

## **#BalochistanIsNotPakistan: Baloch people stage protests across world to mark 'Balochistan Occupation Day'**

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The people of Balochistan held protests across the world on Monday to mark the 'Balochistan Occupation Day'.

### **Baloch protesters**

Activists of the "Free Balochistan Movement" (FBM) also launched awareness campaign in many parts of the world. In Afghanistan, they organised a seminar to highlight the plight of the Baloch people.

The FBM activists also organised demonstrations at Berlin gate in Germany. The protesters were carrying placards, a large banner which read 'Balochistan is not Pakistan' as well as photographs depicting Pakistan's state-sponsored terrorism in Balochistan.

In several cities of Balochistan, these activists distributed pamphlets and undertook wall chalking to spread awareness on the subject.

On social media, the FBM activists and supporters used #BalochistanIsNotPakistan hash tag to highlight the atrocities being committed by the Pakistani state against the Baloch people since it illegally occupied Balochistan on March 27, 1948.

The FBM activists urged the world community to take note of Pakistan's forcible annexation of Balochistan and human rights violations that the Baloch people are being subjected to in their own land.

"We organized the demonstration to urge the free world to take notice of Baloch genocide by Pakistan. Our aim is also to inform the people of the world that Pakistan illegally occupied Balochistan and forcibly annexed it against the will of Baloch nation," Fateh Jan Baloch, an activist of FBM said.

At the seminar organised in Afghanistan, Baloch writer and analyst Hafeez Hasanabadi read a message from Hyrbyair Marri, the leader of Free Balochistan Movement.

"Pakistan is common enemy of the Afghan and Baloch people. We should unite against Pakistan for sake of peace, prosperity and freedom of our people and our respective countries. It is our unity and cooperation that will thwart Pakistan's evil and expansionist designs in Afghanistan and Balochistan," Marri said in his message.

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