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## The Truth Calls To Us



Political commentators, strategic analysts, journalists – all are supposed to reach the truth to their respective audiences. They must not be guided by biases. In our contemporary world, politics is no more a battle of ideas. It is a filthy race to power. The responsibility to bring out the inconvenient truths and put things in the right perspective lies on public intellectuals. The tribe should be receptive to new ideas and willing to change position if new facts emerge. Unfortunately the public intellectuals of Kashmir are as stagnant as most in the political class. At times I have observed the political elites evolve to new realities. No such concession to emerging truths by Kashmir's public intellectuals, particularly journalists. They don't want to come out of the dark tunnel, and they don't want to point to the light on the other side of the tunnel. Most of Kashmir's public intellectuals – journalists included – have lied for decades. They continue to push their lies, desperate to sell it as the truth. Why do they lie so profusely, so



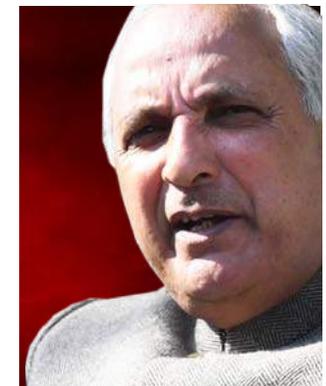
profoundly? Because they earn from their lies far more than they would earn by speaking the truth. They are part of the brigade of conflict entrepreneurs. They blow things out of proportion. They upload unverified content as if it's a professional obligation. They paint their homeland as a place of gloom and doom.

These traders of falsehood never want to see smiles on the faces of Kashmiris. They never want Kashmiris to celebrate all that nature has blessed us with. They don't want to see Kashmiris in peace. They conspire against you if you prove their horror stories wrong. They don't have the humility to accept new ideas and evolve with the changing situation. They are entrenched in the past, and have no futuristic vision. But life has its own rhythm. Cynicism and despair never define life. Men of courage refine the ideas, define the goals and determine the future.

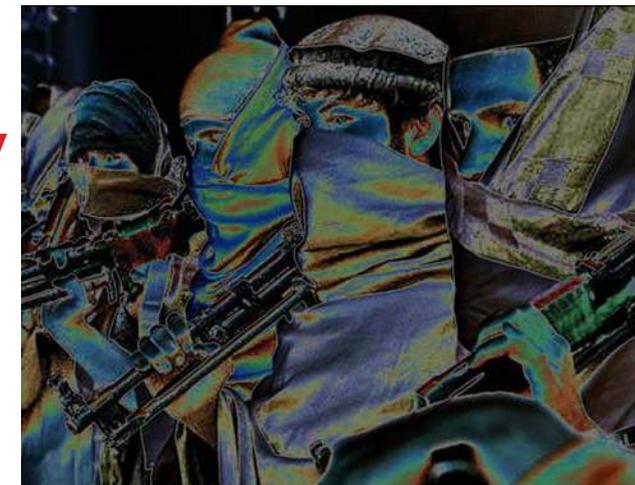
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## Scores of Kashmiri Men Hoodwinked The State, Were Handed Over Valid Papers To Travel To Pakistan. They All Joined Jihadi Camps. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

by Bashir ASSAD

Over the last three decades, a major component of Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism has been the movement of indoctrinated Kashmiri youth across the LOC to incubation camps in POK. These youths are provided training in jihadi camps and pushed back into India for terrorism.

In the last few years, India has made intensive efforts to ensure that Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism is stemmed. The state has invested heavily in high capability intelligence gathering and surveillance competence. The vigil by the security forces is rigorous and exhaustive. While strong checks remain in place on ground zero, appalling dereliction of duty by other arms of the state has seriously compromised national security.

Emerging evidence from Kashmir has jolted the top brass of the Indian security agencies. The role of hostile and treacherous individuals on positions of authority has severely impacted India's efforts to contain terrorism. On account of the overt and covert lapses of these individuals, the internal security of the Indian state has been seriously jeopardized.

Consider this. Checking the exfiltration of indoctrinated Kashmiri youth to jihadi camps in Pakistan is a high-priority area for India. It now comes to light that scores of these brainwashed men were allowed to

travel to Pakistan on valid passport and travel documents. After reaching Pakistan, these men were taken straight to jihadi incubation camps. They were given training in handling ammunition and explosives, and also in the smuggling of drugs, fake currency and other illegal activities. Thereafter, through diverse infiltration routes, they were pushed back into India.

### THE MODUS OPERANDI

Men with jihadi ideas and intention go to Pakistan on an Indian passport. The youth have a green profile – they have no previous record of involvement in terror activities. Innocuous reasons are stated to justify their travel – meeting relatives, going for professional courses like MBBS etc. The underlying purpose of their travel is to join and deepen terror networks in India. Their travel to Pakistan is authorized and approved by the Indian state.

The youth have to apply for visa at the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi. What happens there? The youth who have the recommendation from Kashmir's separatist leaders are granted the visa. This has been happening since early 90s.

The stupidity of the state has been astounding. It was left to the separatist camps to decide who should travel to Pakistan.

From the 90s to 2012, there were some checks and balances in place. The CID

## CID Kashmir Admits Serious Security Lapses, Issues Firm Directions To Hold Terror Actors Accountable

On July 31, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Special Branch Kashmir (SBK) issued a circular. The high priority document brings into sharp focus the dereliction of duty and security lapses by CIB SB Kashmir earlier. The circular issued by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) states: All the field units of CID SB Kashmir are hereby directed to ensure that during verification related to passport, service and any other verification related to Government services/schemes, the subject's involvement in law and order, stone pelting cases and other crimes prejudicial to the security of the state be specifically looked into and the same must be corroborated from local police station records. Also, digital evidence like CCTV footage, photographs, videos and audio clips, quadcopter images available in the records of the police, security forces and security agencies be also referred. Any subject found involved in any such cases must be denied the security clearance. The circular has been sent to Additional Superintendent of Police (SP), All Deputy Superintendents of Police and all DIs of CID SBK.

Kashmir's veteran journalist and political analyst Ahmed Ali Fayyaz tweeted the circular with a succinct tweet. Wrote Fayyaz: 32 years later, J&K's Government learns and admits that CID verification/security clearance have been issued to those who in police records were involved in crimes "prejudicial to the security of the state." Fayyaz added that henceforth, no government jobs, passports or licences would be possible for those found guilty of such offences. He wisely cautioned that the government must ensure that no innocent person suffers.



Screenshot of the tweet by senior Kashmiri journalist and political analyst Ahmed Ali Fayyaz

wing of J&K Police would thoroughly verify the credentials of the people applying for passport. Here too, separatist leaders and former terrorists-turned-politicians would get their passport easily. The checks and balances were in place for commoners only.

2012 onwards, the verification by the CID Department got compromised. Coming to 2016, the CID Department started recommending issuance of passport randomly. Youth related to separatists or militants were freely given passports. It is shocking that by the same time, Pakistan started incentivizing this particular section of youth who wanted to go there supposedly for professional studies. A good number of these youth went to jihadi camps instead of joining any professional college. Whether in jihadi camps or in colleges, by the time these youth came back they were severely indoctrinated.

Till now, around 45 men in the age group of 20-35 have been identified who went to Pakistan on valid travel documents and joined terrorist groups there. To know how the Indian state was sabotaged from within, rewind to 2016.

### THE STATE FACILITATED PASSAGE TO PAKISTAN

The trend started from 2016 when Mehbooba Mufti took over as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir. It is the task of the Crime Investigation Department (CID) to cross-check the antecedents of each individual who applies for a passport and give ap-

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proval after thorough checking. Madam Mufti wanted a pliable CID in the state. The top brass of the investigation agency complied.

