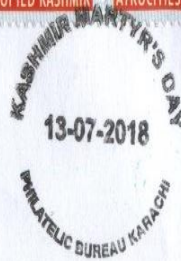
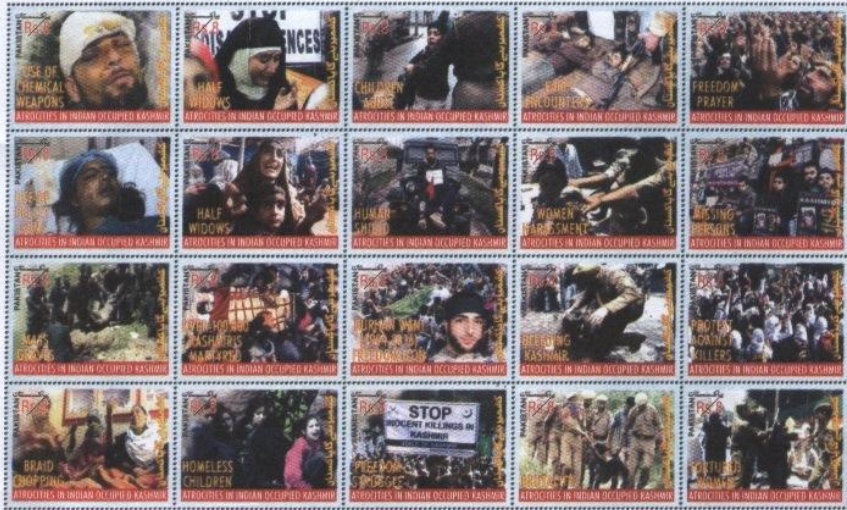


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1. 13th July is the milestone in the history of Kashmir struggle for freedom. On this day 21 Kashmiris had sacrificed their lives for the supreme cause of freedom of Kashmir from the clutches of despotic Dogra rulers.

2. On 19th April 1931, the Dogra DIG Chowdry Ram Chand stopped Imam Munshi Muhammad Ishaq from giving Eid Khutba (Sermon) in the Municipal Park of Jammu. The incident sparked off widespread protest demonstrations in Jammu city. Ban on Eid Khutba in Jammu was followed by desecration of the Holy Quran at the hands of Dogra troops, in Jammu, which further aggravated the situation throughout the state. In Srinagar, people gathered in Jamia Masjid Srinagar to denounce desecration act and demand severe punishment to the culprits. To demand their religious rights and to protest, a large number of personal gathered in Khankah-e-Mualla Srinagar, where while listening to speeches of Kashmiri leaders a youth Abdul Qadeer pointed his finger to the Maharaja's palace and raised full-throated slogans "destroy its every brick". He was arrested instantly on the charges of sedition. Abdul Qadeer was to be tried in the court but due to possible public reaction the court was shifted to Central Jail Srinagar. On 12th July, violent public demonstrations were held throughout the city against the shifting of the court to the Central Jail, Srinagar.

3. On 13th July, thousands of people thronged the central jail Srinagar to witness the in-camera trial of Abdul Qadeer. At Zuhar time, one of the youth stood up and started reciting "Azan" for Zuhar prayer. He was killed by Dogra soldiers; next youth started the 'Azan' where it was left by the martyred youth. He was also killed and in process of completing the 'Azan' 21 youth were killed one after the other. This incident is a black chapter in the history of Dogra regime. The people carried the dead and the injured with them, formed a procession and paraded the highways and streets of Srinagar, chanting slogans Dogra brutalities. Complete strike was observed in the city, which followed weeklong mourning. This incident shook the whole state and the traffic from Srinagar to Rawalpindi and Srinagar to Jammu came to halt from 13th to 26th July. Since then, the day is observed as Kashmir Martyr's Day.

4. It was the result of the above episode that Kashmiri leadership realized the need to form a political party i.e. Muslim Conference (MC) with a view to wage struggle for their freedom. Later in 1934, State's first elections were held and Muslim Conference won 16 out of 21 seats and after two years in 1936 it succeeded in getting 19 out of 21 seats. Indian Congress was upset with this result and tried to create division in the ranks of Kashmiri leadership. On 19th July 1947, MC after considering geographical proximity, Majority of Muslim population (80%) religion, language and cultural relations, passed a resolution to merge Kashmir with Pakistan.

