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Reports that militants of Pakistani origin who fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan are gathering in POK adjacent to LOC have been confirmed by various sources. It is learnt from authoritative sources that a group of 40 such militants are stationed on the other side of the Machil sector. Uri and Bandipora sectors are likely to become the hotbeds of infiltration.

What sets apart these infiltration bids is the strategy to send less mercenaries, more arms.

The recent infiltration in Uri sector and the recovery of a huge cache of arms and ammunition from the three militants killed at Hathlanga speaks about the new strategy. The seizure of 5 AK-47 rifles, 8 pistols, 24 UBGL grenades, 38 Chinese hand grenades and 7 Pakistani grenades from the possession of just three militants is certainly unmatched.

According to police sources, the focus this time is on low intensity warfare. This is to create a situation like the one we witnessed during the first phase of militancy in the 1990s. The new breed of OGWs will throw grenades indiscriminately, irrespective of whether the grenades hit the target or miss, leading to casualties among bystanders.

The design is to create panic in Kashmir streets and grab headlines domestically and internationally. Police sources say foreign terrorists may not be pushed in large numbers here. Pakistan Army is looking at sending in terrorists hailing from POK who had gone to Afghanistan to be with the Taliban and are now back. The attempt is to give the militant activities some kind of indigenous flavour and avoid the wrath of the international community. Kashmir is heading towards yet another phase of blood bath.



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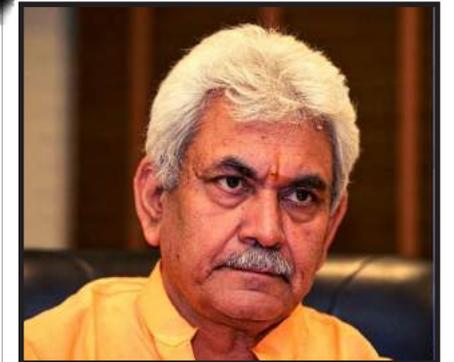
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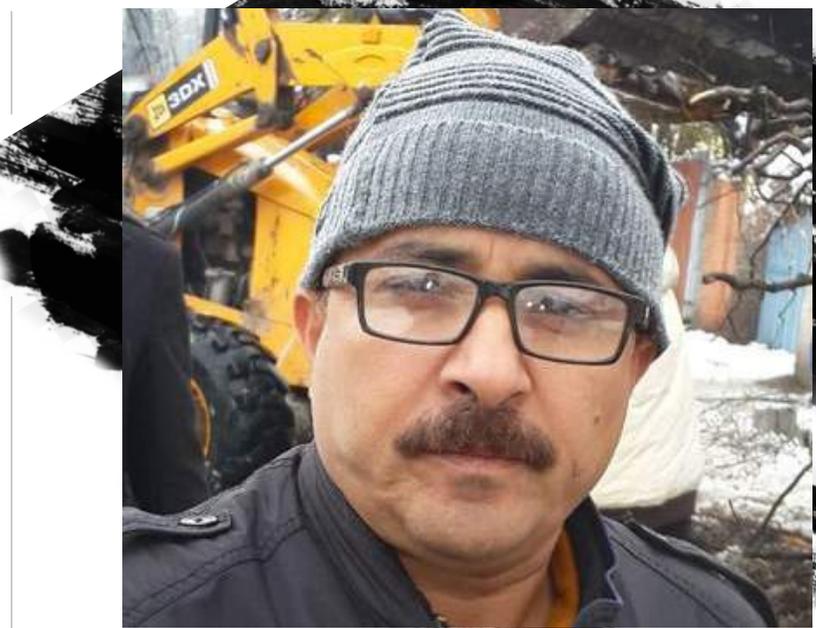
Why Is It That Those Who Support Extremism, Separatism Are The Ones Who Feel Most Protected In Kashmir

by Waseem GUL

The blog kashmirfight.wordpress.com, run by anonymous handlers in Pakistan and UK, has been engaged in business of threats and intimidations to the local scribes for the last few years. The web site seems to be the handiwork of Pakistan spy agency ISI.

In an earlier edition of KZINE, we had suggested that the demonization and character assassination of any local scribe or activist by any self-exiled person or organization should be assessed and analyzed by the security agencies on priority. Based on the analogy of threats and killings of media persons or activists in Kashmir, it has been inferred that the threats and intimidations issued to these individuals have the consent of the Pakistani spy agency or the terrorist organizations operating from Pakistan.

