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**GLOBAL OUTRAGE,  
ANYONE?**

## Pakistan and Taliban Pose Clear and Present Danger For India



Taliban politics and the impact on Kashmir's terror ecosystem shall be visible in the coming months. It is essential for India's policy planners to stay ahead of the curve. As the Taliban gain the upper hand in Afghanistan, there are apprehensions that the anti-state actors in Kashmir may get emboldened. The relationship between Pakistan and the Taliban is clear and present danger for India.

China calls Pakistan its "iron brother". The iron brother simile is euphemistic. Pakistan is inching towards becoming a China colony.

China is antagonistic to India's rise. Pakistan is failing internally, but its malevolence towards India continues unabated. Kashmir is the theatre for Pakistan's shenanigans. We



may have to watch the rise of a consolidated front comprising China, Pakistan and the Taliban. This shall impact India, and the fallout may be seen in Kashmir.

On the emerging scenario in Afghanistan, US President Joe Biden seems reluctant to call a spade a spade. "The mission was accomplished in that we got Osama bin Laden and terrorism is not emanating from that part of the world," President Biden said earlier this month. The first part of the sentence is correct. But global geo-strategic security concerns may make President Biden revisit the second part of his statement. Pakistan is the hotbed for emerging terror networks. The Taliban are a force multiplier for Pakistan.

Gen. Austin Miller, top American military commander in Afghanistan, recently said the country could slide into a chaotic civil war and face "very hard times." If Afghanistan remains engaged with its own internal dynamics, it may stem Pakistan's malevolence in Kashmir. Either way, India has to stay on guard.

**Bashir Assad**

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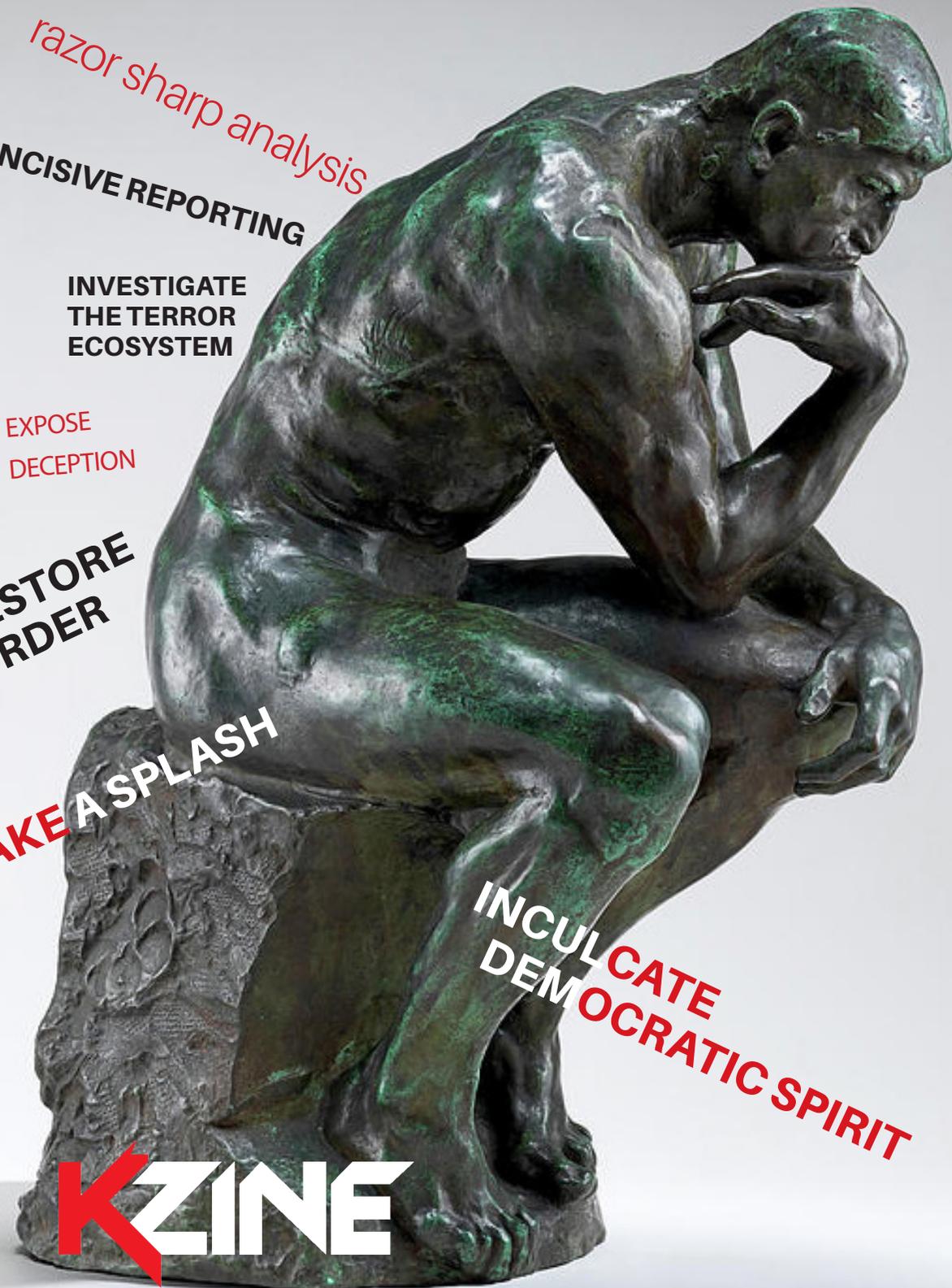
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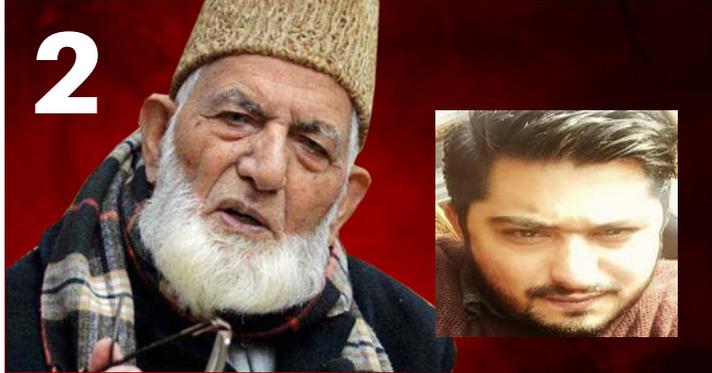
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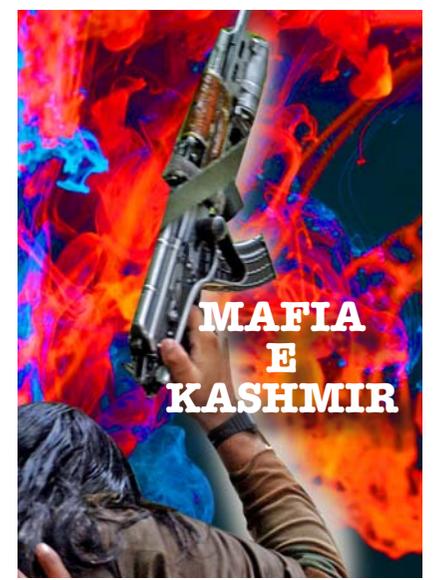
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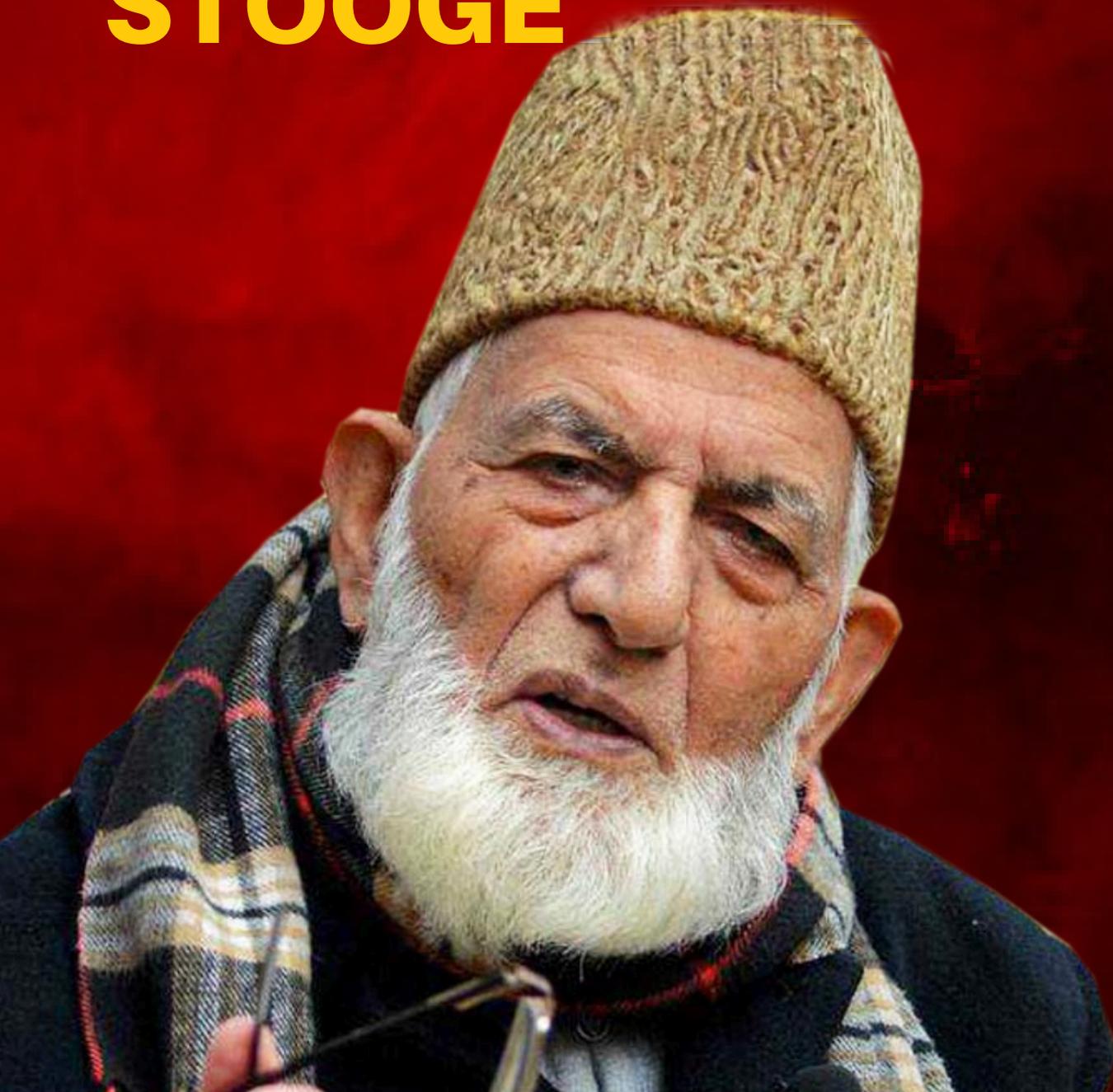
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# MUFTI GOVERNMENT BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO PLEASE PAKISTAN STOOGES