5. It's heart-moving to observe that despite a period of 80 years, the Kashmiris are still struggling and sacrificing to achieve their alienable right under UNSC resolutions for the plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmir Valley is one of the most heavily militarized regions in the world with 7 Lakh armed security forces, who indulge in indiscriminate killing, forced disappearances, rapes and maiming innocent youth and women. The present history is witness to continued inhuman tactics of India to suppress Kashmiris.

6. Indian savage and ruthless forces left no stone unturned to crush their popular struggle and martyred thousands of Kashmiris during last 27 years. These brutal troops have victimized Kashmiri masses irrespective of their age and gender. They let loose reign of terror and applied Chankian tactics of curfew, cordon off, crackdowns, siege and search operations. Indiscriminate firing, fake encounters, murder, mass killings, torture, arbitrary arrests, illegal detention, abduction, disappearances, extra-judicial killings, custodial deaths, molestation, victimization of school going children and arson were the main characteristics of Indian State terrorism.

7. Indian cruel, inhuman, ruthless, merciless and brutal troops killed, tortured, kidnapped, molested, and disgraced thousands of innocent Kashmiri women. Even innocent female children are not spared. They are tortured, orphaned, maimed, handicapped, deprived of their fathers and brothers and left wailing for their near and dear ones with ocean of tears.

8. Indiscriminate firing on women folk, baton charge, tear gas and pepper gas shelling, use of lethal weapons, pellet shelling and pepper gun grenade throwing have become the daily routine of Indian malicious forces. Thousands of women are arrested and jailed, Thousands of them martyred, thousands half widowed, thousands widowed, thousands molested, thousands left unsafe/ shelter less, and almost every women of Kashmir mentally tortured and deprived of their sons and brothers.

9. Indian evil forces have butchered, martyred, tortured, disabled and abducted the Kashmiri youngsters. These ruthless forces kidnapped them from their homes or streets and then threw their bullet riddled bodies in rivers and open localities. These brutal troops equipped with heavy weapons kill these Kashmiri youth anywhere and anytime in a bid to suppress the popular struggle of Kashmiris.

10. 94888 Kashmiris have been martyred by Indian security forces in custody, extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances and these human right violations are carried out by Indian security forces under total impunity. Indian occupation forces martyred thousands of Kashmiris in various massacres.

11. In Jammu Massacre on 6th November 1947, the Maharaja Hari Singh's army, Hindu terrorist organization RSS activists martyred nearly 500'000 Muslims in Jammu and forced more than 1 million to migrate to Pakistan. It is a horrendous, unforgivable and unacceptable crime against humanity; and a dark blot on the history of mankind.

12. **Gawakadal Massacre.** On 21 January 1990, 51 civilians were killed by CRPF troopers during protests against earlier raids in which wanton arrests and molestation of women were conducted by CRPF troops.

13. **Handwara Massacre.** On January 25, 1990, two BSF patrolling parties in *Handwara* indiscriminately fired at peaceful protesters and killed 25 people. Many people were injured.

14. **Zakoora and Tengpora Massacre.** Indian forces killed 33 protesters and injured 47 on 1 March 1990 at *Zakoora* Crossing and *Tengpora* Bypass Road in Srinagar. The killers were not punished.

15. **Hawal Massacre.** At the funeral of *Mirwaiz Muhammad Farooq* on May 21, 1990 over 60 civilians were killed by paramilitary forces and hundreds injured in the indiscriminate firing on the funeral procession.

16. **Sopore Massacre.** On 6 January 1993 Indian troops killed 55 civilians in the town of Sopore and set fire to many homes and buildings.

17. **Bijbehara Massacre.** On 22 October 1993 the Indian Army killed 51 civilians during protests over the siege of the Hazratbal Mosque, 25 of those killed were students None of the accused were punished.

18. **Kupwara Massacre.** On 27 January 1994 the Indian Army fired at and killed 27 civilians, mainly traders, in Kupwara district. Survivors say that the soldiers carried out the massacre to punish people for observing shutdown on January 26.

19. **Chattisinghpura Massacre.** On 20 March 2000, 15-17 gunmen, entered the village of Chattisinghpura. They ordered all of the Sikhs to assemble at the village Gurdawara and systematically shot and killed 34 of them.

