

## PROCEEDINGS

### “1971 DOCUMENTARY RECOGNIZED FOR BEING FAIR AND BALANCED”

Pakistan Study Centre University of Sindh Jamshoro organized Screening Event: “Separation of East Pakistan” Talking to Faculty, Research Scholars and Students. The vice Chancellor University of Sindh Jamshoro Professor Meritorious Dr. Muhammad Siddique Kalhoro remarked that the documentary produced by Senator (R) Javed Jabbar provides evidence-based facts about the tragic event of separation of East Pakistan is great contribution in the field of history. He further said that that the documentary will enable our research scholars to conduct research on various aspects of history Pakistan.



The Director Pakistan Study Centre Professor Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar in his welcome address said that the documentary is based on interviews of national and international scholars greatly contribute to our understanding of this neglected aspect of history. This documentary has also used various archival sources scattered across many boundaries. In this way the documentary unlocks the doors of historical mysteries and provides new vistas for academic investigation. This untold story will help to counter baseless Indian propaganda

against Pakistan. It exposes Indian illegal intervention in Pakistan's internal affairs which was clear violation of international law.



Further he hoped that faculty, researchers and students will benefit from learning history which is crucial to understanding of the nature of South Asian politics even today.

Senator (R) Javed Jabbar while giving introduction about movie said that: In reflection of the fact that the 110 - minute documentary film titled: "Separation of East Pakistan — the Untold Story" presents a fair and balanced portrayal of the factors that caused the great tragedy of 1971, a leading Bengali language TV channel based in Europe that is viewed by millions of Bangladeshis living in overseas countries has recently obtained the rights to telecast the film. This was stated by former Senator and Information Minister Javed Jabbar who is the writer and executive producer of the documentary, an independent production of Evolution Media. Responding to comments and questions by Faculty members and students after the jam-packed screening at the Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh, Jamshoro on 18th January 2022, he said that the main motivation for making this documentary is the fact that over the past 50 years since 1971, many myths and falsehoods have been promoted by Indian media and academia in particular to hold Pakistan solely responsible for the separation. Whereas, he said that, as the evidence presented in the film proves, there was both a covert and overt role played by India in promoting disinformation, distrust, subversion and violence and then outright illegal invasion of East Pakistan by Indian armed forces on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1971 vastly outnumbering under-equipped Pakistani forces who nevertheless fought gallantly and avoided further bloodshed. He stressed that the people of Bangladesh and Pakistan bear goodwill for each other and want to build a new future of friendship and mutual respect over the next 50 years.

The event was attended by Mr.Dost Muhammad Baloch chairman SOAS Village Jamshoro Ms Yasmeen, and Tahmina Mufti were also guest speakers. Further the faculty members and large number of students watched movie and learnt new facts about history.