

Women in KASHMIR

Silence is No Option

In recognition of sufferings of women in Kashmir and in order to draw the attention of the International Community, the **'Silence is No Option'** campaign was launched on last International Peace Day, 21st September by releasing a YouTube Video. The Video is an initiative of our young women's **Pashmina Shield Team** at Gender Concerns International expressing its concern over and solidarity to the bravery and fearlessness of the women in Kashmir, a region classified as the world's the most militarized zone.

"Women are catalysts for change and women's organizations need respect, recognition, and resources to bring about this change."

Sabra Bano, Director

CAMPAIGN VIDEO

As the Kashmir conflict continues since past 72 years, a group of 72 young women in Europe comes forward to challenge the International Community. Silence is No Option in the face of reported violence and committed crimes against women in Kashmir, they urge!



Silence is No Option! - To the bravery and fearlessness of Women in Kashmir

Under **UNSCR 1325**, the International Community is obliged to protect women in conflict zones and prevent them from violence, intimidation and various forms of abuse

WHAT DID WE DO SO FAR?

- Sent open letters, to President Macron, UN Women and G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council at the occasion of the 45th G7 Summit.
- Meetings with Various stakeholders in Europe including diplomats of both India and Pakistan in The Hague and the Permanent Mission of Pakistan at the UNCHR in Geneva.
- Reaching out to Women and Civil Society Organizations world-wide.
- Launched Silence is No Option Video and Campaign.

WHAT'S URGENTLY NEEDED NOW?

- Facilitation of an **Independent International Women's Observation Delegation** that urgently meets with the women and girls in Indian Administered Kashmir and **reports on their sufferings** under militarization and lockdown.
- Having an **International Conference** on Women in Kashmir.



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