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PCHR LAUDS DECISION OF ICJ

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) has lauded the decision of International Court of Justice regarding the Israeli fence and separation barrier and urged the international forums to intervene in the case of illegal fencing under process by Indians at Indian Occupied Kashmir as both cases are of the same nature.

In a press statement issued here on Thursday, PCHR hailed International Court of Justice that has given verdict against the construction of the wall being built by Israel stating Israel as “occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory” is contrary to international law. “Therefore it is contrary to international law that India is doing it at occupied Kashmir by erecting fence on Line of Control in Occupied Kashmir”, Commission maintains.

The Commission is of the view that International Court of Justice rightfully maintained that all States are under an obligation not to recognize the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the wall and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by such construction.

The Commission urged that same justification must be applied on Kashmir fencing issue where India has nearly completed fencing the frontier in disputed Kashmir. The fence covers 500 km of the 740-km Line of Control.

Commission maintains that all States parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 have in addition the obligation, while respecting the United Nations Charter and international law, to ensure compliance by India with international humanitarian law as embodied in that Convention. “The United Nations, and especially the General Assembly and the Security Council, should consider what further action is required to bring to an end the illegal situation resulting from the construction of the fence”, Commission added.

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