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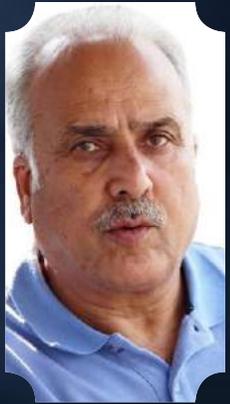
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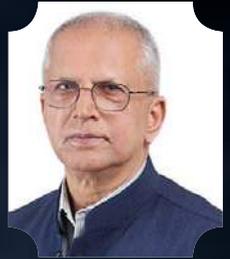
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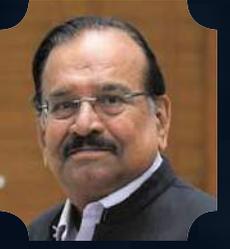
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The Truth Calls To Us



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.

Bashir Assad

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The **Enemy Has** **Intruded The** System On Our Watch

by Bisma NAZIR



Many startling truths are coming to light with regard to Kashmiri youth going to Pakistan on the Indian passport and with legal travel documents to join jihad. The impropriety of issuing travel documents to a section of youth influenced by extremist ideology has shocked the top echelons of the establishment.

Security agencies have got credible inputs that 13 terrorists are waiting at the Kail launching pad of Lashkar e Toiba. This is opposite the Machchil sector on the other side of LOC. Highly credible sources have revealed to KZINE that five among these 13 terrorists are Kashmiri men. Astoundingly, these men had gone to Paki-

stan through Wagah border on the Indian passport.

The Kashmiri men who are waiting at the Kail launching pad to infiltrate into India have been identified. KZINE has learned that the Lashkar e Toiba (LET) handlers in Pakistan are trying to push in the group of 13 terrorists. They shall not be carrying arms. The

ammunition for their use shall be dropped by drones.

The top echelons of the security forces in Kashmir are shocked to learn that at least 10 militants who crossed back after receiving jihadi training from Pakistan had used legal travel documents to go there. They crossed over to Pakistan through Wagah border on the Indian passport. Most of them had stated the reason that they were going to Pakistan for professional courses. Security forces have learnt that these men straight went the terrorist camps for receiving arms training.

Men Who Secured Passport And Visa To Train At Jihadi Camps in Pakistan, Infiltrated Back With Arms have been identified by security agencies. These are some of them:

1. Jameel Sheir Gujri, resident of Naaz Colony, Bandipora (Active)
2. Abid Rehman, resident of Talangam Pulwama (Active)
3. Umar Lone, resident of Wusan Pattan (Active)
- 4 Anayat- ullah-Sheikh, resident of Ramnagri Shopian. Active since 28/02/2018, eliminated on 27/03/2021
5. Sheikh Altaf Bhat, resident of Galan Bandipora. Eliminated on 011/08/2021
6. Kaiser Manzoor, resident of Galan Bandipora. (Eliminated)
7. Abid Rashid Dar, resident of Papchan Bandipora (Active)
8. Abid Qayoom, resident of Ander Gam Pattan (Active)
9. Haris Rafiq Parray, resident of Patushai (Active)
10. Gulzar Ganie, resident of Wusun Pattan (Active)



According to intelligence agencies, the number of indoctrinated youth who went to Pakistan from 2016 to 2020 on legal documents could be more than 60. Defense experts predict random use of low intensity explosive devices by Lashkar e Toiba in the coming days. This shall be addressed by KZINE in detail in a subsequent edition.

Security agencies confirmed to KZINE that the number of youth who have gone to Pakistan on valid travel documents is more than 55. In the previous edition of KZINE, we had stated that the number of such youth stood at 42. Security experts describe the trend as alarming.

Talking to KZINE, a senior police officer who did not want to be identified said that the crossing over of some youth to Pakistan for arms training on legal documents could not be seen as breach of security. He said that profiling of individual applicants by the Crime Investigation De-

partment (CID) should not be seen as a breach of security. The officer said that profiling by CID is done in case of suspects who are involved in subversive activities. "There is no profiling of a fresher who applies for passport. We usually seek report from field officers and accordingly compile adverse or favorable report and forward the same to the concerned authority," he said.

This argument is unconvincing. Even after the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, many known adversaries of the state were allowed to leave the country. This too could be deliberate. Why and how were these adversaries allowed to leave the country only to propagate anti-India narratives on foreign soil.

A senior police officer of Kashmir said that the passport con could be among the biggest scandals of the decade. He said that the matter should be seriously investigated in order to fix the responsibility for such a major fraud.

PAKISTAN HAS MADE KASHMIR A WAR ZONE



Did CID Become Negligent In Kashmir?

A section of top police officers admit that there were lapses on part of the officers of the Crime Investigation Department officers in verifying the credentials of the people seeking passports. “How can one claim that there were no lapses. The fundamental question is that of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. We know that Pakistan has strategic assets in Kashmir. These men and women stay engaged in indoctrin-

ating young minds. Simultaneously, they are engaged in a vicious campaign to mislead and misguide the youth, and put them on war path. Under such circumstances, the people at the helm of affairs, particular in CID have to tread very carefully,” said another senior police officer. “No doubt there has always been pressure from the political bosses, and we are under

compulsion to oblige them. But we cannot absolve ourselves from our responsibilities,” the officer said. He added that at the end of the day, it is the officer in charge who is accountable to the system. Politicians for petty political interests take the system for a ride. They appeal on behalf of anyone who approaches them. But it is the officer in charge who has to decide on the merits of a

PAKISTAN VISA FOR TRAINING IN JIHADI CAMPS

Bukthyar Ahmed Malla, son of Mujeeb-ul-Rehman. Malla, resident of Arigam went to Pakistan on a valid passport. He was provided the address of Khanapul, Rawalpindi. After reaching there, he was taken for jihadi training to some unknown place. He was trained in handling weapons like AK-47, pistol, grenades etc. Malla was detained at Wagah border on the basis of inputs received from the police. He was accompanied by other terrorists, but they were not known to him.

Mallah crossed over to Pakistan on an Indian passport, and also came back on the Indian passport. There have been many more such instances where the youth movement to jihadi camps was allowed to take place. These youth took the visa and travelled to train at Pakistan’s jihadi camps. These men then conveniently came back from Wagah, since they were carrying valuable documents.

AFTER PASSPORT, THE VISA: ELABORATE HOODWINK

The passport is not a travel document by itself. The misguided men who went to Pakistan for jihadi training got the visa through some pliable official at the centre. The question is - how was visa granted so easily for scores of men who went on to join jihadi camps in Pakistan. This is alarming. Responsibility is essential for me to play it safe.



particular case, said the senior cop. He recalled the times when the ruling class would force the police officers to do illegitimate and unlawful acts. “This does not mean that the politicians can do whatever they want to do. There is a system in place and where bound to adhere to the system. Secondly we have an enemy who has intruded into the system. In such a scenario we need to be extra vigilant in deciding a particular case,” the officer said.

During earlier discussions, some top police officers had stated that 80,000 passports were issued between 2016 and 2020. If this information is correct, it is indeed unprecedented. Said the top police officer, “One can presume that the lapses in the verification of the credentials of the applicants were deliberate. The matter warrants a thorough investigation. As an immediate measure, the government must profile all those who had been issued passports during last four years”, the officer said.

