Officials imposed sweeping curbs on movement and the internet in India’s portion of the disputed Muslim-majority region of Kashmir ahead of the one-year anniversary of the revocation of seven decades of regional autonomy.

More restrictions are expected across the rest of the region, news reports said.

Read here.
A year after stripping Kashmir of its autonomy, Modi’s government has prevented widespread protests and violence, with a heavy hand on people who for weeks had barricaded themselves in and staged protests, hurling stones at federal troops armed with pellet guns and tear gas.

Read [here](#).

**With a Heavy Hand, India Rides Out Kashmir's Year of Disquiet**  
*By Reuters*

**THE NEW YORK TIMES**

A year after stripping Kashmir of its autonomy, Modi’s government has prevented widespread protests and violence, with a heavy hand on people who for weeks had barricaded themselves in and staged protests, hurling stones at federal troops armed with pellet guns and tear gas.

Read [here](#).

**As India Marks Anniversary, Kashmir Is Still in the Dark**  
*By Ravi Agrawal*

**FOREIGN POLICY | July 30, 2020**

Aug. 5 marks one year since Modi revoked Kashmir’s special status. But Kashmiris will be mostly cut off—high-speed internet has been shut off to the region once again.

Read [here](#).

**AP PHOTOS: Year on, India’s lockdowns ruin Kashmir’s economy**  
*By Mukhtar Khan | AP*

**THE WASHINGTON POST | August 1, 2020**

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries pegged the economic loses in the region at $5.3 billion and about half a million jobs lost since August last year.

Read [here](#).
AMBASSADOR’S TWEETS

1. Asad M. Khan - August 3, 2020
   Appreciate US Congress for raising its voice for the voiceless. Both @HouseForeign and @HUHRG held consecutive hearings last year, focusing on India’s transformation of Kashmir into the world’s largest open-air prison. #OneYearSiege

2. Asad M. Khan - August 3, 2020
   Events over the last year have proved that our warnings to the international community about Kashmir’s siege being the opening gambit in BJP’s implementation of its Hindutva agenda were well-founded. #KashmirLivesMatter

3. Asad M. Khan - August 4, 2020
   India has itself paid the ultimate tribute to the Kashmiris’ spirit and resistance by imposing curfew in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir even before August 5, 2019. Kashmiris have not accepted the injustice and the denial of their right to self-determination. #KashmirWantsFreedom

4. Asad M. Khan - August 5, 2020
   #Kashmir is not India’s internal matter. It is an international dispute. India violated international law and reneged on its commitments through its actions of August 5, 2019. #KashmirSiegeDay

5. Asad M. Khan - August 5, 2020
   Kashmir has been under siege for a year, instead of loosening its stranglehold on the Kashmiri people, India has used #COVID19 to double down on its oppression in #Kashmir. There are even more arrests, more extrajudicial killings, #OneYearOfKashmirSiege

6. Asad M. Khan - August 6, 2020
   The world must pay attention to the catastrophic humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Occupied Jammu and #Kashmir, which has all the hallmarks of a genocide. India has tried to erase Kashmiris’ identity. #KashmirLivesMatter #KashmirWantsFreedom

(Twitter - August 2, 2020)
(Twitter - August 3, 2020)
(Twitter - August 4, 2020)
(Twitter - August 5, 2020)
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AMBASSADOR’S TWEETS

(Twitter - August 5, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 5

“#Kashmir is only the opening gambit in Prime Minister Modi’s campaign to remake India into a Hindu-supremacist state.” FM @SMQureshiPTI on India’s Hindutva agenda and Kashmir’s #OneYearSiege in today’s @WashTimes @ForeignOfficePk

India’s oppressive siege of Kashmir tramples human ... Thousands of Kashmiris, including minors, have been arrested and tortured. Indian security forces routine... @m.washingtontimes.com

(Twitter - August 6, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 6

Let me repeat: #Kashmir is not India’s internal matter. It is an international dispute. India’s actions on August 5, 2019 were a violation of UN Resolutions and international law, and its own leaders’ commitments #KashmiSiegeDay

(Twitter - August 9, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 9

#KashmirLivesMatter “India has long used draconian laws to contain militancy, civil uprisings and dissent in Kashmir, leading to a dangerous climate of impunity for security forces,” explains @CrisisGroup in its report on #Kashmir

(Raising the stakes in Jammu and Kashmir)

One year ago, India rescinded constitutional provisions giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir, the disputed territory also claimed by ... @crisisgroup.org

(Twitter - August 3, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 3

Scenes @TimesSquareNYC as Kashmiris mark a full year of their imprisonment on August 5. That is one full year of forced disappearances, torture, and a siege that has been intensified on the pretext of Covid-19. #LetKashmirSpeak #OneYearSiege

(Twitter - August 8, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 19

As a beacon of freedom, justice and liberty, the United States has to play its role in bringing India’s occupation and oppression in #Kashmir to an end, says former Foreign Secretary @Salman_R_I in @HoustonChron #KashmirWantsFreedom #KashmirLivesMatter

Opinion: Kashmir needs America to understand its plight. Imagine if the State of Texas was unilaterally abolished against the will of its people. @houstonchronicle.com

(Twitter - August 20, 2020)

Asad M. Khan @asadmik17 - Aug 20

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Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan discussed how might the relationship between Pakistan and the US change in the midst of global crisis, and Pakistan government’s outlook for peace and security in South Asia given recent developments in Afghanistan and Kashmir.

