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“Self-governance formula is surrender to India: Prof Khurshid”

**Islamabad (Dec. 9, 2005):** Jamaat-e-Islami Naib Ameer Senator Prof Khurshid Ahmad has said that Pakistan government’s formula for self-rule amounts to surrendering to India.

Opposing the government’s move, he said presenting the idea of 'self-governance' in Kashmir and giving up UN resolutions on the right to self-determination for Kashmiris is accepting India's hegemony in the region. The self governance was an Indian option and a form of annexing Kashmir with India by forcing Indian supremacy, Senator Khurshid Ahmad noted. “It is beyond comprehension why Pakistan government is advising Kashmiris to seek their rights within the Indian constitutional framework.”

He also criticized those Kahsmiri leaders who are calling for a “United States of Kashmir” and presence of Nato forces in the region. The freedom struggle in Kashmir is a resistance to Indian military occupation of the state and will continue till the realization of its goal of the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people.

Tens of thousands of Kashmiris have sacrificed their lives for freedom and not merely for some political and administrative rights from India, Prof. Khurshid maintained. “Freedom struggle will continue as long as Indian occupation is there.”

He warned that the Pakistan government’s U-turn on Kashmir cause on under the US pressure can cause a serious blow to the freedom struggle. Those who are involved in furthering US interests and sabotaging the heroic struggle will be remembered as traitors and history will never forgive them, he observed.

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