

Hafiz Saeed dismisses Rajnath Singh's claim over JNU protests

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Lahore: JuD chief Hafiz Mohammad Saeed today rejected claims by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh that he had supported the event in JNU in memory of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru.

"The India home minister has alleged that I am behind the protest of Kashmiri students in Jawaharlal Nehru University where they chanted slogans in favour of Pakistan. He also talked my tweet in this regard. I felt strange after learning the Indian home minister had given a reference of a tweet with my name," Saeed said in a video message posted on YouTube.Â

"Neither I am behind the students protest nor I did any tweet to incite them (students). It is a fake tweet. India has made an issue out of this as if I am behind this protest campaign," said Saeed.

The founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba said he wondered as how India is looking at the Kashmir freedom movement.

"The Indian minister is misleading his own people and the world by levelling allegation on me that I am behind this protest campaign," he said.

He asked Rajnath and other officials concerned to listen to the Kashmiri people.

"Do not make Kashmiri freedom struggle a joke," he said.

"I again say I did not incite the Kashmiri students.Â Don't you know how Afzal Guru was hanged? How Kashmiris are being brutally murdered in their homeland?...", he said.Â

The Jamaat-ud-Dawah chief said India continues to neglect the Kashmir issue.

"Kashmir Movement has been launched by the local people.

Can't people of Kashmir raise their own voice?" he asked.Â He alleged that Indian troops are deployed in Kashmir to "oppress" the Kashmiris.

Saeed, who is carrying a US bounty of USD 10 million, said India had also baselessly involved him in the 2008 Mumbai attack case.

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