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THE CLASS OF JUDAS

by Bashir ASSAD

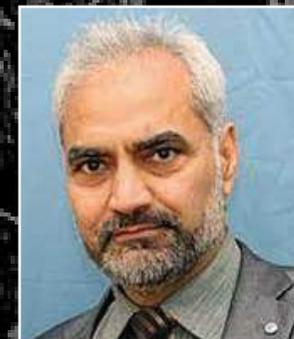
On August 7, the so-called Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir came out with a report titled Two Years Of Lockdown: Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir, August 2021. The report is a severely jaundiced, prejudiced document. It is dangerously severed from reality. In

page after page, the report is a total denial of terrorism in Kashmir. There is a constant attempt to isolate Kashmir from the terrorism context. It is amazing to observe that individuals who have held high positions of authority for the Indian state seem to exist in cuckoo world where Kashmir is concerned.

They live in some fake, make-believe space where the security forces are in Kashmir without reason. These individuals have created in their mind some alternate reality where men in uniform are stationed with no justification. They do not admit that the gun is stationed in Kashmir in response to the guns wielded and used by the terrorists. In the mindscape of the individuals associated with the report, the globally proscribed terror organizations do not exist in Kashmir.

One wants to ask the moonstruck members of Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir about Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Al-Badr, Harkat-ul-Ansar, Jaish-e-Mohammad, The Resistance Front and others. Are these football clubs gathered in Kashmir for some happy league? Are the men carrying guns and grenades, terrorizing the local population daily just a bunch of "our angry boys"? The narco-terrorism unleashed by Pakistan; the drugs, arms and terrorists being pumped into Kashmir – are these just fancy words on a government security dossier?

Alarming large sections of the report are deliberate erasure of truth. What has reduced men and women of intellect and reason to peddle deceit and distortion where Kashmir is concerned? In the box alongside, we pose some questions to this Judas gang on Kashmir.



QUESTIONS FOR THE JUDAS GANG ON KASHMIR

* You are aware that Kashmir isn't a normal region. Pakistan has made it a war zone in order to bleed India. Why do you amplify the voices of only those individuals who are Pakistan's strategic assets in India? There is concrete evidence against these individuals that they are members of Pakistan's terror eco-system in Kashmir. Why are they the only ones on your radar?

* You have made the human rights issue the central theme of your Mission Kashmir. All your efforts are built on the premise of safeguarding the human rights.

Why then do you all collectively suffer from selective amnesia? How come your current report or your previous reports do not highlight the extreme and daily human rights violations by the terrorists in Kashmir? The brutal killing of Kashmiris on mere suspicion of being police informers or being aligned with a political party, the sexual exploitation of women by terrorists, the enforced closure of all economic activity, all educational institutions for months together – why is this not listed in your dossier on human rights in Kashmir?

* Why are you all continually and deliberately blind to the elephant in the room? Why does your report erase the reality of terrorism in Kashmir? Why are you all collectively trying to bluff your way around the roots of global terrorism planted by Pakistan in Kashmir?

* On the mere hearsay of some lawyers and so-called civil society groups who are part of the terror ecosystem in Kashmir, you prepare bogus, distorted reports and circulate them internationally. What is your true aim? To search for the truth or seek 15 minutes of fame? Are you working at the behest of invisible, unknown forces seeking to constantly bleed us?



WHAT IS THE FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN J&K?

Read the description of The Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir as given in the group. The report says the Forum “comprises an informal group of concerned citizens who believe that, in the prevailing situation in the former state, an independent initiative is required so that continuing human rights violations do not go unnoticed. This is the third report issued by the Forum. It has largely been compiled from government sources, media accounts (carried in well-established and reputed newspapers or television), NGO fact-finding reports, interviews, and information garnered through legal petitions. The various sources listed above have been fact-checked against each other to ensure the information is as accurate as possible, and only that information has been carried that appears to be well-founded.”

GEMS FROM THE REPORT

On August 4, 2019, the union government arrested close to

6,000 Kashmiri politicians, dissidents, intellectuals, journalists and youth, snapped tele and internet communications across the state, imposed a blanket curfew, and stationed an additional 40,000 troops at the valley’s towns. The next day, the President of India removed the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Indian constitution, and on August 9, Indian parliament passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, dividing the state into two union territories, Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The combined military, police and communications lockdown continued for the next six months, only to be replaced by a pandemic-related lockdown that lifted only intermittently. In the meantime, the union government took a series of deeply controversial steps that invalidated the state’s residency laws and privileges, removed restrictions on land use and transfer, and denied legal rights to habeas corpus, bail and speedy trial. While there was some improvement in the second half of 2020, it was only marginal.

HERE ARE THE FACTS. CHECK!

The decision taken by the Indian Parliament was monumental and was fraught with law and order implications. After August 15, 2019, the government started reviewing the security situation and went ahead with a relaxation plan. By the end of August, curfew was lifted from many parts of Kashmir.

THE CLAMPDOWN BY THE TERRORISTS

From September 1, 2019, restrictions imposed by the government were completely lifted barring some sensitive places in old Srinagar city, Anantnag and Shopian. People were allowed to offer prayers in local mosques all across Kashmir, though mass gatherings were not allowed in the grand mosques.

Now started the clampdown by the terrorists. All across Kashmir, terrorists enforced a shutdown to achieve their strategic interests. People were threatened with dire consequences if they violated the diktat. Internet and mobile services were still suspended. So

the terrorists released posters to impose their writ.

Hizbul Mujahideen, Jaish e Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Al Badr and other terrorist groups pasted posters all over Kashmir, asking people to observe complete shutdown and stay indoors. They threatened to burn the private cars on the spot if seen on roads. Local truckers were asked not to venture out to ferry apples to the rest of India. Truckers from outside were asked to leave Kashmir immediately and never come back.

THE DAILY DANCE OF TERRORIST POSTERS IN KASHMIR

Day after day, intimidating and threatening posters were pasted across the length and breadth of Kashmir by terrorists. On September 5, 2019, the poster of Hizbul Mujahideen threatened Muslim policemen to surrender. The poster asked the shopkeepers and drivers to observe complete shutdown. On September 9, 2019, Lashkar e Taiba (LeT) came out with yet the poster threatening the people, shopkeepers, truckers and private transporters and petrol pump owners of dire con-

sequences if they ventured out on streets. The poster said that anyone caught on the roads would be burnt alive. Petrol pumps owners were threatened that those providing fuel to vehicles would be set on fire without giving any second chance. Terrorists threatened auto drivers with dire consequences for ferrying passengers.

Three petrol pumps were also threatened with strict punishment. Their offence – they had allegedly provided fuel to vehicles and motorcycles plying on roads.

In the opening paragraph, the poster stated that strict lockdown was the only weapon available with the people to force the Indian state to leave Kashmir.

On September 10, 2019 Hizbul Mujahideen came out with the poster threatening government employees, mainstream political activists and policemen to join the resistance movement forthwith or be ready to face the death.

On October 5, 2019, the threat poster was released by a militant organization named Afghan Taliban. They threatened people from all walks to observe complete shutdown and never indulge in normal activities. Afghan Taliban

dared the teachers and students to open the schools. The poster said that any teacher or student seen walking towards the school would be killed on the spot.

The poster warned government employees to stay away from offices. The poster: ‘Any policeman, employee or common man found guilty of not following the diktat will be killed on the spot’. Further, the poster threatened apple growers – men and women – not to visit their orchards, or they would be killed and the orchards bulldozed.

The poster said that banks and petrol pumps must observe the shutdown in letter and spirit. Shopkeepers would be killed and shops set ablaze if found violating the diktat. The poster urged the youth to sing patriotic and religious songs and shout slogans against India in every mosque.

From August 25 to January 2020, hundreds of copies of more than a hundred different posters were sighted pasted on shops, boundary walls of residences, mosques and diverse spaces across the length and breadth of Kashmir. All of them asked the Kashmiris observe complete shutdown.