## Geelani Grandson Gifted Plum Job in KICC in 2017: THE COMPLETE STORY

In early 2017, the appointment of Anees ul Islam as Research Officer in Kashmir International Convention Centre (KICC, formerly SKICC), a subsidiary wing of the J&K Tourism Department, caused a furore in Kashmir.

The debate raged because the appointment happened when the agitation over terrorist Burhan Wani's killing was rocking Kashmir. Separatist Nayeem Khan had revealed in a sting that funds from Pakistan were fueling the agitation. Protests were being engineered so that the youth would clash with the security forces daily.

In the midst of this mayhem, hawkish separatist Syed Ali Geelani's grandson got a plum job in KICC with an annual salary of Rs 12 lakh plus perks, and assured post-retirement pension. For decades, Pakistan stooge Geelani has played a key role in instigating Kashmiri youth for violence against the state. Geelani's family has a long history of involvement in ugly activities opposed to public good. Anees's father Altaf Shah alias Fantoosh was arrested in 2018 in a terror funding case and has been in Tihar jail since.

### ANEES AND WAHEED PARA

Anees was a very close friend of Waheed Para, who was on the radar of the investigative agencies for his anti-state activities. Para was president of PDP Youth Wing, the PDP spokesperson and Secretary Jammu & Kashmir State Sports Council while the party was in power in a coalition government with BJP.

Sources revealed that the close-knit friend-

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**Anees ul Islam, Grandson of Syed Ali Geelani**

ship between Para and Anees has been under the scanner. Their close association revealed the happy links between Kashmiri politicians and separatists. These links have vitiated the political dynamics of Kashmir, since politicians have also become conflict entrepreneurs. They have developed huge vested interest in nourishing the conflict.

### MEHBOOBA'S BLESSINGS FOR ANEES

Being a prime convention centre, KICC is the venue for many government activities. The KZINE investigation has revealed that whenever

Mehbooba Mufti visited KICC as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, she would especially seek out Geelani's grandson and interact with him.

It was not just Mehbooba. The ministers and top officers of the administration and the police who visited KICC would ask for Anees and spend time with him. This sent a clear message in the establishment that Geelani's grandson



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was in the big league with the government. Given how Kashmir had kowtowed to the separatists and the terrorists, nobody was surprised by this deference towards Anees. Geelani's grandson had a direct connect with the top functionaries of the state government.

The investigation carried out by KZINE further revealed that the post of Research Officer was specifically created to provide government employment to Geelani's grandson. After the controversy over his appointment rocked Kashmir, Mehbooba's government came out with an elaborate response in an attempt to justify that nothing was wrong with the appointment procedure for Anees.

Anees was employed by the J&K Tourism Department, directly controlled by CM Mehbooba Mufti. Tourism Secretary Farooq Shah was the chairman of the Senior Selection Committee set up for the purpose. Farooq Shah had stated that the selection of Geelani's grandson was made after following proper rules. "We invited applications from candidates; he was found fit for the post," Farooq had stated.

Farooq Shah's claim was a farce. Top sources reveal that the entire appointment procedure for Anees was a sham, since the post had specifically been created for him. Farooq Shah appointed those individuals to the so-called Senior Selection Committee who would not question the appointment of Geelani's grandson. Whoever within the government who expressed any doubt regarding the appointment was told by Farooq Shah that this work had to be done, and he would not brook any difference of opinion.

It is learnt that some persons within the administration of KICC were not in support of Anees's appointment. They were silenced with the words: "Jo hota hai honai do. Ye high level ka aadmi hai. Tum kyon bol rahe ho? Ab tumhe hi nikalna hai goli khane? Kya tumhe apni jaan pyari nahin hai?"

### **TUSSLE OVER ANEES PASSPORT**

Anees was refused a passport by the State Regional Passport Office on adverse reports from the

J&K CID in 2009. He was finally granted his passport following a state high court order. The fact that the CID report later cleared Anees did not surprise anyone at KICC. "These are powerful people. They can manage anything" is the common refrain regarding the positive CID feedback for Anees.

Sources reveal that even now, KICC is facing problems relating to Anees because the post had not been sanctioned by the government but was created locally. Hence there are salary issues within KICC related to the post.

Geelani was holding the Indian state to ransom. He was instigating the youth of Kashmir to resort to violence against the state. Geelani never gave up on the hartal calendar for Kashmir. On his order, militants ensured that all educational institutions in Kashmir remained closed for months together. On the other hand, children from his own family were availing the best education possible. Anees did MBA from Jalandhar, Punjab. Later he went to the UK for another masters in business administration.

### **ANEES APPOINTMENT IN CONTRAVENTION OF STATE RULES**

Mehbooba Mufti's government bent rules to appoint Geelani's grandson in to a plum post in the government. He was appointed in contravention of the recruitment policy of the state government.

The advertisement titled 01-SKICC of 2016 was published on October 3, 2016 for the post of Research Officer by the Department of Information. According to government record, 196 candidates had applied for the post, out of which 35 were shortlisted. The interview was held on November 5, 2016. A total of 32 candidates were interviewed, out of which Anees was supposedly the top choice.

Sources reveal that the hotelier Mushtaq Chaya played a pivotal role in the appointment of Geelani's grandson in KICC. He was Geelani's middleman for the task.

### **PROTEST CALL GIVEN BY GEELANI ON INTERVIEW DATE**

A bandh call was given by Syed Ali Geelani on the date his grand-

son was to appear for the interview for KICC. On one side Geelani was provoking the common masses to fight against the government. On the other side, he was making sure that other candidates found it difficult to reach for the interview so that his grandson could get the comfortable government job at KICC.

"In terms of the set criteria, the merit list was drawn by the Selection Committee and submitted to the competent authority for approval for appointment of the suitable candidate, who secured 1st position in order of merit," the government spokesman said regarding the appointment. He added that the select list was issued on November 30, 2016. Anees ul Islam was appointed in KICC because he secured the top position in the merit list.

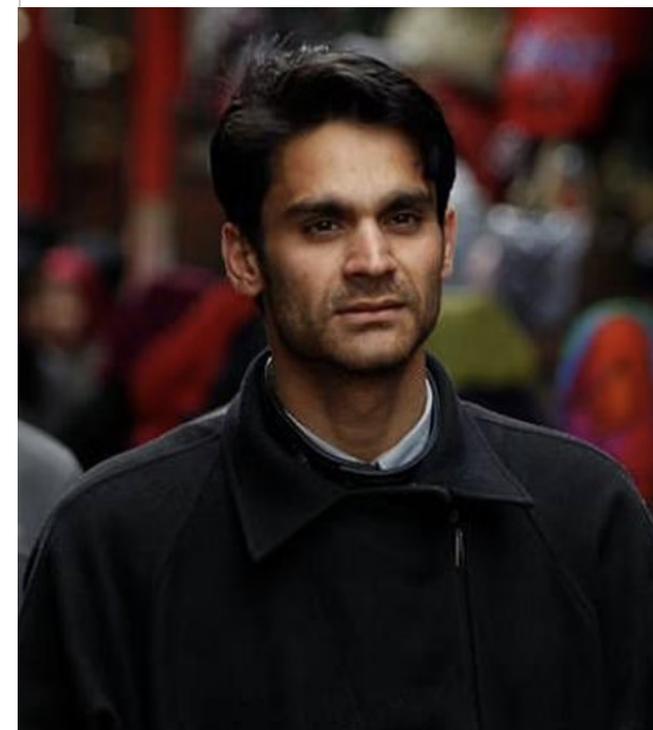
Anees is still under scanner of NIA in cases of alleged terror funding. He was summoned by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in July 2019 in connection with a terror financing case that related to 2017.

When contacted regarding the bestowing of a government job to Geelani's grandson, Director KICC Bakshi Javid Humayun

said, "You may have seen the pride of the nation, our national flag waving outside the entrance of the convention centre. The flag is a symbol that this institute will not tolerate any kind of activity or somebody's intention that intends to do harm against the state," Humayun said.

He added that when he joined KICC in 2018, Anees ul Islam was already working here. "I have never gone to check the parentage of any of my employees. He is a regular employee of KICC, like the other employees here. In fact I didn't know what his relation to Geelani or Altaf Fantoosh Shah is. I have not investigated any employee regarding his family background including Anees ul Islam. Now you have told me about his relation with Geelani's, so I will speak to the KICC management to know about him. I only know that he is the Research Officer and he has done MBA. I don't know how and when he was appointed."

Regarding the CID verification report of Anees Ul Islam, Bakshi replied, "All the employees of KICC have got their clearance from the CID because this is highly sensitive location."



