

Pakistan writes to UN about India's plan to build wall along LoC

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United Nations: Pakistan has complained to the UN Security Council about India's plans to construct a wall along the LoC allegedly to convert it "into a quasi international border", drawing a strong reaction from India which said it will respond to this at the "appropriate time".

Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN Maleeha Lodhi has written two letters dated September 4 and 9 to the UN Security Council.

In the September 9 letter to President of the Security Council, Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, Lodhi expressed "deep concern" at the plan by India to construct a 10 meter- high and 135 feet-wide embankment (wall) along the 197-kilometre Working Boundary between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan.

India said one of Pakistan's letters to the UNSC is based on a "The Government of Pakistan believes that the embankment will create a fait accompli aimed at permanently creating a physical and psychological barrier for the people of Jammu & Kashmir, who are yet to exercise their right to self-determination, as enshrined in Security Council Resolutions.

"Pakistan considers this an Indian effort aimed at converting the Line of Control and the Working Boundary into a quasi international border. This is an unacceptable breach of UN Security Council Resolutions," Lodhi writes in the letter.

Incidentally, Salahuddin has also said in a statement.

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