

KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDIAN-ADMINISTERED KASHMIR

June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

SUMMARY

In June 2025, Indian authorities continued to commit grave human rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir (IAK). Indian forces killed at least four people and continued their systematic campaigns of mass arbitrary detention, raids and property expropriation. Indian authorities acknowledged the use of facial recognition technology in detaining a person in IAK. Indian authorities connected IAK to India by rail for the first time, enhancing the infrastructure supporting India's militarized occupation and colonial domination of IAK.

Numerous Kashmiri journalists, human rights defenders, activists, and dissenters continue to be arbitrarily detained. Emblematic cases include those of human rights defender Khurram Parvez—illegally imprisoned for over three and a half years (1,338 days), journalist Irfan Mehraj—illegally imprisoned for over two years (854 days), human rights lawyer Mian Abdul Qayoom—illegally imprisoned for over one year (392 days) and scholar Shafat Wani—illegally imprisoned for over three months (103 days).

Note: Due to ongoing repression by Indian authorities, key developments in the human rights situation in IAK have gone unreported. Indian authorities have criminalized independent journalism and human rights work; all reporting from IAK is state-controlled. Indian authorities label pro-human rights and pro-self-determination activity "terrorism" and systematically legitimate violations against people in IAK through unsubstantiated, demonizing labels, including: "terrorist," "militant," "secessionist," "militant," "overground worker" (or "OGW"), "hybrid militant," "hybrid terrorist," "terrorist associate," "militant associate," "intruder," or "infiltrator."

KILLINGS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

On June 6, 2025, the Delhi police reportedly [tortured and killed](#) Zubair Ahmad Bhat of Ali Kadal, Srinagar.

On June 26, 2025, Indian forces [killed](#) a person in Bihali, Basantgarh, Udhampur district and labelled him a "terrorist."

On June 29, 2025, Indian forces [killed](#) two people in Keri, Rajouri district and labelled them "terrorists."

VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, FREEDOM OF PRESS

People in IAK continue to [erase tattoos](#) and any other form of expression that could be construed as dissent to avoid reprisals from Indian authorities.

ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND RAIDS

On June 2, 2025, Indian authorities [booked](#) Nayeem Ahmad Khan, Faizan Akhter Bhat, Mehraj Ud Din Bhat, Umar Hamid Sheikh and Suhaib Shafi Baba of Srinagar under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and labelled them "terrorist associates."

On June 2, 2025, Indian authorities [raided](#) the house of Abdul Razak Hajam of Hajam Mohalla, Dardpora Zaloora, Sopore, Baramulla district.

On June 5, 2025, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) [raided](#) at least 32 locations across Shopian, Kulgam and Pulwama districts.

On June 10, 2025, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) [raided](#) the homes of Muhammad Jameel and Amir Suhail of Gagrian, Saujian, Poonch district.

On June 12, 2025, the Delhi High Court [rejected](#) the bail application of Shabir Ahmad Shah, prominent political activist who is has been detained since June 2019, is 74 years old (having spent 35 years of his life illegally imprisoned in Indian jails) and seriously ill.

On June 15, 2025, the Jammu and Kashmir Police [raided](#) multiple locations in Poonch district.

On June 19, 2025, Jammu and Kashmir Police [arrested](#) a man at a security checkpoint in Langanbal, Pahalgam, Anantnag district and labeled him an “overground worker.” This is one of the first cases in which Indian authorities have [acknowledged](#) utilizing facial recognition technology in IAK in connection with a detention.

On June 20, 2025, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Bashir Ahmad of Halmatpora, Aloosa, Kupwara in Bandipora district and labelled him a “terrorist associate.”

On June 21, 2025, the NIA [arrested two brothers](#), Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar of Batkote and Bashir Ahmad Jothar of Hill Park, Pahalgam, Anantnag district and labelled them “terrorist associates.”

On June 22, 2025, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Mohammad Maqbool Dar of New Colony, Sariwarpora, Pattan, Baramulla district and labelled him a “terrorist associate.”

