

Media Analysis Center, Kashmir

- The free flow of negative content on Kashmir and its wide circulation on social media is damaging Indian interests locally, nationally and internationally. There is urgent need to counter this content in an organized and efficient manner.
- **Media Analysis Center, Srinagar** - a civil society initiative of Lehar Foundation - is an organized initiative to counter negative propaganda and content on Kashmir locally, nationally and internationally.
- Media Analysis Center (MAC) shall generate content which shall aggressively counter the lies being peddled regarding Kashmir in the domestic, national and international media.
- The content produced by MAC shall include news reports, features, videos and documentaries.
- The purpose is to break the toxic plot that keeps feeding malicious, negative news on Kashmir and circulating the same to deepen stereotypes of oppression and alienation. The attempt is to bring in a reality check on Kashmir and refresh the narrative in a positive, inclusive direction.
- MAC shall also provide a platform to bring together positive and happy voices of aspirational Kashmir youth, within Kashmir or outside. The Kashmiri voices of positivity and growth within India shall act as a force multiplier for the youth within Kashmir.



PALESTINE HORROR

MAKES KASHMIRIS WAKE UP TO TRUTH

Bogus Parallel With Palestine Stuck On Kashmir For Decades

Kashmir's Political Prisoner Sham

For decades, the bogus parallel with Palestine had been stuck on Kashmir. The ecosystem that fattened itself on the manufactured Kashmir conflict lost no opportunity to create a sham equation of Palestine with Kashmir.

Repeat a lie often enough and it is regarded as the truth. So it happened with the Palestine label on Kashmir. It became part of normal discourse. The common Kashmiris believed it. This malicious attempt by the anti-India forces to equate Kashmir and Palestine deeply impacted the discourse in the Valley. It inculcated a false sense of victimhood, influencing the young minds.

The thing about truth is that it exists. Lies have to be invented. The Palestine lie for Kashmir was invented. As horrific videos and images of Israel pounding Palestine blare in Kashmir homes, the lie has been demolished.

Anti-state elements in Kashmir had assiduously built the lie that Kashmir, like Palestine, faces the

threat of dispossession. It was one of the major drivers of the manufactured conflict. The lie was used to brainwash gullible Kashmiri youth.

Post the abrogation of Article 370, anti-India forces within and outside Kashmir worked hard to compound these fears. They argued that the abrogation was aimed at changing the demography of the region. Anti-India forces never admitted that migrations are a global phenomenon, and the only exception is Kashmir. The construction of these bogus fears continues.

Hundreds and thousands of Kashmiris have settled wherever they wanted to, in India. They have purchased residential and commercial properties as they could afford to. Not a single person from mainland India or from any part of the world has settled in Kashmir. Even after the abrogation of Article 370, legal safeguards have been put in place barring outsiders from buying immovable property. It cannot be purchased by anyone who has not lived in the region for 15 years.



The Political Prisoner Sham

Kashmir's political class has used the term "political prisoner" in their discourse to the hilt. By their logic, every criminal booked under criminal charges is a political prisoner. The separatists and the so-called unionists misused the term to the extent that any person charged with endangering the security of the state is presented as a political prisoner. Even gun-wielding anti-state elements are projected as political prisoners.

The term is used by the political elites in order to challenge the legitimacy of detaining the individual charged by the state. In this way, a façade is created that the individual arrested for anti-state activities was targeted for participation in a political activity.

In most cases, the offense committed by the person is deliberately ignored by the politicians and the so-called human rights activists.

The Oversight By The State

The State is habitual of repeating mistakes and providing opportunities to the adversaries to exploit the situation. Most of the leaders of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) detained post August 5, 2019 events face serious charges of corruption, nepotism and misuse of their official position while in government. The Jammu and Kashmir Bank backdoor appointments case, Khadi and Village Industry Board appointment scam, SPO appointment scam, Sports Council appointment scam, allotment of developmental works for favourites without following due procedure, misuse of discretionary funds by CM office and many other scams have been investigated or are under investigation. In many cases, FIRs have been registered. But the government chose to detain the accused under preventive measures, providing an issue to its adversaries on a platter. Anti-state

No Parallel Between Kashmir and Palestine

Author and Kashmir analyst David Devdas nails it in his recent article in *The Quint*. "While Palestinians have steadily been deprived of land (by Israel) that used to be theirs, the opposite has been true in Jammu and Kashmir. On the Indian side of Line of Control (LoC) that divides the state, no body from outside the state was allowed to buy the land, except on lease. This was a unique safeguard which did not even allow for normal migration of the sort that happens all over the world".



