

# Kashmir Issue Isn't Only Pakistan's But China's As well

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Yasir Masood, Director for CPEC Centre for Excellence, a research think tank in Islamabad and a geo-strategic analyst, says that “China has stood with Pakistan in the testing times after the unconstitutional scrapping of India’s article 370 according to the NSC arrangements made for Indian Occupied Kashmir, Ladakh and Pakistani side of Kashmir. The worst part is that the terrorist, fascist, fundamentalist BJP has ripped apart the UNSC resolution and also abrogated the Indian constitution.”

*“China has stakes in Ladakh. Now both China and Pakistan can normalize the situation by proactive lobbying internationally. Organic and creative tactical moves are needed in order to pressurize India to an extent that it agrees on coming to the*

*table. Both China and Pakistan need to do something different, something more than routine diplomatic chores. The region needs more stability, security and peace. India's hostility is to impede China's rise and China needs to realize this – the sooner the better.”*

Of course, the time-tested axiom of there being no friends in international relations holds true in this case as well. However, when interests combine, as they certainly do in this case, countries act together. We should be glad that China, with its growing diplomatic influence, strong economic connections and a threat to its own regional, economic and political stability, has our back.