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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## Request for a Commission of Inquiry into Summary Execution and Enforced Disappearances in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)

Tumuku Development and Cultural Union (TACUDU) have observed with dismay a systematic violation of human rights in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) where Pakistani Army rein of terror against innocent civilians which requires urgent intervention by the UN.

Pakistan does not respect its constitution and international law. Ali Wazir MNA, hanif Pashteen, Uwais abdal, Qazi Tahir Masud, Idris Khattak and several other leaders of Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) are arrested on false charges to stifle their freedom of expression. The statement of Pakistan Chief of Army staff that Ali Wazir demand apology before being released shows how hallow the Justice system of Pakistan is. Where instead of the courts, the generals decide the fate of the citizens of Pakistan on their personal whims. PTM organized a protest sit-in for 24 days in front of Provincial Assembly of Sindh for the release of their activists. Protests were organized in France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Switzerland by PTM Europe. Ironically, there is complete media black-out of the 24 days long PTM sit-in in main-stream media of Pakistan.

Instead, Pakistan is abducting, torturing and killing human rights defenders with impunity while making deals with terrorists organizations like TEHRIK-E-LABBAIK and TEHRIK-E-TALIBAN who have blood on their hands. Thus continue to sponsor and finance terrorist organizations in the region. Since 9/11, more than 75000 Pashtuns have been killed by Pakistan Army. 32000 are forcibly Disappeared and 3,5 millions displaced during different Military operations at different periods of time. Even now, internally displaced persons are languishing in camps like BAKA KHEL CAMP in Bannu District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Some of the refugees have taken refuge in Afghanistan living in miserable economic and health conditions. Only in EX-FATA, 200,000 houses and 25000 shops have been destroyed by Pakistan Army, using F-16 jet bombers, artillery and helicopter gunships. Gross human rights violations including war crimes and crimes against humanity are committed by Pakistan.

Another very serious matter of concern is the phenomenal increase in WOMEN MADRESSA (religious schools) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. These Madrassas are playing a very negative role in radicalizing our female community.

On March 31, 2022, three female students of a madrassa run by Jamiat e Ulema Islam Fazal ur Rehman Group JUI F killed a female teacher of the same madrassa in cold blood with knives.

Target extra-judicial killings both by state and non state actors has increased in KPK where in the last 4 years more than 430 innocent civilians have been target killed. This year, we have witnessed an alarming increase in Extra-Judicial killings in former-FATA now merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. If Extra-Judicial killings of Baloch ethnic minority is included then the numbers reach 1000 civilians. The main reason for increase in these killings is due to the on-going peace-talks between the government of Pakistan and the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan TTP. All those notables, politicians and human rights defenders who are oppose handing over EX-FATA to Taliban are being targeted and killed both by TTP and Pakistan Army. Through these killings the government of Pakistan want to instill fear in the peaceful Pashtun community not to oppose TTP. In this way Pakistani state is in the process of providing safe-heavens to TTP and other terrorists to be trained and sent to Afghanistan and the whole region for terrorist activities. On May 18, 2022, Afghan Taliban and the government of Pakistan claimed that a deal has been reached between TTP and Pakistan, but on the very same day Pakistani jet bombers and helicopter gunships bombarded North Waziristan. If a deal has been reached between the two parties then Pakistani forces are targeting innocent civilians or terrorists?

Most of the cases of Extra-Judicial killings are either not reported or under-reported as people due to fear of. Pakistan Army do not report the cases. Even the journalists self-censor themselves and media outlets are forced to report what has been given to them by ISPR the official mouth piece of Pakistan Army.

The following documented cases of Extra-Judicial killings in the year 2022 indicate the trend in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; (1)

On May 17, 2022, Rizak Khan was extra-Judicially killed by the Military Secret Services of Pakistan and his dead body was thrown on the Mir Ali road, Khesoor, district Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. He was abducted by masked men (Secret Services) from the same area on 15 May, 2022.