Dr Sheikh Shawkat



Hameeda Naeem

forces funded and sponsored by Pakistan raised a hue and cry internationally about the detention of the political class.

This unwise action has dented the image of the government. The appropriate action would have been to arrest the accused under relevant provisions of anti-corruption laws. Every single separatist in Kashmir started his career as a terrorist with one or the other terrorist outfit. Cases of murder, killing, loot, destruction of public property, direct involvement in *hawala* transactions are registered against all of them. There are also newer

cases of harbouring militants and taking money from Pakistan through *hawala* channels to fuel unrest in Kashmir, presiding over the killings of the innocent people for their political beliefs and affiliations, intimidations and threats to political opponents, provoking and instigating people to attack security installations. More such cases are being investigated by the law enforcing agencies of the country.

No separatist has been arrested merely for his or her political ideas. Despite this, the political elites use the term "political prisoners" for separatists. The attempt is to present the state as the enemy of the people.

Kashmiri leaders and activists justify the killings of innocent people by terrorists on the pretext that they were informers or dissenters. Even academics of Kashmir University like Dr Sheikh Shawkat (Law Department) and Prof Hameeda Naeem (English Department) justify the killings perpetrated by the militants.

Anti-State Forces In Kashmir

EXPLOIT

**INDIA'S
DEMOCRATIC
SPACE**

**To Promote
SEPARATISM,
TERRORISM**



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many others have consistently**

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Behind the humanitarian appeals for Kashmir and Kashmiris lies a dangerous agenda. Unabashed extremism is at the core of the superficial humanism. Take a close look at what all is painted as heroic: Inciting and institutionalizing violence, painting violent extremists as victims and subversion of vulnerable young minds.

Those involved in serious crimes are projected as “political prisoners”. The agenda is to project the falsehood nationally and internationally that these criminals are inoffensive activists. That they have been arrested merely for benign political beliefs. In reality, the majority of these prisoners have been involved with dangerous terrorist organizations. Violent extremists of Kashmir are given a halo by the social media and are venerated.

Many foreign organizations having direct links with Pakistan’s deep state intensified their anti-India rhetoric after dilution of Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. The attempts to deepen the rhetoric continue, with far more sinister designs.

The anti-India forces turn a blind eye to the facts that demolish their claims.

Naeem Khan

In a sting operation by the India Today Group in May 2017, militant-turned-separatist Naeem Khan confessed to receiving funds from Pakistan to create unrest in Kashmir Valley. Nayeem Khan, Farooq Dar alias Bitta Karate and Gazi Javaid Baba admitted on screen that Pakistan was funding the Kashmir unrest by pumping money into Kashmir valley through Hurriyat leaders including Syed Ali Shah Geelani and others to keep the pot boiling. Naeem was shown in the video saying that even the burning down of schools in 2016 violence was done after receiving funds from Pakistan to continue the unrest in the valley.

Farooq Dar alias Bitta Karate

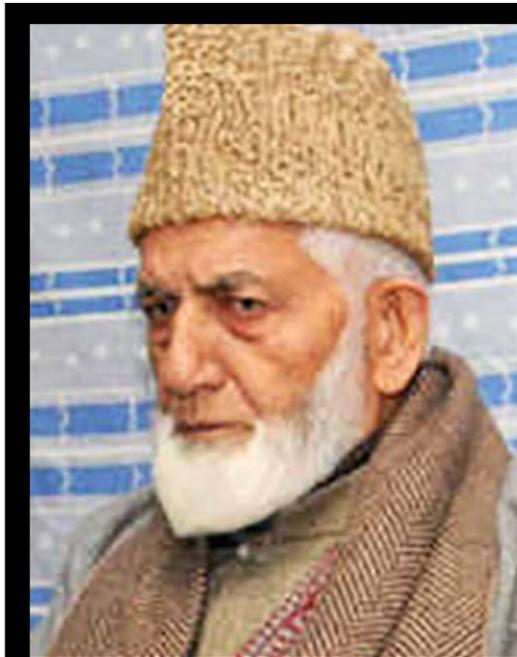
Bitta Karate has confessed to the killing of dozens of Kashmiri Pandits. He is projected by the sham human rights activists as a political prisoner.