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GOVERNMENT WANTED TO RESTORE NORMALCY IN KASHMIR, TERRORISTS ENFORCED LOCKDOWN

Whenever the government announced any measures to resume normalcy in Kashmir, terrorists would issue diktats threatening people against it. The media completely ignored this daily dance of posters. It steadfastly blamed the government for the lockdown in Kashmir. The logic was simple. If you kept blaming the government for the lockdown, terrorists would not kill you. If you decided to reveal the truth, you would meet the same end as thousands of Kashmiris who have been killed by terrorists for over three decades.

The international media faced no such threat. Nevertheless, for the international media, the siege and the clampdown was always a government imposition in Kashmir. All could conveniently be blamed at India's door.

Why must The Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir be indicted for completely ignoring the true picture in Kashmir? The Forum must be indicted for its complete denial of the fact that Pakistan has made Kashmir a war zone, where lies and subterfuge are potent weapons. By peddling lies in its report on human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir, the Forum has walked straight into the Pakistan trap.

The fact remains that the Forum comprises Indians who may be seen as conscientious and responsible. Why have they ex-

hibited total irresponsibility and abdication of rational thought in relation to Kashmir? What unseen, invisible forces are guiding them?

GOVT OPENED SCHOOLS, TERRORISTS HURLED GRENADES AT STUDENTS

In October, the administration announced the opening of educational institutions in a phased manner. The terrorists and their over-ground supporters threatened teachers, students and parents, asking them to stay away from schooling. Vendors selling fruits and vegetables were targeted at many places. In November when the annual examination for higher classes was finally conducted, terrorists hurled grenades at many examination centers to sabotage the exercise. In Pulwama, a grenade was lobbed at the examination center, injuring many students. In Srinagar, stone pelters appeared outside examination centers to ensure disruption.

Despite threats and attempts to physically harm students and teachers, around 90% students appeared in annual examinations for Class 10 and 12.

KASHMIRIS BRAVED TERRORISTS' DIKTAT

In the countryside, despite killing truckers and attempts at physically harming the people, fruit growers, vendors and labour went against the diktat massively. The government procured apples



from the orchards itself at impressive rates.

TERRORISTS KILLED KASHMIRIS AND OUTSIDERS

For violating the diktat imposed by the terrorists and trying to go on with normal life, terrorists killed Kashmiris and outsiders indiscriminately. Five Bengali workers engaged for farm operations with Kashmiri farmers were killed in Utrasoo village in Kulgam. Three truck drivers who had come to Kashmir to ferry the local produce were killed in Chitragam in Shopian district. A truck driver who was in Kashmir to facilitate movement of goods

was killed in Bijbehara in Anantnag district. Two policemen were killed in Shopian. A fruit merchant was killed in Sopore. His son and a minor girl were injured. There were daily threats. There was daily intimidation of fruit growers, transporters, teachers, students, government employees, bankers, policemen, vendors. This is the elephant in the room the so-called Forum For Human Rights does not want to acknowledge in order to advance their antagonistic narrative on Kashmir.

(The passages above carry excerpts from Kashmir: The War of Narratives, the third book by Bashir Assad, Editor in Chief of KZINE)

NEXT WEEK, KZINE SHALL BRING TO YOU SOME MORE GEMS CULLED FROM THE REPORT. KEEP READING

This house like many has a tale to tell

by Mareaya Fayaz

I live in Sopore. It is sometimes referred to as Chhota London or Apple Town. I assume it's called Chhota London because of its countryside look. It sounds so fancy when you say it like that. But the reality of it is very different when you go to the depths of it.

My birth took place at the peak of militancy. That's what my parents tell me. They often remind me that how lucky it is for us to be still alive. Of course I don't remember much of it as I was a just a little girl. The memories of that time have faded, though I am reminded of some episodes.

I remember when I was about five years old, my parents used to take me to Srinagar every Sunday because I had tonsillitis. While coming back home I used to salute every flag that I saw, since that is what we were taught in school. Well there is one more memory that is embedded in my mind. The memory is of a house that is located near downtown. An empty, deserted house.

I used to ask my parents about that house a lot. They would tell me the owners of that house left. Just that. No details, because I was a little girl. They thought that I would not understand the complexity of it at that time. They were right. For a long period of time the Army occupied the house. Then

they also vacated it.

The house had always been on my mind. Even now when I look at it, I feel some strange attraction to it. This house, like many other old houses in the valley, belonged to a Kashmiri Pandit family. They left Kashmir during the 1990s to save their lives.

I don't know who they were or what they did. But I am sure that to leave a house like that, you must have been really terrified. I have always seen the house from the outside. I never dared to go inside. It has typical Kashmiri architecture with its verandas and beautifully crafted light windows. We call them roshandans in Kashmiri language. I have always wanted to go inside that house. But I want to do it with someone who actually lived in that house. Someone who would tell me every detail about that house like "Yes, this was the kitchen. This was where we would sleep". All the details about what and how they did when they used to live there.

I feel drawn to that house every time I see it. The feeling is unexplained. The house is a time machine. It draws attention to how it's been standing there but also to how it's still there waiting. It is waiting for people to whom it belonged. I think the house is waiting for them to come back to it restore it and make it a home like it once was.

The house has got good bones – that can tell you. It has weathered tough times, and is just waiting to see good times like before. We all long for good times. We all want our lives to be less complicated. We all crave for peace. The same is true for people who live here. After having seen bloodshed and fighting for nearly 30 years, we all deserve a peaceful life. We are worthy of living lives to our fullest. No gunfight, no deaths, no deserted homes. Homes should remain homes. They should never become just structures of bricks and wood.



A Tonga Trots Past Abandoned Kashmiri Pandit House At Nandimarg
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RED LINES
In Kashmir?

by Sajeeda RASOOL

Watch The Wind Wane, Observe The Shift



Over the last few days, an innocuous circular did the rounds in the administrative circles of JK Bank. Circular Number 274 was addressed to all Sectional Heads of the bank. Subject: Regarding Voluntary Retirement of Mr Younis Ahmad Tak, Senior Executive, Code No. 009330, presently posted as S&C (Supervision and Control), Kashmir.

The circular read: Mr Younis Ahmad Tak has sought voluntary retirement from the services of the bank with effect from 1.11.2021. All Business Units/Offices of the Bank are therefore advised to intimate Terminal Benefits Department, Corporate Headquarters, Srinagar at tbdchq@jkbmail.com, the details of liabilities including contingent liabilities and suspense entries, if any, outstanding against Mr Younis Ahmad Tak. The information must be furnished within 10 days from the date of this circular, failure whereof shall be the sole responsibility of the Incharge/Concerned Officer of the Business Unit/Office, wherefrom subsequently any outstanding is reported.

The circular was signed by Vice President HR of the Bank.

