

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

June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

SUMMARY

In June 2026, Indian authorities continued to commit grave human rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir (IAK). Indian authorities exhumed the corpse of Rashid Mughal, who was killed in a March 2026 fake encounter. Jammu and Kashmir Police executed orders against lawyer and scholar Nasir Qadri for “evading arrest” in a 1996 case (when he was eight years old). Indian authorities continued their ongoing systematic campaigns of mass detention and collective punishment through raids, cordon-and-search operations (CASOs) and home demolitions and their ongoing systematic campaign of property expropriation, including by expropriating 1,200 kanals of prime, planted agricultural land across four villages in Pulwama and the property of the Siraj-ul-Uloom Welfare Foundation, a Muslim school and seminary in Shopian.

Numerous Kashmiri journalists, human rights defenders, activists, and dissenters continue to be arbitrarily detained. Emblematic cases include those of human rights lawyer Mian Abdul Qayoom—illegally imprisoned for over two years (758 days) and scholar Shafat Wani—illegally imprisoned for over one year (469 days).

Khurram Parvez, a human rights activist, and Irfan Mehraj, a journalist, were [released on bail on July 22, 2026](#), after, respectively, almost five years (1,703 days) and over three years (1,219 days) of illegal, pre-trial imprisonment. Both face continued terrorism prosecutions for their human rights work; both are subject to [extreme bail conditions](#). The Delhi High Court had previously [granted bail](#) to Parvez in another ongoing terrorism prosecution targeting him for his human rights work.

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,” and “infiltrator.”

KILLINGS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

On June 16, 2026, Indian authorities [exhumed](#) Rashid Mughal of Chountwaliwara, Ganderbal and allowed his family access to his corpse. Indian forces [killed](#) him in a March 2026 [fake encounter](#), labelled him a “terrorist” and forcibly buried his corpse.

On June 27, 2026, Zahir Ahmad Bajad was [killed](#) and four others injured in an ordnance explosion near Asha Post, Sumli Wali Dhok, Gulmarg.

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND PRESS

On June 17, 2026, Jammu and Kashmir Police issued an [advisory](#) against recording, publishing, or circulating photographs or videos of forces deployments and operations without prior permission, warning that legal action could be taken in such cases.

On June 27, 2026, Counter Intelligence Kashmir conducted [multiple raids](#) across Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Anantnag and Handwara, and seized equipment and material allegedly used to create and spread “anti-national” narratives on social media.

ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND RAIDS

On June 1, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Talib Hussain Choudhary at Bandhi-Ragura, Jammu district for protesting the demolition of 32 structures belonging to Gujjar and Bakarwal families, charging him with attempted murder and compromising public safety. Indian authorities also [arrested](#) three people from Uri, Baramulla district, labelling them “exfiltrators,” and Zeeshan Ahmad Mir of Muzaffarabad, labelling him an “intruder,” the same day.

On June 2, 2026, Indian authorities [raided](#) eight locations across IAK.

On June 9, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) a minor, Javid Ali of Muzaffarabad in Salotri, Poonch district, and labelled him an “infiltrator” after he inadvertently crossed the Line of Control while bathing in a river.

On June 12, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) a minor, Ashraf Khan of Muzaffarabad in Karnah, Kupwara district, and labelled him an “infiltrator.”

On June 18, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Aizaz Ahmad Khanday, Arbaz Ahmad Mir and Nasir Ahmad Dar, all of Begama, Shopian district, and labelled them “OGWs.”

On June 19, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Tariq Ahmed Ginoo and Mohammad Iqbal, both of Tander, Dachhan, Kishtwar district, and labelled them “terrorist associates.”

On June 25, 2026, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) [raided](#) the home of Nazir Ahmad Mir of Mir Mohalla, Chewdara, Beerwah.

On June 26, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) a person in Gulpur, Poonch district and labelled him an “intruder.”

On June 27, 2026, Indian authorities [raided](#) the homes of Riyaz Ahmad Beigh in Shalteng, Srinagar district; Syed Qalandar Shah in Chountwaliwar, Lar, Ganderbal district; and Gulzar Ahmad Rather in Nowgam, Kapran, Anantnag district.