Asiya Andrabi

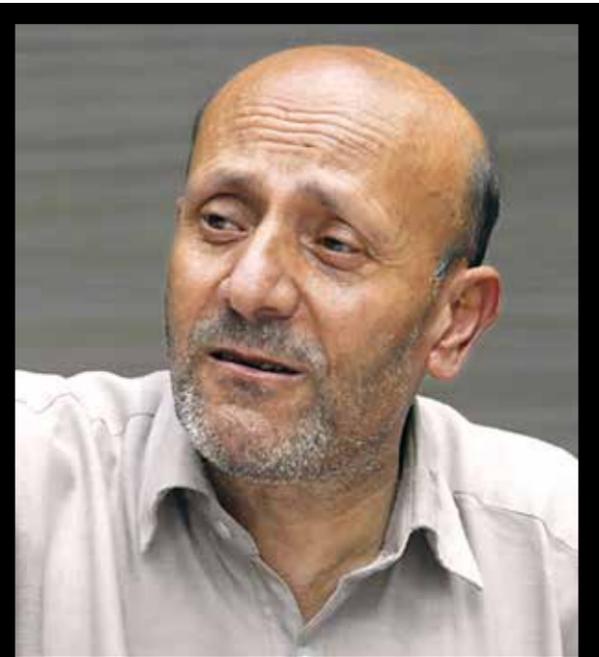
Asiya Andrabi is projected as a political prisoner. She is projected as a socio-political activist who has been unjustly jailed. Andrabi admitted in an interview that she met al-Qaeda officials and told them that if “you belong to Sheikh Osama’s al-Qaeda then you are very welcome because he was a legitimate leader of Jihad”.

Andrabi has described the possible arrival of the Taliban and al-Qaeda in Kashmir as “our brothers coming to help us to liberate us from India”. In another interview in 2001, Andrabi expressed her support for the killing of “not only the [Indian] police, but all the Indian politicians, too.” When asked about “a call made by a Kashmiri militant group for the assassination of India’s prime minister”, she replied: “We would be very happy, Inshallah [God willing].”

Asiya Andrabi’s son Ahmad Bin Qasim is in Malaysia, busy spreading venom against the Indian state. Andrabi argues that Kashmir’s is “purely an



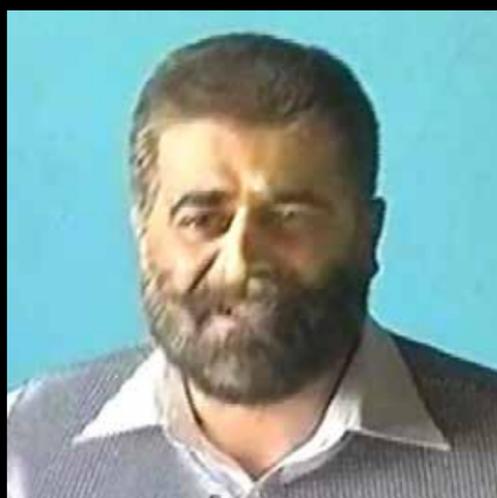
Sayed Ali Geelani



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The people who condemn the Indian democracy, be it the separatists or the so-called unionists in Kashmir exploited India’s democratic space to promote separatism and terrorism. Sayed Ali Geelani, the hawkish Islamist separatist was an MLA for 14 years. He got elected in the Assembly elections held in Jammu and Kashmir in 1972, 1977 and 1987. For decades, Geelani and all separatists in Kashmir have used India’s democratic platform against India. Similarly Mehbooba Mufti, Er Rashid and many others have consistently exploited the liberties offered by the Indian state to incite the youth for violence.

For decades now, anti-India forces have exploited the intrinsic liberties that provide fair opportunity for dissent. In a research paper that appeared in Journal of Conflict Resolution in 2014, Belgin San-Acka writes: “Democracy encourages terrorism due to the intrinsic liberties and freedoms that provide an opportunity for terrorists to easily organize, recruit, and mount operations.one of the contexts in which democracy’s influence on terrorism is examined.

I identify a theoretical mechanism about how democratic states unknowingly facilitate terrorism by letting terrorists freely stay within their borders, raise funds, smuggle arms, and operate offices. The empirical findings provide support for the hypothesis that democracies are vulnerable and can easily be exploited by terrorists since they have an environment conducive to terrorist activities”.

Islamic struggle”. Andrabi does not favour an independent Kashmir, instead saying “we want Pakistan” and “then it will be our first and foremost duty to Islamise Pakistan”.

These hypocrites claim that Kashmiri culture is threatened by India. On the other hand, they have on record affirmed their opposition to “traditional Kashmiri culture” and call for “return to Arabic culture”. The drivers of Kashmir’s terror ecosystem describe Asiya Andrabi as an iconic figure of women’s resistance in Kashmir.