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A Student and Social Worker's View on Kashmir

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I'm Uzma Nazeer and I'm a student of Political Science. I'm working in Idara Khidmat-e-Insaani (Organization for the Welfare of Humanity) as a Program Assistant and I'm also a housewife.

Interviewer: So you've studied Political Science?

Uzma: Yeah. It's my first-time experience, because I did my graduation in Statistics and Economic Geography, so it's the first time in Political Science, but I'm much interested in politics, politics of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir. So...uhh...I want to know about the politics; that's why I choose this subject: Political Science. So....

Interviewer: My question is that Pakistan and India and the UN have been fighting...I mean they have been having negotiations over the Kashmir issue for years, but they have never come up with a solution. So, as a Kashmiri, what do you think should be done? What are the views of the Kashmiris here?

Uzma: In my view, I would say that some people have devotion for the Kashmiris; not many people, not every person, has a devotion for the Kashmiris. Nobody takes a higher step for the Kashmiris, for the independence of the Kashmiris. Not everybody wants Kashmiri freedom. So people say that if there will be freedom in Kashmir [means if Kashmir would be independent] then Azad Kashmir ... there will be some different things and that Azad Kashmir would not be Azad (Independent). There will be distribution of some things [most probably means division of resources]. Some things will be of Kashmiris and some would be of the Azad Kashmiris. So I think people are not so much devoted. They say that Kashmir remains like this, in this situation, and they don't have the devotion for their freedom, that's why. But they did (held) many conferences, big meetings about Kashmir -- that Kashmir is this and that, but they don't want from the heart the freedom of Kashmir, I would say.

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