



## Media Analysis Center, Kashmir

- The free flow of negative content on Kashmir and its wide circulation on social media is damaging Indian interests locally, nationally and internationally. There is urgent need to counter this content in an organized and efficient manner.
- **Media Analysis Center, Srinagar** - a civil society initiative of Lehar Foundation - is an organized initiative to counter negative propaganda and content on Kashmir locally, nationally and internationally.
- Media Analysis Center (MAC) shall generate content which shall aggressively counter the lies being peddled regarding Kashmir in the domestic, national and international media.
- The content produced by MAC shall include news reports, features, videos and documentaries.
- The purpose is to break the toxic plot that keeps feeding malicious, negative news on Kashmir and circulating the same to deepen stereotypes of oppression and alienation. The attempt is to bring in a reality check on Kashmir and refresh the narrative in a positive, inclusive direction.
- MAC shall also provide a platform to bring together positive and happy voices of aspirational Kashmir youth, within Kashmir or outside. The Kashmiri voices of positivity and growth within India shall act as a force multiplier for the youth within Kashmir.

# TERRORISTS ADOPT DUAL STRATEGY TRY TO CREATE PANIC IN JK POLICE

## INSTILL FEAR INTO KASHMIR'S MINORITIES

**P**akistan based Lashkar e Taiba (LeT) has struck again, spilling the blood of poor Kashmiri policemen on the streets of Srinagar. One can also see another pattern emerging – the attack on Kashmir's minorities.

After a brief lull, terrorists are again on the job of terrorizing Kashmir and Kashmiris. The strategy has two dimensions. One, they aim to instill fear among the non-Muslims.

Second, their purpose is to create panic among

the rank and file of Jammu and Kashmir Police and their families.

On February 17, a dhaba owner was attacked in Srinagar. In the last few weeks, this is the second attack of its kind on non-Muslims living in Kashmir. In January, a goldsmith was attacked and killed at Mahrajganj Market in Srinagar city. This was anticipated, immaterial of whether the intelligence agencies had any inputs about possible attacks on the minority community in Kashmir.

Three months ago Dr Mubeen Shah, the self-exiled businessman operating in Malaysia, had called for wiping out the minority community from Srinagar. Shah does not operate on his own. He is mastered by his Pakistani handlers. It was evident from that day that terrorists will strike. They did.

**Articulating Terror Plans**

More lethal attacks on members of the minority community in Kashmir cannot be ruled out. There are many self-exiled Kashmiris operating in foreign countries who bring into public domain the intentions of ISI and terrorist organizations. Therefore, every single word uttered by individuals of Kashmir origin like Dr Mubeen Shah (Malaysia), Dr Asif Dar (Saudi Arab), Tony Ashai (US), Riffat Wani (Germany), Farooq Siddiqui (Toronto) etc should be analyzed in the correct perspective. Their statements can be seen as the intimation of future plans of terrorists. In their voice, we can hear the narration of terrorist language in polished jargon. It is like Naeem Akhtar articulating Mehbooba Mufti’s political vengeance in sophisticated English.

My understanding is the security agencies should treat the statements of the aforementioned self-exiled Kashmiris

as leads for terrorist attacks. They always speak with the intended purpose of the Pakistan deep state. Security agencies should not ignore the utterances of these individuals.

**Attacks on JK Police Personnel**

The second part of the strategy relates to attacks on Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel. The terrorist organizations and their handlers are again trying to create fear psychosis among policemen and their families. The police personnel are local and may be regarded as vulnerable. The objective of the attackers is to halt the operations undertaken by the police and the security agencies against terrorists and their sympathizers.



**Terrorists are again on the job of terrorizing Kashmir and Kashmiris. One, they aim to instill fear among the non-Muslims and make them flee. The attack on minorities in Kashmir is part of their broader ethnic-cleansing project. Second, they want to create panic among the rank and file of Jammu and Kashmir Police and their families**



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This needs to be understood in proper perspective. The argument that military operations cannot succeed without the inputs and assistance of the local police is valid. Equally valid is the argument that terrorists cannot not survive for long without local support.

How can an unmasked terrorist strike in broad day light in a busy street and kill two policemen in Srinagar city without the logistic support of locals? The killing of innocent unarmed Kashmiri policemen by a

Pakistan-sponsored terrorist of a Pakistan-based terrorist organization is not possible without local support. It is likely that terror apologists – particularly those sitting in foreign countries – issue an appeal-cum-warning to the Jammu and Kashmir Police to stay away from the operations. That should be seen as the real threat.

