

Script For Video Campaign

I stand with Khurram Parvez. I stand with the victims of human rights violations. I stand with human rights defenders.

Khurram Parvez is an internationally acclaimed human rights defender. He is Co-founder and Program Coordinator for the [Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society \(JKCCS\)](#), Chairperson of the [Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances](#). He has done groundbreaking human rights work in many places, but especially in Kashmir. He's risked his own life to defend victims of torture, arbitrary detention, sexual violence and extrajudicial killings. Khurram and JKCCS are [internationally recognized](#) as model human rights defenders. Khurram works directly with victims of human rights violations and their families to document and investigate their experiences and seek accountability for violations. He was [recognized](#) as one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People of 2022" and with the 2006 [Reebok Human Rights Award](#).

Khurram is a [prisoner of conscience](#). He is being illegally detained. There is an ongoing human rights crisis in Indian-administered Kashmir. Khurram is the most well-known Kashmiri human rights defender. In a context of a general crackdown on Kashmiri [dissent](#), Khurram's arrest has [incapacitated](#) Kashmiri civil society. Khurram's case is among the most symbolically important in the Indian government's [crackdown](#) on civil society and dissent, which especially targets Kashmiris. Defending Khurram is critical to defending human rights and resisting [authoritarianism](#) in India and globally.

Join me in demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Khurram Parvez. Educate yourself on who he is and the work that he's done. Educate yourself about what has happened and is happening in Kashmir.

Defend human rights! Defend human rights defenders! Free Khurram Parvez now!