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## UN CHIEF URGES INDIA TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN KASHMIR

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Antonio Guterres says human rights must be respected everywhere in the world, including Kashmir

The UN chief on Sunday urged India to fully respect the human rights in Kashmir and stressed a dialogue between Pakistan and India to resolve the dispute.

Addressing a conference on climate change in the capital Islamabad, aired by state-run Pakistan Television, Antonio Guterres said he has always been advocating the need for an "enhanced dialogue" between India and Pakistan and for that he offered his good office more than once.

Recalling the UN Human Rights Commission reports on Kashmir, he said the two reports played a very important role in clarifying the situation in Indian-administered Kashmir.

So our strong commitment is clear, human rights must be respected everywhere in the world, but also there," he added.

The UN chief remarks came some seven months into a lockdown on Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian-administered section of the disputed Kashmir region, a move widely decried by human rights groups as well as the global Islamic community.

In response to Guterres remarks, Indias External Ministry spokesman said in a statement that Jammu and Kashmir will continue to be an integral part of India.

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