From here started the menace of issuing passports to the relatives of the militants of Kashmiri origin living in Pakistan. According to reliable sources, about 80,000 passports were issued from 2016 to the last quarter of 2020.

### **JIHADI-MINDED KASHMIRI YOUTH GO TO PAKISTAN ON VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

It was during this period that severely indoctrinated Kashmiris who wanted to go for arms training to terrorist training camps in Pakistan were authorized to travel on valid travel documents. Investigations by the security agencies have identified about 45 men aged from 20 to 35 who crossed over to Pakistan on the Indian passport and straightaway joined the jihadi camps of different terrorist groups.

The first such case was traced in 2017. The latest entry to the list was added in the last quarter of 2020. Top security officers admit that this is only the tip of the iceberg. The actual numbers may be much higher than what is being stated officially.

### **A DOCUMENTED CASE SURFACES**

On July 24, 2021, one such Kashmiri terrorist who had gone to Pakistan on the Indian passport was killed in an encounter in Bandipora district. It is to the credit of JK Police that from



the time when the input of his movement was first received to the encounter finally, the operation was carried out in a highly professional, organized manner.

On July 2, SSP Bandipora Mohd Zaid Malik, KPS, shared the input with the higher authorities of JK Police that a group of four terrorists had infiltrated through the Machchil sector.

Earlier, Malik had arrested an over-ground worker (OGW)

from Bandipora. Upon interrogation, the man revealed to Bandipora police that a group of four dreaded terrorists was planning to infiltrate into Kashmir from the Machhil sector. The group included one Shariq Ahmed of Galan, Bandipora. Shariq had gone to Pakistan on the Indian passport.

A trap was laid through a police source and the group was guided towards Bandipora. The cordon

Shokbaba Forests are notorious as a terrorist hideout. The area is known to have been used for infiltration purposes.

### **PAKISTAN'S EVIL STRATEGY, INDIA'S GULLIBILITY**

Pakistan's malignant jihadi camps focused on bleeding India must invite international opprobrium. For the Indian state, the culpability of the collaborators within is of equal concern. It is a matter of alarm that India's security has been so severely compromised by some individuals in top constitutional positions of the state.

In the last few years, the strategy of the terrorist organizations has been to recruit and train Kashmiri in Pakistan's jihadi camps after facilitating their travel through legal channels. The security of the state has been severely compromised. The state is being blatantly hoodwinked. Who is responsible for this lapse?

About 80,000 passports issued in Kashmir from 2016 to the last quarter of 2020 – why was the profile of the applicants not checked thoroughly? It is the responsibility of J&K CID to give the green signal for issuance of passport to an applicant. On whose recommendations were the passports issued? How were herds allowed to cross the international border?

This terror module warrants a thorough investigation by a credible organization like the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Sending the youth to Pakistan on valid travel documents and their joining jihadi camps could be one of the biggest frauds in recent times.

### **TILL NOW, AROUND 45 MEN IN THE AGE GROUP OF 20-35 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WHO TRAVELLED TO PAKISTAN ON THE INDIAN PASSPORT AND VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND JOINED JIHADI CAMPS THERE. TO KNOW HOW THE INDIAN STATE WAS SABOTAGED FROM WITHIN, REWIND TO 2016**

to trap the terrorists was finally laid on July 23. The next day, the encounter took place in Shokbaba

forest in Sumblar area of Bandipora in north Kashmir. Shariq was killed in the encounter.

# MAJOR SECURITY BREACH: Easy Ride To Jihadi Camps



Complacent State Enables Terrorists To Travel to Pakistan, Strengthen **TERROR ECOSYSTEM IN KASHMIR**

**D**uring Mufti Mohd Sayeed's first stint as chief minister, a number of men with high-risk militant-prone background were given passports on the recommendation of Syed Ali Geelani. The state government meekly collaborated with Geelani's diktats. Mufti and daughter perfected the art of enabling terrorist movement across the border when desired. Travelling on the Indian passport, these youth went across Wagah border and joining jihadi incubation campus in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

Later, 90 percent of these men returned to Kashmir after formal arms training in Pakistan. The lid was blown off this state-sponsored scandal when one case was detected by the then SP Awantipora, who raised an alarm. JK Police and the security force intercepted and arrested many of these men who came back with foreign terrorists by infiltrating through the dense forests on the Line of Control.

**MUFTI'S PROMISE:  
YOU GET ME VOTES,  
I'LL GIVE YOU SAFE  
PASSAGE TO  
PAKISTAN**

In the first stint of the Mufti Mohd Sayeed as chief minister, notorious terrorist commanders belonging to the globally proscribed terrorist organization Hizbul Mujahideen were allowed to go to Pakistan with a valid passport and travel documents authorized by the state. It was subsequently revealed by diverse sources that this was part of the deal of Mufti Mohd Sayeed with Jamaat e Islami and Hizbul Mujahideen to help him

win the elections in the state.

Mufti Mohd Sayeed's second term as chief minister started in March 2015. His stint ended with his passing away in January 2016. Thereafter, Mufti's daughter Mehbooba Mufti, president of the People's Democratic Party, took over as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir in April 2016. Her stint ended in June 2018.

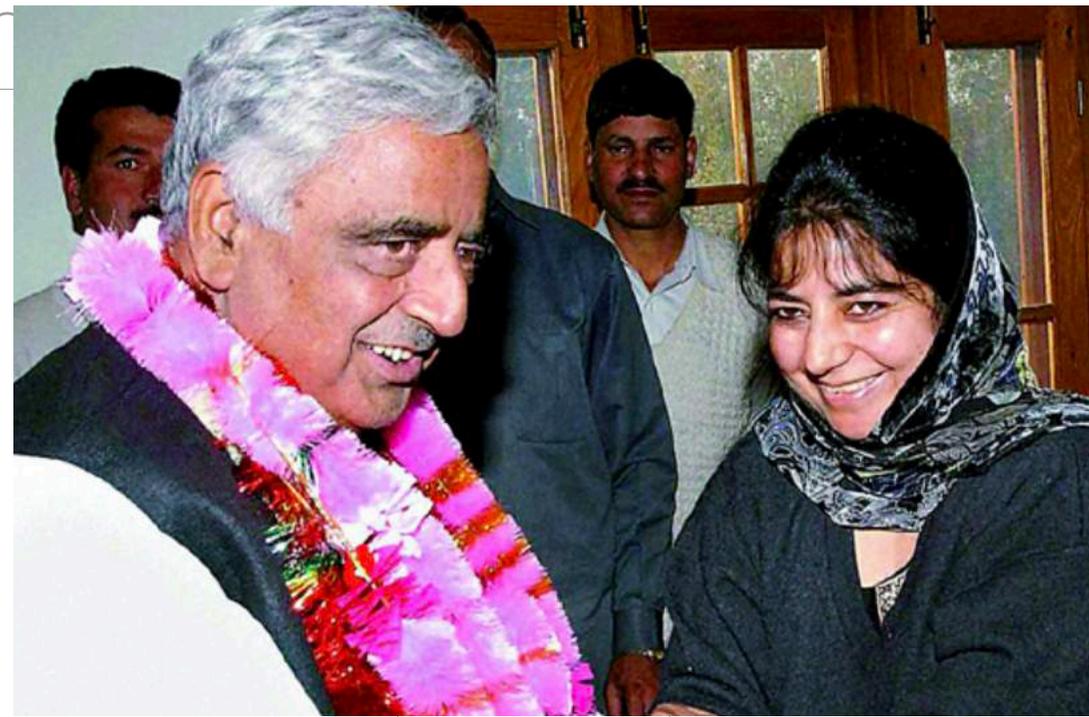
During Mufti's second stint and then with his daughter, the gates were opened for relatives of those terrorist commanders who had moved to Pakistan earlier. These terrorists of Kashmiri origin were now manning jihadi camps in Pakistan and operating the terror networks in Kashmir. Their relatives were allowed by the state to visit the mafia dons in Pakistan. This was part of the state's drive fancily named The Healing Touch.

