KASHMIR: A PERMANENT STATE OF EXCEPTION

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13:00-14:00

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There has been an increase in serious human rights violations in Kashmir, particularly since 2016. This has coincided with shrinking space for human rights reporting and advocacy at the national level, with human rights defenders facing unprecedented threats and reprisals. The escalating violence, coupled with systemic impunity for perpetrators, has made it imperative for the human rights situation in Kashmir to be highlighted at the international level, including at the UN. This event aims to bring to the forefront the human rights aspect of the conflict and discuss possible strategies through which the international community can play a more effective role in ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights in the region.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hon. Judge Navanethem Pillay: Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008-2014)

MODERATOR

Sam Zarifi: Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

SPEAKERS

Juliette Rousselot: Program Officer for South Asia, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

Gerard Staberock: Secretary General, World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

Dr. Angana Chatterji: Co-chair, Initiative on Political Conflict, Gender and People's Rights, Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley

