DY SP AMONG 6 COPS INJURED DURING CLASHES, POLICE VEHICLE TORCHED

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ANANTNAG, Sep 8: Protest rallies were held in various parts of south Kashmir against the killing and persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Mayanmar by the military and majority Buddhist state. In Anantnag township pro-Rohingya protests turned violent with protesters torching a police vehicle and clashing with police. At least six cops including two officers suffered injuries during the clashes.

The call for protests in solidarity with Rohingyas was given by joint resistance leadership.

Responding to the call of the pro-freedom leadership, hundreds of people including elderly and youth took out a huge protest rally from Jamia Masjid Ahl-i-Ahadees after the Friday congregational prayers concluded.

Witnesses said that people, mostly youth, carrying banners and placards with messages and denouncing the killing of Rohingyas marched through various market places of the town. The protesters were also raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. On reaching near business center Lal chowk, witnesses said, police men who were deployed in strength there tried to disperse the protestesters by resorting to cane charge and tearsmoke shelling.

The police action angered the protesters who, witnesses said, resorted to intense stone throwing at them triggering fierce clashes. As the clashes turned fierce, some angry protesters torched a police Rakshak which was parked in front of Deputy Commissioner’s office. During the stone throwing protests, witnesses said, youth even thrashed some policemen. The policemen resorted to heavy tearsmoke shelling.

However, witnesses said, the angry youth refused to relent and continued to pelt them with stones. The clashes which continued for hours together lead to complete shutdown in business center Lal Chowk and Reshibazar areas. A police official said that at least six cops including a deputy superintendent sustained injuries during the clashes. The police officers injured during the clashes were identified as Dy. SP Mohammad Yusuf and sub-Inspector Junaid Ahmad. A doctor at district hospital said that two police officials were brought to the hospital and were discharged after treatment.

Press release issued by the police said that a case has been registered and investigations set into motion to identify the miscreants who pelted stones and set ablaze the police vehicle.

A peaceful protest rally was also taken out from Bait-ul-Mukaram Masjid belonging to Jamat-e-Islami. The protesters raising pro-Rohingya and anti-Mayanmar slogans dispersed peacefully near KP road.

In neighboring Kulgam district a huge pro-Rohingya protest rally was taken out after the conclusion of Friday prayers.

Scores of people after the prayers, witnesses said, marched from Jamia Masjid to main chowk. The protesters were raising slogans in favor of persecuted Rohingyas and later dispersed peacefully.

In volatile Pulwama township, hundreds of people marched in solidarity with Rohingyas. Witnesses said that hundreds of people mostly youth, soon after offering Friday prayers took out a pro-Rohingya protest rally from central Jamia Masjid. Raising pro-Rohingya slogans as the protesters, witnesses said, reached main chowk, some youth who were part of the rally attacked the police station with stones triggering clashes. The policemen lobbed tearsmoke shells to disperse the stone throwing youth who continued to fight pitched battles with police for hours together. The clashes triggered partial shutdown in the town.

Protest rally in support of Rohingyas was also organised in Kakpora, Tral and Pampore townships of the district as well. The rallies, however, ended peacefully.

Reports of protests in solidarity with Rohingyas were also received from Vailoo area of Kokernag, Arwani area of Bijbehara.

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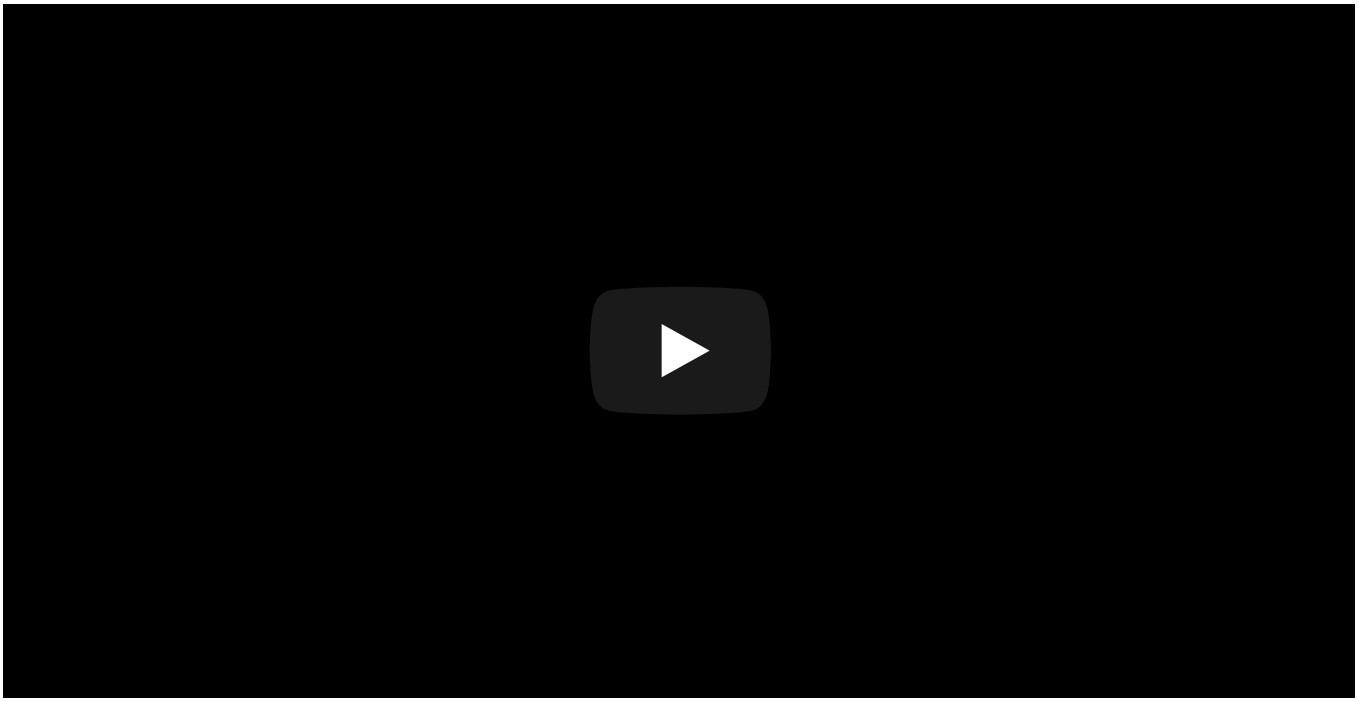

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