

Pakistan Political Map

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In a provocative move, Pakistan unveiled its new political map showing the entire Jammu & Kashmir and parts of Gujarat as its territories, drawing the ire of India, which dismissed it as ridiculous assertions that have neither legal validity nor international credibility.

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The Ministry of External Affairs said that this is an **exercise in political absurdity, laying untenable claims to territories in the Indian State of Gujarat and our Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and of Ladakh**. These ridiculous assertions have neither legal validity nor international credibility. In fact, this new effort only confirms reality of Pakistan's obsession with territorial aggrandisement supported by cross-border terrorism, it asserted.

The new map showed Pakistan frontier clearly marked with India with the entire Kashmir as its territory. However, **the part of Kashmir and Ladakh border with China was not marked and described as Frontier Undecided**. Similarly, **the Line of Control had been extended to the Karakoram Pass, clearing showing Siachen as part of Pakistan**. The LoC had been marked by a red dotted line. The J&K had been described as Disputed Territory, final status to be decided in line with relevant UNSC resolutions.

Another change in **the map showed that the international border lines lie along the eastern bank of Sir Creek, which was previously along the western bank**. The Pakistan cabinet also approved the decision to rename a major road in Islamabad as Srinagar Highway. The road was previously called Kashmir Highway. The controversial changes in the map by Pakistan were made a day before the first anniversary of India's decision to

revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019.