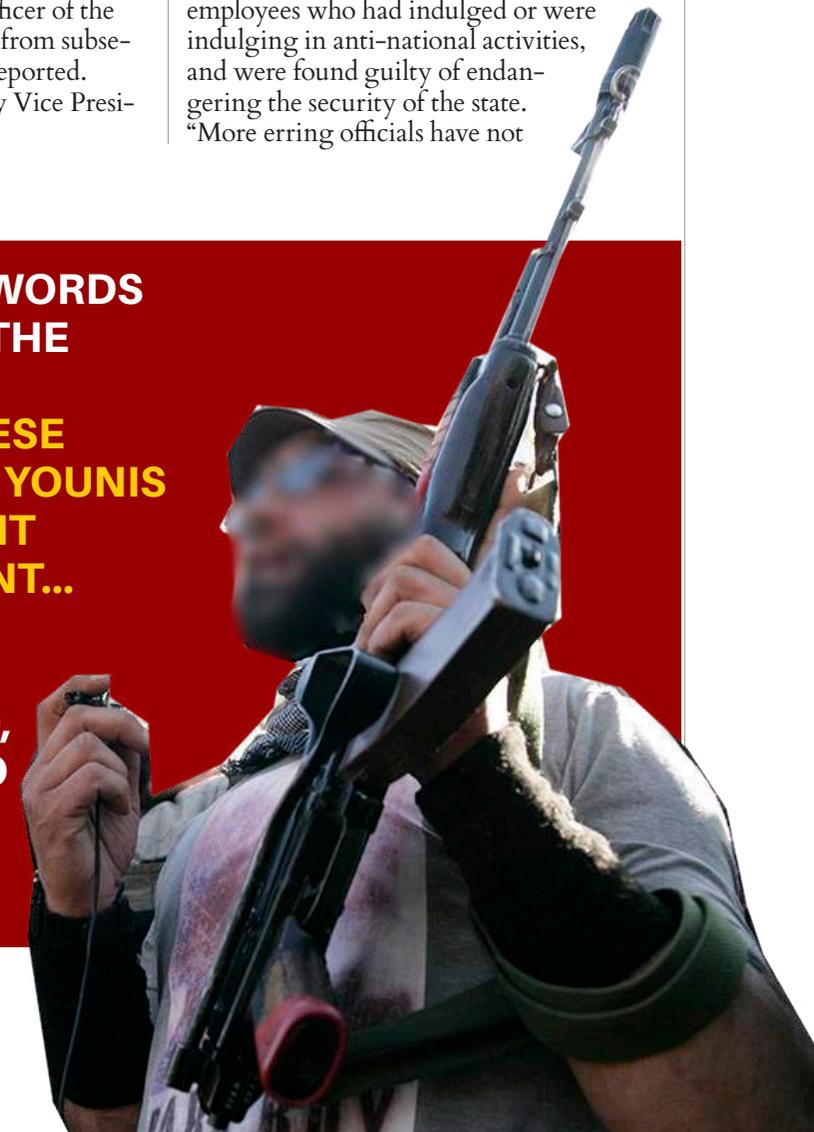
INDICATIVE OF THE CHANGE

Within the first ten words of the circular lies the story of the shift in Kashmir. Examine these words carefully. Mr Younis Ahmad Tak has sought voluntary retirement... These words are the new wind vane of Kashmir. Take a good, hard look at them to know which way the wind is blowing.

Edition 5 of KZINE, published in early July, carried a report with the headline, From Jihadis To Government Employees. The report stated: Many Former Militants Who Went To Pakistan For Arms Training Entered the Government System Unchecked.

The report referred to the special task force constituted by the UT Administration of Jammu and Kashmir in April 2021. This task force was empowered to identify and dismiss the government employees who had indulged or were indulging in anti-national activities, and were found guilty of endangering the security of the state. "More erring officials have not

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been identified. This is because the investigating agency lacks the human and technical resources to identify all government officials who have indulged in activities detrimental to the interests of the state,” said the report.

TERROR NORMALIZED, MILITANTS BECAME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The KZINE report revealed that during the 1990s, terrorism became normalized in Kashmir. At first, terrorists got their relatives appointed in government departments in the hundreds, dictating terms to department heads over the barrel of the gun. Soon, the terrorists decided that they did not have to live on the fringes of the systems of power. A large number of active terrorists also secured government jobs for themselves. Some instances were mentioned in the KZINE report to provide an insight into how the system is nurturing evil within.

The first incident mentioned in the report was of Mohammad Younis Tak, once a close confidant of separatist Shabir Shah. Tak’s history as a jihadi was mentioned in the news-report under the sub-head: The Man Who Went to Pakistan For Arms Training Works In JK Bank. The Bank Paid Him Salary For The Seven Months He Was In Jihadi Camps.

The report revealed that Tak was very active in the proscribed People’s League headed by Shah. He got a job in JK Bank in 1988. In early 1990, Tak crossed over to Pakistan for arms training. He returned seven months later. Tak owned an AK 47 when he returned.

The report revealed that after returning from the jihadi camp, Tak resumed duty at the bank. Said the report: “Witness how ludicrous the situation in Kashmir is: Tak even received salary for the seven months for which he was in Pakistan. In this way, the Indian state gifted Tak with salary and associated perks for receiving arms training in jihadi camps to target the Indian state and terrorize the local population. This happened because nobody in the system wanted to bring truth to light. They had neither the spine for it, nor the will.”

WHAT LED TO TAK’S VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT?

For the report that appeared in the July edition, KZINE had spoken to Mr Pal Jora, President Human Resource (HR) of JK Bank in this regard. Mr

Jora had informed KZINE that there is nothing adverse against Mohd Younis Tak.

What transpired within a month that led to Mr Tak seeking voluntary retirement from the bank? What prompted this action when even after seeking training in jihadi camps in Pakistan, Mr Tak had been working in JK Bank for decades? Is it guilt? Is it shame? Or is it the new red lines in Kashmir?

The report carried by KZINE Edition 5 had also mentioned other instances. Tariq Ahmad Bhat, a militant who had received arms training in Pakistan, was appointed as a teacher in the J&K Education Department. He is currently working at the office of the Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Bijbehara. Tariq was an active militant. How did he get the No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the CID Department, which is mandatory in such cases for securing a job?

The third instance mentioned by KZINE was of Bashir Ahmad Mir, an active militant of Tehreek-e-Islami Jamaati. He even had an AK 47 in his possession. Mir was an active militant when he was appointed in Door Darshan Kendra, Srinagar, in 1993-94. No verification was conducted for his appointment.



TIME TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN FRIENDS AND FOES

Time has come to strengthen the red lines. Order has to be restored. Intervention by the adversaries of the state has to be minimized. The state is duty-bound to protect its citizens from the saboteurs. The state must remove the filth from within the system, the society, and also from the thought processes.

The state must differentiate between the friends and the foes. Do’s and Don’ts have to be clear and categorical. Voices oscillating between the two should not be tolerated. The so-called mainstream regional political forces, government officials, media persons, trade bodies keep ranting against the state. They dare to do so because of their conviction that response to their acts will be lackadaisical and timid. Their belief is that even if they are booked under relevant laws, it will take years for the case to reach closure in the courts.

Time has come for the state to assert its authority. When the situation is so critical, the state should not be content with a reactionary approach. The state must adopt the strategy of OFFENSIVE



DEFENSE. The state must not wait for the events to occur and then respond. The state must launch an offensive to weed out unscrupulous elements before they engage in a heinous act.

HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

1. The UT Administration must initiate a massive profiling of all the unscrupulous elements in politics, administration, police, media and other fields. Track record of individuals should be ascertained with reference to observation of law and order, information about assets both movable and immovable, sources of income and all other relevant information to monitor and assess each individual case.
2. It should be ascertained whether the person or persons under the scanner are honestly paying taxes and filing IT returns.
3. Previous cases – registered or pending – should be part of the individual’s profile.
4. All the persons under scanner who have criminal cases against them in any court of law should be indexed under various categories based on their profession.
6. Pending cases should be expeditiously pursued and fresh cases registered if warranted under law.

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THE POLIS PROJECT

Candy- Wrapping Terrorism WHY?

IT'S THE MONEY, STUPID!

by Mir Qayoom

Internationally, agenda-driven so-called media and research houses are candy-wrapping terrorism. Duplicitous, deceitful writing is being packaged as journalism. Prime Example: The Polis Project.

This group is described online as a “Charitable Organization headquartered in New York.” Witness the grand statement on its website: Support independent research and not for profit journalism.

