

**Says, amalgam is not a personal boardroom** | Jhelum Post News | Srinagar | Jan 6, 2014 |

Taking a strong exception to what they called a secret letter written by Hurriyat Conference (M) to its Pakistan Administered Kashmir Chapter, Freedom party Chief Shabir Shah, National Front Chairman, Nayeem Ahmad and Mahaz-e-Azadi Chief Azam Inquilabi Monday said elements within the ranks of Hurriyat Conference (M) have made the amalgam as 'a personal fiefdom'. According to Shabir Ahmad Shah, president Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) a crucial meeting was held at his residence, wherein several important separatist leaders including Nayeem Ahmad Khan, chairman Jammu and Kashmir National Front, Mohammad Iqbal Mir, president Mahaz-i-Azadi and Mohammad Yousuf Naqash, chairman Islamic Political Party participated. "The meeting discussed the secret letter which has been written to confine the activities of the freedom movement," said a statement issued by Nayeem Khan, to KNS. It added that after a threadbare discussion over this secret letter, the meeting termed the contents of the letter as outrageous, condemnable and shameful aimed at undermining the credentials of the stalwarts of the freedom movement.

"It was resolved that this political naivety (writing secret letter) shall in no way be tolerated or taken easy as the genuine -freedom leaders have always sacrificed their blood and sweat to keep the spirit of freedom alive besides putting everything at stake while fighting against all the evil designs and conspiracies aimed at weakening this struggle. It was these genuine leaders from the ground that always bore the brunt to preserve the sacrifices offered by the people for a scared cause. The members with one voice condemned this childish act and said that such type of acts are ridiculous and would not be tolerated at any cost," the statement added. The leaders said that the secret letter has been written to misbrand the ideological and intellectual differences as indiscipline. "Our ideological and intellectual differences have a constitutional basis besides disagreement over the style and approach adopted in resistance movement. The Hurriyat Conference was always informed about these differences so that a situation of simmering unrest is prevented but it was always found that these Hurriyat law violators, and promise -breakers who deem Hurriyat Conference as their personal fiefdom, avoided and ignored our serious reservations over their functioning and by conjuring up alluring phrases and expressions tried to hoodwink people," added the statement.

The statement said that by labeling our constructive suggestions as indiscipline and trying to misled people by doing so they cannot escape the sacred responsibility they said. let us make it clear that these tactics cannot prevent us from raising our voice against elements inimical to freedom struggle. "After hectic and threadbare discussions over this secret letter, the meeting termed it as a part of the sustained efforts aimed at preventing Hurriyat Conference from becoming a broad based platform of peoples' resistance."

The meeting pledged not to allow efforts and conspiracies of the elements misusing Hurriyat Conference for their personal gains in future. "Efforts will be made to preserve the the mandate of Hurriyat Conference which was formed on the basis of immense sacrifices offered by the people with the aim of taking the freedom struggle to its logical conclusion." The meeting has that elements within Hurriyat Conference 'who are hell-bent on going against the constitution will be dealt with firmly'. "The members were unanimous on the view that some elements that whenever some elements within t Hurriyat Conference created confusion by using terms like triangular, bilateral or secret dialogue which is violative of the Hurriyat constitution and were a part of the machinations of strengthening confusion among people Whereas Kashmir issue can

be resolved either by abiding by UN Resolutions or by tripartite dialogue.”

The statement added that it was crass incomprehension that some elements within the Hurriyat Conference brand United Nations resolutions as ‘irrelevant’ or ‘obsolete’. “These elements were responsible for closing eight district offices at the peak of the movement at the behest of some invisible hands.” The meeting said that it was these elements within the ranks of Hurriyat Conference who sabotaged an agreement reached with senior Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Geelani in 2008. These fishy elements within the ranks of Hurriyat Conference have time and again sabotaged our efforts of unification. The meeting reiterated that Hurriyat Conference is the custodian of thousands of martyrs who offered their blood for the complete independence from India. The meeting pledged to take concrete steps in view of the huge sacrifices offered by our people. The statement added that the actual Hurriyat Conference belongs to those who have a clean track record (past and present) vis-à-vis resistance movement and those who are bound by oath with the nation to fulfill its long pending political aspiration.

“The meeting observed that the Hurriyat Conference is unsafe in the hands of elements within the ranks of this amalgam who have been again and again found violating the constitution because its ineffective leadership has confined this amalgam to a group of some persons or their family members. The meeting has said that time has come that the freedom leadership should lead the struggle with moral courage and absolute commitment.”