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The Loss of Syed Ali Geelani

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The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) is deeply saddened by the passing away of Syed Ali Geelani, Chairman - Tehreek-e-Hurriyet, who played a leading and pivotal role in the resistance against Indian occupation in Kashmir.

Geelani was a bold and relentless leader, a visionary, an intellectual, and an advocate for justice and human rights in Kashmir and around the world. He was born on September 29, 1929, in northern Kashmir.

He spent decades leading and organizing public protests in Indian-administered Kashmir. He faced arrest, intimidation, and imprisonment during his life, as Indian authorities tried to contain his influence and aspirations.

Geelani was a peaceful advocate, not only for Kashmiri independence, but also for human rights all over the world including in Palestine, Myanmar, Chechnya, and other places.

His political approach made him controversial, but nonetheless inspired a generation of Kashmiris to fight for human rights, freedom and liberty. His leadership in the ongoing resistance will be greatly missed.

ISNA prays for the departed soul of Syed Ali Geelani and we pray for his maghfirah. May Allah have mercy on him and may Allah protect his family. May Allah help the people of Kashmir realize their hopes and dreams, and may He make their home a free and democratic land.