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His Excellency

Mr. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani

The Prime Minister of
Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Islamabad

Sub: an appeal to curtail the activities of banned organizations in Azad
Jammu and Kashmir

Dear Sir!

Press for Peace (PFP) is a Kashmir based NGO and think tank, striving for prevalence of peace, security and sustainable livelihood in South Asia, particularly the peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute which is considered the major factor of enduring conflict, hostility and economic and social deprivation of the region. The PFP, being a pro people liberal entity, has always been highlighting the suffering of the common people, specially the victims of terrorism and religious extremism.

On the behalf of members of the PFP I just want to draw your kind attention towards a very urgent matter which needs immediate action in order to save the citizens of Azad Kashmir from terrorism. It has been observed that some suspicious none-local persons are trying to establish camps in *Kuthan Peeran, AathMuqam, Shah Kot, Dudnial* and surrounding villages of bordering Neelum district of Azad Kashmir where people are struggling for restoration of a new life after the cease fire between Indian and Pakistani troops.

Similar activities of none Kashmiri people have been seen in the capital city of Muzaffarabad where some new constructions are being underway in pretence of charity work. It is prudent to explain here that a young Kashmiri student was killed by members of a terrorist organization- Jamaal Ud Dawa(JuD) in Muzaffarabad(AJK) few years ago, hence, local peace loving people of the city feel insecure in the presence and recent moments of such elements.

You are aware from the fact that various officials of government of Pakistan have categorically declared that the *Jamaat Ud Dawra (JuD)* is a *great* threat for the security of Pakistan, in this backdrop, people of Kashmir are extremely worried that the existence and movement of the workers of *Jumaat Ud Dawra (JuD)* in a relatively peaceful area of Azad Kashmir pose profound danger for peoples survival .

The PFP consider this recent development of outlawed elements in Azad Kashmir a huge threat for peace and tranquillity in the region. We believe that it is responsibly of Federal Government to maintain law and order in Azad Kashmir and save the lives of local people from terrorist factors who have already ruined the daily life in Pakistan through terrorist activities.

The PFP demands that law enforcement agencies of government of Pakistan must drive out such elements from jurisdiction of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and halt their illegal construction of projects under the cover of chairy work in Muzaffarabad, Neelum and other areas in Azad Kashmir.

You are requested to advise concerned authorities to take immediate action against above mentioned nefarious elements and save the people of Kashmir from terrorism.

Kind Regards

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