**THE MOVEMENT OF  
TERRORIST  
RELATIVES MUST  
COME UNDER THE  
SCANNER**

Over the last decade, particularly during the rule of Mufti Mohd Sayeed and Mehbooba Mufti, almost every relative of terrorists of Kashmir origin staying in Pakistan visited them more than once. Some of their relatives have even visited them every year.

On the face of it, the movement of Kashmiris to Pakistan to visit their relatives, or the movement of Pakistanis visiting Kashmir for a similar purpose sounds heartwarming. Many analysts have seen these movements as indicative of deep social bonds between India and Pakistan, which may help bring India and Pakistan close.

One does not deny that a sizable percentage of Kashmiris went to Pakistan for bonafide purposes



**Mufti Sayeed and Mehbooba Mufti**

during the years that such movement was allowed. Similarly, their relatives visited Kashmir. But there is also an ugly, malevolent side to this movement.

With this cross-border movement, Pakistan got one more channel to incentivize terrorism in Kashmir. This was done by pumping in cash and kind in Kashmir to the relatives of Kashmiri terrorists living in Pakistan.

Take the case of Parveena, the sister of Amir Khan, the second in command in Hizbul Mujahideen. Parveena visited her brother in 2017-18. She came back with heavy gold jewellery and cash. These multiple visits served the purpose of legal sources of terrorist funding in Kashmir.

Similarly Zulaikha, the sister of the Qureshi brothers, made huge assets in Kashmir. Farooq Qureshi and his brothers, who hail from Kupwara, are among Pakistan's most strategic terror assets to maximise terrorism in Kashmir. They are among the most vital link for the Pakistan army for its proxy

war in Kashmir. Zulaikha was part of Pakistan's terror network in Kashmir. She was killed during a movement with terrorists.

**ISI GUESTS  
IN KASHMIR**

In 2013, Farooq Qureshi sent a man named Javeed Ahmad Khan to Kachhama in Kupwara district on visa. Javeed stayed with Farooq's relatives, and was in Kashmir for three months. Javeed was a soldier in Pakistan Army and was deployed in ISI to visit Kashmir. Javeed's father Gulam Mohuddin Khan is an associate of Farooq Qureshi, and lives in Pakistan. He is of Kashmiri origin and hails from Kachhama, the same village as the Qureshi brothers. In 1990, Gulam Mohuddin went to Pakistan with his wife, who hails from Marhama Zurhama village in Kupwara district. The couple did not come back. Gulam Mohuddin Khan works as Farooq Qureshi's lieutenant. Javeed Ahmad Khan, the ISI operative, stayed at the residence of Master Bashir Khan at Kachhama. Master Bashir Khan is Javeed's uncle.

**Advantage Pakistan:  
The Deal Between  
Mufti Sayeed and  
Hizbul Mujahideen**

**B**y the late 90s, ISI wanted some Kashmiri terrorist commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen to move to the jihadi training camps in Pakistan in order to train the youth from Kashmir moving there in herds. It was felt that the presence of senior Kashmiris at the jihadi incubation centres would be reassuring for the raw, immature Kashmiri youth reaching there. Kashmiri terrorist commanders were given huge money, well-provided houses and perks to live in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. Their marriages with local girls were solemnized to provide them a stable life in Pakistan.

Here is a specific incident from Kashmir Archives. Ahead of the 2002 Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Mufti Sayeed sought the support of Ghulam Nabi Khan, a dreaded terrorist of Hizbul Mujahideen. Ghulam Nabi Khan was commonly known as Amir Khan. Mufti sought the support of Amir Khan through the latter's father-in-law, who was a staunch Congress supporter and had switched to PDP after its formation.

Amir Khan wanted to relocate to Pakistan. Mufti promised him safe passage in return for electoral consolidation. South Kashmir was under the deep influence of Jamaat e Islami (Jel). This gave power to Jel and to Hizbul Mujahideen to sway the elections in these districts of south Kashmir.

Cross-border terror movement was thwarted by the Indian security agencies as part of state policy. In this scenario, Mufti promised safe passage to terrorist commanders to relocate to Pakistan if they ensured PDP victory in the elections. For the Jamaat e Islami and its military arm the Hizbul Mujahideen, having a pliable team in the seat of power was a lucrative proposition. The deal was struck.

As per plan, Mufti provided safe passage to Amir Khan to Pakistan. Jel and Hizbul Mujahideen ensured that south Kashmir voted for PDP. After his political career of a few decades with the Congress, Mufti Mohd Sayeed came to power in Jammu and Kashmir.

The movement of the dreaded terrorist Amir Khan and his influence upon young Kashmiris moving to jihadi camps greatly benefitted Pakistan. Amir Khan is now second in the organisational hierarchy of Hizbul Mujahideen, after Yousuf Shah alias Syed Salah Ud Din.

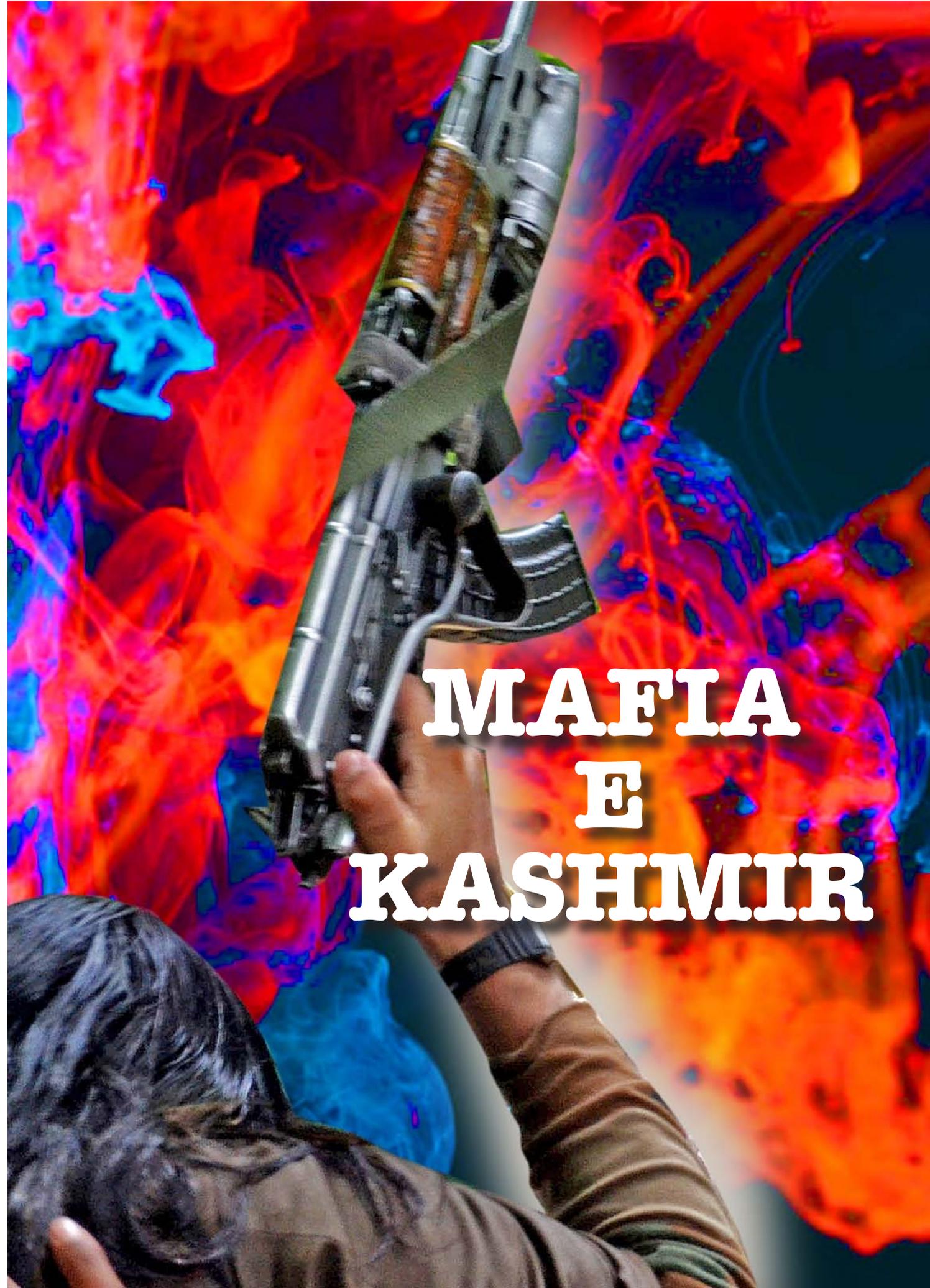
After the movement of Amir Khan to Pakistan, many other terrorist commanders were facilitated similar travel, courtesy Mehbooba Mufti. These dreaded terrorists include Amin Baba alias Abid Baba, Javed Seepni, Rashid Gadhanjipora and others. All of them are wanted in many cases of extortion and killings.