Here’s more info from the website. “The Polis Project, Inc is a hybrid research and journalism organization producing knowledge about some of the most important issues affecting us, by amplifying diverse perspectives from those indigenous to the conflicts and crisis affecting our world today.

Stated Manifesto: Research. Reportage. Resistance.”

In our woke times, these words sound so glorious.

Reality check: Good, responsible journalism goes far beyond flossy packaging.

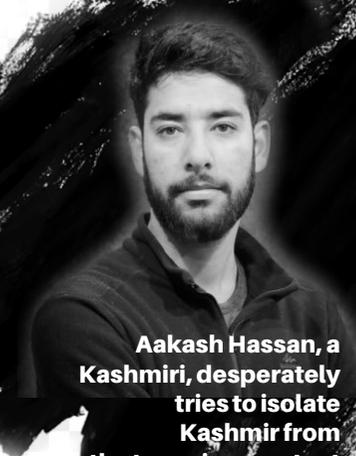
The Polis Project and many other sham organizations of its tribe are candy-wrapping terrorism. The efforts of a sovereign state to control terrorism on its soil are being sold as “brutal, bloody wave of counterinsurgency violence from the Indian state”. Will The Polis Project please come forward and elaborate which nation globally has found the fight against terror to be gentle and pleasant?

Examine a news report on The Polis Project, relating to Kashmir.

Headline - Feels like death knell: In

Kashmir, India wants to kill the spirit of journalism under the label of terror
Writer: Aakash Hassan. Describes himself as Independent Journalist, Kashmiri.

Hassan keeps hammering on the so-called oppression of the Indian state upon Kashmir. His litany of the supposed oppression by the Army goes on and on. In an article of 1565 words, He manages to say the word “militants” only once.



Aakash Hassan, a Kashmiri, desperately tries to isolate Kashmir from the terrorism context

There is a constant attempt to isolate Kashmir from the terrorism context. There is a constant attempt to erase the reality of terrorism. Such sham correspondents and liars are continually trying to whitewash the lived experience of Pakistan-sponsored jihadi terror in Kashmir. They are trying to bluff their way around the roots of global terrorism planted by Pakistan in Kashmir to achieve its fiendish goals.

Read the report here.

<https://thepolisproject.com/>

feels-like-death-knell-in-kashmir-india-wants-to-kill-the-spirit-of-journalism-under-the-label-of-terror/#.YQ5vdc0zZdg

Hassan is a Kashmiri himself, but chooses to be completely oblivious to the elephant in the room – terrorism in Kashmir. This is what new-age journalism by this self-stated hybrid research and journalism organization dishes out – reporting that is blind to ground realities.

Why is he doing it? Trust the Americans to say it correctly. It's The Money, Stupid. Global careers as journo activists are not being built by those calling a spade a spade. They are built by normalizing the bizarre. They are built by the pretence that global terrorism is "the resistance of our boys".

Watch Hassan take high moral ground. "An increasingly authoritarian state is now blatantly stopping journalists from reporting. Conditions have been created so one cannot think freely. The criti-

cal journalistic approach has been killed. This muzzling of voices disturbs me."

You're right Hassan. There is muzzling of voices in Kashmir all right. The terrorists are muzzling voices. They are silencing all dissent. You don't have the spine to say it.

In his article, Hassan mentions the killing of Mushtaq Ali. But you don't stand up for that. You don't have the spine to say that

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photo-journalist Mushtaq Ali was killed by terrorists who sent a parcel bomb to kill senior journalist Yusuf Jameel. What say you talk

about this assault on media freedom by terrorists, and the chilling uncertainty they hang over you? But that doesn't suit your agenda, does it eh?

Global careers as human rights defenders are built by ignoring that terrorism is a smokescreen for narcotics smuggling. They are built by glorifying and romanticizing young men who are rushing to meet death, even as they terrorize the local population.

Why should this glorification and romanticization of terrorists happen? Because this is the Pakistan agenda. Terrorism in Kashmir gives Pakistan Army legitimacy and relevance. The gravy train flows from Pakistan to keep the terrorism shoots green in Kashmir. Pakistan also keeps those channels flowing from where Hassan gets the dollars to keep up the strident tone on Kashmir. The expose by the Disinfo Lab titled Kashmir Inc: A Conflict Industry, published in early August, reveals that the Facebook page of The Polis Project is run from Pakistan.

HASSAN'S JOURNALISTIC DECEIT

Hassan writes that since 5 August, 2019, Kashmir was under a military lockdown. He doesn't tell you that on September 1, 2019, restrictions imposed by the government were completely lifted



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barring some sensitive places in old Srinagar city, Anantnag and Shopian. Hassan doesn't inform you that after the government removed the restrictions, terrorists imposed a harsh clampdown. He doesn't tell you that terrorists threatened Kashmiris with dire consequences if they opened their shops for trade. Terrorists threw grenades to terrorize teachers and

students so that schools would not open. They killed truck drivers and farm labour who had come from outside for the apple trade.

WHITEWASH TERRORISM. HOW CONVENIENT!

Hassan ignores the daily dance of posters in Kashmir by the ter-

rorists, threatening the local population against any ease in the clampdown. As always, Kashmir media completely ignored this daily dance of posters. It steadfastly blamed the government for the lockdown in Kashmir. The logic was simple. If the local journalists told the truth about terrorists holding the region to ransom, they would be killed like scores of other Kashmiris.

Living abroad, Hassan faces no such threat. Nevertheless, for the likes of Hassan and other sections of agenda-driven international media, the siege and the clampdown is always a government imposition in Kashmir. The deceit is so dark that they do not even utter the word 'terrorists'.





The TRUTH Nailed



On August 3, a Twitter post went viral in Kashmir circles. The tweet related to an expose of those driving the so-called Kashmir conflict. It provided the link for the expose titled **Kashmir Inc: A Conflict Industry. Beneficiaries Across Generations and Continents.**

The incisive study of the big money and Pakistan's diabolic strategy driving and shaping the conflict startled even long-time researchers and Kashmir observers. The study is meticulous. It is a detailed dossier of the conflict mercenaries of Kashmir, and their Next Gen which has been groomed to take forward the baton. Sharp and free of flab, the dossier is unputdownable for all connected with the contemporary political analysis of Kashmir.

The tweet also triggered interest in DisInfo Lab, which made the announcement of the study with a bang. On its Twitter handle, the group describes itself in the following words: Investigating Info-warfare and Psy-war. OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence). Big Data. Data Journalism. India.

The Kashmir dossier of DisInfo Lab pithily states: Kashmir conflict has become the family business of the Fais, the Thakurs, the Kanjwals, the Ashais, the Fazilis and the Safis with the show being run by Pak establishment, with help from concerned whites. Only the Kashmiris are missing from the Kashmir narrative.

**HERE ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM
THE DOSSIER. READ ON.**

KASHMIR INC: A Conflict Industry

Beneficiaries across Generations and Continents

THE KASHMIR STORY IS THE STORY OF FEW INTERCONNECTED STORIES.

I. The Kashmir conflict has become a 'family business' run by set of families, and like a family business is passed on from one generation to the next generation.

II. The way the conflict is designed, it has generated growing number of stakeholders from set of families to the Gora politicians to the Pakistani establishment in a manner, that it would be useful for them to keep the conflict in the perpetual flux.

III. The Kashmir narrative is a globally sponsored narrative, where every so-called human-rights 'concern' on Kashmir is at the end connected with a nexus, put in place by the Pak establishment.

IV. Kashmir has become everyone's concern except of Kashmiris. There are virtually no Kashmiris with any worthwhile connection with Kashmir involved in the discussion of Kashmir. If there were, they have been side-lined.