On June 23, 2025, Indian authorities [arrested](#) two of Mohsin Ali Dar, Bilal Ahmad Dar and Amir Ali Dar in Balhama, Srinagar district for allegedly raising US and Israeli flags.

On June 26, 2025, the NIA [registered](#) an Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) case against scholar and researcher Shafat Wani of Kukroos, Handwara, Kupwara district.

On June 27, 2025, Indian authorities [booked](#) Irfan Mohiuddin Dar of Sangrampora Sopore, Mohammad Asif Khan of Harwan Bomai Sopore, and Gowhar Maqbool Rather of Hardushiva Sopore, Baramulla district under the PSA.

On June 29, 2025, Indian authorities [arrested](#) Mohammad Arib Ahmed of Nikiyal Tehsil, Kotli district and labelled him a “terrorist guide.”

TAKING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On June 3, 2025, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) the real property of Ali Mohd. in Dharamkund, Sumbar, Ramban district.

On June 11, 2025, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) the real property of Mohd. Saleem of Takia Tethar, Banihal, Ramban district.

On June 16, 2025, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) the real property of Abdul Hamid Lone of Mawar Bala Qalamabad, Handwara, Kupwara district.

On June 22, 2025, Indian authorities [expropriated](#) the real property of Mohd. Shafi Bara and Ghulam Mustafa of Monbal, Handwara, area of Kupwara district.

Indian authorities have [weaponized land reform](#) and other laws to dispossess, and [further their systematic expropriation of land](#) from, the indigenous people of IAK.

POLITICAL DISEMPOWERMENT, VIOLATION OF POLITICAL RIGHTS, AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Indian authorities inaugurated a [railway line](#) connecting India to IAK for the first time, an [occupation project](#) intended to [tighten its grip](#) on IAK and enhance India's militarized control and colonial domination of IAK.

DENIAL OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE, LEGALIZED IMPUNITY

June 11, 2025 [marked](#) 15 years since the Tufail Ahmad Mattoo's extrajudicial killing. Tufail's father, Mohd. Ashraf Mattoo, continues to seek justice for his son despite threats of reprisal and acknowledgment that the legal system in IAK systematically denies victims access to justice.

On June 25, 2025, Jammu police [assaulted](#) Ishraq Ahmed from Parmpillan, Uri, Baramulla district and publicly paraded him shirtless and bound on the hood of a police vehicle.

STATE SURVEILLANCE

On June 29, 2025, Indian authorities introduced a further data collection/surveillance tool in IAK in the form a [family identifier](#) necessary to access social programs.

COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT

On June 2, 2025, Indian authorities [imposed](#) a Cordon-and-Search Operation (CASO) in Hiranagar, Kathua district.

On June 3, 2025, Indian authorities [terminated](#) Malik Ishfaq Naseer, a police constable, Ajaz Ahmed, a government school teacher, and Waseem Ahmad Khan, a Junior Assistant in Government Medical College, Srinagar, from their employment for alleged links with "terrorists."

On June 24, 2025, Indian authorities [imposed](#) CASOs on a dozen areas in Poonch, Samba, and Kathua districts.

VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

On June 7, 2025, Indian authorities [prohibited](#) Eid prayers at Jamia Masjid and Eidgah in Srinagar for the seventh consecutive year, again subjected religious leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq to house arrest.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

On June 17, 2025, Tariq Mir published “[Seizing Kashmir: For decades India has refused to acknowledge Kashmiri demands for self-determination. Now Modi has a new strategy—a settler project.](#)”

On June 18, 2025, Amnesty International, Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD), CIVICUS, FORUM-ASIA, Front Line Defenders, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), Kashmir Law and Justice Project and World Organisation Against Torture, issued a [joint statement](#) demanding the release of arbitrarily detained human rights defender Khurram Parvez.

On June 20, 2025, The Caravan published “[Custodial killings, detentions and demolitions haunt a mourning Kashmir](#)” regarding the April 26, 2025 [fake encounter killing of Altaf Ahmad Lali](#).

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