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AN INITIATIVE TO RECOGNIZE KP GENOCIDE AND ETHNIC CLEANSING

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Global Kashmiri Pandit Diaspora (GKPD) commits its unconditional and full support to the Kashmiri Pandit community members based in Kashmir in their fight to get their just demands met by the Government.

Approximately 808 Kashmiri Pandit families stayed back in the valley under extremely difficult circumstances after the majority of the Kashmiri Pandit community were forced to leave the State because of mass killings and genocide committed against them 1989 onwards. These families have shown extreme fortitude in the face of grave dangers and subjugation. They are the flag bearers of the community in our ancestral homeland.

However, inspite of this, it is painful to note that over the years they have had to face extreme hardships as far as their living conditions, financial needs, employment needs and general welfare is concerned. Their current demands are reflective of the years of neglect and discrimination faced by them and necessitates support at a global level. It is of particular concern that the community is especially facing significant harassment at the hands of anti-nationalist elements within the local administration since the abrogation of article 370. Even the orders of the Courts on behalf of the Kashmiri Pandits are being flouted and those concerned held in contempt of the Court.

We request the Lt Governor and the local administration to urgently look into this matter as a matter of urgency. It needs action and justice.

GKPD condemns the dastardly killing of Bhupinder Singh, Block Development Officer in Kashmir, by terrorists. Such targeted killings reinforce our resolve of one-place settlement for displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir.

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