



“Enduring Rivalry - Post Indian Election Scenario in Occupied Kashmir”

Concept Note

After the partition of the Indian subcontinent, Kashmir has been an unfinished agenda of India-Pakistan partition since 1947. The valley has become main bone of contention between Pakistan and India. The Kashmiris want that they should themselves decide about their political future. However, India has shown disregard for all UN resolutions. The tragic attitude of the global community not to indulge in proper mediation has resulted in the suffering of Kashmiris. Thousands of people were killed extra-judicially under the auspices of Indian Security and Paramilitary forces.

Almost 250,000 soldiers, around 100,000 paramilitary police, 30,000 special police officers, hundreds of pro-Indian-government militants, state intelligence, central intelligence agency, RAW, dedicated military satellites and other advanced defense equipment's are present in Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir which makes it one of the world's most militarized zone by India alone. Even if it is not a conspiracy, Modi's policy over Kashmir is a total failure.

In the past India staged the drama of terrorist attack on Kashmir Assembly to defame the freedom struggle of Kashmiris and branded freedom fighters as terrorists by usually blaming Pakistan. India's strategic alignments with neighboring countries and U.S. is continuously generating pressure to isolate Pakistan to create its hegemony in the region. The recent incidents and escalation by India on the Line of Control clearly indicates that they are in continuous process of attacking Pakistan from two fronts in order to destabilize as well as weaken the peaceful situation in Pakistan.

The stage is set for Indian General Elections 2019, the BJP's ultimate goal is to make 80 percent of Indian's who are Hindus vote according to their religious identity, driven by animosity towards minorities, mainly Muslims. Furthermore, the effect of the Indian elections on Kashmir is yet to be determined. However, it is assessed that Indian will move in a long way towards the suppression of the Kashmir resistance, in case the BJP comes back in power.