V. The centre of gravity for Kashmir narrative has gradually shifted from the Middle East (Saudi Arabia) to Thrace & Asia Minor (Turkey)

This change in 2016 has salient ramifications for the conflict narrative in South Asia. However, the story traces its origin back to key players when the seeds of conflict were sown in Kashmir by Jamaat-e-Islami players; and it has continued to be played by the same set of people through their next generation.

FROM TERRORISM TO PSY-WAR THE YEAR 2015/2016

Several seemingly unrelated events took place in around 2015-2016 in the Indian sub-continent viz.:

1. The government of India cancelled the registration of 18,868 NGOs between 2011-17 for the violation of various provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011. The Government also tightened FCRA rules as a result of which the foreign funding that non-profits in India received in 2016-17 fell by Rs 11,274 crore (from Rs 17,773 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 6,499 crore). This money had to find new avenues.

2. Pakistan Senate publishes a report [1] on Kashmir on October 3, 2016 which, among other things, envisages engaging global lobbying groups, and reactivate all lobbying firms to change the global narrative of Kashmir against India.

3. A number of White Experts/Human Rights champions suddenly pop up critical of various 'failings' of India, including that on Kashmir. A number of new organizations also mushroom, precisely around these issues. These experts including CJ Werleman, Audrey Truschke, Anthea McIntyre, Danielle Alice Khan, Sehla Ashai etc. Likewise, a number of global organizations also pop up expressing concerns over India's various issues from humanities to minority rights to Dalit rights to Kashmir including the Polis Project, Equality Lab, Justice for Kashmir and so forth.

AYYUB THAKUR'S TERROR LINKS

While on the face of it Ayyub Thakur was 'lobbying' for Kashmir cause,

he allegedly also provided significant support to terror activities against India, channelling ISI funds to Kashmir through various of his fronts and affiliates. Thakur was alleged to funnel funds to militant organizations in J&K.

In June 2002, J&K police arrested a businessman Imtiaz Ahmed Bazaz on the charges of funneling funds sent by Ayyub Thakur from the UK to Kashmiri separatists including Asiya Andrabi and her organization Dukhtar-e-Millat. During his interrogation, Bazaz confessed to contacting Ayyub Thakur for channelling funds sent by Pakistan's ISI. In response, Ayyub Thakur claimed he had sent the money for purchasing sewing machines for the women of Kashmir.

While Ayyub Thakur might have denied his role, his son Muzammil seems to have a different opinion. During an interview with a J&K based media channel Only Kashmir (in 2015) he admitted that his father "funded terrorism in Kashmir" and that he also believed it was justified as Jihad.

GHULAM NABI FAI

Ghulam Nabi Fai is the fulcrum of ISI's Kashmir operations. Every single thread on the Kashmir issue, which originates from Pakistan, eventually reaches him. His stature and role are so extensive and deep that the Pak establishment has failed to find a credible alternative to Fai, despite him being exposed as an agent. It would be no exaggeration to say that Fai at present is more of a liability in terms of Information Warfare regarding Kashmir because of his expose and his arrest. However,



his utility apparently outweighs his liability which is why the top Pakistani leadership including PM Imran Khan to Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi continues to engage him, despite the obvious embarrassment that it carries with it. This is one of the key reasons why Fai and Pak establishment are preparing to pass on the muster to the next generation of their families who would carry on the business of Kashmir.

FAI AND FRIENDS: FAI, AYYUB & SIDDIQI

Fai's friendship with Muhammad Ayyub Thakur goes back to their Kashmir days. Apart from sharing Jamaat connection (and as revealed subsequently, ISI connections), both Fai and Ayyub Thakur were trained by former All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani. Their progress has also been on parallel tracks. Both Fai and Thakur established respective networks on Kashmir in USA and UK. However, at least from ISI's point of view, their roles differed slightly – while Fai engaged himself in the US in building lobby networks, ISI allegedly used Thakur also for channeling funds to Kashmir.

GENERATION I

These individuals and the fronts created by them since 1970s could be called the first generation of psy-war in the name of Kashmir. As shown, the center of gravity remained Fai, the convicted ISI agent, and this also means that the Kashmiri agenda has remained a plank for Pakistan to push its own interests



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PASSING THE BATON

at global stage.

However, with time the environment changes, and the 'oldies' may not be the most efficient operatives for psy-war in the age of social media, and hence there was need to pass the baton. What makes Kashmir story even murkier is that the State agenda gets overlapped with family interests, as the next generation of Kashmiri leaders happen to be the children of the actors from the first generation.

As is the case with politics, Bollywood and business fraternity, Kashmir is also a family business that is carried forward as a profit-earning enterprise to the next generations to live and thrive on. The business model is so profitable that the next few generations would not meet to work any other job. Unlike ordinary families, where the children study subjects that could



shedding tears for Kashmir – all on a particular line sponsored by one State. Never once any human right has been violated by terrorism in Kashmir, NOT ONCE.

As noted in the beginning, several Foren experts/ human rights activists suddenly popped up around 2016, who precipitously found an intense human rights and geo-political interest in Kashmir, and in all other issues in India. However, while 2016 was an industrial scale expansion, similar patterns were found in the past as well. In what would be called an uncanny coincidence, three Americans appear on the theater of Kashmir in almost orderly succession, beginning 1989.

Those who are aware of Kashmir's history would know the significance of the year.

LOBBYING & KASHMIR

In one word – all concerns on Kashmir and human rights issues in India has been expressed by two set of people: One which Pakistani establishment has created for the purpose, and others who have been engaged by these agents o including US/UK/EU politicians.

We have noted above the activities of individuals/ organizations planted by Pak establishment for the purpose. However, to provide legitimacy to their agenda, they also need to deploy 'third parties', whose views could be presented as 'neutral'. And if those 'neutral' concerns come from White/ Western faces from the developed world, the poor third world browns will swallow the propaganda 'rod, hook

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help them acquire a respectful earning, fraternity of particular kind prepares its progenies from the beginning to take over the muster that would be inherited. This is evident in the transition from generation 1 to generation 2 in the Kashmir theatre.

