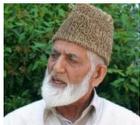


## Geelani flays aide's continued detention

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*Jehlum Post News/Srinagar/ Feb 19, 2015/ While terming the prolonging of the detention of Hurriyat (G) spokesman Ayaz Akbar in police station Parimpora as 'unjustified and illegal', chairman Hurriyat (G) Syed Ali Geelani Thursday condemned it in strong words. He said, "Jammu & Kashmir is practically a police state which is governed and ruled by the Indian army, police and other secret agencies of India and arrest of Hurriyat spokesman is sheer political vengeance of the police." While demanding immediate release of Ayaz Akbar and other pro-freedom people, Geelani said, "Ayaz Akbar was arrested and detained in police station Parimpora on the occasion of martyrdom anniversary of shaheed Mohammad Maqbool Bhat*

*and shaheed Mohammad Afzal Gooru on 9 and 11 February and till date he is not being released." He also termed the continuous imprisonment of Tehreek-e-Hurriyat district president Baramullah Abdul Gani Bhat, district president Shopian Shakeel Ahmad Yatoo and Nazir Ahmad Mantoo as 'unwanted and unjustified.' Meanwhile, Hurriyat Conference (G) expressed its concern and anguish over the reports of 'harassment' of residents and the youths of Pulwama by the police and termed the action as the frustration. In a statement a spokesman of the Hurriyat (G) said, "Many delegations of the people from Pulwama visited the central office of the Hurriyat Conference and complained about the torment through which they are passing. According to the delegations, the police and STF are conducting frequent raids and search operations in the district particularly in the Chandgam Tahab and Rajpora areas of the Pulwama." "In the evening the police and STF enter the villages of Chandgam Tahab and Rajpora areas and harass and threaten the local youths who are present on the road. They said that it has become routine of the police to conduct raids and search operations in the evening and these actions has terrorized the entire population of the area. They further said that the youths are arrested and framed in false cases of year 2010 which has created a fear among the younger generation of the area," he claimed. "The people of these areas are being punished for having pro-freedom sentiments. Hurriyat Conference strongly condemns these actions of the police and STF and demanded immediate halt to this process," he added. Meanwhile the spokesman expressed concern over the condition of the inmates of the Baramullah sub-jail who "have started hunger strike against the delay caused to their cases by not presenting them in the courts on the hearing dates." "The jail administration deliberately delays their release and are prolonging their detention. They give least preference to the prisoners and are committing a major injustice with them," he alleged.*