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# Kashmir submerged in a culture of grief: HR group

Obama should bring up "K" word: Angana Chaterji

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Srinagar, November 4: Calling India's recent peace process initiative "deceptive" noted Professor and co-convener of the International People's Tribunal on Human Rights (IPTK) and Justice in Kashmir, Dr Angana Chaterji on Thursday said that 'all the steps from New Delhi's side will be futile unless it won't halt military strength and reckon the main stakeholders of the conflict in Kashmir'.

Chaterji including the civil society members in Kashmir also drafted a memorandum which would be sent to the United States president Barak Obama and to the international community.

"Indian state has implemented a deceptive peace [plan](#) without reckoning the dispute, formulated resolution without reckoning the loss a d designated the post conflict status," flanked by the various civil society members, Chaterji briefed a press gathering here.

She sought concern from the international community which according to her can play tremendous role in resolving the long pending Kashmir issue.

She said, we ask the President Obama to bring the K word as Kashmir has been pejoratively labeled, in his discussion with PM Manmohan Singh of India.

"The US shouldn't compromise the rights of Kashmiri people, regional peace and [security](#) concern in South Asia which act as a deterrents to resolutions of past part ions and current conflicts."

Asking the international community for the [support](#) of Kashmiri's demands the Professor said that International Community should bring their judicious counsel to persuade the government of India and government of Pakistan to initiate the meaningful exchanges, engagements and reconciliations between Kashmiri people as a precondition to conflict resolution.

"India should end its hostilities on Kashmiri people and formally recognize the rights of them to determine their future. Right now Kashmir is submerged in a culture of grief. India must [practice](#) accountability and atonement with respect to Kashmir as the negligence, indifference and callousness from the Indian side has delayed the Kashmir dispute continues to have serious repercussions on the everyday life of Kashmiris," she said.

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About the ongoing four months long unrest in Kashmir, Chatterji, who in December 2009, had demanded an International probe into the existence of mass graves in Kashmir valley said.

“We note that the recent protest in Kashmir don’t evidence to the present events alone but are indicative of civilian sentiments an responses to the sustained confinement of civil society by Indian military an paramilitary forces since 1989. It seems that the Indian state continues to be neo-imperial and aggressively militaristic.”

Slamming the India’s claims of calling Indian Kashmir to be an internal matter she said “By calling it (Kashmir) as an internal matter India is refusing transparency, international scrutiny and is showing adherence to humanitarian laws in Kashmir.”

The memorandum has been endorsed by Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil societies, Kashmir High court Bar Association, Chamber of Commerce and [Industries](#) Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir [Trade](#) Union Council, Kashmir minorities Front, Majlis-Mashrawat, and Kashmir University Students Union, Association of Parents Disappeared persons, people’s Rights Movement, Jammu and Kashmir Hussaine trust, VIVA Kashmir, including scholars and noted journalist of Kashmir.

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