

and political grievances that persist in the Area. Islamabad rules the Area through its political agent and KANA ministry. Minister for Kashmir and Northern Areas, who is supreme head of the impotent "Northern Areas Legislative Council" with its 30 members, who remain the prisoner of Minister of Kashmir affairs and have no role in any decision making. The deep rooted grievances in the people have forced the youth to campaign against the longstanding discrimination as a result of their political campaign for political and economic reforms, Pakistan government victimizing the political activists. The longstanding economic and social injustices have been raised many times on this forum but no interest was demonstrated by any reporters, NGO or international community to press the Pakistan government to undertake some political reforms to end the human rights violation and empower the common people. There is no concept of rule of law, good governance and social justice since people have no representative political system or institutions long due political reforms seem to be dream of people that may never come true.

Mr. Chairman,

I would invite this house attention and seek intervention to press the Pakistan government that it must allow people to enjoy the fruits of democracy and good governance. The dispute has been used as pretext to deprive people from their fundamental rights and deny them constitutional remedy as Area remains in constitutional limbo.

Mr. Chairman,

The decision of Pakistan President Pervez Mushraf against the head of Apex court, his manhandling by the security personnel's, restriction of his and his family movements, closure of Geo TV program and attack on the Geo TV office by Pakistan police and attack on peaceful protesters have exposed Mushraf's hollow claims of democracy, freedom of media and judiciary. The resignation of over one dozen judges including Deputy Attorney General Pakistan indicates that how judiciary is unable function independently and freely in Pakistan. The twisting statements of Pervez Mushraf against the Chief justice of Pakistan further expose his abuse of powers and judiciary in Pakistan. While extremist elements are operating under the WANA agreement impunity but government is victimizing the liberal political parties and their leadership. The forced exile of Mr. Nawaz sharif , Benzar Bhutto and other Democratic and secular leader must end and be allowed to return to Pakistan and Pakistani held part of Kashmir to play their role to weaken the growing extremist and religious fundamentalist forces.

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