

KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDIAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR

November 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024

SUMMARY

In November 2024, Indian authorities continued to commit grave human rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir (IAK). Indian forces killed at least eight people and arbitrarily detained at least 22. Indian authorities continued their campaign of collective punishment through raids and property expropriation, renewing their commitment to raze the homes of anyone deemed to have “provided refuge” to a person they label a “terrorist.”

Numerous Kashmiri journalists, human rights defenders, political activists, and dissenters continue to be arbitrarily detained. Emblematic cases include those of human rights defender Khurram Parvez—illegally imprisoned for over three years (1,156 days), journalist Irfan Mehraj -- illegally imprisoned for over a year and a half (672 days) and academic Abul Ala Fazili -- illegally imprisoned for almost three years (1,010 days).

Note: Due to ongoing repression by Indian authorities, key developments in the human rights situation in IAK have gone unreported. Indian authorities have criminalized independent journalism and human rights work; all reporting from IAK is state-controlled. Indian authorities label pro-human rights and pro-self-determination activity “terrorism” and systematically legitimate violations against people in IAK through unsubstantiated, demonizing labels, including: “terrorist,” “militant,” “secessionist,” “militant,” “overground worker” (or “OGW”), “hybrid militant,” “hybrid terrorist,” “terrorist associate,” “militant associate,” “intruder,” or “infiltrator.”

KILLINGS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

On November 2, 2024, Indian forces [killed two people](#) during a cordon-and-search operation (CASO) in Shangus-Larnoo, Anantnag district and labelled them “terrorists.”

On November 3, 2024, Indian forces [killed Usman Lashkari](#) during a CASO in Khanyar, Srinagar and labelled him a “terrorist.”

On November 6, 2024, Indian forces [killed two people](#) in Panar forest, Bandipora district and Lolab, Kupwara district and labelled them “terrorists.”

On November 9, 2024, Indian forces [killed two people](#) during a CASO, in Rampora, Sopore, Baramulla district and labelled them “terrorists.”

On November 10, 2024, Indian forces [killed a person](#) in Kishtawar and labelled him a “terrorist.”

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

On November 22, 2024, Indian authorities [charged two journalists](#), Mueeb ul Haq and Suhail Khan, of Delina, Baramulla for “wrong reporting.”

On November 28, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested a juvenile](#) in Doda district for posting on social media.

On November 13, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Bhat Navidul Ali of Tazipora-Mohanpora, Kulgam district for posting on social media.

ARBITRARY DETENTIONS

On November 5, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested Ashiq Hussain Wani](#) of Tujjar Sharif, Sopore during a CASO in Bongam Chogul, Handwara and labelled him a “terrorist associate.”

On November 11, 2024, Indian authorities [charged Rehmatullah](#) of Dessa Bhatta, Doda district, under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for raising health and environmental concerns about power projects.

On November 12, 2024, the State Intelligence Agency (SIA) [raided the home](#) of Umar Ahmad Sheik of Kandoora, Beerwah, Budgam district.

On November 18, 2024, Indian police [arrested](#) Nazir Ahmad Wani of Budgam district, who recently ran for political office in Jammu & Kashmir, based on 31-year-old allegations and labeled him a “terrorist.”

On November 18, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Irshad Ahmad Chopan of Lurgam Tral, Pulwama and Showkat Ahmad Bhat of Kulgam, Janbazpora, Baramulla, and labelled them “terrorist associates.”

On November 19, 2024, India’s National Investigation Agency (NIA) [raided the homes](#) of Advocate Ghulam Nabi Shaheen in Khankha Midoora, Awantipora and Jahangir Ahmed Ahanger in Dadsara, Tral, Pulwama district.

On November 20, 2024, Indian forces [detained](#) Sajad Ahmad, Abdul Kabir, Mushtaq Ahmad and Mehraj-ud-Din of Kuath, Kishtawar district and [tortured](#) them in custody.

On November 21, 2024, the NIA [raided](#) eight places in Reasi, Doda, Udhampur, Ramban and Kishtwar districts.

On November 28, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested ten people](#) from Malhar, Bani, Billawar, Kana Chack, Haria Chack, Spral Pain and Chack Wajir Lahbju in Kathua district and labelled them “terrorist associates.”

On November 29, 2024, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Firdous Ahmed Wani of Dandi, Bhaderwah, Doda district and Abdul Satar from Ponara Soni, Udhampur district under the PSA and labelled them “terrorist associates.”

On November 30, 2024, Indian authorities [booked Gulam Rehmani](#) of Rakh Barotian, Samba district under the PSA.

On November 30, 2024, the NIA [raided the homes](#) of Owais Riyaz Dar of Bonpora, Batamaloo, Srinagar and Sahil Ahmad of Zainkot, HMT, Srinagar.

TAKING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On November 13, 2024, the NIA [expropriated property](#) belonging to the father of Adil Manzoor Langoo of Zaldagar, Srinagar.

On November 24, 2024, a Rajouri court legalized the expropriation of property of [14 people](#), including Mohammad Aslam, Hakam Jaan, Sobhat Ali, Mohammad Sharief, Muhammad Iqbal and Noorani of Larkuti, Khadim Hussain of Kandi, Mohammad Azam and Gulzar of Gura Sarkri, Gulam Hussain of Peeri, Muneer Hussain of Gakhrote, Mohd Shabir of Panjanara, Kala of Dharsakri, and Zabir Hussain of Kanthol.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DISEMPOWERMENT, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

In November 2024, a [US court indicted Gautam Adani](#) on various charges including for corruption related to the procuring of above-market power purchase agreements to serve Jammu & Kashmir.

COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT

On November 5, 2024, Indian authorities reiterated their policy of [razing the home](#) of anyone they deemed to have “sheltered” a person they labeled a “terrorist.”

On November 29, 2024, Indian authorities [terminated the employment](#) of Ab. Rehman Naika, a pharmacist, and Zahir Abbas, a teacher, labeling them “terrorist associates.”

DISCRIMINATION TARGETING KASHMIRIS

On November 9, 2024, the Government College of Nursing, Holenarasipur [forced Kashmiri Muslim](#) students to shave off their beards.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

In October 2024, various UN special procedures made public their August 14, 2024 communication condemning [allegations of freedom of expression violations, arbitrary detentions, torture and inhuman treatment against Kashmiri rights activists Asiya Andrabi, Nahida Nasreen and Fehmeeda Sofi](#).

On October 30, 2024, Mehroosh Tak and others published a paper [examining indigenous food sovereignty amid de-development in Kashmir](#).

On November 16, 2024, FORSEA published a [poem by Ather Zia](#) in solidarity with Khurram Parvez, the arbitrarily detained Kashmiri human rights defender. On November 21, 2024, several NGOs, including FIDH, FORUM-ASIA, CIVICUS, OMCT, AFAD and KLJP issued a statement condemning [three years of arbitrary detention of Khurram Parvez](#).

On November 26, 2024, FORUM-ASIA issued a statement condemning [land grabbing in the name of railway expansion](#) in IAK titled “Development cannot come at the cost of disempowerment, displacement, and dispossession.” See also Mohammad Abu Bakar’s [Kashmir apple farmers angered by India's railway plans](#).

Kashmiri journalist Sajad Gul provided an account of being arbitrarily detained for 910 days for doing journalism in [The Caravan](#) and [Article 14](#).

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