On June 28, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) a person in Balakote, Poonch district and labelled him an “intruder.”

On June 30, 2026, Indian authorities [detained](#) at least 24 people at Railway Station Kathua. On the same day, Indian authorities [arrested](#) a person in Kathua district and labelled him a “terrorist.”

TAKING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY; ECONOMIC DISEMPOWERMENT

On June 4, 2027, Indian authorities [demolished](#) the home of Sheikh Tasaduq of Mumkhan Mohalla, Rainawari, Srinagar district.

On June 19, 2026, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) the property of the Siraj-ul-Uloom Welfare Foundation, a Muslim school and seminary in Shopian [banned](#) in April 2026 under counterterror laws.

In June 2026, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) approximately 1200 Kanals of paddy fields in Dangerpora, Padgampora, Goripora, and Wandakpora, Pulwama district, destroying hundreds of households' livelihoods.

COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT

Indian forces [imposed](#) a [prolonged](#) CASO in Pir Panjal, Rajouri district.

On June 12, 2026, Jammu and Kashmir Police [executed court orders](#) against Syed Salahuddin, Ghulam Nabi Khan, Sher Mohammad and Nasir Yousuf Qadri for “evading arrest” for alleged offenses from 1996. Qadri, a scholar and lawyer, would have been eight years old at the time of the alleged offenses.

On June 14, 2026, Indian forces [imposed](#) a CASO in Lal Chowk, Srinagar district.

On June 18, 2026, Indian authorities [terminated](#) the employment of Mohammad Shafi Malik of Arwani, Bijbehara, Anantnag district, without due process or an effective opportunity at redress under a “national security” pretext. [At least 91](#) public sector employees in IAK have been terminated on the same basis since 2019.

On June 22, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) multiple individuals and labelled them “OGWs” and intensified surveillance, checkpoints and CASOs across IAK.

DENIAL OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE; LEGALIZED IMPUNITY

On June 18, 2026, Article 14 [published](#) an exposé of the “narco-terrorism case” Indian authorities manufactured against Syed Iftikhar Andrabi who was illegally imprisoned for six years before being granted bail in May 2026.

On June 29, 2026, the SIA [charged](#) illegally imprisoned pro-self-determination activist Yasin Malik and Khursheed Ahmad Chalkoo for an April 1990 murder.

VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

On June 18, 2026, Indian authorities [arrested](#) eight people in Leh, Ladakh for suspected involvement in “organized religious conversion-related activities.”

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

On June 8, 2026, The Indian Express [published](#) “How Illegal Mining Ravaged Kashmir’s Sukhnag River, Dried Springs & Damaged Farmland.”

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST KASHMIRIS

On June 7, 2026, a hotel in Maharashtra [denied](#) accommodation to an Indian-client BJP politician, Sajid Yousuf Shah, for his “Kashmiri identity.”

PUBLIC STATEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

On June 1, 2026, The Conversation [published](#) “Militarization in Jammu and Kashmir Is Negatively Impacting Female Education.”

On June 6, 2026, journalist Azad Essa [published](#) “Erasing Kashmir: Rebranding an Occupation.”

On June 22, 2026, Azad Essa and Goldie Osuri [discussed](#) settler colonialism in IAK in “The Occupation You Don’t See.”

On June 26, 2026, The Rumpus [published](#) “Kafka in Kashmir,” a review of Zahid Rafiq’s *The World With Its Mouth Open*.

On June 27, 2026, Just Peace Advocates, SADAC, South Asia Solidarity Group and others [hosted a panel discussion](#) on “Life of Kashmiri Political Prisoners and the Carceral State.”

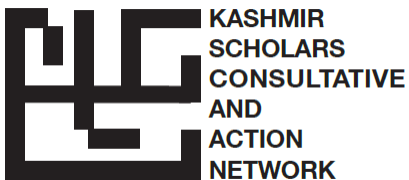
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