

## **AJK President seeks US, UK's sincere role to help resolve K-dispute for peace in region: Terms his recent visit to America, Britain fruitful.**

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MIRPUR ( AJK): February 28: Azad Jammu Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, while terming his recent visit to the United kingdom and United States of America as fruitful, has said that during his visit he successfully highlighted the issue of Kashmir and the persistent human rights violations in the region.

He expressed these views while addressing a press conference in London on Friday, says a message reaching and released to the media here Friday night.

Referring to his high-profile meetings with British parliamentarians and the US congressman, the president said that he presented the case of the Kashmiri people before the international community and drew its attention towards the dire human rights situation in the troubled region.

Barrister Chaudhry said that following the abrogation of article 379 the Indian government had intensified its attempts to completely grab the entire territory of Jammu and Kashmir that happens to be a disputed territory. He said that India was high time that the Kashmiri diaspora community settled in different parts of the world should redouble their efforts and expose Indian government's nefarious designs in the region.

Terming India's imperialistic presence in the region as a threat to regional peace, he said that on the one hand India was killing Kashmiri people while on the other hand it was involved in transnational terrorism. "India under Modi's government has emerged as a global terrorist", the president said, adding that the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's speech in the Canadian Parliament in which he admitted the Indian involvement in the killing of Sikh activists stands as an irrefutable evidence in this regard. He said that India, which claims to be the world's largest democracy, has virtually turned into a fascist State under the BJP's rule.

"The fascist regime (BJP) is not only involved in the brutal slaughter of Kashmiri Muslims in occupied Kashmir but it has let loose its cronies to wreak havoc on minority groups in India", he added.

Expressing complete solidarity with the people of occupied Kashmir, the president said, "Let me assure our brethren in occupied Jammu and Kashmir that we stand shoulder to shoulder with them in their just struggle for freedom".

He expressed the hope that the day was not far when occupied Kashmir would be freed from the clutches of India's illegal occupation. Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry further said that the Rathoa Haryam Bridge project would be accomplished in time. He said that people would soon get good news regarding the establishment of the International Airport, CPEC Business Center and Mirpur Muzaffarabad Motorway. Expressing his serious concern over the alleged harassment of a British national in Mirpur, the president said that an impartial inquiry into the incident must be conducted immediately to ensure that the perpetrator is held

accountable.

The president stated that it was imperative to develop a comprehensive strategy to avert the repetition of such incidents, which he noted had caused significant anger among the Kashmiris living abroad. On this occasion, the President was accompanied by Chaudhry Hukmdad, Chaudhry Farooq, Chaudhry Dilpazir and others.