

Pakistan feels PM Modi crossed 'red line' by talking about Balochistan, to 'forcefully' raise Kashmir

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Islamabad: Pakistan has said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi crossed the "red line" by talking about Balochistan and asserted that it will "forcefully" raise the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly session next month.

Foreign Office Spokesperson Nafees Zakaria

"It is the violation of the UN Charter...He (Modi) crossed the "red line" by talking about Balochistan," Foreign Office Spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said here on Thursday.

"The Prime Minister strongly pleaded the case of Kashmir during General Assembly session last year and we will again "forcefully" raise the issue," Zakaria added.

Zakaria also alleged that India was involved in subversive activities in Balochistan and Karachi.

PM Modi had delivered an explosive Independence Day speech when he thanked the PoK's and Balochistan's people for their gratitude towards him and backed for "freedom from Pakistan".

Zakaria further said the Pakistani Premier Nawaz Sharif will lead the official delegation at the General Assembly session. He said the UN Secretary General and most of the UN members had already been informed about the "precarious situation" in Kashmir.

"India was referring to Balochistan to cover up its human rights violations in Kashmir," he said.

Zakaria said the UN and international community should remind India that it must fulfil its commitment to give the right of self-determination to the people of Jammu and Kashmir as per Security Council resolutions. He said the issue was still outstanding on the Security Council agenda for more than six decades.

"Pakistan strongly condemns the continuing use of force by India and violation of human rights. The brutal use of force has killed at least 80 people and at least 100 have been blinded by use of pellet guns," the spokesperson said.

He said the international community and human rights organisations should call upon India to stop use of "brute force" in Kashmir.

When asked about Indian taking action against Amnesty International, he said it showed how India was treating the issue of human rights in Kashmir.

Zakaria said Pakistan had proposed to India to hold talks on Kashmir. However, he refused to confirm if India had responded to the proposal.

To a question about any conditions India had put before them for starting dialogue, the spokesman said Pakistan proposed that Kashmir should be the focus of the talks.

Zakaria also claimed that the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was aimed at economic development of not only Pakistan and China but the entire region. He said India's objection to such a beneficial economic project was beyond comprehension.

Zakaria said Pakistan had invited Finance Ministers of SAARC countries for the next week meeting but so far was waiting for confirmation on India's Arun Jaitley's participation.

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