

County Council



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Notice of Motion: Kashmir

Proposer: Steven Lambert

Seconded: Martin Tett

This Council notes serious concerns amongst thousands of residents of Kashmiri heritage across Buckinghamshire, about widely reported recent human rights abuses and their recent escalation in Jammu Kashmir.

Council believes that Buckinghamshire, with its diverse citizenry and strong economy, it has a key role to play in maintaining good links within our diverse communities.

That recent events have caused distress and concern at the actions taking place in Kashmir, which have seen curfews, internet and social media crackdowns, as well as power outages, making communication very difficult to loved ones and that these events are directly affecting the well-being of Buckinghamshire residents of Kashmiri heritage.

This Council is also mindful of its key statutory responsibility to promote community cohesion within and between different communities in Buckinghamshire.

This Council therefore acknowledges the United Nations Security Council Resolution 39, adopted on January 20, 1948, which offered to assist in the peaceful resolution of the Kashmir Conflict by setting up a commission of three members; one to be chosen by India, one to be chosen by Pakistan and the third to be chosen by the other two members of the commission.

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader to:

- **Write to all our local Members of Parliament to make known the concerns of local Buckinghamshire residents of South East Asian heritage. This has to be done in a manner that does not seek to heighten tensions between different communities within the county and in particular respects the human rights of all concerned.**
- **Ask that the MPs listen to those concerns and raise them, as appropriate, with the Foreign Secretary**