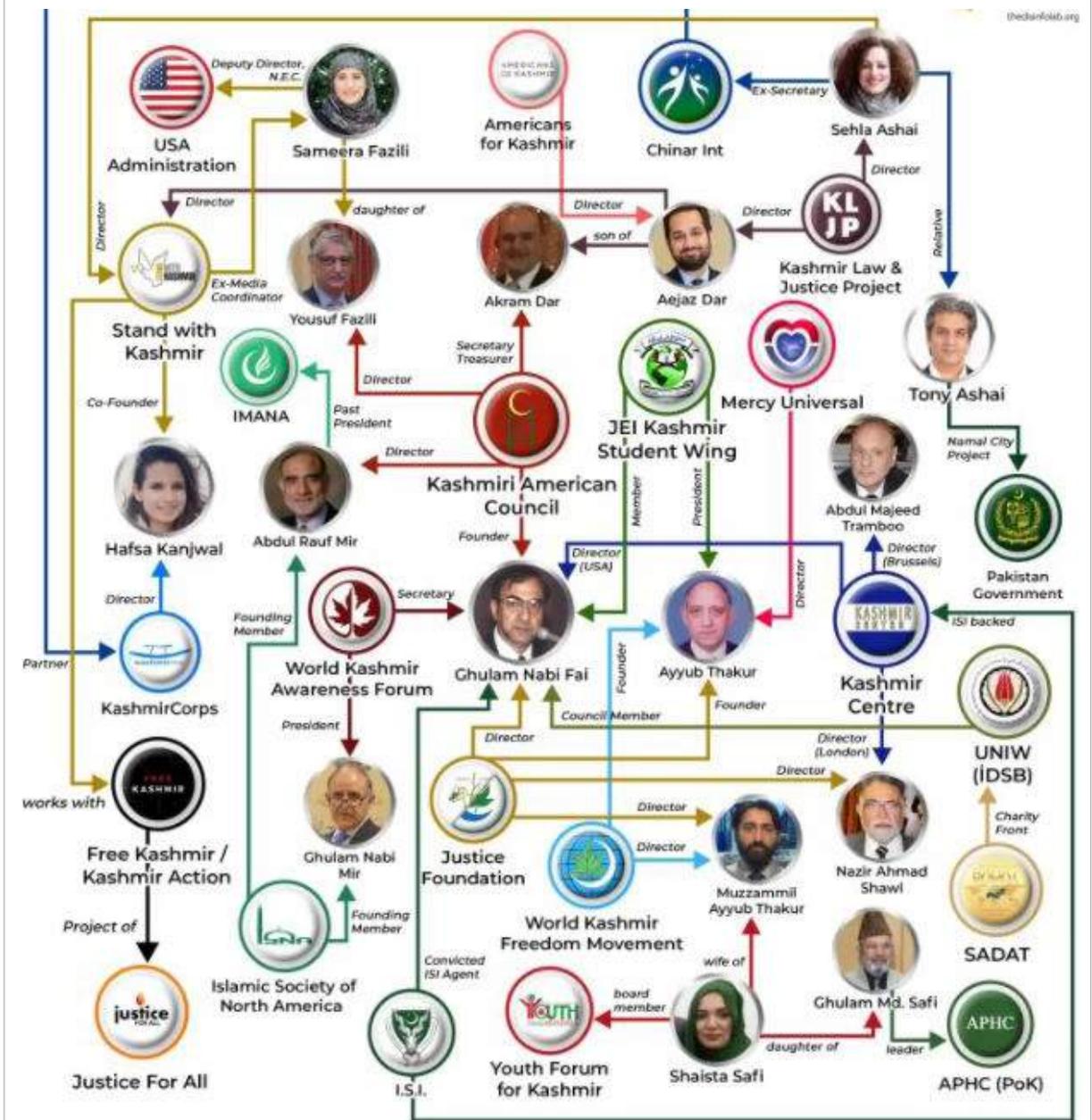
If one were to examine all the discourse about Kashmir, one would be forgiven for assuming that everyone has a stake in Kashmir except Kashmiris from

Kashmir. In the name of Kashmir, beginning White Americans to US/UK/EU politicians to Kashmiris born and brought up aboard – everyone has a say on Kashmir issue, except the actual Kashmiris.

This surprisingly is not a new phenomenon.

A series of White Experts and human rights Rudalis (professional mourners) have been cultivated over decades to keep

THE KASHMIR CONFLICT INDUSTRY NETWORK





Kashmir has become everyone's concern except of Kashmiris. There are virtually no Kashmiris with any worthwhile connection with Kashmir involved in the discussion of Kashmir. If there were, they have been side-lined

and sinker', without asking questions and without looking into the background.

However, once looked into the background, a rather un-flattering view of the 'democratic system' of the developed world emerges. Institutionalising lobbying means anyone can get 'human rights' concerns from US politicians, a facility that Pakistan has utilised rather remarkably. As a bonus point, it also buys insurance from criticism against its own human rights track records. This is rather impressive investment. By hiring lobby firms, which in turn hires politicians,

Pakistan also manages to get lot of 'aid' and other funds, thereby, more than recovering the investment. Pakistan has been hiring lobbying institutions since long, and has hired seven different lobbying firms (three of them mentioned earlier) in the last two years alone, with an emphasis to get the control over the narrative in Kashmir.

With all the lobbying, the networking and sophisticated propaganda machinery, the 'mercenaries that be' still have to resort to fake news and misinformation to push the narrative of 'human rights violation',

'army atrocity' and 'repression' in Kashmir by the 'fascist' India. The one human rights issue that remains completely absent from their 'concerns' is that of terrorism. The fake news about Kashmir is peddled to global media right from the top of Pakistani machinery, including their politicians, diplomats, and journalists.

BUILDING NARRATIVE: ARMY ATROCITY - A CASE STUDY

In the same vein, as August 5th is approaching, there has been a renewed effort to highlight one particular aspect: Indian Army atrocities on Kashmiris! In order to build a narrative, first random people/ anonymous handles start posting about random 'incidences' of Army's harassment. It is irrelevant that none of these stories would have any factual details – date/time/location.

Corresponding to this, some major handles/influencers would start soft-paddling the narrative of army story through personalized experiences or as 'epistemological' exercise. And to provide the enabling environment, old and random stories of army atrocities are recycled to give it a sense of recency. This cycle is repeated often, thereby making it ubiquitous. All one would need after this is an orchestrated/provoking act compelling security personnel to take an action, record it with various angle cameras and a perfect recipe of narrative of 'army atrocity in Kashmir by fascist India'!

CONCLUSION

(If there could be one.) Conflict theaters world over tend to create vested interests

– and Kashmir is no different. What we have seen over the decades is that only the tools and techniques change, the underlying agenda remains same.

And for those benefitting from the conflict it would make perfect sense. In the garb of Kashmir alone Pakistan is able to fulfill a range of its strategic objectives:

It has engaged US lobby firms, who in turn are medium to reach out to US politicians, who have played a critical part in ensuring supply of 'aid' and other largesse from the US, despite the fact that Pakistan has consistently worked at the cross purpose of US interest in the region.

In the name of Kashmir, it has also targeted every Indian-origin US politician who may not be inclined to serve their agenda, and/or seen closer to India.

While at the same time, it has kept all the focus away from its own dismal track records of human rights and minorities issues. Some of the most gruesome atrocities inflicted upon Pak minorities doesn't even raise a whimper of protest from all the human rights cavaliers put together.

Kashmir has also become a money-making machine – as seen from numerous fund-raising campaigns being run on Launch Good and other fund-raising platforms. As explained in the DisInfo Lab reports on Covid Aid Scam, these organizations not only do not provide any details about their funds utilizations but are also connected with radical Islamists and terrorist groups.

Above all, it is a survival strategy of Pakistani establishment, particularly for the Army to keep selling the Kashmir opium to its domestic population to remain relevant and grab resources. It

also doesn't harm that whenever the population demands accountability on domestic/development issue, Kashmir slogan comes handy for distraction.

Kashmir conflict has also created an eco-system from which a set of families derive their livelihood and relevance. The Fais, the Thakurs, the Kanjwals, the Ashais, the Fazilis, the Safis, and the Dars among others have not only been living their dream lives, they have also come to acquire an aura of 'experts' and 'human rights' activists, an aura that is very useful, particularly in these woke time.

