

Statement By Four Authors of 'Kashmir Caged Report

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We deeply appreciate the public's keen interest in the 'Kashmir Caged' report and video report.

We all stand by the statement that permission to screen this short video report at the Press Club of India (PCI) on 14 August was denied, reportedly under pressure. Our quarrel is not and was not with the PCI, but with the Government of India that is seeking to censor such spaces. We need to unitedly resist such censorship.

We appeal for sustained solidarity initiatives with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and also with persons all over India who are facing harassment, intimidation, censorship and even house arrest for protesting the treatment meted out to Jammu and Kashmir and its people.

We also object to the misleading and hostile comments made by the Prime Minister, the Government and certain propagandist media outlets, inciting animosity towards Indian citizens who are speaking up against the clampdown on democracy in Kashmir.

We also caution against possible attempts by the government of Pakistan to fish in the troubled waters, sponsor cross-border terror and appropriate the Kashmir issue for its own vested interests.

The voices, concerns and sufferings of the Kashmiri people must not, yet again, be reduced to an India-Pakistan slanging match. The people of Jammu & Kashmir must have a voice in matters and decisions that concern their lives and region*.

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