OPERATION IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF HILLARY CLINTON

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Islamabad (May 30, 2011): Naib Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has expressed his horror and astonishment on the report that Pakistan has once again succumbed to the US pressure by agreeing to launch operation in North Waziristan following the visit of Hillary Clinton and Admiral Mullen. "Instead of pressuring the US to stop drone attacks and not to repeat performance of Abbotabad drama on Pakistan's soil, the government has meekly moved one step forward to please its patrons", Prof. Khurshid observed.

He has warned the Government, the military leadership and the nation that if this operation is launched under the US pressure it would once again be a surrender of Pakistan's sovereignty and its vital national interests, the way General Musharraf did in the wake of the US response to the catastrophic episode of 9/11. "Any such move would be a clear violation of the May 14th Resolution of the Joint Session of the Parliament and also that of the Resolution of 22nd October, 2008", he reminded the Government.

"In the strategic terms it would be a Himalayan blunder. Pakistan Army is also engaged in a war thrust on it by the US, which has put the entire Tribal Area on fire, while the whole country is suffering from the heinous acts of foreign and home grown terrorists and the military operation has caused death and destruction of civilians and vast localities of Pakistan. The economy is also in shambles because of this", he emphasized. According to Prof. Khurshid Ahmad the Parliament has demanded political solution but under American pressure it seems government and Army leadership is continuing to impose military solution despite its devastating consequences. "While the USA is already engaged in dialogue with Taliban and is trying to work out an exit strategy, it has forced Pakistan into yet another war. It would be suicidal to succumb to this latest US pressure", he pointed out.

While concluding his statement Senator Khurshid appealed that, it is time for all Political and Religious Parties to re-unite for effective mobilization of the people and to stop this military operation before it is too late.