On May 15, 2022 two member of the Sikh Community Kuljeet Singh and Ranjeet Singh were assassinated by unknown persons (they are known as military secret services of Pakistan).

On April 19, 2022, Another incident of target killing took place in North Waziristan Tehsil Mirali Bazaar at Shaheed Noor Salam Chowk. Unidentified gunmen opened fire and killed a man named Aqa Khan who belongs to Spinwam Tehsil of NW.

On April 20, 2022, two Inspectors of AntiNarcotics&Excise r killed in apparently targeted attacks by Unknown Assailants in Daraban DIKhan. On the same day, In another Incident which happened in MirAli North Waziristan.Police told the two men who were here for recruitment in #FC were shot dead by unknown attackers.

On March 22, 2022, Musawar Dawar a political worker and human rights defender was target killed in broad day light by unknown persons at Mir Ali in Waziristan.

On March 12, 2022, the Karachi Police extra-judicially killed a young man Ismail khan AkaKhel. Police later accepted its fault and said that it was a mistake.

All this is done by Pakistan to achieve its strategic objectives in the region through jihad and radicalizations. Unfortunately, the victims are only the Pashtuns.

On March 04, 2022 Peshawar Imam Barghah was bombed resulting in killing of 50 and injuring of 80 innocent members of Pashtuns Shia Community in Peshawar.

On April, 7, 2022, Zahir Khan was killed by unknown persons at Nowrang Khel area of Jani Khel, District Bannu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. He was serving at Frontier Corps and was on leave. He was killed in an area where a Military check post was very close to the incident.

On April 9, 2022, two police men named Latif and Farman ullah were target killed by unknown persons at Jani Khel, District Bannu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

On April 10, 2022, the Counter Terrorism Department of Police has reported to have killed 5 terrorists in Bannu. But, according to our sources one of the reported terrorist Sherman Ullah was forcibly disappeared by Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) few months ago from Bannu Passport office. We are documenting the information about other 4 innocent persons who have been brought from different infamous Detention centers and killed in this fake encounter.

Similarly, 35 innocent civilians who were missing and were kept in the internment centers of Pakistan were Extra-Judicially killed by Pakistan Army. They were reported by ISPR and main stream media as terrorists who were responsible for the Army Public School Massacre at Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to reliable sources, those 35 persons were innocent civilians and were forcibly Disappeared by Pakistan Army. How can poor civilians without proper clothes and footwear execute such massive attack in the heart of security proof garrison of Peshawar and kill hundreds of children. Actually, this drama was executed by Pakistan Army to find excuse for Military Operations in Pashtun lands as demanded by the United States of America.

It is to be noted that General Musharaf, former Chief of Army Staff and President of Pakistan has accepted the fact in his book that he sold 5000 Pakistanis to foreign countries for money. thousands of innocent civilians particularly Pashtuns and Balochs have been forcibly disappeared, tortured and extra-judicially killed to prove to the Western Countries particularly the United States of America that Pakistan is actively fighting against Taliban and Al-Qaeda terrorists in its war on terror. Ironically not a single Taliban leader of Al-Qaeda terrorist was killed by Pakistan in these operations. Pakistan played a double game with the United States of America and International Community by earning billions of dollars from them. While actually providing sanctuary to Taliban and Al-Qaeda terrorists in its garrisons.

Seeing from the above, we will like to;

- -Request the Human Rights Council to urgently set up a commission of inquiry to investigate the systematic, widespread and gross human rights violations that have been and are being committed by the Government of Pakistan where there is no accountability for them. Noting that the enjoyment of rights and freedoms are severely curtailed in an overall context of a total lack of rule of law.
- -Urge an independent and impartial mechanism to investigate and, where appropriate, to bring perpetrators to justice, in particular those with command responsibility, and to provide victims with adequate redress; and ensure that procedures are in place to hold all perpetrators of ongoing and future human rights violations fully accountable.

1. https://khyber-institute.com/news/alarming-increase-in-extra-judicial-killings-in-pakistan-iresk/