The only things that are miss-

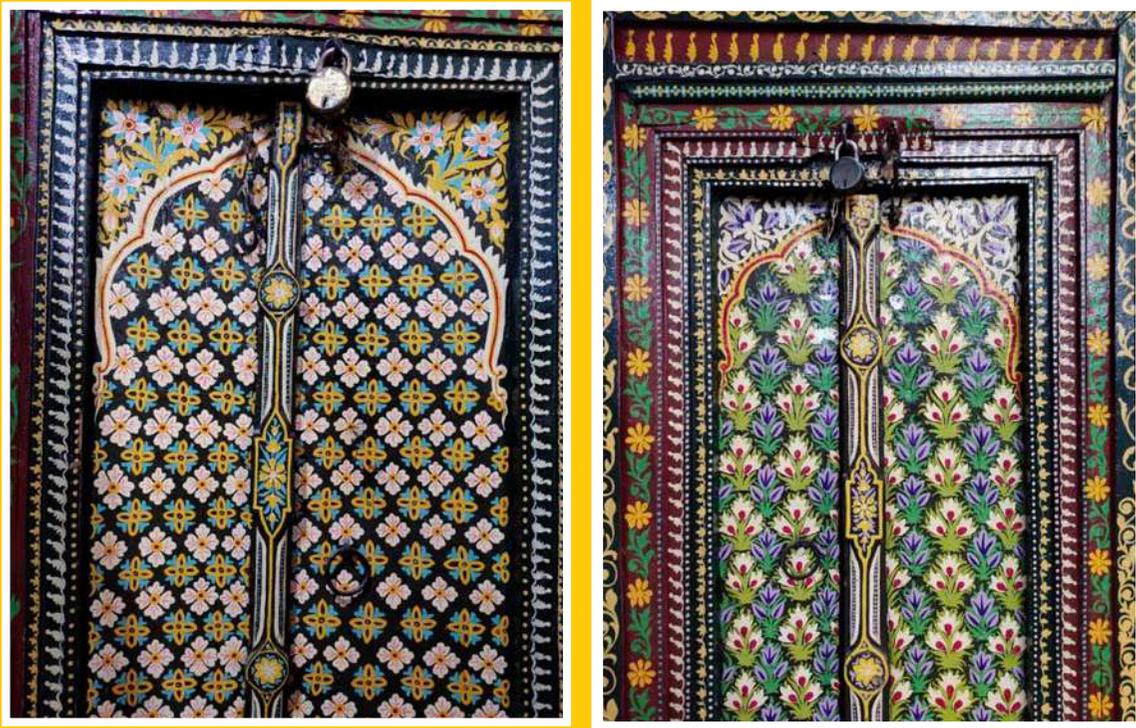
ing in this Pakistani orchestrated theater is Kashmiris themselves. Their role has been reduced to mere objects, in whose name the mercenaries would live a life full of 'activism fun'.

Hence, it would be criminally naïve for not only Indians but particularly for Kashmiris to assume that Pakistan and the net cast by its establishment would have any interest in resolving Kashmir issue. For the Pak establishment, Kashmir conflict has become a Goose that lays golden eggs, and unlike the stupid old lady, it has no intention of killing the goose.



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With Faith We Pray



Green and Golden Paper Mache Work is the Khanqah's Most Striking Feature

Khanqah-e-Moula, also known as Shah-e-Hamadan Masjid and Khanqah, is one of the first mosques to be built in Srinagar. Khanqah is situated on the right bank of the Jhelum river, between the Fateh Kadal and Zaina Kadal bridges. It was first built in 1395 CE, commissioned by Sultan Sikandar in memory of the Islamic preacher Mir Sayyid Ali Hamadani. It is one of the best examples of Kashmiri wooden architecture, and is adorned with traditional papier-mâché decor.

Less than a kilometre away, the Khanqah-e-Moula, built in the memory of 14th-century Persian Sufi poet and preacher Shah Hamadan, is busier. The popular shrine stands out with green and golden papier mâché work on its façade. Its architectural splendour is a sharp contrast to the run-down neighbourhood. The two-storeyed building is entirely constructed of deodar wood and bricks with a pyramidal roof. There are elaborate Persian naqashi patterns on the wooden walls, Kashmiri carpets on the floor and antique chandeliers casting a warm glow over kneeling devotees. At the entrance door of the prayer hall hangs a medallion, which devotees rub to seek the blessings of Hamadan.



Interior View Of The Mosque
Facing The Mihrab



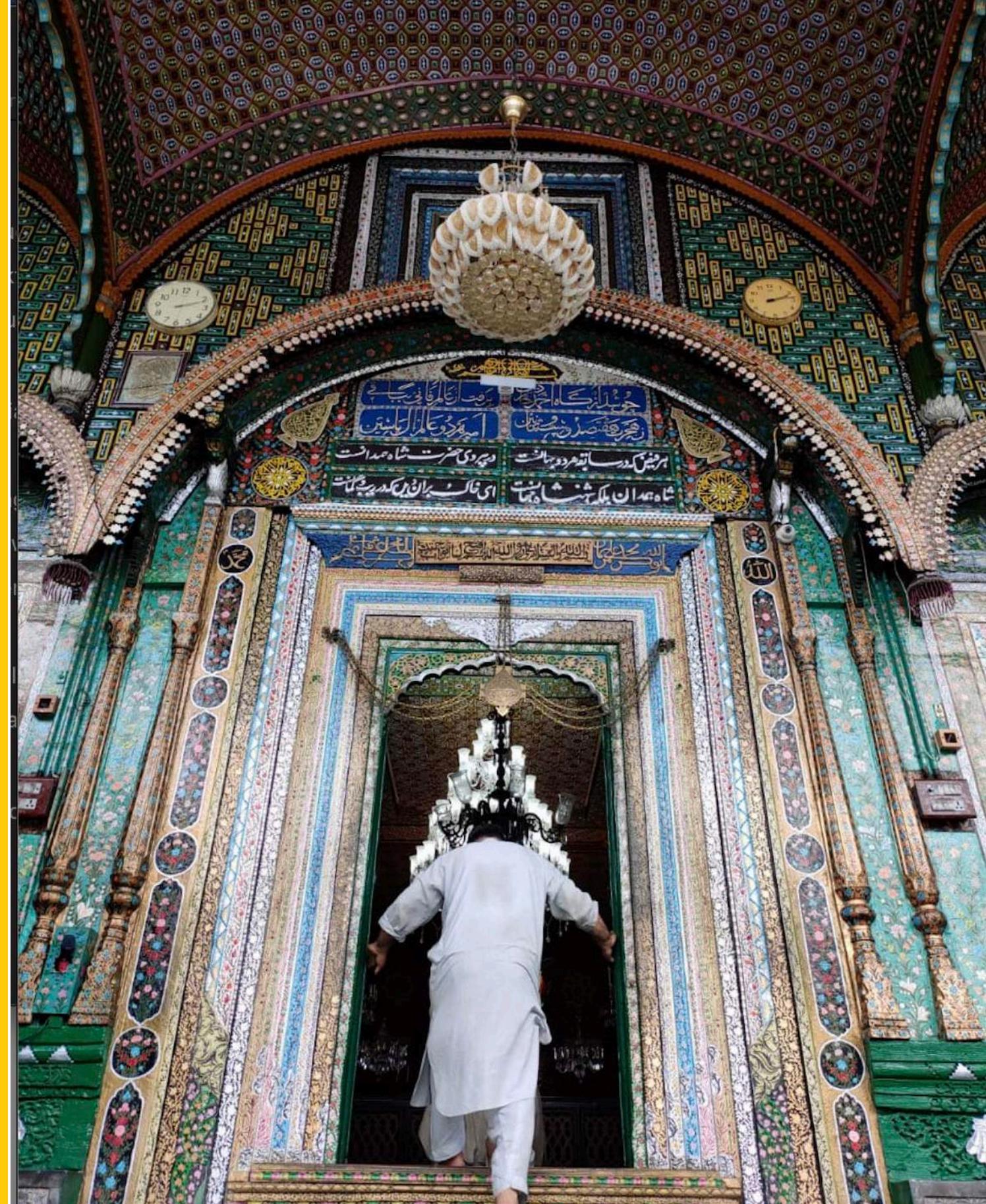
Facade Of The Khanqah-e Maula

A prayer niche in the sidewall of the Masjid with inscribed calligraphy and decorated with intricate patterns





Paper Mache Doors Inside The Khanqah



Devotees Entering The Shrine

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Markets deck with up favourite foods. Here, a vendor sells finni, a delicious accompaniment to Kashmir's famous noon chai, the salted pink tea

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