Attacks on local policemen may surge in the coming days. But Pakistan and its terrorist organizations will never succeed in their designs.



Even at the most critical junctures, Jammu and Kashmir Police have shown resilience and dedication to fight the enemy. There is a huge difference between the local collaborators of terrorists, and the Jammu and Kashmir personnel who are fighting terrorism along with other security forces. Terrorists terrorize the society by killing and intimidating the unarmed innocent people for their political beliefs. The ones who stop them from terrorizing the society are bravehearts. Those collaborating with terrorists to kill innocent people are traitors. Those collaborating with terrorists are *gaddars* towards the motherland.

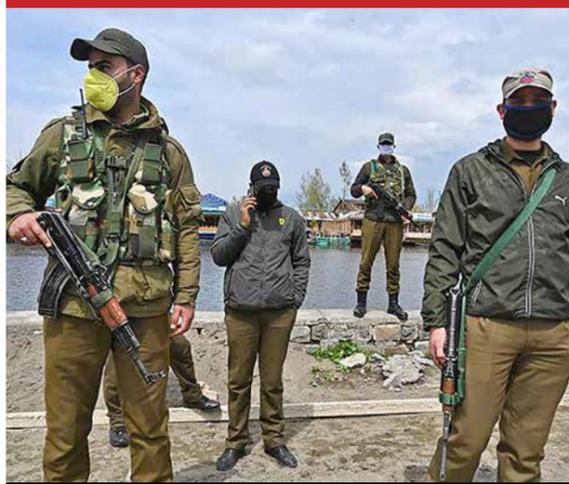
### Time for Discourse to Change

The discourse must change now. Terror ideologues and terror apologists are the *gaddars*. They are the real enemies of humanity. It is time to speak the truth. It is time to call a spade a spade. The individual who sanctifies terrorism must be seen as a terrorist. It does not matter whether he is a so-called eminent member of the civil society, or a journalist, doctor, lawyer or any other professional.

The deconstruction of narratives based on imaginative assumptions or presumptions should begin. The sooner the better.

Let us define the status in black and white. Security forces have a large presence because of terrorists and terrorist structures. Two, terrorist collaborators are those who are in nexus with the foreign forces in creating trouble for the common Kashmiris. These terrorist collaborators do not want a stable

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future for Kashmiris, their children and grandchildren.

Three, the resilience of the police force in eliminating terrorism emanating from foreign soil must gain social sanction and acceptability. Fourth, terrorist collaborators must face social sanction. Fifth, voices denouncing terrorism should get louder.

Sixth, the honour, dignity and respectability of Kashmiris has been compromised by terrorists and terror apologists who have antagonized the state and tested its patience for 30 years.

The discourse needs to be set right. Terrorists have inflicted wounds on the collective conscience of India and its people. Most of all, terrorism has wounded Kashmir and Kashmiris. The state cannot remain in a reconciliatory mode. No country has been as tolerant of India regarding the brutalities committed on its people. The state had to act. It acted.

If anyone does not like the political, diplomatic or military actions taken by the state, then he must blame the adversaries of the state. It is these adversaries who have constantly provoked the state into taking such action. The unending provocations at the behest of foreign forces forced the state to adopt a radical shift in its policy.

Kashmir needs men and women who are brave and bold and can free their fellow Kashmiris from the mentors of death and destruction. Kashmir needs men and women who can counter the lies peddled by the adversaries of the state at the behest of the foreign enemy.