**The close-knit friendship between Waheed Para and Anees ul Islam has been under the scanner of the investigative agencies. Their close association revealed the happy links between Kashmiri politicians and hard-core separatists - the Pakistan stooges in Kashmir**

# Sagars clear the road for Advantage Turkey in Kashmir

## Put up giant hoardings calling for investment in Turkey

**WHY IT'S WRONG:** Pakistan and Turkey are currently brothers in arms. After abrogation of Article 370, Turkey has emerged as the new hub for anti-India activities and for propaganda against the Indian state



Ali Mohammad Sagar with elder son Salman

**S**alman Sagar is the son of National Conference leader Ali Mohd Sagar, and incumbent Youth President of JKNC. In December 2020, Salman won elections to two municipal wards – Solina and Soura – of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation in the Urban Local Body by-polls. Commenting on his victory, Salman issued a statement: “We will take up matters related to development in right forums such as the SMC, etc. We will ensure that good development takes place and a stable Corporation (SMC) is in place.”

Instead of Kashmir’s development, the Sagars got busy with promoting Turkey’s illicit agenda in Kashmir.

The Sagar brothers put up billboards in Srinagar, urging all residents to Invest in Turkey. But things are not as simple as they appear.

### WHY PROJECT TURKEY IS WRONG

Pakistan and Turkey enjoy a rare bonhomie. They are currently brothers in arms. After abrogation of Article 370, Turkey has emerged as the new hub for anti-India activities, and for propaganda against the Indian state.

Many Kashmiri elites, particularly from the separatist background fled to Turkey to be part of the venomous campaign against India. This includes a number of individuals related to the Geelani family.

Hence battling for Turkey in Kashmir was an open initiative to expand the Anti-India brigade. The heightened tension



Ishfaq Sagar

between India and Turkey was hidden from none.

At Pakistan’s behest, Turkey’s official public broadcaster news channel, Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) World has consistently maligned India globally, and also portrayed Kashmir wrongly.

On account of Turkey’s hostilities and blatant pro-Pakistan state policy, ties have become strained. Kashmiris who have visited Turkey in the last couple of years were investigated by CID upon return.

Under these circumstances, it is difficult to accept that Salman or his brother Ishfaq were not aware of TRT’s real intentions when they put up hoardings favouring Turkey in the heart of Srinagar. It takes a great deal of audacity to set up the hoardings of a hostile nation in Srinagar’s

iconic business hub, the Polo View market.

### HOW DID THE SAGARS GET SO MUCH COURAGE?

This is the privilege of being National Conference elites. You take funds from Turkey, disseminate their agenda in the heart of Kashmir. And also stay assured that no action can be initiated against you. Because you are the Sagars, part of National Conference’s Powers That Be.

Ali Sagar is an ideologically hawkish man who has consistently professed a soft separatist agenda. The time when Sagar Sons were hardselling Turkey in Kashmir was also the time when Ali Sagar was issuing statements against the Indian

## WHAT EXACTLY IS INVEST IN TURKEY?

Turkey has an official organization to boost its economic development. It is named The Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey.

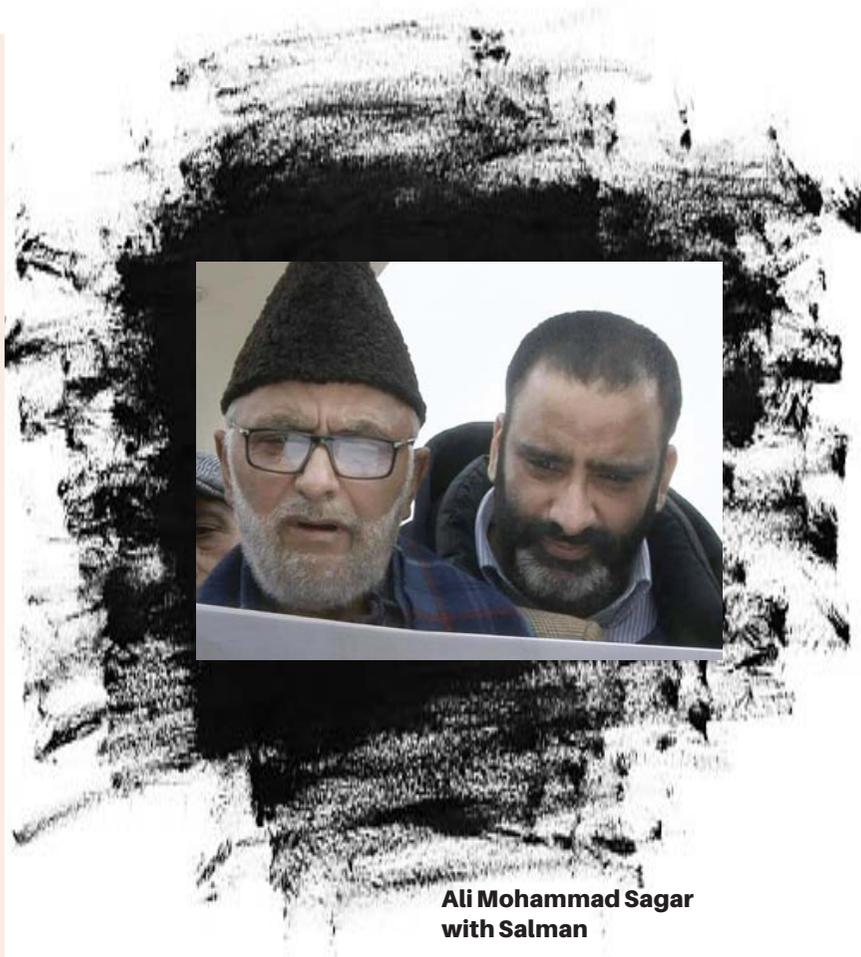
For the last few years, Turkey has been highly keen on advertisements that promote it. Official association with Turkey offers several benefits including residence in Turkey, free healthcare, free education and visa-free travel. The investment office operates with a network of local consultants based in several locations.

state and the abrogation of Article 370.

Why did Turkey bestow the Sagars with this lucrative project? The Advantage Turkey hoardings were proof that Sagars have ties with TRT and connections within the Turkish government headed by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

It was a highly profitable venture indeed, and the Sagars used their political muscle to push it through. Former MC Secretary Sofi Akbar helped the Sagars in executing this plan.

On July 17, J&K Police revealed that Sofi Akbar is the kingpin of a white-collar ter-



**Ali Mohammad Sagar with Salman**

rorist syndicate. In fact, Sofi had admitted before the media of the gains that Turkey makes from its advanced training programs.

### **ADVANTAGE TURKEY ACTIVITIES BY THE SAGARS**

In an interview, Sofi had stated that the contract for fixing hoardings was given to Alpine Company. Alpine Outdoor Media Services, Rajbagh, Srinagar is owned by Ishfaq Sagar. The four hoardings were put up by the Dubai-based immigration consultancy Olive and Figs in collaboration with Alpine Outdoor Media Service.

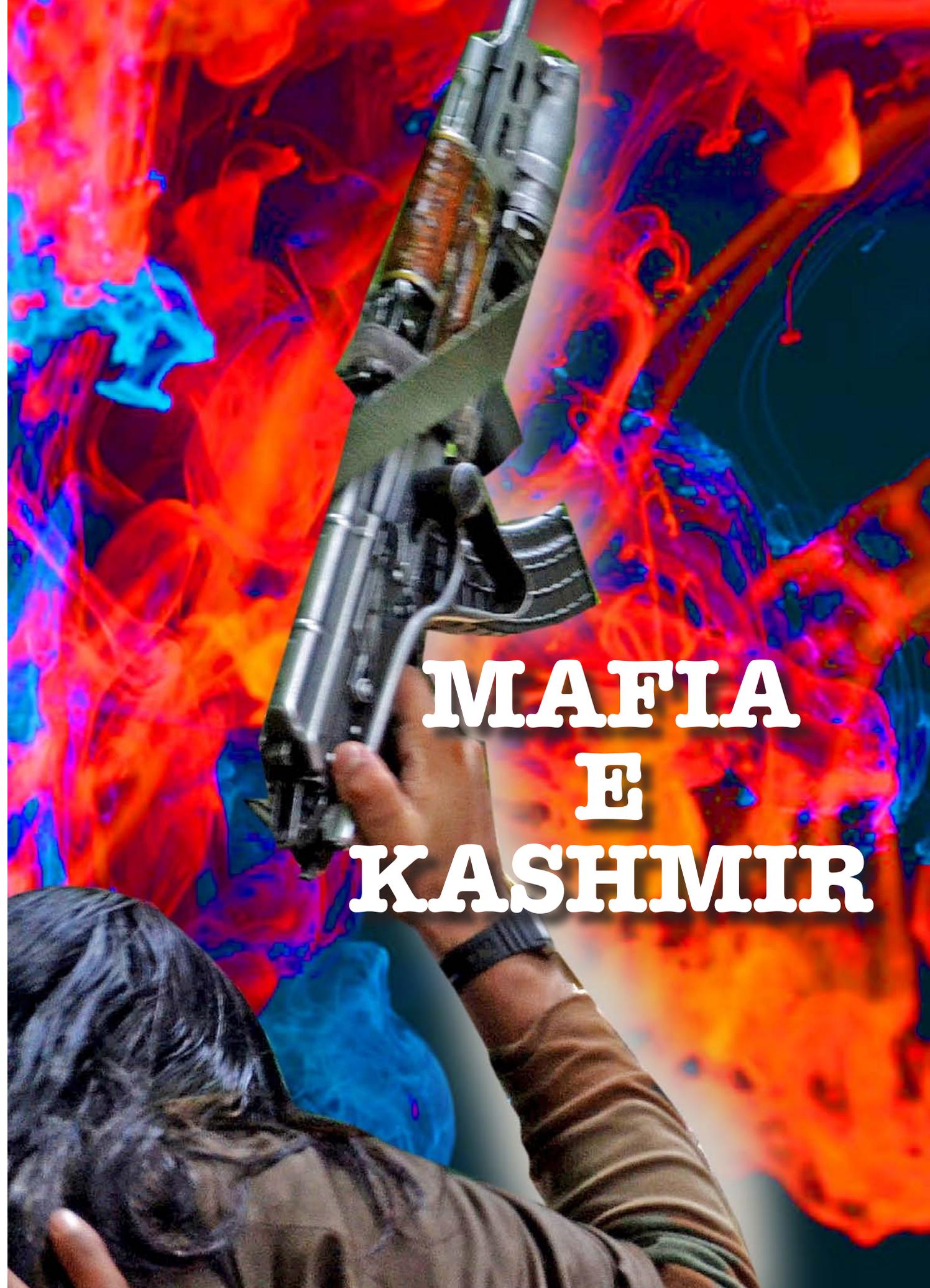
Kashmiris were perplexed

about the origin of these hoardings.

