

~~All set in Kashmir to observe World Human Rights Day tomorrow – December 10 with renewed pledge ?~~



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MIRPUR (AJK): Dec. 9: All is set by Kashmiris living either side of the LoC (AJK and IIOJK) to observe World Human Rights Day on Tuesday – December 10 reiterating their long-standing unanimous demand for early end of the ongoing massive human rights abuses against innocent population in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir state as well as by similar anti-human aggressive forces in various other parts of the world.

In Mirpur Azad Jammu Kashmir, major ceremony to mark world human rights day will be hosted by Kashmir Press Club with the coordination of Jammu Kashmir Free Media Association, with a call upon the international body of United Nations and others world rights forums for their due role to ensure early peaceful settlement of the Kashmir issue, besides to take immediate notice of the continual human rights violations by the Indian occupational forces targeting innocent Kashmiris including Media in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu Kashmir state to snub their voice for freedom of the motherland from Indian forced and unlawful occupation.

A mammoth world human rights day procession, followed by a puic rally will be held under the auspices of the KPS with coordination of JKFMA and the local organisations of the local civil society to observe the day, the Kashmir Press Club President Syed Abid Hussain Shah told this Correspondent here on Monday.

Another major ceremony to observe the world human rights day wiil be held under the aegis of Kashmiris international NGO – Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) to mark the day.

The ceremony to be followed by a seminar to mark World Human Rights Day will be hosted to invite the attention of the international community including world human rights forums towards the fast deteriorating conditions of the humanity in bleeding vale of Indian illegally occupied Jammu Kashmir where the Indian occupation forces were engaged in large scale human rights violations defying all international norms and commitments by denying Kashmiris their legitimate right to self determination, said Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman of the KIIR, while talking to APP here late Sunday

Human Rights Day on 10th of December every year recognizes the work of human rights defenders worldwide who act to end discrimination. Acting alone or in groups within their communities, every day human rights defenders work to end discrimination by campaigning for equitable and effective laws, reporting and investigating human rights violations and supporting victims.

While some human rights defenders are internationally renowned, many remain anonymous and undertake their work often at great personal risk to themselves and their families.

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

When the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, with 48 states in favor and eight abstentions, it was proclaimed as a “common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations”, towards which individuals and societies should “strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance”.

Although the Declaration with its broad range of political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 human rights instruments which together constitute an international standard of human rights.

It may be added that today the general consent of all United Nations Member States on the basic Human Rights laid down in the Declaration makes it even stronger and emphasizes the relevance of Human Rights in our daily lives. The High Commissioner for Human Rights, as the main United Nations rights official, and her Office play a major role in coordinating efforts for the yearly observation of Human Rights Day.

In Azad Jammu Kashmir elaborated programs have been chalked out to host special ceremonies to mark the day will be including in Mirpur division under the auspices of various Human Rights Organizations with the coordination of the members of the civil society to observe the day.

Organizers said speakers will particularly emphasize the need of making collective efforts by the international community to ensure the complete protection of human rights all over the world particularly in those areas where the people were being denied their due rights.

Speakers, the organizers underlined, will call for the measures by the international human rights outfits to move for ensuring the grant of basic human rights in the areas including in the strife-torn Indian held Jammu Kashmir state where the Indian occupying forces were involved in large scale human rights abuses against the local population since last 77 years to suppress their long standing demand for a free and fair plebiscite under the auspices of the UN resolutions on Kashmir allowing the Jammu Kashmir people to decide about their destiny granting the Kashmiris their Internationally-acknowledged birth right to self determination.