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# The Deceit of Syed Ali Geelani



**Cut Deal With Pakistan To Start Agitation,  
Cut Bigger Deal With State To End It**

by Mir Qayoom

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elcome to the tales of one more edition of Mafia e Kashmir. No prizes for guessing the mafia don of Kashmir. Syed Ali Geelani.

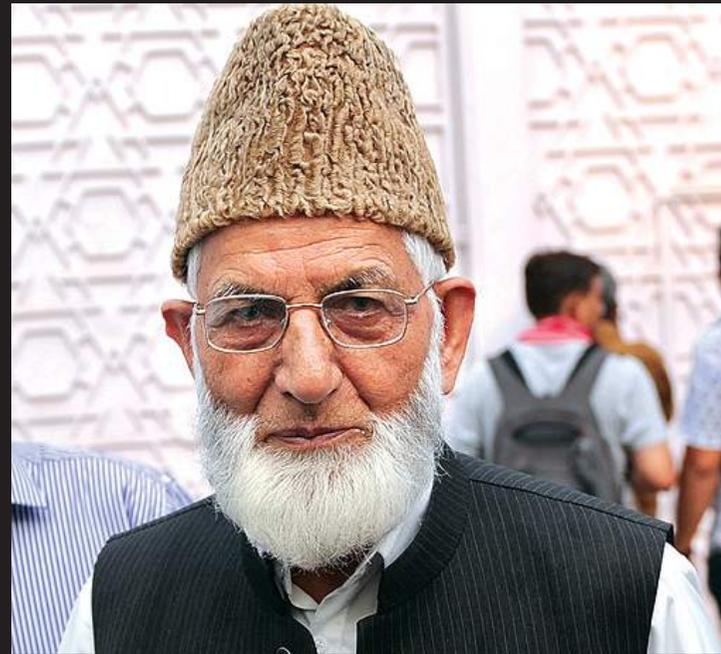
Mafia enjoys power without responsibility. Geelani and his cohorts were enjoying it. Globally, has the mafia ever cared for what happens to the people, the society, the economy? No. Ditto for Geelani. He and his society never cared about what happened to Kashmir, its people. How terrorism impacted their lives, their children, their happiness. The mafia only cares about itself, its own riches and its own empires.

This is all that Geelani and gang ever cared about. They cared about their own riches and their own empires. The mafia draws its power from the gun. So did Geelani and gang. He

enjoyed the unbridled power of the gun for two decades. When Geelani's mafiadom over Kashmir started, the right-minded Kashmiris were aghast at these ugly shifts in the society. The gun killed all who spoke up. Hizbul Mujahideen wasn't the militant wing of Jamaat e Islami for nothing. Hizbul, the creation of Pakistan in Kashmir, served its purpose well. After eminent thinkers of Kashmir were assassinated by Hizbul

Mujahideen, the larger majority fell silent before Geelani's reign of terror.

The so-called spontaneous and wide-spread agitations in Kashmir did not start and end on their own. On the face of it, the agitations were spearheaded by Geelani. In reality, it was Pakistan which was pulling the strings. The agitations began with a defined purpose, and they ended with an equally defined purpose.



Syed Ali Geelani. PHOTO COURTESY: OUTLOOK.COM

## MERCENARY, PAID TERRORISM

Kashmir terrorism has always been mercenary. It has always been a paid terrorism perpetrated, funded and sponsored by hostile powers. Making Kashmir a conflict zone was Pakistan's master strategy. Jamaat e Islami and Tehreek e Hurriyat drove the conflict in Kashmir. The politics of the region became subservient to external forces.

The funds fuelling the conflict came from across the border. The money dictated Geelani and gang. They became the representatives of the Pakistan deep state in Kashmir. Their statements were dictated by Pakistan.

The Kashmir mafia steadily fattened on the funds channeled from Pakistan. Geelani received huge money from Pakistan for

starting the agitations in Kashmir. He received huge money and favours from the ruling party in the state for ending it. This sick pattern was repeated over and over again.

For two decades, Geelani was running a parallel government in the state. Every time Pakistan gave him a fat deal, he started his hartal calendar. Every time the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir gave him a fatter deal for ending the hartal calendar, he ended it. Through all these years, the old man never gave up his devious ways.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND GEELANI'S MAFIA

The 2010 unrest in Kashmir was a series of violent protests and riots in Kashmir valley. It lasted for three months. Omar

Abdullah was the chief minister. It is the tragedy of Kashmir that our state governments have been so spineless that they could not control the mayhem in the streets, and allowed complete mafia domination.

When the situation did not return to normal, Omar's close aide Davinder Singh Rana finally approached Geelani. This was the usual pattern in Kashmir. Whenever violence in the streets would spiral out of control, Geelani would hook up with the state government to end the agitation provided he was promised enough personal benefits.

On August 5, 2010, Geelani entered into a secret deal with the J&K government to end the agitation if personal favours were showered on him and his family. Geelani was in custody when Rana went to meet him secretly. Right after the meeting, Geelani changed his stance. Why did Geelani make a U-turn in his position after the meeting? The deals struck by the mafia are seldom known.

By this time, the agitation had consumed more than 100 young lives. About 540 Kashmiris had sustained injuries. Among security forces, 1,274 CRPF personnel and 2,747 personnel of JK Police had been injured. Public and private property worth crores of rupees had been damaged. The labour class was starving for bread for their families. Education of children had been badly impacted.