Alpine's contract ended on April 14, 2021. The hoardings were removed on April 17.

Enquiries revealed that Kashmir's top bureaucracy did not know who has installed these hoardings. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation

Athar Aamir Khan had told the media that the "contract of outdoor advertisement including hoardings and billboards has been allocated to a private company." Even after the chaos and confusion about this anti state activity, the heat did not reach the Sagars. The government must take note of all anti state activities and respond accordingly.



# MAFIA E KASHMIR

# KASHMIR TERRORISM: Façade For an Elaborate Mafia

## DEALS BETWEEN Politicians And Terrorists Common

### 2014: Abdul Majeed Larmi of National Conference Struck Deal With Local Hizbul Chief For Electoral Victory

**T**errorism in Kashmir is the façade for an elaborate mafia. Terrorist groups in Kashmir are organized crime syndicates. Drug trafficking, extortions from leading busi-

nessmen, contract killings – all these have become the forte of the crime syndicates that have adopted various jihadi names to spread terror in Kashmir. The so-called Kashmir terrorism is Kashmir's goonda raj. In the garb of the so-called resistance,

crime is flourishing in Kashmir. From the beginning, Kashmir's politicians have nursed deep links with the mafia of Kashmir. The mafia and the politicians have enjoyed a cozy give and take relationship.

#### SECRET DEAL BETWEEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE MLA AND TERRORIST COMMANDER

Ahead of the 2014 Assembly elections in Kashmir, all politicians were busy in their respective constituencies, trying to gain the maximum number of votes. Abdul Majeed Larmi was nominated as the National Conference (NC) candidate from the Homeshalibugh assembly segment in Kulgam district. Jihadi and militant ideology is strongly rooted in this area. Hence terrorist commanders enjoy sway here.

In order to strengthen his position locally, Larmi decided to enter into a secret deal with



Abdul Majeed Larmi with National Conference Vice President and former chief minister Omar Abdullah

the local commander of Hizbul Mujahideen, Abbas Sheikh. Through his most trusted friends and workers, Larmi established contact with Abbas in a bid to influence the voters of the constituency. Abbas is currently the head of The Resistance Front, another terrorist group on the Kashmir landscape.

Late one night, Abbas Sheikh visited Larmi, accompanied by two of his accomplices. This happened a few days after Larmi had filed his nomination papers. A deal was signed between Larmi and Abbas. Larmi gave a handsome amount of money to the terrorist commander. In turn, Abbas promised Larmi that he would help him win the election.

#### THE DEAL GETS LEAKED

Only select people close to Larmi knew about the deal with Abbas Sheikh. Among them was Zahoor Ahmad Dar, a constable with J&K Police. Dar was Larmi's Personal Security Officer. He was the nephew of Ali Mohammad Dar, the former MLA of this Assembly segment. Dar's father Ghulam Rasool Dar was a National Conference



Sheikh Abbas, who is now heading The Resistance Front (TRF), a terrorist group in Kashmir, was earlier with Hizbul Mujahideen

Sarpanch in the area.

Dar started telling his friends that Larmi's victory was certain in the Assembly elections, because the local Hizbul commander was supporting him. The word spread in the area. The local workers of National Conference workers got elated that Larmi was sure to win. In order to draw political mileage, they started speaking publicly about the secret deal.

Following the deal with Hizbul, Larmi was getting positive response from the people. This was exactly what he wanted. But on the other hand, Abbas

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Sheikh started getting a bad name locally because of his deal with the National Conference candidate. People started speaking ill of Abbas that he was not a jihadi but a power broker. With this, the local support for the terrorists started eroding. This was a negative development for Abbas.

#### DEATH FOR MAN WHO LEAKED THE DEAL

In November 2014, Assembly elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir. Abdul Majeed Larmi won the election from the Homeshalibugh assembly segment.

On January 17, 2015, militants killed Zahoor Ahmad Dar for leaking information regarding the secret deal between the National Conference candidate and Abbas Sheikh.

Dar had been the Personal Security Officer for Larmi since 2007. Dar had sought lift from a motorcycle rider when he was attacked. The motorcyclist also sustained injuries and was hospitalized.

Dar was survived by his wife, two minor children, an unmarried sister and old aged father. He became just another statistic in the mafia games of Kashmir.

# Kashmir's White Collar TERRORIST SYNDICATE

Kingpin was assisted by HIS CHILDREN, chosen friends

Crucified victims online, primed them for BRUTAL KILLING

# The Handshake Of DEATH

**NAME:** Sofi Mohd Akbar

**POSITION:** Secretary, Municipal Corporation Srinagar

**EXPOSED AS:** Kingpin of white collar terrorist syndicate, vilified eminent Kashmiris on his blog

In a chilling, deliberate manner, Akbar crucified his victims online by profiling them viciously

Wrote detailed notes on his blog on why these persons should be targeted, accused them of betraying Kashmir

It was only a matter of time before these individuals were killed by blood-thirsty terrorists



by Waseem GUL

In Kashmir Valley, targeting the people on the basis of their political ideology has been an old pattern. The stooges of Pakistan have spilled the blood of Kashmiris for decades. One such website targeting and vilifying innocent Kashmiris for about four years now was Kashmirfight.wordpress.com. This was a dark, intimidating blog that issued threats to eminent Kashmiris.

### THE CHILLING DETAILS FOR SHUJAAT BUKHARI, OTHERS

In the first half of 2018, the blog on Shujaat Bukhari began circulating on Kashmirfight.wordpress.com. Even a casual read of the blog made it evident that the person(s) who had written the blog was a Kashmiri. The writing carried such specific details that it was chilling.

A major feature of the blog was that it damned and maligned the target. One immediately felt scared that it read like a death sentence for the person who was targeted in it.

The blog of Kashmirfight.wordpress.com on Shujaat Bukhari went viral in Kashmir. A close friend of Shujaat later revealed in a news report that he (Shujaat) was in deep panic over what seemed like a clear plot to kill him. Going by the expansive details given in the blog and the smearing of Shujaat as a “traitor to the movement,” Shujaat’s panic was understandable. One was instantly fearful that some hot-headed terrorists would decide to supposedly dole out justice and

kill the man whom the blog had crucified online. The blog had similarly targeted Babur Qadri, an advocate and vilified the character of Satpal Nischal. All three men were later assassinated by terrorists.

### KINGPIN OF BLOG WAS MC SECRETARY

The revelation regarding the identity of the kingpin of the blog has sent shockwaves across Kashmir. The mastermind behind the blog was Sofi Mohammad Akbar, who was arrested by the police.

Sofi has occupied various important positions in Srinagar Municipal Corporation. He has served as Ward Officer, Chief Sanitation Officer, Chief Enforcement Officer. He was currently Secretary/Chief Revenue Officer of Srinagar Municipal

**Sofi Akbar and gang adopted a specific template for all their targets. The victim was named and elaborately profiled. The blog gave detailed justification as to how and why he is a legitimate target for the terrorists. Subsequently, terrorists executed the man**

Corporation, drawing a handsome salary plus perks. Sofi’s arrest has brought into sharp focus the rot within the system, deeply infested by traitors and terror conspirators.

The police have revealed in detail that Sofi Akbar and gang adopted a specific template for all their targets. They published the name of the victim. He was elaborately profiled, giving detailed justification as to how and why he is a legitimate target for the terrorists. Subsequently, the terrorists executed the man.

In this way, Sofi and gang cold-bloodedly set up the killings of eminent Kashmiris.

### NIGHTMARE FOR SECURITY AGENCIES

The blog run by Sofi Akbar had become a nightmare for security agencies. The bloggers were using advanced technology, so the police were not able to trace them. On account of its



Irony Supreme: Sofi Akbar receiving the Real Kashmir Heroes Award

## SOFI’S SON, DAUGHTER ARE GANG MEMBERS

Nazish Yasrab Rehmani and Tabish Akbar Rehmani, both arrested in connection with the case, are the daughter and son respectively of Sofi from his first wife Nasreena Akbar. Javed Khalid is the fiancé of Sofi’s daughter. Sofi has married thrice. He has properties in Rajbagh, Sanat Nagar, Peerbagh, Pulwama and at various other places. These properties have been acquired by resorting to illegal and malafide practices. Nazish Yasrab Rehmani is a resident of Botshah Colony, Sanat Nagar. She, her brother and mother stay together. Nazish is a law graduate from KC Law College, Jammu. She is not employed, and was currently working with Sofi on the vicious blog. Tabish is also law graduate from Pulwama. He was presently working with a firm named Gyokai Projects Private Ltd.

Javed Khalid belongs to Poonch. He too is a graduate from KC Law College, Jammu. He is practicing law at Jammu.

Peerzada Rakif Makhoomi is a resident of Batpora, Hazratbal. He is pursuing a degree in law from Kashmir Law College, Nowshahra, Srinagar. Rakif posted highly radical content on his social media handles. Recently, his Twitter handle was suspended for violating rules.

recovered a large number of cell phones, digital storage devices and computing platforms.

The five persons arrested by the police following the operation are Nazish Yasrab Rehmani and Tabish Akbar Rehmani from Sanat Nagar, Sofi Mohammed Akbar from Rajbagh, Peerzada Raqif Makhdoomi from Batpora, Hazratbal and Javed Khalid from Poonch.