# TAHIR MEMORIAL TRUST SCAM In Name of Dead Militant

## Prime Government Land Grabbed in Kupwara

**KAS Officer, two govt teachers aid land grab. They own huge properties in Kupwara now**

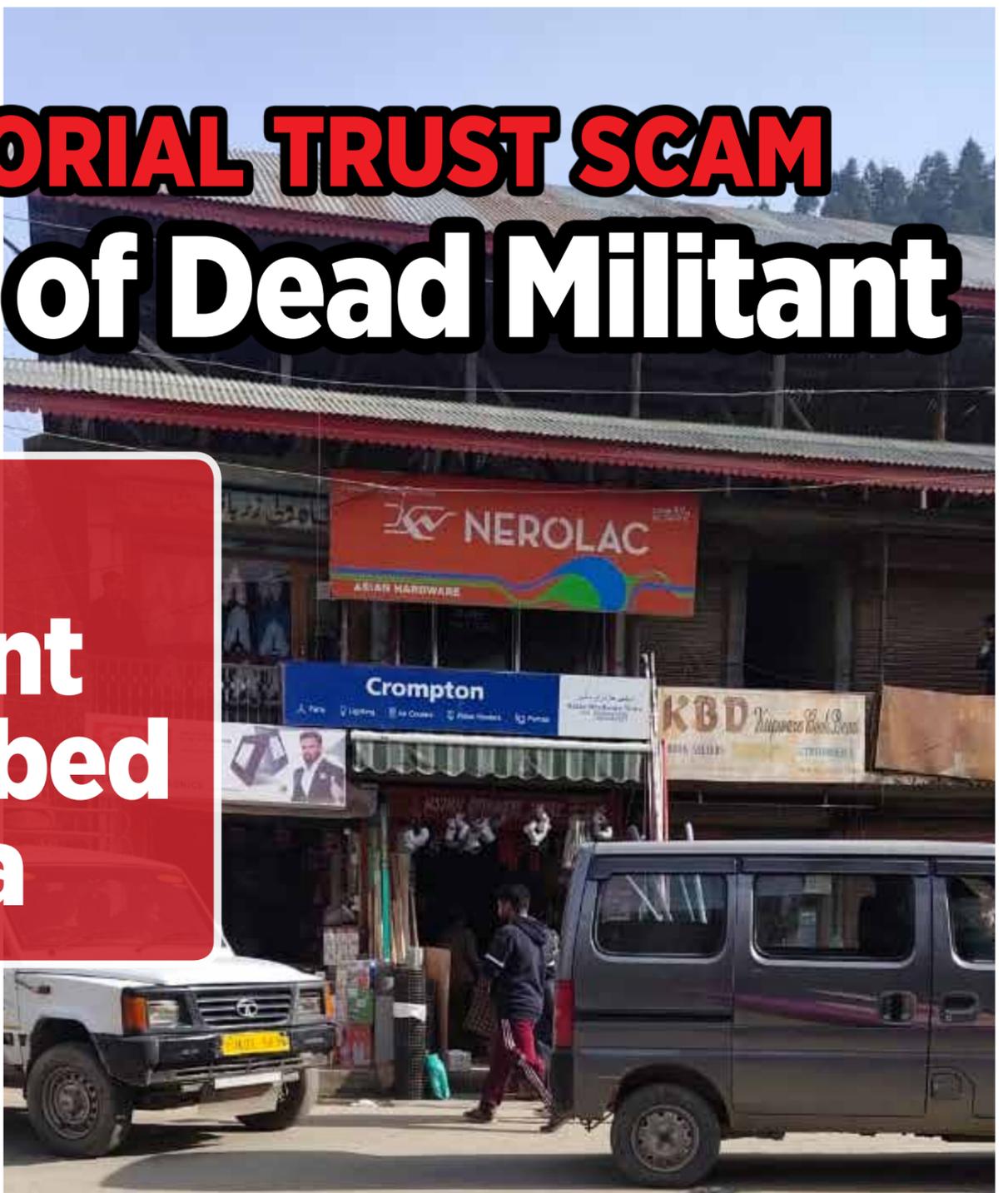
**T**ahir Ahmad Malik, the son of Jamal Malik and resident of Malik Mohalla, Kupwara, was the Divisional Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen. He was killed by security forces in 1993 at Sopore.

Tahir's *janaza* was among the biggest ever witnessed in North Kashmir. More than 30,000 people attended his funeral.

Jamaat e Islami took advantage of his popularity in the area and started a Trust. The stated purpose of the Trust was to strengthen Jamaat e Islami and its militant arm Hizbul Mujahideen in Kupwara.

The Trust was named Tahir Memorial Trust, Kupwara. Its account was opened in JK Bank, Kupwara.

