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on

Conflicts, Human Displacement and the Global Refugee Crisis – Some Pointers, Some Lessons

by



Kumar M Tiku

Independent Indian Writer

Kumar M Tiku is an independent Indian writer, who served the United Nations in various capacities from 1993 to 2015. For over 15 years, Kumar served the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a senior external communications professional in India, Afghanistan, Sudan and Iraq. Aside from UNDP, he served UNICEF in multiple roles including as Chief of External Communications in Syria. His stories, blogs and articles have been widely published in the international media. Prior to serving the UN, Kumar worked as a media professional in India, having been a part of India's major newspapers such as *The Times of India* and *Sunday Mail*, and *Television International*, India's first privately-held television news channel. Kumar was born in Srinagar, in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir that has been at the centre of a dispute between India and Pakistan for the last nearly seven decades. In 1990, nearly half-a-million strong *Kashmiri Pandit* community that he belongs to was forced to flee its homeland *en masse*. A political resolution to the Kashmir dispute that has engendered a wave of radical extremist militancy in the state shows little signs of being addressed head-on. As a fair, just and honourable return of the Pandits to their homeland defies the Kashmir imbroglio, he remains an internally-displaced person in India, a full quarter century after his migration from the valley of Kashmir, a homeland that he and his ancestors inhabited for over a thousand years and more.

Abstract

Kumar Tiku will reflect upon his experience over last 25 years. This includes what it was to become an unregistered internally displaced person forced to migrate out of Kashmir and going on to serve the United Nations in a number of conflict and post-conflict countries. This talk will be a sneak preview of his forthcoming book, *Home Too Far* (OUP, 2018), drawing out some lessons from his personal experience dealing with global refugee crises.

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