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Webinar: Freedom Movement of Sindhu Rashtra: Challenges and Opportunities on dated 26 Sep 2020

These days internal discontentment is at its peak in Pakistan and the spark for freedom in many of its states is spreading swiftly. The demand for separate autonomous states within Pakistan is gaining ground these days. The challenges emanating out of the demand for separate Sindhu Rashtra after Pastun and Baluch have left the Pakistan rulers and establishment sheer clueless. Many organizations have strongly taken up the movement regarding freedom of Sindh region of Pakistan. The demand for separate Sindhu Rashtra has been raised for past many years. The peoples' demand and wish for freedom is an old demand. Ever since the clamour for separate Sindhu Rashtra by the people has gained ground, the local citizens are either being kidnapped, brutally murdered or put in jail by the Pakistan Army. Hitherto, thousands of local citizens in Sindh and Baluchistan have been kidnapped and murdered by Pakistan army. Those people are the prime targets who in particular speak against Pakistan.

It is notable that Pakistan has been witnessing a situation of extreme anarchy since last few years. Since Pakistan is a safe heaven for terror, the local people have to bear the brunt double fold. It is yet another striking blow for citizens in Pakistan. The voices against Pakistani establishment is often suppressed by terrorists on the advice of ruling dispensation. Such practice of strangulation of voices has continued in Baluchistan and Khaibar Pakhtunwa since decades. Ever since the people of Sindh have begun to demand for separate Sindhu Rashtra, they have been subjected to severe suppression and torcher. Since last few years, the supporters of freedom movement have either been kidnapped or killed by the Pakistan army. The freedom movement in Sindh, after Baluchistan and Pakhtunwa have snowballed into a bigger protest, where people are demanding freedom from Pakistan.

The Sindh community is of the opinion that Sindh in itself is a separate nation, but Pakistan has coercively occupied it. The demand for independent state was firstly raised in 1970 and currently it has gained momentum. The Sindh community stands united considering the view that Sindhi language, culture and identity is in danger. And across the world, the organization affiliated with Sindh freedom movement have steered the plans and movement vociferously.

The meaning of the phrase “Jay Sindhu” is Sindh Jindabad. This happens to be the slogan for the freedom movement of Sindh. It is the freedom movement which has been continuing since more than four decades. Pakistan by resorting to violence and barbarism has always tried to suppress the movement. With the name Sindhu every Indian naturally gets attached to it. We can never imagine our national anthem in absence of the existence of the word Sindh. The way Baluchistan freedom movement have garnered support and emphasis around the world, it has provided impetus and self-power to the Sindh freedom movement.

With this perspective, Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS) organized an International webinar on the subject “The freedom movement of Sindhu desh: Challenges and Opportunities. The webinar witnessed the gathering of leaders from Sindhu region as well as many countries for the freedom of Sindhu Rashtra. The leaders assertively raised their voice for formation of Sindhu Rashtra and its separation from Pakistan.

During this Webinar :

Shri Indaresh Kumar, the national patron of FANS and Akhil Bhartiya working committee member of RSS, stated:

Sindhu Rashtra is a historical fact whereas factors behind base and existence of Pakistan is untrue. He said that as there was no Pakistan before 1947, there would not be any in the years to come. The balkanization of Pakistan is inevitable, he further added. Pakistan was born after the partition, which was divided again in 1971. The only existing portion is the West Pakistan and it is on the verge of decimation. He said, the Pastunistan, Baluchistan, Sindh and many such regions in Pakistan wish to obtain freedom due to appalling social, political and economic situations prevalent there. The imminent disintegration of Pakhtunistan, Baluchistan, Sindh, Punjab Pakistan is for all of us to witness now. The demand for its separate state is gaining ground. There is already discussions going on at global level as to whether Pakistan would be part of world map in the years to come.