## NC BOX OF GOODIES, GEELANI GOES FROM HAWK TO DOVE

After the meeting with Devinder Rana, Geelani's drama started to play out. In no time,



Devinder Singh Rana  
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he became Dovish Geelani from Hawkish Geelani. After two months of provoking and constantly instigating the youngsters to be violent against the state, Geelani suddenly started singing a different tune. "People must desist from violence despite provocation from security forces. Those who burn railway stations, those who burn police stations; this is a reaction against the oppression of India, against India's merciless measures. But it is against our basic principles and it harms our basic cause. We should ensure that our reaction should not harm our basic cause. This siege (around the government buildings), it is true that it is a reaction against the massacre of people by India here. But it has nothing to do with our movement. It only harms us. In all circumstances, we (people) should be seen as oppressed and not oppressors so that we achieve the moral high ground while we continue our struggle."

Why did Geelani realize this noble truth after his meeting with Davinder Rana? What did Davinder Rana say to Geelani that it led to a U-turn in his ideology? What was the deal offered? This was the same Geelani who for two months had called for continuous strikes, protests, rallies, and urged the youth to take up stones against the security forces.

### GEELANI'S OLD PATTERN OF EXPLOITATION

Geelani has been exploiting the emotions of Kashmiris since the 1990s to suit his agenda. He kept Kashmir's pot boiling for two decades because the Kashmiris took too long to learn



NC vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah

**KASHMIR TERRORISM HAS ALWAYS BEEN MERCENARY. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PAID TERRORISM PERPETRATED, FUNDED AND SPONSORED BY HOSTILE POWERS. MAKING KASHMIR A CONFLICT ZONE WAS PAKISTAN'S MASTER STRATEGY. JAMAAT E ISLAMI AND TEHREEK E HURRIYAT DROVE THE CONFLICT IN KASHMIR. THE POLITICS OF THE REGION BECAME SUBSERVIENT TO EXTERNAL FORCES**

the lesson. He issued the hartal calendar on a weekly basis. Kashmiris complied meekly even though their economy nose-dived, and even though their children suffered. Geelani made the Kashmiris believe that in death lies our life. We

believed him.

When KZINE contacted Davinder Rana regarding the 2010 deal, he declined to comment on the contours of his meeting with Geelani. He even refused to accept that he had met Geelani in 2010.

### PDP AND GEELANI

During the uprising of 2010 in Kashmir, Mehbooba Mufti had put in strenuous efforts to ensure that the protest graph remained high daily. Her game was to dislodge Omar Abdullah as chief minister. On September 26, 2010, Geelani made a secret late-night visit to Mufti Sayeed's residence on Gupkar Road. The purpose was a secret deal with the Muftis. Geelani played on the blood of the Kashmiris. The more the blood of the Kashmiris spilt on the streets, the stronger were the cards in Geelani's hands.

Political moves cut both ways. In 2016 when Mehbooba was chief minister, Geelani orchestrated another agitation in Kashmir. This time, the opposition parties played the same game that Mehbooba had played in 2010. Geelani made sure the agitation continued daily. The opposition put in its efforts to show Mehbooba in a poor light every day. Mehbooba had to make a deal with Geelani to end the agitation. According to the NIA chargesheet, Rs 5.60 crore was handed over to Geelani's son-in-law Altaf Fantoosh Shah as part of the deal.



Kashmir's Closed Markets, Slumped Economy Courtesy Geelani And Cohorts

# REHMAN VEERI KO DARR KYON LAGTA HAI?

Veeri did not feel any fear in awarding lucrative government contracts to persons with deep terror links. He did not feel any fear in embezzling government funds to the tune of crores. He did not feel any fear in maintaining close links with terrorists. Veeri refused to meet the KZINE team or answer their questions.

**WHAT IS HE AFRAID OF?**

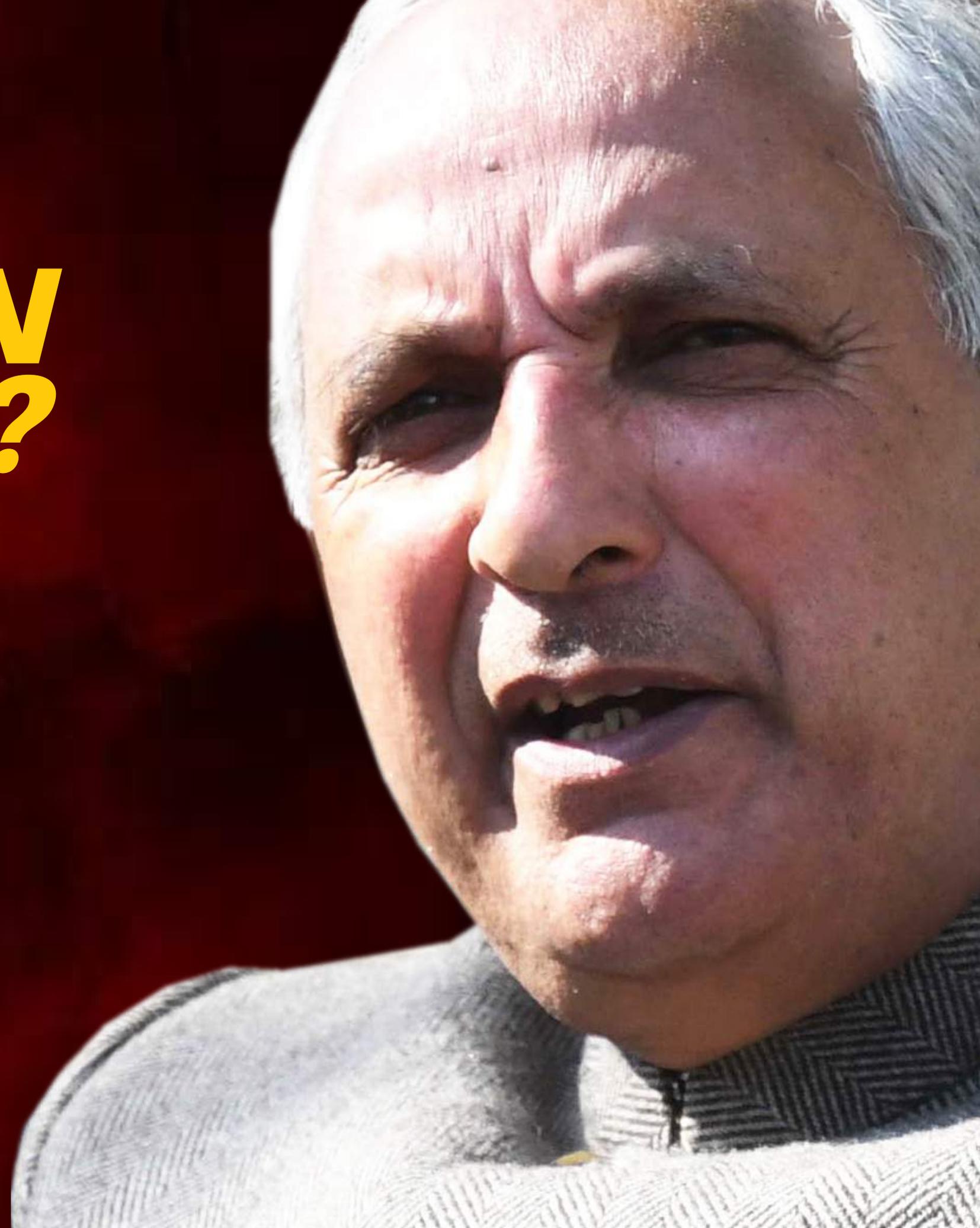
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meet Abdul Rehman Veeri. A silent scoundrel. Four times MLA, former minister, senior vice President of People's Democratic Party. A low key politician not given to socializing. Horrendously corrupt.

Abdul Rehman Veeri hails from Veeri village in Bijbehara tehsil. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in the by-elections for the Bijbehara assembly segment. The seat fell vacant after the then Congress legislature party leader and Bijbehara MLA Mehbooba Mufti resigned from the house to float PDP. The little-known Veeri had a fertilizer shop opposite the Bijbehara police station on the national highway.

