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**Press Release**

**Visit of President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir to Toronto 4-8 July 2018**

Sardar Masood Khan, President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir visited Toronto from 4-8 July 2018 to attend Second Kashmir Solidarity Conference organized by the Consulate General of Pakistan, Toronto in collaboration with the Friends of Kashmir Committee. During his stay in Toronto, the President also had extensive interaction with Canadian politicians, media persons, academia and Pakistani Diaspora.

In his interaction with journalists from print and electronic media during a luncheon meeting at the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) on 5 July 2018, the President briefed them on various dimensions of the Kashmir issue particularly atrocities being committed by the Indian occupation forces. The President also delivered a lecture at the Canadian International Council (CIC) on '*Resolution of longstanding Disputes and Humanitarian Law-A Perspective from South Asia*' at the University of Toronto.

President Masood Khan attended the Kashmir Solidarity Conference arranged by the Kashmir Welfare Society and Friends of Kashmir Committee as their Chief Guest. The conference held on 7 July 2018 was attended by around four hundred Canadians and members of the Pakistani and Kashmiri Diaspora. The President also attended a conference on Jammu and Kashmir in Hamilton on 8 July 2018. During these conferences, while highlighting gross human rights violations being committed by the Indian occupation forces, the President declared that the people of Kashmir and Pakistan believed in peaceful ways to address the issue. Dialogue and diplomacy would remain the centerpiece of Pakistan's efforts in this regard.

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