He further said that Pakistan has a born day. Whereas in case of India it is untrue. And death is inevitable for the one who is born. The Pakistani government and army are under constant apprehension to losing Sindh from their alleged territory. Besides, the internal situations in Pakistan has worsened and resultant they are bound to serve and kowtow China. The breeding ground for terrorists; Pakistan certainly has no future. During

partition in 1947, the major territory of India was under British rule. And India was divided. It was a division full of bloodshed and many were displaced and lost their lives. In 1971, the east Pakistan came to be known as Bangladesh and west Pakistan was considered as a separate nation. In the same territory of Pakistan, the demand for the freedom of Baluchistan, Pashtunistan, Sindh, Gilgit, Baltistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir is prominently gaining ground. The freedom of Sindhu Rashtra is a movement, which has been running at huge level since decades by the local habitants. The Sindh region is an ancient civilization based on its geography, language, happiness and completeness. The region has its own identity and existence. It is not part of Pakistan but an independent country in itself. The Social and Political bosses in Lahore city has often conspired against this freedom movement and even tried to create obstacles in the same. Their intention is to break the movement. The political incumbents in Pakistan have strategically attempted to weaken the movement. We often hear voices against Pakistani establishment from these regions. And this has been in practice ever since Sindh became part of Pakistan. The voice of dissent has shown the world the true picture and now the world has begun to ask “where is Pakistan” and answer seems there is no Pakistan.

All Indians are with this movement. We were never an expansionist and imperialist nation and nor we would ever be. We are helpful to all and even in emergency our commitment to help others remain intact. We delivered the same spirit during covid 19 and helped other nations. So even during this movement of freedom we have been always together and supportive. Pakistan has perpetuated fundamentalism in Sindh and done countless atrocities. Having misused philosophy of Islam, It has damaged the peace of Sindh region in the name of religion. Its high time that every Sindhi organizations and people should act together against ISI to counter Pakistan’s ill intention.

The fundamental soul of Sindh, Sindhi and Sindhu can be understood in their indigenous language because in the past it had its own script. The Sindhi diction has its ancient trace and is related to its existence too. Therefore to subvert and trample the Sindhi identity would be self defeating. Shri Inderesh Kumar also spoke about the importance of media. He said, the role of Social media is important to highlight the plight and conditions in Sindh. Every Sindhi organization should act in an organized manner and prepare a list of important issues and present it before the world with the

help of mass media. Every Sindhi no matter which part of world one resides, must act together to counter the inhuman, barbaric, fundamentalist and unsocial activities. It should also be revealed to the world with the help of media.

The Indians must strengthen the Sindhi society against Pakistan. The world is also taking a stand for this movement. He also advised the political leaders of Sindh that along with Pakistan they need to be wary too of the strategies deployed by China.

Shri Golok Bihari Rai, the National General Secretary of Forum for Awareness of National Security stated:

Sindhi society is ancient and prosperous. Ever since the formation of Pakistan, the local identity and existence (Asmita) of Sindh is in a very uncomfortable situation. The existence and identity of Sindh region were associated with the enormous Bharat. The conspiracy and barbarism of Pakistani establishment has always hampered its existence. He further said that ever since the Unified Bharat, Sindh has its own regional identity. But Pakistan having resorted to barbarism and cruelty, has not only destroyed the peace of every region but also endangered the existence of the very region. He also opined that women, young fellows and children have been subjected to tremendous atrocities and sadly it continues. Because of the suppression vis-à-vis language and region, the identity of Sindhi society is in jeopardy. The Sindh society has been running this movement since independence and the nature of this movement has assumed a greater significance to the extent that voices have been raised on global platform. In the near future, we would soon witness the actualization of the freedom movement of Sindh Rashtra. The identity of Sindh Rashtra is the voice of our conscience.

Mir Salem Sanai, International friends of Sindh organizer, Geneva, Switzerland stated:

Pakistan has been constantly perpetuating terror and violence in Sindh. Women and children are subject to torcher and repression. All these are conspiracies by ISI and Pakistan Army. Due to Pakistan's illegal occupation, the Sindh region has inequality and backwardness. The terror activities are strategically being supported. The Sindh happens to burn today, nonetheless the citizens are united. The balkanization of Pakistan is inevitable and in no times Pakistan would be decimated. He appealed to the Indians to enhance

the support for freedom movement in Sindh so that the voice in Sindh gets strengthened at global level. He said India should openly support the freedom movement. The name Sindh and Hindh are connotations for two hearts. There is no difference.