### CORRUPTION CASES AGAINST SOFI AKBAR

Several cases of corruption and illegal appointment of consolidated workers are pending against Sofi Akbar. The Anti Corruption Bureau has registered a case against Sofi for his involvement in the facilitation of illegal construction by a famous hotelier in Raj Bagh.

### CLOSE LINKS OF GANG MEMBER WITH FORMER SRINAGAR DEPUTY MAYOR

Rakif Makhoomi is very close to Sheikh Mohammad Imran, former controversial Deputy Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation. In a video which went viral, Sheikh Mohammad Imran admitted having links with terrorists, separatist leaders and Pakistan’s ISI.

malevolent content and intention, the blog had been banned by the government and could not be accessed within India.

On July 17, J&K Police conducted multiple raids in Srinagar, Pulwama and Poonch to arrest the persons running the blog. Raids were carried out in Sanat Nagar and Raj Bagh in Srinagar, Batpora in Hazratbal, Poonch in Jammu Division and Hawal in Pulwama. Houses belonging to five persons were searched.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that the blog was being run by a white collar terrorist syndicate whose task was to prepare a strategic hit list of Kashmiris. The targets were government officers, journalists, social activists, lawyers, political functionaries and others. The blog maligned all those who were supposedly responsible for harming the Pakistan-supported terrorist programme in Kashmir with the eventual aim of secession of Jammu and Kashmir from the Indian union and its eventual annexation with Pakistan, said IGP Vijay Kumar.

He expressed hope that with the arrest of the gang, more details would come to the fore regarding the plans behind the murders of Shujaat Bukhari, Babar Qadri and businessman Satpal Nischal.

During the multiple raids from the houses of the accused, police



# From Stone pelting to ISIS LINKS



## How The Slide Happens in Kashmir

**A** group of friends from Anantnag in South Kashmir. Some of them – supposedly harmless stone pelters.

Others – into serious anti-state activities. And some – seriously into studies and regular careers, but came under the radar for their association with their friends engaged in illegal activities. They could have escaped police action if they had disassociated themselves from their friends involved in anti-state activities.

Umar Bhat, Tanveer Bhat, Javid Mir, Zeeshan Malik, Rameez Lone, Aqib Sofi. The friends circle, all in their 20s. Some of these young men began with what is labeled as innocent stone pelting. They got so deeply entrenched in lawlessness that they now have links with ISIS, and are involved in terror funding. They got indoctrinated by radical thought in Ijtimas. Some of them share the Jamaat-e-Islami ideology. The meeting point for the violent members of this group was Umar Bhat's shop. They used it as their office.

It was from here that some of these young men created a network to propagate ISIS-related material. They got engaged in the promotion of ISIS magazine Voice of Hind (VOH), T-shirts with the ISIS logo, hard discs etc. Voice of Hind, a monthly, is published to whip up passions among the youth in India, especially Kashmir. ISIS provokes the youth to take up arms against the state, get involved in heinous acts and ruin lives. Their maga-

zine stimulates alienation and communal hatred. The group got involved in the running of Voice of Hind.

This calls for deep introspection by the Kashmir society, and wide-ranging debate. Why are our youth joining such deadly organizations? Why do their parents allow them to ruin their futures? Why don't they stop them the moment they pickup stones, knowing that there is nothing harmless about lawlessness? Kashmir needs well-calibrated responses to our crises.

### ARRESTED BY NIA FOR ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES

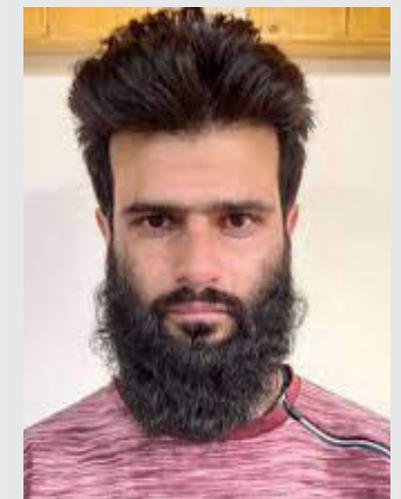
These six friends had been under the surveillance of National Investigation Agency (NIA) for the past three months, and were arrested a few days ago. NIA, in collaboration with Intelligence Bureau (IB), Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and J&K Central Reserve Police Force (JK CRPF), conducted raids in Anantnag district in South Kashmir. The raids were conducted in three villages on July 11 and 12, and eight people were arrested. The case registered by NIA focused on the conspiracy of the embargoed terrorist organization ISIS to radicalize and recruit Kashmiri youth and form modules.

NIA has recovered a large number of incriminating documents and digital devices such as mobile phones, tablets, laptop, hard discs along with T-Shirts bearing with the ISIS logo. Ovais Bhat, Javid Ahmad Mir, Zeeshan Malik and Aqib

Sofi were later released by NIA since there wasn't incriminating material against them.

### OMAR BHAT: STRONG LINK WITH ISIS

Umar Bhat, a resident of Achabal village of Anantnag, graduated in arts from an Anantnag college this year. His father Nisar Ahmad Bhat, who was working in the Finance Department, retired in March 2021. Bhat had been running



Umar Bhat

his readymade garments shop for the last two years.

According to shopkeepers of the complex, Umar is an anti-social man. He did not interact or mix with the shopkeepers. He and his brother Ovais were arrested from their house during the raid, and taken for questioning. Ovais was released in the evening after the NIA sleuths found that he is not associated with Umar.

NIA recovered incriminating documents, magazines

and T-shirts with the ISIS logo from Bhat's shop and home. According to sources, Umar Bhat was the editor-in-chief of Voice Of Hind. People operating from Bangladesh and Maldives sent to him reports and articles aimed at radicalizing the youth and propagating ISIS ideology.

Bhat was using a double VPN and was tracked to different locations. After investigation, agencies cracked the IP address to Achabal in South Kashmir. Umar had been booked under PSA last year. The police had raided his shop and house for his close links with militants. Umar later managed to secure bail on the basis of his connections, say sources. Umar used to be on the forefront during the stone-pelting incidents and also the clashes with the security forces, but had always escaped punitive action.

### **FAMILY DENIES UMAR'S INVOLVEMENT**

KZINE visited Umar Bhat's family after his arrest by NIA. Umar's family denied having any information about why he was arrested. They claimed that he is a student and had not been involved in any anti-national activity. When asked about how many T-shirts with the ISIS prints were recovered from Umar, the family said they had no knowledge about this. They added that their phones had been seized by NIA and were later returned.

Umar's family refused to share information regarding this social media handles. They said that Umar had got



**Rameez Lone**

engaged some days ago, and is not involved in stone pelting.

Some neighbours of the family said they were confused about what the Bhat family stands for. "Umar's father Nisar Ahmad Bhat was working in a government department, taking salary and now pension from the government. Why is their son propagating hate against India," a neighbour questioned.

### **RAMEEZ LONE - SON OF AN IKHWANI**

Rameez Ahmad Lone is son of Javid Ahmad Lone, a former Ikhwan. Rameez discontinued studies after Class 12. He was arrested on July 12 from his residence. He had joined his

**Why are our youth joining such deadly organizations? Why do their parents allow them to ruin their futures? Why don't they stop them the moment they pickup stones, knowing that there is nothing harmless about lawlessness?**

father's bandsaw business about six months ago. He was also the Imam of a Masjid. Rameez has several cases registered against him for stone pelting. He is in NIA custody. Sources say that he is involved with Umar Bhat in the ISIS module case.

Tanveer Ahmad Bhat – A Habitual Stone Pelter

Tanveer Ahmad Bhat, son of Gull Mohammad Bhat, is a resident of Gorimohalla Achabal. He runs a general store adjacent to his house. Tanveer is a known stone pelter and a regular at protest agitations.



**Tanveer Bhat**

He used to be on the front foot for pelting stones on security forces, and several cases were registered against him. Tanveer has been arrested. His elder brother Tahir Ahmad who is a shopkeeper told KZINE, "NIA

does not take anyone without any fault. There must be something wrong in what our brother was engaged in. That is why they took him." Tanveer's brothers said that they are not aware of his social media handles.

### **AQIB SOFI**

Aqib Sofi alias Nadim Sofi is the son of late Ghulam Nabi Sofi, resident of Sofi Mohalla Achabal. His family members have been militants and also Ikhwanis. Aqib is the nephew of former militant Ghulam Mohammad Sofi, who was involved in the murder of an Ikhwan. Thereafter, driven by fear, Ghulam Mohammad Sofi moved from Anantnag to Srinagar in the 1990s. To take revenge, another Ikhwan killed the brother of Ghulam Nabi Sofi – father of Aqib Sofi.

Another uncle of Aqib, Ghulam Yousuf Sofi, used to work for Ikhwanis. He was murdered by Hizbul Mujahideen. Aqib's mother got a job through Mufti Sayeed's rehabilitation scheme in 2002. Aqib has done B. Tech from Dehradun. He was not involved in any case before. He was arrested on July 12, and was released after investigation.

### **ZEESHAN MALIK**

Zeeshan Malik from Pushroo has a chemist shop. He is also pursuing B.Sc Nursing from Islamabad, Anantnag. His father Mohammad Aameen Malik works in the DC office at Anantanag. Zeeshan is a known stone pelter from his village, and was involved in many agitations. He used to



**Zeeshan Malik**

travel almost eight kilometers from his house to pelt stones on security forces.

Zeeshan is a hardcore supporter of Hartals in the Valley. He has served jail terms too. He was arrested by the NIA on July 11 at around 6 am from his residence. Zeeshan was released the same evening after investigation. His family claimed that he used to go to Achabal to learn the Quran from someone, and got trapped in the case. His family claimed that he had never been involved in stone pelting. They did not accept that he had been arrested before.

### **JAVID AHMAD MIR - THE SON OF A POLICE OFFICIAL**

Javid Ahmad Mir from Sunsooma, Anantnag, is 28 years old. He did MBA from Doon

University, Dehradun. Mir came back from Dehradun this year and started his own business. His father Mohammad Shaban works with J&K Police.