Veeri fought his first election on a PDP ticket. His relationship with the Muftis was always tumultuous – Now Happy, Now Hate. And after he won the election, Veeri never looked back.



## Terror Mafia Labeled As Kashmir's Resistance Movement

**N**obody in Kashmir has asked tough questions earlier, or demanded straight answers. In the name of conflict, the rogues have gotten away with everything for too long. Welcome to KZINE, Kashmir's new journalism. It is time to stop allowing the greys to define Kashmir's polity. It is time to cut the umbilical cord of the terror ecosystem. It is time to stop allowing the political elites and the swindlers in the other sectors to straddle both worlds - the mainstream and the terror mafia.

For 30 years, the deceit of Kashmir's political elites was deliberately camouflaged by the huge act labeled as Kashmir's resistance movement. Because of the so-called resistance, nobody has been accountable. Politicians have had tacit understanding with the mafia dons labeled as terrorists. Contract killings, extortions, ransoms - all have followed. Hawala channels have flourished till

the state finally decided to act tough and turn off these taps.

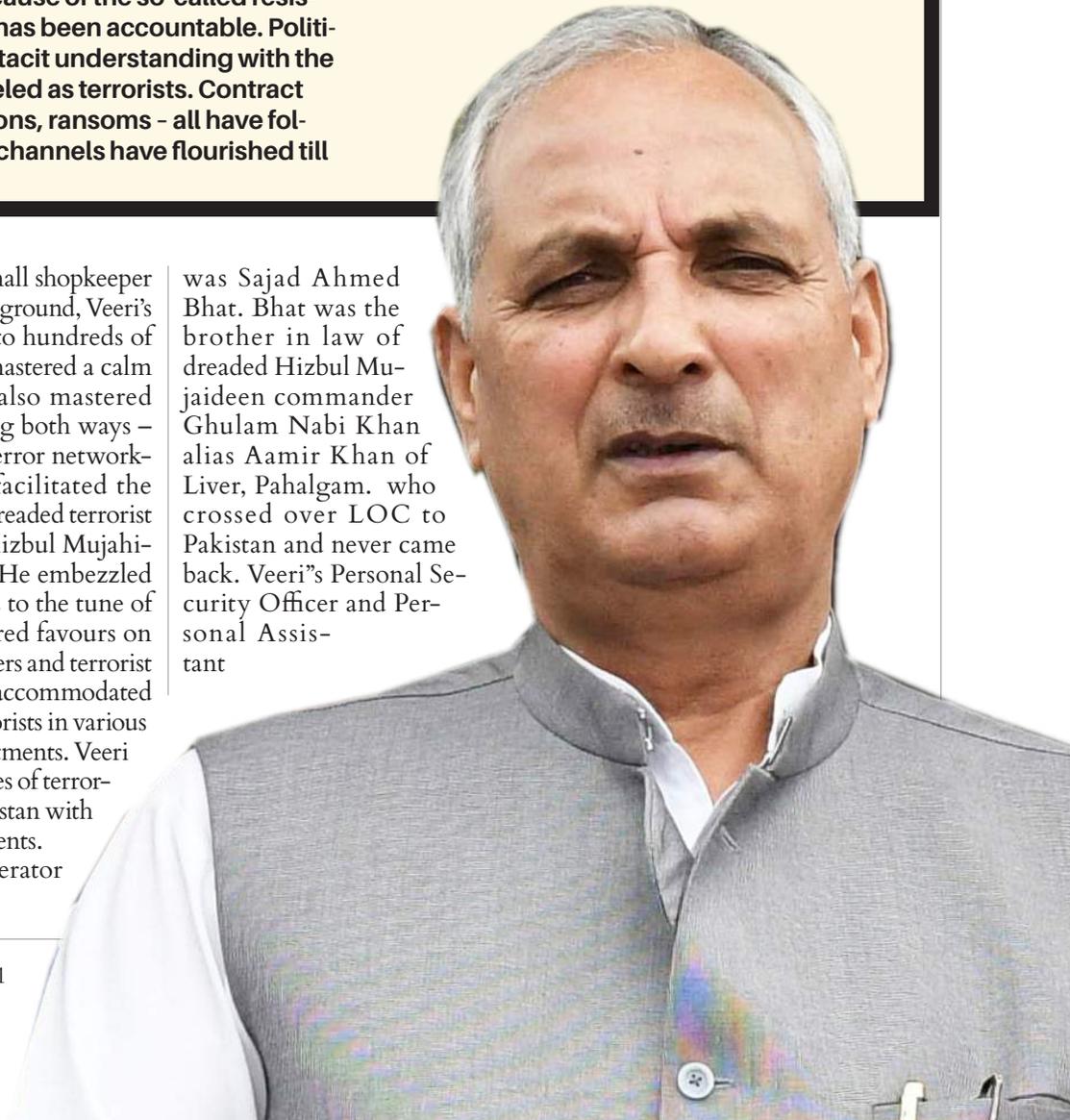
Rehman Veeri ko darr kyon lagta hai? Why is Rehman Veeri scared of meeting the KZINE team? It is because the lies, the subterfuge have gone on for too long. Behind the mask of Mr Nice, Veeri has waltzed with the terror mafia as he pleased.

For Veeri, this is Politics As Usual. For the aam janta of Kashmir, politicians cavorting with terrorists means deep hold of the terror mafia. It means that the aam janta has no relief from the tag of living in a so-called conflict region. It means higher instability, more unrest, greater risk for self and family.

From being a small shopkeeper with a humble background, Veeri's assets now run into hundreds of crores. Veeri has mastered a calm exterior. He has also mastered the art of swinging both ways - mainstream and terror networking alike. Veeri facilitated the movement of the dreaded terrorist commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen to Pakistan. He embezzled government funds to the tune of crores. He showered favours on over-ground workers and terrorist sympathizers. He accommodated the relatives of terrorists in various government departments. Veeri also enabled relatives of terrorists to travel to Pakistan with valid travel documents.

Veeri's radio operator

was Sajad Ahmed Bhat. Bhat was the brother in law of dreaded Hizbul Mujahideen commander Ghulam Nabi Khan alias Aamir Khan of Liver, Pahalgam, who crossed over LOC to Pakistan and never came back. Veeri's Personal Security Officer and Personal Assistant



were also close relatives of militants. Veeri played an instrumental role in issuing travel visas to people whose close relatives had become militants, had crossed the LOC to go to Pakistan illegally and stayed there.

Mohd Ayoob Bandh, an established contractor from South Kashmir, is Veeri's close friend and partner. Bandh is a familiar figure in South Kashmir. It was from his house that the first radio station of militants known as Alpha 2 was recovered. Despite being aware of Bandh's antecedents, Veeri gave him government contracts on a platter. As Minister for Roads and Buildings, Veeri



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handed over many lucrative contracts to Bandh. Bandh too had joined People's Democratic Party. This is indicative of the cozy arrangement that Kashmir's political elites had with those enmeshed in the terror ecosystem.

Thanks to embezzlement in the lucrative contracts and other underhand means, Veeri rose from a fertilizer shop owner to a multi-billionaire. Veeri's huge property is registered in the name of his two sons, daughter, daugh-

ter in law, relatives and even in the name of his Personal Security Officers.

Veeri's property at Gogu Colony, Srinagar, has been made on encroached government land. The entries in revenue records were made forcibly under survey number 519/317. Veeri has constructed an imposing two-storied house here. The land measures 2.5 kanals approximately. Its approximate cost is about Rs 30 crore. In government record, the cost of the

### House of Abdul Rehman Veeri

property is stated as Rs 30 lakh.

