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IOK: Caught between Curfew and Covid-19

Date: May 06, 2020

Time: 1400 Hrs. PST

ZOOM Meetings

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Meeting ID: 933 0348 6623

For Registration

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Program:

- 1350 hrs: Joining in by speakers & participants
- Moderator: Najam Rafique –Director, Research
- 1400 hrs: Introduction of WebaRT – Dr. Saif Malik, Director, ISC
- 1405 hrs: Presentation – Asad Ullah Khan, Research Fellow ISSI
- 1410 hrs: Salutory Note – Vice Admiral (Retd) Hasham Bin Saddique, President IPRI
- 1415 hrs: Remarks – Amb. Arif Kamal
- 1420 hrs: Remarks – Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, Director General (SA & SAARC), MOFA
- 1425 hrs: Remarks – Prof. Dr. Amna Mahmood, IIUI
- 1430 hrs: Remarks – Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman, KIIR
- 1435 hrs: Keynote – Amb. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, DG ISSI
- 1445 hrs: Interactive Discussion
- 1510 hrs Thanks and end WebaRT

Concept Note

Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) finds itself in a 'double jeopardy', caught between curfew imposed by Indian security forces since August 2019 and the recent spread of the coronavirus pandemic which has also found victims in IOJK. Instead of focusing on prevention measures to combat the pandemic, the Indian government has found this to be another opportunity to further its aim of instituting demographic changes in IOJK under its repressive Hindutva policy. In early April 2020, a new domicile law has been introduced for 'demographic flooding' by providing permanent residence to Indians from outside the region who have resided there for 15 years, less for students. If the repeal of Articles 370 and 35-A in August 2019 had created any doubts about the Indian insidious designs in clear violation of international law, the new domicile law has made it abundantly clear that the BJP government in India has no intentions of abiding by those laws. Can Indian designs for IOJK be countered? Caught in a battle with corona virus, will the international community be disposed at this point in time to put pressure on India to respect the rights of Kashmiris? What does the future hold for IOJK?

In an effort to find answers to these questions, ISSI/ISC plans to hold a webinar on **IOK: Caught between Curfew and Covid-19** on **May 06, 2020** at **1400 hrs** in an effort to highlight the plight of IOJK during the time of pandemic. The webinar will seek to bring together collective knowledge, experiences, ideas and proposals to ensure that the fundamental human rights of the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir are protected and promoted and their right to self-determination is realized at this critical juncture.