20. **Nadimarg Massacre.** On night of 23 March 2003 the terrorists entered at Nadimarg village near Shopian and dragged the Hindus out from their homes, lined them and shot them by automatic weapons. At least 24 Hindus including 11 women and 2 children were killed. The killers disfigured the bodies of the victims, looted their houses and took away the ornaments from bodies of the dead women.

21. **Torture in Custody.** Indian occupation forces torture innocent Kashmiris to suppress their demand for freedom. There are thousands of torture cases in Kashmir. The entire Kashmir is at risk of arbitrary detention, torture or even death. Indian forces are used to torture Kashmiris during crack down, search operation and raids on homes.

22. **Rape as a weapon of war.** Rape is an active strategy of the security forces to humiliate and intimidate the Kashmiri population, Rape is used as a weapon of war by India soldiers, 11036 women are molested by Indian occupation forces.

23. **Custodial Killing.** The custodial killings are a routine in Kashmir. According to human rights defenders around 7099 Kashmiris are martyred in custody during the past twenty-seven years.

24. **Enforced Disappearance.** Indian occupation forces are involved in forced disappearances of thousands of Kashmiris. The extent of male disappearances has been so large that a new term half widows has been created for their wives who end up with no information of their husbands' whereabouts. Human right activists estimate the number of disappeared to be over 10000, last seen in government detention.

25. **Arson and Destruction.** India occupation forces have used every type of brutal tactic to suppress the freedom struggle of Kashmiris. These ruthless forces have set ablaze the residential houses, go downs and crops of Kashmiris. Property worth billions of US dollars have been destroyed, 108,596 structures are arsoned.

26. **Victimization of Children.** Indian troops did not spare even innocent children of Kashmir. Their parents are martyred; even the children are tortured and martyred. 107676 children are orphaned.

27. **Killings of Youth.** Indian evil forces have butchered, martyred, tortured, disabled and abducted Kashmiri youngsters. These ruthless forces kidnapped them from their homes or streets and then threw their bullet riddled bodies in rivers and open localities. These brutal troops equipped with heavy weapons kill these Kashmiri youth anywhere and anytime in a bid to suppress the popular struggle of Kashmiris. According to confirmed sources 56000 Kashmiri youth have been abducted by Indian army and paramilitary forces and only some of them returned home alive. And those who were lucky to survive are living miserable life with mental and physical disorder.

28. **Fake Encounters.** To crush the popular struggle of Kashmiris and to target Kashmiri youth, fake encounter is one of the techniques of Indian state terrorism. A fake encounter is an unlawful execution with a dramatic component. Indian ruthless forces stage these dramas for gallantry or cash awards or for professional advancement that is out of turn promotions. Out of 94888 Kashmiris more than 8000 are killed in fake encounters.

29. From July 8, 2016 after the martyrdom of Burhan Wani, India used pellet gun which was meant to kill animals on innocent Kashmiris. Due to Indian pellet shelling 8353 have been injured, 73 youth lost complete eye-sight, 207 lost one eye sight, 974 are at the verge of losing eye sight, 1863 youth are those whose eyesight is partially damaged.

30. According to reliable sources from January 1989 to 31th December 2017, 94,888 Kashmiris are martyred 7099 are martyred in custody, 143,048 Kashmiris arrested, 108,596 structures arsoned, 22,862 women widowed, 107676 children orphaned, 11036 women molested.

31. Indian used every type of brutal tactics to suppress popular struggle of Kashmir by force. Even after losing their precious lives these Kashmiri have moral advantage upon Indian ruthless forces. Their demand is crystal clear and that is right of self-determination. They are not ready to compromise their freedom though at the cost of their lives. It is time for International community, Human rights activists and peace loving nation to be a part of suppressed people and pressurize oppressors to stop genocide, otherwise history never forgives any one.

32. The date on atrocities by Indian security forces from January 1989 to 30 April 2018 is as under:-

a. Total killings	-	94,874
b. Custodial killings	-	7,099
c. Arrests	-	142,851
d. Structures destroyed/damaged	-	108,471
e. Women widowed	-	22,862
f. Children orphaned	-	107,674
g. Women gang-raped/molested	-	11,026

On Kashmir Martyr's Day (*atrocities in IOK*), the Commemorative Postage Stamp of Rs.8/- each denomination set of 20 is being issued by Pakistan Post on July 13, 2018.

TERMS OF SALE

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