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LETTER DATED 30 DECEMBER 1958 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In continuation of my letter of 10 November 1958 (S/4110), I have been directed by my Government to draw the attention of the Security Council to the sudden and mysterious death of the co-accused with Sheikh Abdullah, namely, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Shaikh, which has aroused deep resentment throughout Kashmir and Pakistan. The deceased was a young man of 36 and was an enthusiastic worker of the Political Conference. Though the Bakhshi regime has order an enquiry into the circumstances leading to his death, it is feared that the intention is to obtain a convenient finding so as to absolve itself of responsibility.

Another incident may also be noticed. Mr. Balraj Puri, a Praja Socialist worker, was subjected to severe personal violence by the agents of the Bakhshi Government because he attended the trial of Sheikh Abdullah, as a mere spectator.

Events of this nature marking the existence of a repressive regime to which the procedures of civilized law are becoming increasingly alien cannot and should not be allowed to go unnoticed as they offer a true glimpse of the pitiable plight of political prisoners in areas under Indian occupation in Kashmir.

I request that this letter be circulated to the members of the Security Council as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

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(<u>Signed</u>) Agha SHAHI Acting Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations