



# Socio Economic Conditions Of Wives Of Disappeared Husbands (Half Widows) Of North Kashmir

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*Wives of disappeared (half widows) in Kashmir is a female folk who lost their husbands during the phenomena of enforced disappearance. Half widow term is a child of violence and conflict. In Kashmir conflict from many decades there were many enforced disappearances. These enforced disappearances include disappearance of those wives who still are in guise either their husbands are alive or not in this world of humans. So, for the disappearance (enforced) of such husbands of wives of disappeared they have gone through a lot of hardships whether in socio terms or economic terms. The researcher in this research paper will try to demonstrate socio economic conditions of wives of disappeared (half widows) of North Kashmir of Jammu and Kashmir including district Baramulla, Bandipora, Kupwara*

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## INTRODUCTION

A population of any country, any system, and any culture consists of its male and female members. Men and women both are the important constituents of any population of the world. Both play their important roles at their respective places. Women has an important role to play in affairs of her relationships within in system, family, country and in the world. Women role in many fields call upon her to perform her duties accordingly and be at a par with her men counterparts so that her importance in every role is not reduced. Women has many important duties to perform in their perspective of human security including those factors which are being overlooked by state security paradigm. Analysing these facts, this very research article documents various socio-economic sufferings to human societies in Kashmir region of Asia, which is disputed region between India and Pakistan, with both India and Pakistan claiming their sovereignty over this region. This article highlights the threats, dangerous and violence in various types faces by the women of this region. The man focus is women folk labelled as wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) it is obvious that without the establishment of security for humans living in this region, the struggle for state security seems meaningless. Also, no human security can be described as complete until and unless there is a proper established of the security of women. It is argued that for achieving a complete security for humans in Kashmir region, the security and safety of women should gain the dominance and it should be at the centre of any such dialogue, discussion and solution which will establish human security in the valley. Using practical case studies from the North Kashmir including three districts Baramulla, Budgam, Kupwara, the researcher stated various hardships, difficulties and hard movements, a Kashmiri woman is going through. Paper mentions glimpse of wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) from various localities, to establish various facts and hardships women here are undergoing. The study acknowledges the barriers in women's safety and security. It tries to identify these barriers and repel these threats to their

conceptions and experience of security. The study confines itself to North Kashmir having three districts Baramulla, Bandipora, Kupwara where women have suffered harsh violence since 1989. These women were interviewed over a time period of time in order to get over and understand various security threats faced by women of these locations. The whole phenomenon was organized to understand the plight of women of different locations and get idea of insecurities they are facing while living in this volatile region. In Societies the social units (humans) all nearby the world go mislaid and disappeared besides of their particular consensus or unwillingly, all concluded natural ordinary calamities, and catastrophes and misfortunes central (internal) uncertainties, insurrections, insecurities, illegitimate and illicit captures kidnappings, all over efforts to seepage justice or other motives. Nevertheless, beneath international law 'enforced disappearance' is a misconduct and crime having its own explanation and definition. Among most grave violation of human rights enforced disappearance is one. Enforced disappearance is an appalling crime committed and applied counter to a being without his willingness. The disappeared or missing person's entity of providence is utterly in the barbs and extremities of his/her abductors and has no alternate and prime to law/state or intimate. The words or term "enforced disappearance" was first used by Latin American NGOs and is a version of the Spanish expression "desaparicion forzada". The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights were the first international human rights bodies to riposte to this whizz during the 1970s, in cooperation in overall terms and vis-à-vis detailed cases that had arose in Chile meanwhile the military coup d'état of 11 September 1973. wives of disappeared (half widows) are apprehensive about their children for different social evils prevalent in the society for example the dowry custom. The wives of disappeared are unable to meet their daily requirements. These aspects enforced them to go through different loans on interest from different banks. Wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) are going over trauma and suffering. These wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) is still hopeful that their missing husbands will come back. They are anguished because of enforced disappearance of their husbands. As it was observed and recorded mostly wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) have not received any kind of aid and help from any government agency, or any NGO.

Hereafter of vanishing and desertification their husbands (enforced disappearance) the social life of these wives of disappeared husbands (half widows) was somewhat unlike very better and good comparatively to post disappearance. but all scenario changed. Even behaviour of people changed. In initial stages of disappearance of my husband everyone was kind of sympathetic but with sufferings every aspect changed. No body supported me financially. We filed case which is still pending. I am having a daughter who never saw her disappeared father. We bother my daughter and me are going through huge trauma. we are being harassed by family even either economically emotionally or socially.

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