

**Consulate General of Pakistan  
Los Angeles**

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Draft Press Release

Sub: **Black Day on July 20, 2016 to express solidarity with the People of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir**

At the directives of the Federal Cabinet, the Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles observed Black Day on July 20, 2016 to express solidarity with the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and to protest against the recent atrocities being committed by Indian security forces in Indian Occupied Kashmir. All staff members of the Consulate wore black arm bands throughout the day. A special prayer was offered for the martyrs of the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

On July 21, 2016, the Consulate also organized a meeting in the Consulate to highlight the blatant violations of human rights and excessive use of brutal force by the Indian forces on peaceful protesters in Indian Occupied Kashmir in the wake of martyrdom of Burhan Wani, a 22 years old Kashmiri Leader. A large number of Pakistani-American community and people from all walks of life attended the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, various respected members of the Community expressed solidarity with the innocent people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and condemned incidents of violence, harassment, teargas shelling in hospitals in Kashmir.

Consul General, Mr. Abdul Jabbar Memon, in his address, highlighted that the spontaneous and widespread uprising in the Indian Occupied Kashmir proved that Kashmir Struggle was indigenous and was not being stirred by Pakistan as is being accused by India. He said that the blatant killing of innocent Kashmiri people could not be condoned under the alleged pretext of terrorism. He said that the Government of Pakistan will continue to provide diplomatic, political and moral support to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the realization of their fundamental right to self determination in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions.

The meeting ended with a prayer for the martyrs of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

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