

## **India protests to Pakistan against so-called “Gilgit Baltistan Order 2018”**

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The Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan to India was summoned today and a strong protest was made against Government of Pakistan's so-called "Gilgit Baltistan Order 2018".

It was clearly conveyed that the entire state of Jammu and Kashmir which also includes the so-called 'Gilgit-Baltistan' areas is an integral part of India by virtue of its accession in 1947. Any action to alter the status of any part of the territory under forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan has no legal basis whatsoever, and is completely unacceptable. Instead of seeking to alter the status of the occupied territories, Pakistan should immediately vacate all areas under its illegal occupation.

It was further conveyed that such actions can neither hide the illegal occupation of part of the state of Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan nor the grave human rights violations, exploitation and denial of freedom to the people residing in Pakistan occupied territories for the past seven decades.

Government of India's consistent position in the matter is reflected in the resolution passed by the Parliament in 1994 by consensus.