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We, the undersigned, on our own behalf and on behalf of other membe_s of our community wish to convey our profound gratidue to you for having published the letter of Shri K.L.Koul in the columns of your esteemed daily. We fully share and endorse the views and sentiments expressed by Shri Koul.

There can be no dispute about the fact the Kashmiri Pandit community was made a scapegoat by Jagmohan, some self styled leaders of our community and other vested intrests. This drama was staged by Hindu communal organizations like the B.J.P, R.S.S. and the Shiv Sena in conivance with the state administartion. In this drama the main chracters were played by Advani, Vajpayee, Mufti and Jagmohan and the state administration was made to play the role of a joker. It is an open secret now that the Indian occupation forces had drawn a plan to masscare a large section of Kashmiri Muslims, particularly those in the age group of 14 to 25 so that the people could be enslaved and subjugated for all the times to come.This plan was formulated by Advani, Vajpayee, Mufti and Jagmohan. According to reliable and well informed sources the plan was to make the K.P's migrate from the valley so that the mass uprising aganist occupation forces could be painted as a communal flare up and the massacre of the muslims could be termed as a fight aganist the communal forces and measure for the restoration of law and order.The orders to forigen journalists to vaccate the valley and restrictions on the local press should be seen in that scenario and prespective.The idea was to keep the world community ignorant of the real issue and creat a cover for the sinister designs of the occupation forces.

Some self styled leaders of the Pandit community,led by none other than that stove ~~xxxxxxx~~ mechanic turned politican and a pimp of Dr. Farooq Abdullah named H.N.Jattu, begged the Pandits to migrate from the valley. We were told that our migration was very vital for preserving and protecting "Dharm" and the unity and the integrity of India. We were told that our migration would pave the way for realising the dream of Akhand Bharat. We were made to believe that the valley was about to be conquered by Pakistan, with the active support of local Muslims. We were made to believe that our migration was very important for Hinduism and for keeping India together.We were given to understand that it was purely a war between Hinduism and Islam. At the same time we were assured that as soon as the people of the valley were ~~xxxxxx~~ silenced and made to surrender we shall be sent back to our homes. That day has yet to come and under the present circumstances we do not see any such hope. We were assured in the names of all the gods and deities that we shall be looked after very well and we shall be provided with any thing and ~~xxxxxx~~ every thing we desire or demand. At the same time we were threatned of dire consequences in case we did not obey the orders. We feel cheated beacuse we understand now that it is not a war between two religions but a struggle for independance and the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ struggle for self determination which is the birth right of every human being.

What has been in store for our community ever since we migrated from our homes is a part of our history now. We have been exploited beyond limits and there is no end to our miseries, as the things stand now. We hold nobody responsible for the mess we are in now but our own selves. We were fooled and we were more than willing to become fools. The hindu communal organizations, self styled leaders and Jagmohan acted as reagents only. This idiotic step of ours shall go down in our history as un-patriotic and a living monument of our folly.

It is a very well known fact that the local populace treat us as invaders. The dogra "dangars" are treating us as nothing but pigs and dogs though they spare no efforts to squeeze us. The locals are exploiting us and we have in fact become money spining machines for them. Whatever little is given to us in the name of relief passes on to them in the shape of house rent and charges for the essential commodities but they still have a grudge aganist us. They treat us as parasites even though their business is now dependant on us. It is a sad fact that most of us have already disposed of whatever valuables we had brought, at the time of leaving home, and most of that we got in lieu of selling ornaments and other valuables has already passed on to the "dangars". Let it be understood that we have nothing in common with the dogras-not even the religion beacuse the hinduism they practise is something different from the hinduism we know. Hinduism in fact in no religion but a way of life and that makes us more akin to the Kashmiri Muslims beacuse our way of life is similar to their way of life.We share ~~xxxxxxx~~ everything with the Kashmiri Muslims. Our history, culture, ethos,traditions,customs and the language is common. We are largely dependant on them beacuse they are in the majority. We feel ashamed to admit that we have betrayed not only our mother land but even those who have given us love, effection and respect for centuries together in their hour of need and trial. We feel ashamed to have become tools in the hands of enemies of our nation and for not participating in the freedom struggle of our mother land, from the alien rule. We also,feel ashamed to admit that we have, knowingly or un-knowingly, committed a great blunder by playing our part in communalising the situation and the freedom struggle whereas we should have been a part of this struggle. God alone can forgive us for this great betrayl.This is the struggle of all Kashmiris and we are no exceptions.We know that our betraying our motherland has resulted in our having lost the love,good will,respect and efection of our Muslim brothers and sisters who are fighting the occupation forces but at the same time we are confident of their good nature and magnonimity. We are sure that they will forgive us in the true spirits of Islam and according to the teachings of the prophet Hazrat Mohmad Sahib.

The Pandits living or more precisely rotting in Jammu can be divided into three categories. In the first category are those Pandits who are already settled in Jammu and have their own houses. Shri Koul has rightly remarked and observed that these Pandits treat us like invaders and call us refugees even though they also are getting the benifits, by fraud and proxy, which are meant for the migrants. The second category consists of those Pandits who have practically no property worth its name back home. These Pandits come from the slum like areas of Habakadal, Ganpatyar, Rainswari etc and most of them have no permenant source of income in the valley. They are more than content on reciving relief and have practically nothing at stake in the valley. That is how members of this category are more vocal and take a lead in defaming the Kashmiri Muslims beacuse they do not want to return home. Most of these Pandits have given their daughters in marriage to the dangars with a hope of getting their favours. Most of the self styled leaders come from this category. The third category is of those Pandits who come from a well to do back ground and have left back property worth lakhs of rupees in the valley. This category is more than eager to return home.

We join Shri Koul, on our own behalf and on behalf of all the sane members of our community(Thank god we are in majority) in appealing to our Kashmiri Muslim brothers and sisters to forgive us for the betrayl and allow us to return home. We also strongly condemn the atrocities that are being unleashed on our brothers by the Indian occupation forces. We also appeal to the government of India and to all peace loving people of India to full-fill the promises that were given to us by their leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru. We also appeal to the world community and the U.N.O. to refrain India from committing atrocities aganist our nation. We also appeal to U.N.O. to compel India and implement the resolutions passed in 1948 for grant of the right of self determination to the people of Kashmir and for holding plebicite in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kindly convey our respects and good wishes to our Kashmiri Muslim brothers and sisters. We slatue their valour and courage which they are showing aganist the onslought of occupation forces. Please remind them that it is a temporary phase and that the blood of our great martyrs will be victorious very soon.

May our dream of living in a free, independant and prosperous country of Jammu and Kashmir be fulfilled very soon.

With regards.
Sincerly yours,

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