Mir and main accused Umar Bhat have been friends for long. They did schooling together from Hanfia School, Achabal. Mir has not been arrested or involved in any case before. His brother said that Javid may have been taken by the NIA because of his links with Umar Bhat. Mir's father did not share information regarding his son's social media handles.

### **OVAIS BHAT**

Ovais is 21 years old and has done B.Sc. He took up a job this year as a lab technician. NIA concluded that Ovais has no incriminating links. He was freed after investigation.

Jama'at-e-Islami Jammu & Kashmir



Front-line leadership of Jamat e Islami Kashmir in 2016

# Profile of a Vicious, Fascist Organisation

by JNAHMAD

Jamat-e-Islami's regressive, feudal, radically violent practices have brought doom, death, destruction to Kashmir

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error apologists have continually tried to blame the current violent unrest in Kashmir on the growth of right-wing nationalists in mainland India. There is a continuous attempt by so-called Kashmiri intellectuals to shift the blame. The narrative peddled by the terror apologists is this: Don't blame us. Blame right-wing Hindus of India who have made Kashmir what it is today. Our boys (read terrorists) are simply reacting. Terrorism in Kashmir is a reactionary phenomenon.

It is time to wake up to the truth. Terrorism in Kashmir is not a reaction to Hindu right-wing politics. Terrorism in Kashmir is a reaction to the seeds that Jamat e Islami has been planting in Kashmir for nearly 70 years now. Successive generations of Kashmiris have grown up with deeper and deeper penetration of Jamat e Islami's rabid, toxic life view. Our gentle, pluralistic, laughing and joyous way of life could not hold on for long. In these 70 years, the

inclusive ethos of the Kashmiris has been ripped apart.

The political grievances we had against the Central government were just that – they were simply political grievances. Jamat e Islami allowed Pakistan to use these political grievances to use the gun against the state. Let us get realistic. Which nation in the world has allowed insurgency to prosper? We picked up the gun in our villages and streets. By making this violent choice, we invited the presence of the state's anti-violence force into our villages and streets.

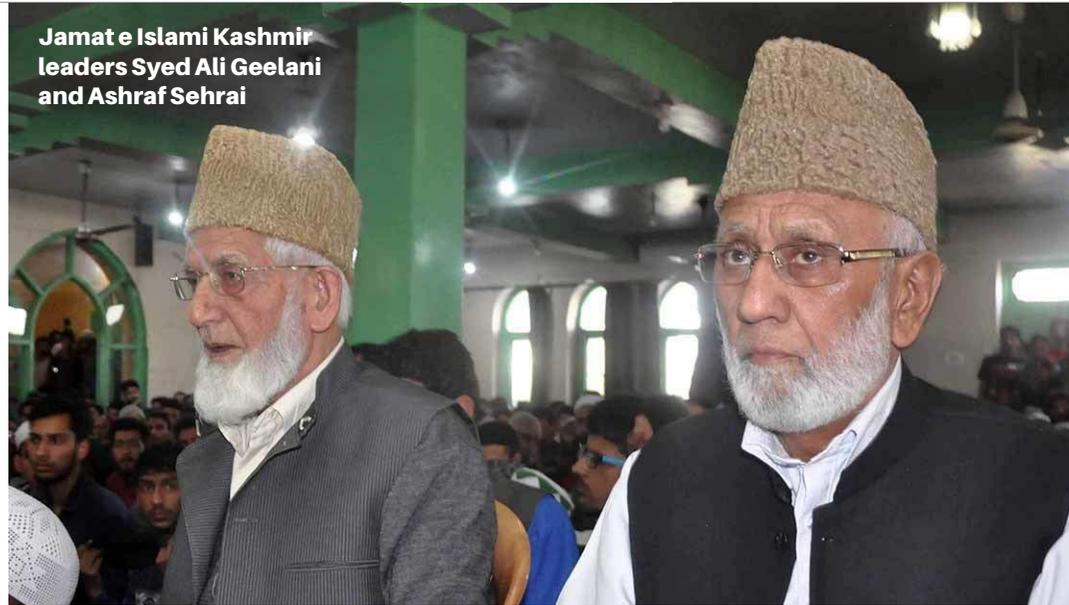
The current violent unrest cleverly gives a political body

**Jamat e Islami J&K chief Dr Abdul Hameed Fayaz**



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**Jamat e Islami Kashmir leaders Syed Ali Geelani and Ashraf Sehrai**



to the undercurrents that have defined Kashmir society for long. These undercurrents have crippled Kashmir. They have crippled our lives and our happiness.

Let us focus on an organization which played a pivotal role in crippling Kashmir.

**JAMATE ISLAMI MADE POOR KASHMIRI CHILDREN JIHADIS**

It quite baffles a rational mind in Kashmir that a banned fascist organisation like Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) enjoys wide social acceptability. This is happening

even after the JeI's reactionary, regressive, feudal and radically violent beliefs and practices for a long time have brought doom, death, and destruction to the Kashmiri society. Jamat-e-Islami's sole purpose is to grab power as it believes in supremacist ideals.

Jamat-e-Islami has destroyed Kashmiri children belonging to unprivileged or lower socio-economic classes and sections of the society by turning them into Jihadis. But very cunningly, it has been able to preserve its relatively privileged status in the society. While the poor children continue to die for some illusory Islamic and Heavenly Glory, children of Jamatis continue to enjoy privileged jobs, businesses and positions.

It cannot go on like this forever. JeI cannot be allowed to carry on what it has done in the past. Today's Kashmiri youth need to be made aware of the criminal and sordid history of JeI. This is essential so that Kashmiri youth are not tricked by the deceptive rhetoric and propaganda of JeI. We need to

# LAND GRAB, LAWLESSNESS BY JeI

In the early 1990s, JeI through its different militant organisations – especially through its armed wing Hizbul Mujahideen – unleashed terror and mayhem in Kashmir by killing hundreds and thousands of secular Kashmiris. It also indulged in massive land grab during those days of lawlessness. Quite akin to Taliban, JeI established a parallel system of theocratic governance in the Kashmiri hinterland establishing the Sharia Adaalats (Sharia Courts). Simultaneously, JeI penetrated and hijacked major social institutions like the education system, mosques, awqaafs and even charity organisations.

Despite the official ban on JeI instituted by the Indian state in 2019, the control of the mosques in most areas is still with JeI/ Tehreek-i-Hurriyat. Their radical preachers still influence the youth. The poisonous and hate-driven radical literature written by fanatic 20th century Islamist ideologues like Maududi, Syed Qutb, Hassan Bana and other ideologues continues to be distributed among youth. JeI still collects large sum of charity money. This is now done clandestinely. JeI's High schools called Falahi-Aaam Trust (FAT) Schools continue to orient young impressionistic children towards radicalization. Islamiyat textbooks taught in the FAT Schools are written by Maududi himself through which he propagates his Jihadist ideals.

Among Islamists, Kashmir is also witnessing competitive extremism between JeI, Deobandis and Salafis. All of these are in race to attain the "puritanical" brand of Islam. Mohalla Madrasahs, locally called evening Quran Darasgahs run by Salafis, Jamatis and Deobandis in both towns and villages, continue to indoctrinate children as young as eight to ten years old using the most radical and distorted interpretations and versions of Islamic theology.

JeI continues to target women and young girls too. Regularly, the JeI, through the hardcore Islamist women organization Dukhtaran-i-Millat, organizes preaching programmes for women in their darasgahs and mosques where they are oriented towards violent extremism. Post 2019, all this is being done keeping a low profile and using non-eminent members. But the fact is they are carrying on with what they have been doing before.



**Jamat e Islami Kashmir leader Advocate Zahid Ali**

expose this pernicious cabal of fascist and theocratic gangsters who have destroyed our society from inside.

Kashmiri youth need to realize that JeI is a criminally fascist organisation which has committed gruesome crimes against Kashmiri people at the behest of the Pakistani deep state. In any case, the record of JeI in Bangladesh and Pakistan is also one of extreme criminality, but that is not the topic of discussion here.

The JeI operates through its various front organizations, allowing it to penetrate into all domains of Kashmiri social and political life. It uses religion to influence everything.

The fires of the current radicalization and militancy are consuming young Kashmiri lives. These fires were gradually lit up in Kashmir by the JeI ideology and its preachers. The work was also carried out

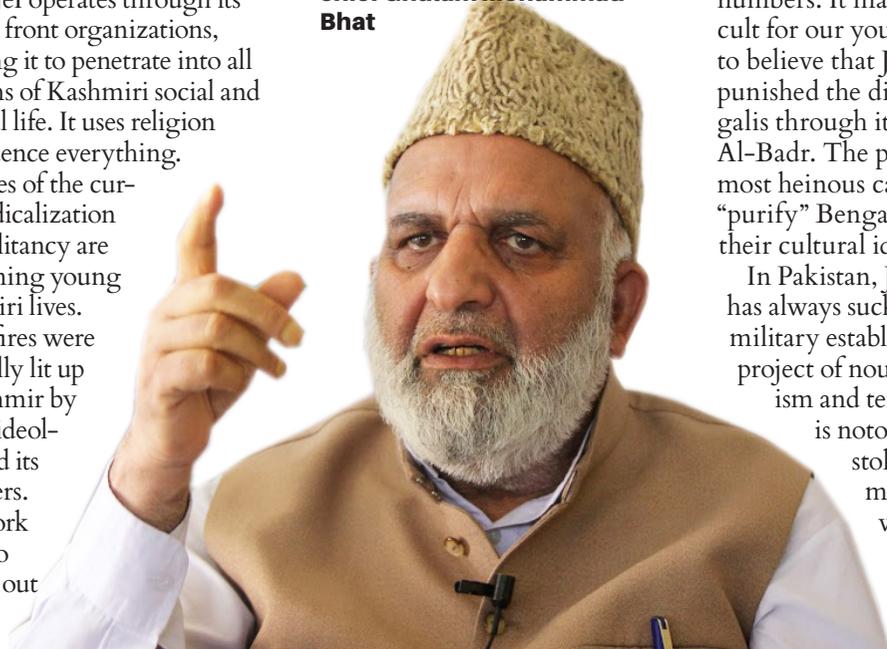
by the affiliated organisations of JeI like Dukhtaran-i-Millat (women wing of JeI), Jamiat Tulaba (student/youth wing of JeI) and Tehreek-i-Hurriyat. All this was done in a systematic way.