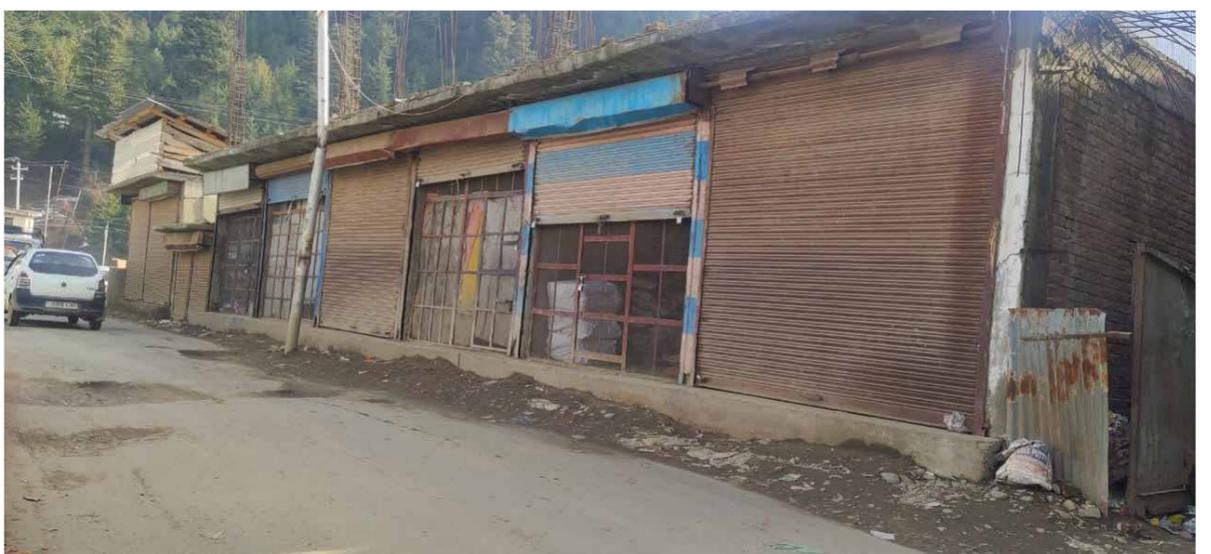
Two government school teachers owing allegiance to Jamaat e Islami started looking after the Trust. These were Ghulam Ahmad Mir, now retired and Sonullah Malik, who is still in service. These teachers were looking



### Militancy used to grab government land

The Kupwara land grab is a glaring example of how prime government land is usurped in the name of militancy. Often, the state has turned a blind eye to this land-grabbing or is even complicit. Poor Kashmiris see influential individuals benefitting from militancy and building huge properties. Action is rarely initiated in such cases of land grabbing.

The shopping complex built by Tahir Memorial Trust on illegally-occupied prime government land. Members of the Trust own shops in this complex and have given them on rent. They include KAS officer Mohd Sultan Malik, his cousin Sonullah Malik, a government school teacher and Ghulam Ahmad Mir, a retired government school teacher. Both teachers owe allegiance to Jamaat e Islami





This state land has been illegally occupied by Awqaaf Committee, Kupwara. This land is adjacent to prime state land adjacent to Police Post Bazar, Kupwara, which has been illegally occupied by Tahir Memorial Trust

after the Trust activities along with Mohd Sultan Malik, another member of the Trust and a resident of Kupwara. Mohd Sultan Malik is a KAS officer.

Malik and the two government teachers collected huge amount of money for the Trust. Thereafter, the Trust occupied prime state land near the Police Post Bazar, Kupwara. The Trust constructed a huge shopping complex on this land with the help of then Hizbul Mujahideen town commander Ghulam Qadir Shiekh, a resident of Punjwa.

The shops in this shopping complex are divided among KAS officer Mohd Sultan Malik, government teachers Ghulam Ahmad Mir and Sonullah Malik, and other top members of the Trust. The Trust members got permission from Municipal Council,

Kupwara for this shopping complex by paying a huge bribe.

Sources reveal that the government pressurized the Municipal Council to be soft on the activities of the Trust. This was possible because some members of the Trust were always posted on powerful positions like Member Service Selection Recruitment Board (SSRB) or PROs to Ministers.

It is common knowledge in Kupwara that KAS officer Mohd Sultan Malik has established business worth several crores. The two school teachers Ghulam Ahmad Mir and Sonullah Malik also have property in crores. Residents of the Kupwara say this is because all the money that was collected for Tahir Memorial Trust was grabbed by the Trustees.

### Shop occupied in name of dead militant brother

There is one more shareholder in this shopping complex. His name is Habibullah Dar. His brother Mohmad Ramzan Dar was a militant of Hizbul Mujahideen, who was later killed. Habibullah Dar was able to get a shop in the Trust building because his brother was a militant

### Abuse of Official Position by KAS Officer

After retirement from government service as a school teacher, Ghulam Ahmad Mir is a wholesale karyana merchant in Kupwara. Sonullah Malik is the cousin of Mohd Sultan Malik, the KAS officer. Mohd Sultan Malik helped the Trust in occupying prime government land. He used his official influence to get permission from Municipal Council, Kupwara, to get the illegally occupied land registered.



▲ The house of Ghulam Ahmad Mir in Kupwara



◀ The house of Sonullah Malik in Kupwara