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<u>Islamabad (March 11, 2004)</u>: Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad vice president of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan has expressed his profound grief on the death of Dr. Muhammad Ayub Thaukar – one of the top leaders of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, who had dedicated his entire life to the service of Islam and the liberation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir from the yoke of the Indian occupation.

Dr. Muhammad Ayub Thaukar, according to Prof. Khurshid Ahmad, was a nuclear physicist who had topped at the University of Sirinagar and King Abdul Aziz University Jeddah. Ever since his youth as Nazam-e-Ala Islami Jamiat Talaba he dedicated his life to the struggle for Kashmir Liberation and accession to Pakistan. He suffered all kind of opposition and oppressions but always remained steadfast in the service of ideals for which he stood. He migrated to England in mid 1980 and established World Kashmir Freedom Movement. He was able to project the just cause of the Kashmiri people before the Western World and was an invincible pillar of the movement. Indian occupied forces sought his repatriation but he stood all pressures and served the cause of Kashmir, Islam and Pakistan till he breathed his withlast on March 10, 2004 at 10.00 a.m. in London.

May Allah place his soul in rest and accept all that he did for the cause of Islam and the liberation of Kashmir. He has left an illuminating example for all those who love Islam and freedom of the oppressed people, Prof. Khurshid Ahmad, said.

Dr. Muhammad Ayub Thaukar has left a widow, one son and two daughters. May Allah give the family fortitude to bear this loss, which is loss not merely for the people of Jammu and Kashmir but also for the entire Pakistani nation and the Muslim Ummah. Prof. Khurshid Ahmad concluded.