Veeri has a 3 BHK flat at Channi Himmat in Jammu, registered in the name of his wife. This is a prime property in a Jammu. Additionally Veeri has non agricultural land at Gadiseer Bijbehara registered on his name. Veeri purchased agricultural land at Krangsoo Anantnag, registered in his wife's name under survey number 928, 819 and 131. Its net worth is approximately Rs 15 crore. Apart from these disclosed properties, Veeri has a commercial hut-cum-hotel at Ganeshpora, Pahalgam. He possesses many more properties which have been registered in the names of his relatives.

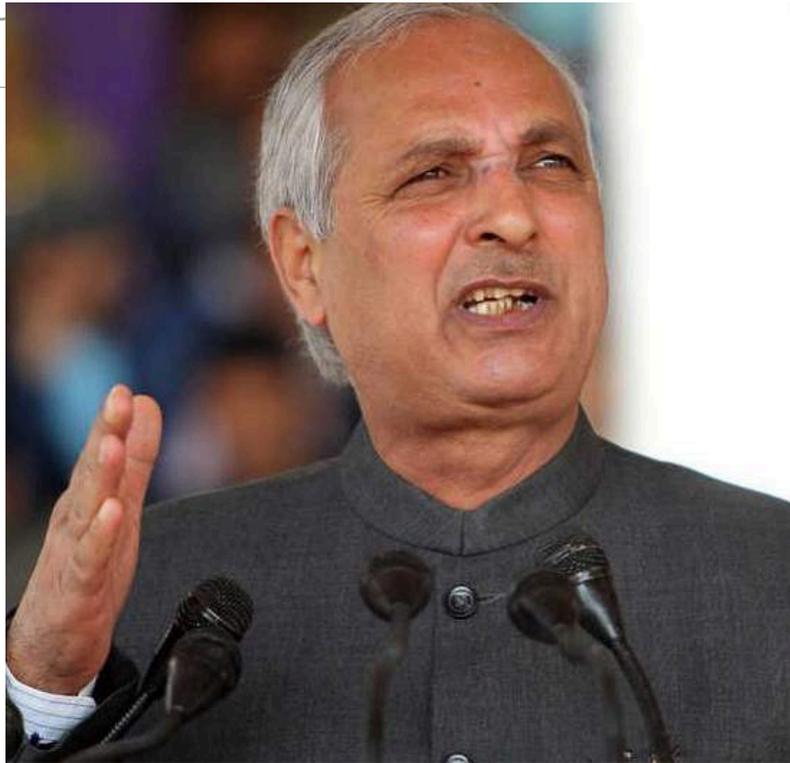
### OUR QUESTIONS FOR REHMAN VEERI

The KZINE team visited Veeri's government residence at Tulsi Bagh in Srinagar thrice. But Veeri refused to interact with the team. The questionnaire was

## Veeri Refused To Interact

**W**e first called Rehman Veeri. When he heard the first question about Ayoob Bandh, he said, "I don't know him." Then he disconnected the call. Thereafter, Veeri did not receive our calls or disconnected them immediately. We sent him the questions on Whatsapp. He saw them but he did not respond. When we went to meet him for the first time, his security personnel told us, "Sir is inside. Please wait. I shall seek his permission to allow you inside." Thereafter another person came out. After we told him the purpose of the visit, he said, "Sir is not at home." On our second visit, we were told that Veeri is very ill and will not meet us. We asked if we could meet any of his family members. The guard responded that they are not here. They have shifted to some other place. The guard did not share the address with us. This was a lie, because we spotted some family members at home. TEAM KZINE

sent to Veeri on Whatsapp. He saw the questions but refused to answer them. Here are the questions that were put forth to Veeri.



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- 1** For how long have you known Mohd Ayub Bandh, the contractor?
- 2** Mr Bandh is related to your party and you have personal relations with him too. Are you aware that the first radio station of the militants, Alpha 2 was recovered from his home? Bandh has been a strong link in Kashmir's terror network. Despite knowing this, how did you maintain your relations with him?
- 3** Despite knowing Bandh's antecedents, why did you award him with lucrative government contracts when you were R&B Minister?
- 4** What do you have to say about your role in providing passport and travel approval for relatives of the militant commanders from south Kashmir now living in jihadi camps in Pakistan?
- 5** We want to know about your role in the exfiltration of Hizbul Mujaideen commanders Rasheed Gaadi Hanzpuri, Abid Baba and Javid Seepani.

# Nau Sau Choohe Kha Ke Billi Haj Ko Chali



Now that she doesn't have a position of power, Nayeema Mehjoor is spitting venom against the state on social media

**S**ocial media is a potent platform globally. In Kashmir, it is being flagrantly used to spread disinformation among the youth in order to instigate them for violence against the state. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and now Clubhouse, the social audio app – all these are flooded with content to fuel unrest in the Valley.

A large number of rooms have been created on Clubhouse whose sole purpose seems to be to breed hatred against the Indian state. KZINE had earlier highlighted the devious role of rogues in the Kashmiri diaspora to provoke young Kashmiris and lead them to violence.

In Clubhouse, these self-exiled members of the Kashmiri diaspora have found a new platform to provoke the young. Rogues like Rifat Wani, Mukhtar A Baba and others remain active on Clubhouse and peddle lies. These fraudsters are constantly trying to convince Kashmiris that they are being harassed and tortured. These lies are being spun online in such huge numbers that some young Kashmiris tend to willy-nilly believe them. It is ironical that the Kashmiri youngsters do not analyze and process life around them themselves. They tend to believe in those living thousands of kilometres away about the happenings in Kashmir.



## NAYEEMAMEHJOOR

Nayeema is the former chairperson of the Women's Commission in Jammu and Kashmir. She worked for 22 years in BBC Urdu Service and with All India Radio, Srinagar. Nayeema has authored two books that are filled with hatred and anti-India propaganda.

Nayeema is a very active user on Clubhouse. She is always spinning lies of oppression in Kashmir. Nayeema keeps harping only on those issues which she can milk for her negative talk.

If Nayeema cares about what she calls Kashmir's freedom so much, why hasn't she kept her own children in Kashmir and raised them as freedom fighters? She is dishing out crap to impressionable young children about how much the Indian state is to be hated, and how to express their hate for the state. Why is this advice restricted to the children of middle-class Kashmiris? Why isn't it applied to her own elitist family?

Following Nayeema's hate-filled talk, a Clubhouse user questioned her, "Why are you trying to rewind to the early 90s? The youngsters you are talking to are all born after the 90s." Nayeema replied, "I am just making you aware of how Kashmir was treated in the early 90s. You may be unaware of that. I am not telling you to pick up arms against security forces. But we should not forget the past and we should contribute to the resistance movement of Kashmir. We can contribute to it in different ways like writing articles, journalism and raising our voice on social media." The young users in the chatroom were quiet, listening to her keenly.

## WHY ISN'T NAYEEMA PITCHING HER OWN CHILDREN FOR THE SO-CALLED RESISTANCE MOVEMENT?

It is ironical that Nayeema should say these words and provoke young minds. She enjoyed an elitist life while she was Chairperson of the J&K State Women's Commission during the BJP-PDP coalition government. At that time, she was thrilled to enjoying power and all its perks. Once she is out of power, she has positioned herself as the spokeswoman of the resistance movement and is spitting venom.

Nayeema's husband Abdal Ahmad Mehjoor is a retired program executive of All India Radio, Srinagar. He drew handsome salary and perks while



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working for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GOI.

