

## **Baloch protesters demonstrate against Pak atrocities in front of iconic 'Broken Chair' in Geneva**

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Members of the Baloch Voice Association on Monday protested in front of the iconic 'Broken Chair' in Geneva against the atrocities being committed by the Pakistan Army on the residents of Balochistan.

### **Baloch protesters in Geneva**

The protesters held the demonstration during the 35th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The protest was also joined by the Baloch Kashmiri Pashtoon and Uighur representatives.

The protesters accused Pakistan of illegally annexing Balochistan in 1948 and alleged that the Punjabi-dominated state government has, on purpose, kept the region undeveloped.

They also alleged that Pakistan is using brute force to suppress the demands of independence being raised in Balochistan.

"Balochistan, the land of the Balochs, was illegally annexed by Pakistan in March 1948. The Pakistan Government, by design, has kept the province underdeveloped, while looting its rich natural resources throughout the years. The Punjabi-dominated state establishment of Pakistan has used brutal force against the Baloch population and to suppresses any demand of independence," one of the protestors was quoted as saying by the news agency ANI.

Another protester alleged that originally the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project was aimed at developing the Baloch and Pashtun regions but 80 per cent project and construction was dragged back to Punjab while using Pashtun and Baloch resources.

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