Watch the discussion here.

SPECIAL REPORT: “India’s Kashmir Conundrum: Before and After the Abrogation of Article 370.”
By Sameer P. Lalwani and Gillian Gayner

This report focused on India’s Muslim-majority state of Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of its revoked autonomy in early August 2019, how the evolving nature of the Kashmir conflict contributed to such a political gambit, and where the situation is headed. Supported by the Asia Center at the United States Institute of Peace, this report is based on extensive research, new data collection, and field interviews in the Kashmir Valley between 2012 and 2017.

Read the full report here.

“The Costs of Revoking Kashmir’s autonomy: One year later”
Blog post By Michael Kugelman

“Thanks to the repeal of Article 370, India confronts a growing powder keg in Kashmir and greatly heightened tensions with its two top rivals.

These are costs that New Delhi is willing to bear. But they will be difficult to manage—and especially for a government already struggling to combat a pandemic and overcome its worst economic crises in years.

Read here.
International Crisis Group in its latest report on Kashmir says:

“One year after the Indian government revoked Jammu and Kashmir’s semi-autonomous status, Kashmiris resent India’s rule more deeply than ever. The crackdown that followed New Delhi’s overhaul of the country’s only Muslim-majority state has not only failed to quell dissent but also risks fuelling more violence as support for militancy grows.” ...“the root causes of Kashmiri militancy remain internal.”

(Twitter – August 5, 2020)
Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch | @KenRoth

(Twitter – August 4, 2020)

Meenakshi Ganguly, Human Rights Watch

“Indian government claims that it was determined to improve Kashmiri lives ring hollow one year after the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir’s constitutional status... The authorities instead have maintained stifling restraints on Kashmiris in violation of their basic rights.”

Read more [here](#).
BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN IN TIME SQUARE, NEW YORK

A billboard campaign highlighting Kashmir Siege Day was run in Times Square, New York from August 3-9, 2020. Images were flashed across the world and were carried widely by Pakistani media. as well as social media.

(Facebook - August 3, 2020)

TAXIS IN NEW YORK DISPLAY PRO-KASHMIR SLOGANS

200 taxis in 5 boroughs of New York displayed #KASHMIRWANTSFREEDOM #STOPGENOCIDE #OPPRESSION&FASCISM #KASHMIRILIVESMATTER..

(Facebook - August 5, 2020)
COMMUNITY VOICES
FOR KASHMIR

TRUCKS ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, DC

Truck Advertising Campaign displaying digital screens highlighting human rights violations in (IOJK) at important locations including Capitol Hill, White House, Union Station, Dupont Circle, IMF and World Bank Buildings in Washington DC.
TRUCKS IN NEW YORK HIGHLIGHT INDIAN ATROCITIES IN IIOJK

A truck Advertising Campaign was carried out in New York City. Trucks displaying digital screens highlighted human rights violations in Indian Illegal Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) at important locations in New York.

(Packbook - August 5, 2020)

PAKISTANI-AMERICAN & KASHMIRI COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

(Packbook – August 5, 2020)
PAKISTANI-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HOLDS A VIGIL IN SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA

PAKISTANI-AMERICAN POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PAKPAC) ORGANISES A POLITICAL EVENT

PAKPAC organized a political event with Congressman Greg Stanton of Arizona on 2nd August 2020. Rep Stanton spoke on the situation in IIOJK and responded to a number of questions on Kashmir.

PAKISTANI-AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (APPAC) HOSTS ‘KASHMIR: HUMANS WITHOUT HUMAN RIGHTS’ -

‘JUSTICE FOR KASHMIR’ FLIES BANNERS OVER SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

To mark one year of unprecedented Kashmir siege and to create awareness about the continued killings in Indian occupied Kashmir, an aerial banner flew over several cities in Los Angeles County, including Santa Monica. The plane was seen carrying the banner with a message "FREE KASHMIR, INDIA- STOP KILLING IN KASHMIR". This was an eye-catching experience as the banner was seen flying across the sky from city to city, and was being captured by hundreds of people from the ground.

This was an initiative of Justice For Kashmir (JFK), a California based NGO that was started by the Kashmiri diaspora after India revoked Kashmir's special status in August 2019.

Watch [here](#).
1. Content was boosted/amplified among the pre-identified target audience by the Information Section. Tweets carrying following hash tags were created and retweeted:
   a. **Twitter:**
      - #KashmiriLivesMatter
      - #KashmirWantsFreedom
      - #StandWithKashmir
      - #KashmirSeige
      - #Youm-E-Istehsal

2. Important and significant tweets from US congressmen & Senators were disseminated:
   a. **Facebook:**
      Facebook posts consisting of clips and significant messages from Webinars were shared.
      [https://www.facebook.com/PakistanEmbassyDC/](https://www.facebook.com/PakistanEmbassyDC/)
   b. **Instagram:**
      Instagram posts consisting of pictorial images showing Indian aggression and atrocities were posted.
      [https://www.instagram.com/pakistanembassyus/](https://www.instagram.com/pakistanembassyus/)