

Witness Biography: Pro-Pakistan Kashmiri Leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani



Background:

Born in 1933, Syed Ali Shah Geelani started his career as a school teacher, and was a prominent activist of the Jamaat-e-Islami. He was elected to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly thrice in 1972, 1977 and 1987. However, he resigned in 1987 and joined the secessionist movement. Geelani has been a strong supporter of the Kashmiri militancy and believes that violence has given the much-needed leverage to the political movement and has made India take their cause' seriously. Geelani is a literary person and has authored books, including "Roodaad e Qufus" a tale of prison which is narration of his life story.

His view towards the case:

The dispute between Kashmir has began way back in 1947, for he believes that the issue should be resolved peacefully, but the biggest concern is that India had never accepted the agreement terms. Geelani is strongly opposing the fact, to what India views about Kashmir. They are killing the democracy in Jammu and Kashmir to save the democracy in India, to show the world community that we are the greatest democratic community. He also mentioned that if the case is unresolved by peace, the people and he would end this by force.

Quotes:

"There is no change in India's policy on [Kashmir](#). They are cheating Pakistan. Indians have adopted this policy for the past 57 years. Whether it's the ruling party or the opposition, unless and until they roll back this resolution, how can they accept [Jammu](#) and [Kashmir](#) as disputed territory?"

"We want to live with our Hindu and Buddhist brothers. We have never pressurized anyone. Hindu brothers who left Kashmir were never told by us to leave the state. It was the Indian government that asked them to leave Kashmir."

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