Now that she is not in an official position, Nayeema is leaving no stone unturned to instigate and provoke the Kashmiri youngsters through malicious writeups, Facebook posts and by authoring books with venomous content.

In June 2011, Nayeema was booked by the J-K police for "inciting violence and spreading disinformation" on Facebook. A man was killed in Srinagar's Lal Chowk by three armed men suspected to be terrorists. Nayeema posted on Facebook that the man had been killed by the police.

Nayeema tries to dominate the chatrooms at Clubhouse with her radical ideology. Whenever she enters in any room on Clubhouse, she introduces herself

in a way that a common Kashmiri will believe that she has lost everything in terror. What really she has lost is her conscience, because she has kept her own children insulated from the muck that she is trying to create here. Why is she using the children of poor and middle-class Kashmiris to wage a war on India? Why do elite Kashmiris always choose the children of poor, underprivileged Kashmiris to suffer and die for the so-called resistance?

Clubhouse is not yet monitored in Kashmir, so it is being used by rogues to spread malicious content against India. There is rampant misuse of this social media platform. Pseudo accounts are being used by the hundreds to spread false information about day-to-day happenings in Kashmir. Clubhouse is also being used widely for cyber bullying.

# Drug Crisis in Kashmir Is Driven By Pakistan

## Narco Terrorism Hits Kashmir

by Adv Waseem GUL

**K**ashmir is facing a severe crisis of drug addiction, especially among the youth. Terror apologists and terror sympathizers claim that Kashmiri youth are getting trapped by drug addiction because of the socio-psychological impact of prolonged conflict, unemployment, family or social issues. Let's get real about it.

Narco terrorism another face of Pakistan's terror plot in Kashmir. This is a much bigger, much more sinister design to damage the already stressed social and moral fabric of the Valley by pushing Kashmiri youths towards deadly drug menace.

Pakistan has continuously upgraded and calibrated its proxy war tactics in Kashmir. It has constantly challenged India's internal security. We Indians can no longer afford to let Pakistan

gain the upper hand. We have to foil our neighbour's evil designs. Effective and offensive steps must be taken by the Indian state to strike this problem at its roots and break the narcotics supply chain.

The time is ripe for us Kashmiris to wake up from our deep slumber. It is imperative for us to understand the sinister plans of Pakistan and ISI to destroy our youth. We have to act in a manner so that we are able to give a befitting reply to Pakistan and its terror arms.

### PAKISTAN'S DESPERATION TO BLEED KASHMIR

Post abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, Pakistan has become irrelevant in Kashmir. Its old terror tactics have either failed or backfired. The state is taking all measures to put an end to terror funding. With

these moves, Pakistan is struggling to maintain its relevance in Kashmir.

Pakistan is unleashing a deluge of social media disinformation in Kashmir in order to grab the mindscape of the Kashmir youth. The fact is that more and more Kashmiri youngsters are becoming aware of Pakistan's duplicity. They are becoming aware that Pakistan's only motive is to bleed Kashmir and Kashmiris. For our neighbouring state, our lives, our peace and happiness matter nothing.

In a region when terrorists hold lives to ransom daily, political understanding dawns early.

Through my college years, I started observing why terrorists were flourishing in Kashmir. The Inter-Services Intelligence of Pakistan

has always provided training, supplied arms and supported the terrorists. In 2015, former President of Pakistan Parvaiz Musharraf admitted that Pakistan had supported and trained terrorist groups in the 1990s.

In the present scenario, terrorists have lost much ground. Their role has shrunk. In order to remain relevant in Kashmir, Pakistan is trying hard to reach out to these terrorist organizations through different channels. Kashmir is also the victim of narco terror unleashed by Pakistan.

Pakistan is pumping narcotics and drugs into Kashmir in order to support its terror arms. Narco-terrorism is a challenge faced by the state in order to restore normalcy and peace in Kashmir.

### PAKISTAN'S HYBRID WAR STRATEGY

Narco-terrorism is part of Pakistan's hybrid war strategy in Kashmir. Pakistan is sponsoring its terrorist allies in Kashmir by supplying drugs to the valley for sale among the local youths. This proves that Pakistan is no well wisher of Kashmiri people. It is using us as cannon fodder just to feed its nefarious designs in the valley and keep India engaged in a proxy war.

On June 10, 2020, J&K Police busted a module in Handwara in North Kashmir. This group was supplying drugs to many states of country. Five Lashkar e Toiba terrorists were arrested. About 21 kg of heroin valued at Rs 200 crore approximately and 1.34 crore Indian currency was recovered from their possession. This case was later handed over to National Investigation Agency.

On June 27, 2020, J&K police busted another narco-terror group in North Kashmir on June 27, 2020 and recovered huge quantities of drugs, arms and ammunition from them. Two of their

operatives were arrested. According to J&K Police, information had been received regarding terrorists carrying drugs, arms and ammunitions. Accordingly, a naka was laid in Kupwara and a suspected vehicle was stopped. During the search of the vehicle, security forces recovered 13.5 kg of narcotics, two pistols and 4 grenades. The value of the drugs is stated to be Rs 65 crore approximately. The two operatives who were carrying these drugs and other ammunition revealed that the consignment was sent from Pakistan. The money from the sale of the narcotics was to be handed over to an active militant of Lashkar e Toiba.

On July 26, 2020 a joint team of J&K Police and the Army arrested three more terrorists from Kupwara district of North Kashmir. From their possession, 10 kg of

value of Rs 30 Crore approximately.

The drugs seized by police and security forces in Kashmir are supplied by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence for sale among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and neighboring Punjab. The amount realized from the sale is supplied to different terror groups in order to sponsor their terror activities.

### THE DRUG CRISIS

The drug menace in Kashmir is more severe now than yesteryears. This is evident from the seizure of a huge quantity of narcotics from terrorists and their over ground workers and sympathizers.

According to the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), there are about 70,000 substance abusers in Kashmir, out

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brown sugar, one AK 47 rifle, two pistols, 20 grenades and other ammunition were recovered.

On June 19, 2021, Baramulla Police busted a Narco-Terrorism Module by arresting 12 over-ground workers of terrorists. Police recovered 10 grenades, 4 pistols along with as many magazines and 20 rounds, 11 packets of heroin, cash worth Rs 21.5 lakh and a cheque amounting to Rs 1 lakh from their possession.

On June 25, 2021, security forces foiled an Infiltration bid in at the Line of Control in Tangdhar in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir and recovered one AK47 rifle, one pistol, two grenades and other ammunition besides six packets of Heroin having market

of which 31 percent are women.

According to addiction data published by the Government Psychiatric Hospital, Srinagar, around 90 percent drug abusers belong to the age group of 17-35. The curse of drugs upon Kashmir at the behest of Pakistan and its ISI is as big a challenge as terrorism.

Pakistan wants to destroy the future generations of Kashmir by making them drug addicts and supporting terrorist activities at the cost of the lives of Kashmiri youths. Pakistan often calls Kashmir as its jugular vein. But the reality is that Pakistan is hell bent upon destroying this jugular vein by making Kashmir's youth drug addicts for fulfilling its vicious designs and terrorist activities.



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Football lovers in Kashmir were in for a treat with J&K Football Association (JKFA) Professional League matches organized in Srinagar. The matches were held at Synthetic Turn TRC Srinagar. The tournament was organized by JKFA in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

The team of J&K Bank ranked first in the tournament. The second spot was bagged by Hyderya Sports Football Club. Downtown Hero's Football Club also participated in the tournament. A sizable number of spectators were present in the stadium and enjoyed every minute of play. This was the first edition of Professional League 2021 organized in the city.

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