

Kashmir is a 'money making machine' for Pakistan Army: Gilgit Baltistan activist

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Senge Sering, the Director of the Gilgit-Baltistan National Congress, today said that Kashmir is a "money making machine" for the Pakistani Army which wants to maintain status quo in the Valley.

He pointed out that that "a thief" in Gilgit cannot be a friend in Jammu and Kashmir.

Senge Sering asked the United States to get out of Pakistani blackmail and said that Pakistan is not good for any country.

"Pakistan has proxies in Indian Kashmir with explosives and other things," alleged Senge Sering.

"Every time the money dries, you show up with blackmail, Russia talk, China talk. I request US to get out of this vicious cycle. Pakistan is not good for any country and it has not done good for the United States," he said.

"You (Pakistan) occupies one third of Kashmir. An occupier cannot be a friend of Kashmir on the other side. You have been exploiting resources in Gilgit Baltistan, without paying royalty or compensation. I call you a thief in Gilgit Baltistan. A thief in Gilgit Baltistan cannot be a friend in Jammu and Kashmir," he alleged.

Kashmir, he alleged, is a "money making machine" for the Pakistani Army, which wants to maintain a status quo in Kashmir.

Pakistan, which calls for implementation of the UN Security Council resolution of a plebiscite, is not fulfilling its first perquisite, which is that Pakistan should vacate the area and hand it over to India.

"The double talk that you have been doing in Afghanistan, Kashmir and the US needs to be exposed," Sering alleged.

The remarks from Sering and several other Pakistani expats came during an interaction of two Special Envoy of Prime Minister on Kashmir -- Mushahid Hussain Syed and Shazra Mansab - at an event hosted by the Atlantic Council, a top American think-tank.

Ahmar Musti Khan, who said he is a US citizen who migrated from Pakistan occupied Balochistan, said Kashmir "pales" in comparison to what the Pakistan military and security forces are doing against its own people in Balochistan.

"Kashmir pales in comparison to what you are doing in Balochistan. Your Army and ISI is the problem. Please acknowledge that," Khan said.

Khan alleged that 6,000 Baloch people have been killed and dumped.

Sufi Laghari from Sindh alleged that terrorist like JuD chief Hafeez Saeed are freely roaming around the country under protection of ISI.

Responding to questions from agitated members of the Pakistani expat community, Syed said whenever there are revelations or allegations of human rights violations, they are publicly condemned in Pakistan.

- (With PTI inputs)