The demand for separate Sindh rashtra would soon be fulfilled and it is in favour of India. We are friends with India. Our DNA and culture is such that we can't think of going against India. He further said that India should stand by the trials and tribulations of Sindh people and support the struggle against coercive slavery. The entire region is battling with Pakistan's fascism. Lakhs of people have been killed in the region including muslims. Now all are united to fight for freedom.

Kehkeshan Haider, Human rights activist, America, stated: Pakistan betrayed Sindh ever since its Independence. The Sindhi muslims were called 'Muzahir' and subject to subjugation. They were given no fundamental rights. Those who chose to remain in India after Partitioned are happy and satisfied whereas the Sindhi in Pakistan had to suffer a lot. During British rule, It was jinnah's conspiracy to divide India on religious lines. The Pakistan army has treated the Sindh muslims as second class citizen. In the name of religion, we have been subjected to multiple atrocities and people have been battling these since decades. He further said, Sindh has given us everything and this is our identity. We want freedom from Pakistan. Initially our struggle was individual but now every Sindh organization and society are united. Our strength has increased manifold now. Our sole moto is the independence of Sindh.

Pakistan in the name of Islam has promoted terrorism in the region. Now we want to come up with India. We are proud of being a Sindhi Hindustani. He also appealed to the Narendra Modi government to provide them the massive support in their struggle. He also stated that we only believe and love humanism. We are ready to even resort to fight for Sindhis' peace and happiness. The government of India should help us to form Sindh Rashtra so that we become successful in our motive.

Zafar Sahito, Vice President, Geo Sindh Thinkers Forum America, stated: Pakistan does not listen to the voices from Sindh. Their legitimate voices is being suppressed in local and international media. The people from Baluch

and Pastun also have to meet the same fate. However, the people of Sindh are very resilient. They have countered well to all ploys and gimmicks by Pakistan establishment. It is indeed the fight for our identity and existence, which despite several onslaught by Pakistan army, we have managed to keep these intact. Now there is united voice against Pakistan's atrocities. The terror business of Pakistan in the name religion must be done away with. He further said till 1947 there was no Pakistan but ever since its inception as nation, it has become troublesome for all. India has been equally affected. The fundamentalists and terrorists have often been backed by Pakistan army and political government. They are simply terrorizing the world in the name of Islam. Therefore it is mandatory to weaken Pakistan and decimate it. The balkanization of Pakistan will not only help India but also Asia, Europe and world to get reed of terror activities. The world would heave a sigh of relief. He also stated that every intellectual muslims must understand that Pakistan government is suppressing the muslims on every front. The Sindh has its history and its autonomous identity must be established. Historically Sindh culture has been our identity and we will not let it get destroyed. We will implement and protect it at any cost.

He further said It was Mohamad Ali Jinah, who strategically propounded 'two nations theory' and in the name of religion divided the nation. The divide in the name of Islam must come to an end. Sindh, Baluch and Psthun are no longer with Pakistan. Whereas it is these regions which have contributed the most in Pakistan's economy. Pakistan has no right to capture Sindh. No Sindhi wants to remain with Pakistan. If Pakistan exists, it would be the people of Sindh who would be troubled the most. The activities of Pakistan in Sindh is equally hampering India's development and progress. Therefore Pakistan must be destabilized only then there would be peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

**Raghveer Singh Sodha, Geo Sindh Movement, World Sindhi Congress
Bharat, stated:**

India must curb Pakistan in totality. He says, Pakistan identity is relevant as long as there is existence of Pakistan army. It is not a country per se, there is only army in Pakistan. It is their army, who commits all atrocities. Therefore the world should not attribute any status to Pakistan. He further says, our struggle for Sindhu Rashtra has fastened now. And very soon the movement for freedom would be successful.