### **JeI ELECTORAL ALLIANCES WITH RIGHTWING HINDU POLITICAL PARTIES**

JeI grew in 1950s as a reactionary feudal movement to counter the progressive politics of Sheikh Abdullah and his Naya Kashmir manifesto. Most founders of JeI in Kashmir were from traditional upper caste feudal families who hated Sheikh for his "Land Reforms." Naturally, any feudal, regressive movement wears the cloak of religion for "authenticity". This is more so in our cultures, which are steeped in the public denominator of religion.

In its extreme grudge and hatred towards National

### **Four-time Jamat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Mohammad Bhat**



Conference, JeI in 1970s even entered into electoral alliances with rightwing Hindu political formations like Janata Party, the precursor of BJP. All through this, JeI fed the Kashmiris on its rhetoric of Islam and Muslims.

The Jamat-e-Islami's fascist rhetoric and supremacist Islamist ideology has been analyzed and explored by many scholars, both Muslims and Non-Muslims. These include reputed Islamic scholars of the subcontinent like Maulana Wahidudin Khan, Ameen Islaahi and Javed Ghamidi. These scholars were once influenced by Maududi but renounced him later after being repulsed by his consistently rabid ideology.

### **UGLY HISTORY OF JeI IN THE SUB CONTINENT**

Jamat-e-Islami (JeI)'s genocidal culpability in Bangladesh is well known where it unleashed mass murders and rapes in the most horrifying numbers. It may sound difficult for our young generations to believe that Jamat-e-Islami punished the dissident Bengalis through its armed wing Al-Badr. The purpose of this most heinous campaign was to "purify" Bengali Muslims of their cultural identity.

In Pakistan, Jamat-e-Islami has always sucked up to the military establishment in its project of nourishing terrorism and terror groups. It is notorious also for stoking anti-Ahmadi hatred and violence in Pakistan. Our youth profess to have



**Dukhtaran-i-Millat Kashmir**

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a rational, just outlook. Can they rationalize the rabid role played by Jamat e Islami in Kashmir, in Bangladesh, in Pakistan?

During Zia's regime, Jamat e Islami penetrated into the state institutions of that country. Like its counterparts in Bangladesh and Pakistan, Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) in Kashmir shares all the tenets and characteristics of a fascist organization. It believes in grabbing state power and establishing a supremacist, Islamic state where minorities would be treated as second class citizens. Maududi and Egyptian Brotherhood ideologues like Hassan Bana and Syed Qutb are blunt in justifying violence and terror to achieve these ends. They even advocate global Islamic Imperialism in which Non-Muslims country should come under the Islamic fold. It is because of their inherent ideological/theological belief in Entire Earth as Allah's Mosque where Islam alone must

prevail. They have a genocidal dystopian theological vision of the world in which ultimately Islam and Muslims will reign over everything and Non-Muslims will disappear as they would accept Islamic supremacy. They describe Islam and Muslims as a Glorious and the ONLY True Faith and all other religions as false. This presumption of Islamic superiority is used to normalize Jihad and terrorism, which they unleash not only against infidels but also against fellow Muslims who disagree with JeI ideology or believe in pluralism and democracy.

Ironically, the JeI rhetoric also presents Muslims as victims of Kaafirs (infidels) in order to justify Jihad. Jamat e Islami uses selective propositions, myths and symbols from Islamic theology and history to rationalize their fascist and totalitarian version of Islamic history. JeI wants

Muslims to give up their ethnic, linguistic and cultural identities for attaining a supra identity of Muslim/Momin.

Jamat-e-Islami is a terribly patriarchal organisation which believes in male chauvinism, and excluding women from public spheres. Its leadership always has been exclusively male. Jamat-e-Islami believes in oppressing Muslim women on the lines of Taliban in Afghanistan. It played a notorious role in enacting the Hudood Ordinance during the Zia regime in Pakistan which snatched basic rights and dignity from women.

It is up to the conscious people of Kashmir, especially the youth, to call the bluff on this terrible organisation and its vicious ideology by consigning it to the dustbin of history. At the moment, JeI seems the greatest existential threat that Kashmiri society and civilisation is facing.



**Jamat ul Solihaat**

**LAND GRAB**

**Jamat i Islami style**

In February 2019, Government of India banned Jamat e Islami Jammu and Kashmir for five years for its involvement in abetting terrorism in Kashmir. A notification under the Unlawful activities Prevention Act (UAPA) was issued against JeI. The decision invited criticism from many quarters nationally and internationally. Former J&K chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, who enjoys the tacit support of Jamat Islami protested the ban vociferously. The decision provided fodder to the adversaries of the state. They played it to the hilt for both local and international audience.

India has perhaps the world's largest written Constitution, sound democratic institutions, a powerful bureaucracy and a disciplined army. All this goes it to the winds when it comes to the execution and implementation of legal and constitutional measures in any part of the country. The system is lethargic and also complicit. Precious time and resources are wasted in defining and designing the modus operandi for the execution or implementation of government measures. Whether it is a policy matter, a constitutional measure, legislation, a court observation or execution of developmental plan, there is always a scope to observe more in breach than in spirit. Different stakeholders interrupt each action according to their convenience.

#### **BAN ON JeI EXISTS ON PAPER ONLY**

The ban of Jamat e Islami exists on papers only. The proscribed organization continues to carry out activities without any hindrance. The Jamaat continues to run its educational institutions, and preach and practice its core ideology of hate and hatred. Its cadres continue to instigate the masses in mosques through Friday sermons. The proscribed organization is all set to hold organizational elections for president and other office bearers.

The office-bearers of the Jamat, who work on remuneration basis in the organization, have been shifted to the schools run by Jamaat where they continue to preach and promote extremism and exclusiveness. Interestingly, the schools of Jamati e Islami run on grabbed government land.

Ninety percent of Jamat I Islami institutes have come up on government land with the connivance of corrupt or ideologically inclined revenue officials. In this way, state land at many places has been transferred in the name of Jamat e Islami.

As a typical case study, the KZINE team visited Jamat ul Solihaat, an educational institute run by Jel in Marhama in Anantnag district. The team was surprised to find out that the educational institute is run by ex Ameer e Jamaat Ghulam Ahmad Parray. Parray was the chief of Al Badr militant outfit in the 90s. He now heads the management committee of the Jamat ul Solihaat.

### OFFICE BEARERS OF JAMAT UL SOLIHAAT

**GH AHMAD PARRAY**, son of Mohd Sultan Parray, ex Ameer e Jamaat, Jamat e Islami. Resident of Khiram, Anantnag.

**ASSADULLAH BHAT**. Retired Zonal Education Officer.

Ex Ameer Tehsil Bijbehara Resident of Karoo, Bijbehara, Anantnag.

**GHULAM MOHD MAGRAY**, resident of Magraypora, Achabal, Anantnag. Formerly a Rukn-e-Jamat (pillar of Jamat)

**ABDUL REHMAN BHAT ALIAS PASAIL**,

resident of Marhama, Anantnag. Formerly a Platoon Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen

**MOHD KHALIL DAR**, retired headmaster of jamaati islami resident of Wopzan,

Anantnag **MOHD SULTAN WANI**,

son of Khaliq Wani, resident of Nowshara, Khirram, Anantnag

**ALI MOHAMMAD DAR**,

son of Habibullah Dar. Retired government teacher, resident of Mehind, Srigufwara Anantnag

**MOHD MAQBOOL BHAT**,

son of Abdul Aziz Bhat. Retired teacher, resident of Khirram

The management of Jamaat ul



**Ghulam Mohd Magray, Pricipal, Jamaat ul Solihaat**

Solihaat include all the Jamaat members especially those who were holding good positions in their respective areas. Mohd Rehman Bhat alias Pasail is a member of the institute's management. Pasail played the instrumental role in the establishment of the institute.

Pasail was a platoon commander of Hizbul Mujahideen. He had killed more than 40 innocent Kashmiris who were associated with various political parties. He was responsible for burning the Government High School at Marhama when the Charar e Sharief Shrine was set on flames.

Bhat, who once destroyed a school, is today running this institute to provide education to girls. The other members of the institute management were either part of Jamat e Islami or were closely associated with them. Likewise, The Headmaster/Principal of the school, Ghulam Mohammad Magray, was earlier associated with the Falah-e-Aam Trust run by Jamat e Islami. One can imagine what kind of required academic education is being provided to students who need to build their future.

Dreaded militants and important jamaati islami leaders continue to practice



### School and hostel premises of Jamat ul Solihaat at Marhama in Bijbehara district

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### THE LAND GRAB AT MARHAMA

In the early 1990s, the Jamat leaders and their supporters used their power to dominate the valley. They got thousands of innocent Kashmiris killed in the name of jihad. Jamat e Islami illegally occupied several hundred kanals of land in Kashmir to run their Trusts and institutes.

The influence of the Jamat has waned in the recent years, but their illegal occupation of land continues. The Jamat e Islami makes a show of innocence and virtue. But in reality they use

different ways to get the control over the land and on the minds of the people. In order to give shape to their venomous agenda, these groups have illegally occupied state land in the name of Islamic institutes in several areas of Kashmir. Among them is Jamaat ul Solihaat at Marhama in Kashmir. About 40 kanals of land has been illegally occupied by the institute. Of this, 36 kanals of land has been registered in the revenue record of the Tehsil office at Bijbehara.

