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Delegation of ASEAN Parliamentarians called on the President

ISLAMABAD; November 07, 2019: India is blatantly violating the human rights of the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoJ&K) through its illegal clampdown since 5th August, which has led to a humanitarian crisis, marked by shortage of food and lifesaving medicines and communication blackout, said President Dr. Arif Alvi, while talking to the 18 member delegation of ASEAN Parliamentarians, led by Haji Mohd Azmi Hamid, President of Malaysian Consultative Council of Islamic Organization (MAPIM), who called on him in Islamabad today. The delegation comprised of the parliamentarians and civil society members from Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia and Thailand.

The President said that Pakistan had consistently raised the issue of increased human rights violations by India in IoJ&K at all international fora. He emphasized that the international community had the responsibility to take urgent steps to address this unacceptable situation in IoJ&K. Furthermore, he earnestly condemned the political maps of India, issued by the Indian Home Ministry on 2 November 2019, displaying Jammu and Kashmir region and seeking to depict parts of Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir within the territorial jurisdiction of India. He stressed that these maps were incorrect, legally untenable, void and in complete violation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions. He emphatically said that Pakistan rejected these political maps, which were incompatible with the United Nations' maps.

President, MAPIM, termed the Indian actions of August 5 and November 2 highly condemnable and assured that ASEAN countries were fully supportive of highlighting Indian human rights violations before the world. He further said that various plans of action had been devised, under which media from ASEAN countries would visit to assess the human rights situation in IoJ&K. Additionally, the platform of mosque across ASEAN countries would be utilized to highlight and disseminate information about the Indian brutalities in IoJ&K, he added.

ASEAN parliamentarians and MAPIM officials condemned the Indian oppression against Kashmiris and violation of their human rights and identity. The parliamentarians announced establishment of ASEAN Kashmir Advocacy Group for highlighting the issue on international level.

The ASEAN Parliamentary delegation arrived on four days visit to Pakistan on 5 November 2019. The visit has been arranged by Malaysian Consultative Council of Islamic Organization (MAPIM) for evaluation of situation in the region after Indian government's recent unilateral and illegal decision to change the status of IOJ&K. The delegation would also hold meetings with the leadership and people of Kashmir.
