

Dialogue will settle Kashmir issue: Musharraf

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf Sunday expressed hope that the ongoing dialogue process with India would lead to the settlement of the longstanding dispute over Jammu and Kashmir.

'Pakistan and India have embarked upon a sustained dialogue process on Kashmir and today, I want to reassure all Kashmiris that ultimately it is their wishes that would guide us as we pursue a just and honourable settlement of this tragic dispute,' the president said in his message on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day Monday.

Musharraf said that last month's visit of Hurriyat Conference leaders to Pakistan was part of this process.

He said Kashmir-related confidence building measures were an attempt to bring some relief in the day-to-day lives of the people on both sides of the divided territory.

Musharraf said that his four-point proposal on Kashmir was also aimed at breaking the decades-old deadlock and, given sincerity and goodwill, could provide a durable solution that genuinely reflects the aspirations of all Kashmiris.

'We owe it to our future generations to find an amicable and honourable settlement so that peace and tranquillity can finally prevail in the region. Our children should never again live in the fear or mistrust but should be nurtured in an environment, where honour, dignity and freedom of all is assured,' he said.

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