As per the revenue records, land measuring 36 kanals has been registered under Survey Number 4683 of Marhama estate, Bijbehara tehsil, Anantnag district. The land is shaamilaat/kahcharaai. It was grabbed by Jamat e Islami in 2007-08 with the help of the terrorist organization Hizbul Mujahideen. The land is located on a plateau overlooking National Highway 44 on the Sangam-Srigufwara (via Khiram) road. The estimated cost of land is Rs 40 crore approximately.

Jamat e Islami has constructed two multi-storey structures, one single storey structure and a two-

room structure on the premises. They have also established an Islamic school for girls, named Jamaat-ul-Solihaat. The seminary has intake capacity for about 300 students, providing them full boarding and lodging. The management of Jamaat-ul-Solihaat is planning to undertake more construction on the land.

The ownership of the land was given to Jamat e Islami in 2011-12 through the fard-i-padtal (inspection note) of the then tehsildar. The action of the Tehsildar was in violation of state rules.

Dreaded militants and important Jamat e Islami leaders continue to practice a virulent anti-state ideology. The Jamaatis have constantly attacked the inclusive, pluralistic Kashmir society. Their consistent effort is to radicalize the Kashmir society in line with an extremist interpretation of Islam. These Jamaatis have opened many academic/religious institutes like Jamaat ul solihaat to spread their ideology and indoctrinate the vulnerable youth by instilling fear of after-death torment in them.

# Kashmir: **THE CRAZY YEARS**

## Terrorists Ruled Over Appointments,

*Naedi wael chhi  
laed khemaetch*

**He Who Had The Arm  
Snatched The House**

**T**he insurgency that erupted in Kashmir in 1990 could broadly be categorized as adventure terrorism. It was an over excitement of the youth having no realization of the consequences and implications of violent conflict. Kashmir had all along been a peaceful place, and the society was by and large calm and composed.

The era of the 1990s was witness to some undercurrents in Kashmir society. One, the provocation by a handful of youth activists like Shabir Shah, Nayeem Khan, Yaseen Malik, Ishfaq Majid, Hamid Sheikh, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Ghulam Ahmad Naik alias Azam Inqilabi. Second, Jamat e Islami's ideological commitment to the Pakistanisation of Kashmir. The majority of Kashmir's population was still untouched by these undercurrents. But this was set to change. The moles of Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence had been planted many years before – much earlier than perceived. They facilitated this radical change in the name of religion.

Soon, the situation took an ugly turn. Herds of Kashmiri youth would go to Pakistan to receive arms training in complete excitement, looking upon it as an adventure. Back with guns and grenades, they held sway in every nook and corner of Kashmir valley. Their mere presence in streets, particularly in the countryside, led to increased lawlessness and the rapid deterioration of Kashmir.

Government institutions collapsed. Cutting across organizational and ideological affiliations – if any – the militants had a singular focus. This was to create chaos and fear among the Kashmiris – particularly among those holding significant positions in the administrative hierarchy. The most visible short term goal of all militant groups was to humiliate those respected by the society – especially the elders. The threat was real. The power of the gun made the system capitulate. Soon militants started extortion killings of political activists. Those in mainstream political parties became fearful of militants.



# TERRORISTS GOT GOVERNMENT JOBS

In the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department, two terrorists were given appointment. Both were district commanders for Hizbul Mujahideen. One of them was Abdul Qayoom Beigh, son of Ghulam Rasool Beigh, a resident of Chana Mohalla in Chattabal, Srinagar.

The Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department at Shaheed Gunj in Srinagar was deeply under the influence of Hizbul Mujahidin. Beigh was a close confidante of then Hizbul Mujahideen district commander known as Papa. Beigh was simultaneously both a terrorist and a government employee. After Papa was killed, Beigh was appointed as the District Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen for Srinagar. He remained active for about five years. Beigh was arrested in 1994 and released a year later. Beigh killed many innocent Kashmiris in the early 90s on the mere suspicion that they were police informers. He also ruthlessly killed Kashmiris who were affiliated with mainstream political parties, particularly National Conference.

Another typical example is that of Noor Mohammad Bhat, son of Abdul Gani Bhat, working in the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department as Assistant Store Keeper. Bhat was originally from Shaheed Gunj, and was currently living in Natipora. Bhat was appointed as a daily wager. His services were regularized in 1994. He was an active terrorist associated with Jamiyat-ul-Mujahideen. He was known for his brutality, and had killed many innocent unarmed civilians. When he was arrested, about a dozen guns were recovered from his possession. He was charged under the Public Safety Act and was jailed for two years.

File photo of some Jamaat e Islami leaders in Kashmir



## MILITANTS, SEPARATISTS ORDERED GOVT RECRUITMENTS

Since the recruitment process was still decentralized, the flood gates opened for militants to recruit their favorites in government departments. Going by some realistic assessments, about 30,000 people were appointed on the recommendations of militant groups and individuals.

The fear of the uncontrolled and directionless gun loomed large. The appointing authorities had no option but to oblige the unbridled gunmen. From about 1990-1994, Kashmir had no space for the meritorious and the deserving. Those in power started appointing their own kith and kin under the grab of militant threat.

The situation soon became that the militants would recommend two, and the appointing officer would appoint four. Tha jo nakhooob, betadreej wahi khoob hua.

Kashmir has suffered the conflict and also an unstable political atmosphere. The mainstream pol-

iticians, who were the stakeholders in peace, always betrayed the common masses. Instead of focusing on public good, they used their power to grab more and more, and accommodate their favourites in the government.

## SEPARATIST SWAY OVER KASHMIR ADMINISTRATION

About 1994 onwards, all the known separatists leaders would recommend people for recruitment in various government department. The highest numbers of recommendations came from Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Mirvaiz Umer Farooq and Yaseen Malik.

The fear of the gun led to further deterioration of administrative systems in Kashmir. Heads of government institutions and departments started seeking the blessings of hawkish separatists, especially Syed Ali Geelani. In blatant abuse of their official position, they started showering favours upon the separatists. This phenomenon continued till August 2019.

A senior citizen from Kokernag in South Kashmir recently narrated the following story to a senior police officer. "My wife was working in the Education Department and was posted in north Kashmir. I made several representations and pleaded before senior officers in the Education Department to transfer her to our district. Peerzada Mohammad Syed was the Education Minister in the NC-Congress coalition government. The authorities showed no interest in my pleas. After several months, I visited Syed Ali Shah Geelani at his residence in Peerbagh residence and told him of my problem. On a small piece of paper, Geelani wrote this. Cardholder is a dear friend whose wife will be transferred immediately. This note was addressed to the Secretary, Department of Education. My problem was resolved and my wife was transferred to Anantnag in no time."

Such capitulation of the government systems had a ripple effect upon Kashmir. Either driven by fear or for political reasons, scores of relatives of separatist leaders were given plum government po-

sitions. Rules were bent to accommodate relatives of the separatists. Former RAW chief AS Dulat had made major revelations in his book Kashmir: The Vajpayee Years. Even sons of the most wanted terrorist commander Syed Salahudin were provided government jobs.

## JAMAT AND GEELANI - SILENT PARTNERS IN MUFTI SAYEED'S GOVERNMENT

Kashmir has traditionally been marked by the dominance of the Mullah clan over its social, political and economic structures. By the mid-80s, the nexus between politicians of the Mullah clan on either side of political divide (mainstream and separatists) was visible. The unholy nexus was legitimized with the formation of People's Democratic Party (PDP) led by Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in 1999. Mufti, with the tacit support of Jamat-e-Islami, became the chief minister in 2002. Jamat and Syed Ali Geelani had high stakes in the Mufti-led coalition government. Jamat and Geelani were the silent partners in Mufti's government.

Hene 2002 marks a significant transition in the political governance of Jammu and Kashmir. The underground forces would now communicate with the political system, and the security and intelligence agencies would watch this from a distance.

Soon after Mufti took over as Chief Minister, his daughter Mehboba Mufti addressed a public meeting at Ganderbal in Central Kashmir. She told the militants to rest assured because their representatives were in the government.

Mufti's collaboration with Jamat-e-Islami and militant groups



## TERRORISTS KEPT GUNS ON DM'S DESK, ASKED HIM TO APPOINT SELECT PERSONS

Militants became brazen in their rule over Kashmir. They were dictating recruitment in every department, be it Education, Agriculture, Irrigation, PWD, Health, Revenue, Food and Supplies etc. Once Manzoor Darzi, commander of Hizbul Mujahideen Anantnag with another Hizbul terrorist from Dalgam, Anantnag, jumped over the fence of Higher Secondary School, Anantnag and entered the District Magistrate's office. They kept their guns on the desk of the District Magistrate and handed him the list of candidates to be appointed in various departments. At least 265 persons were appointed in the Education Department in Anantnag district alone. Similar numbers were appointed in other departments also.

changed the dynamics of both the permanent and the political bureaucracy in Kashmir. It was another big jolt to the democratic systems in Kashmir. Post 2002, rules were bent to accommodate

the kith and kin of separatists in the administration. A typical case of study is the appointment of Anees ul Islam, the grandson of Syed Ali Geelani, who was accommodated as Research Officer in Kash-

mir International Convention Centre (KICC), formerly known as SKICC. The post was especially created for Geelani's grandson.

After the abrogation of article 370, the government took the initiative to nail employees with anti-state credentials. But the identification of backdoor entries in various departments under the cult of the gun is continuing at a very slow pace. The government must constitute a special team to identify, investigate and analyze these employees. Has their ideology changed to support the democratic process in Kashmir? Do they continue to follow the separatist ideology? The identification and investigation processes should focus on their militant background. In addition, their role in fueling unrest and promoting the narrative that favours killing and the Pakistanisation of Kashmir must also be examined.

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**Above:**  
Shoppers through  
the Jamia  
market for some  
great deals  
**(Right)** A vendor  
selling delicious  
pickles to add  
flavour to the  
concoctions we  
love for Eid





**A fisherwoman sells fish in the bustling Jamia market ahead of Eid ul Adha**

**Kashmiris line up for one of their favourite street foods, the masala lawas or roti**



**The busy streets of Jamia market, the crown of Srinagar downtown**

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