The Kashmir experience has established that any threat and intimidation coming from any quarter, individual or organization has the stamp of ISI or the Pakistan's terror organizations and their extensions in Kashmir. Taking into account the covert character of Pakistan's proxy war



Sofi Akbar

in Kashmir, India's security agencies need to analyze these threats very carefully.

These threats can merely a covert tactic to facilitate intrusion of Pakistan's assets in Kashmir's political, bureaucratic and military establishment. In this way, the threat can be real, or it can be a tactic to plant the assets in the establishment.

This is a ticklish situation, but the intelligence agencies are meant to unravel what is con-

cealed. The security agencies have made the mistake of rushing on conclusions after cracking moles. We need to understand that the terror ecosystem is hydra headed.

Because of the state's ignorance or sheer complacency, the monster was allowed to grow to alarming levels. Now it shall not be easy or simple to declare it dead.

Take for instance the blog kashmirfight.wordpress.com. J&K Police recently arrested a group

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of five persons including two girls. Without anticipating that it could be only the local unit of the blog site, police rushed to the conclusion that the gang has been busted. Their claim proved to be wrong after many threatening posts appeared on the blog site after the arrest of the local moles.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE NOTED IN RELATION TO THE BLOG.

- The website seems to be operated from across the border. Going by the insider talk in the blog, it is evident that it is being run by a Kashmiri who receives inputs from his local contacts on regular basis
- It is possible that those who have not been made on the latest posts on the blog may be assets of terrorists organizations and ISI, or sympathetic to their cause. Simultaneously, it cannot be concluded that those who have not been named are anti-nationals.
- Certainly there are many people who don't have any kind of involvement in further in the cause of the adversaries of the state. However, given the kind of propaganda unleashed by some scribes against the state and those who identify with the state, one must not hesitate in naming these scribes as stooges of Pakistan's deep stage in Kashmir.
- The dynamics have changed. It should be the state that should name, shame and expose the agents of the enemy.

TERROR APOLOGISTS MOST PROTECTED, YET PLAY VICTIM CARD

Why is it so that only those individuals in Kashmir feel threatened who do not subscribe to terrorism or its toxic ideology? Why is it that those who openly and publically espouse the cause of separatism and extremism are the ones who have always considered themselves most protected in Kashmir? It is these terror apologists who facilitate the intimidation of those who do not toe their line.

It is laughable at these same journalists and activists play the victim card. It is they who have the sympathies of the national and international media.

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If a journalist who has terrorist links or propagates extremist ideology is summoned by the police, the national and international media raises a storm, leveling serious charges like "muzzling the voices of dissent and freedom of expression". The abuses being hurled on those who don't toe the line of terrorists and extremists fall on deaf ears of the so-called human rights champions and journalists. It is this same lot that keeps talking of journalistic ethics and freedom of expression.

The state apparatus is always on damage control mode. They only respond to the utterances of the adversaries. One rarely sees any proactive initiative.

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Sajad Ahmad Sheikh

Kashmir collectively needs to demolish this deliberately created veil of anonymity of the offender, the supposed anonymity of the killer.

Security agencies know of a man from HMT area in Srinagar outskirts namely Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, son of Gulam Mohammad Sheikh, a retired doctor. Gulam Mohammad Sheikh is a resident of Rose Avenue Colony Lane, HMT Srinagar. The name of Sajad Ahmad's mother is Atiqa Begum. Sajad's wife is Abida Gulzar, the daughter of Ghulam Ahmad Bafanda. Sajad and Abida have one child, namely Usayam.

Security agencies are aware that this family is associated with Lashkar e Taiba. Sajad's last known occupation was as a chemical lab owner. He knows Kashmiri, Urdu and English. The security agencies know that Sajad fled to Pakistan in 2016. He is one of the kingpins of the blog kashmirfight.wordpress.com. His parents are here but his son and wife are in Pakistan.

Muzamil Thakur

Muzamil Thakur, the son of Ayoob Thakur, lives in London, UK. He is a major asset for ISI. One of his major roles is to act as the conscience keeper for Kashmir, and threaten and intimidate journalists here.

Ayoob Thakur was a faculty member of the Physics Department in Kashmir University. In 1981, he went to Pakistan where he met ISI officers. They deputed him to UK for mobilizing the Kashmiri Diaspora against the Indian state.

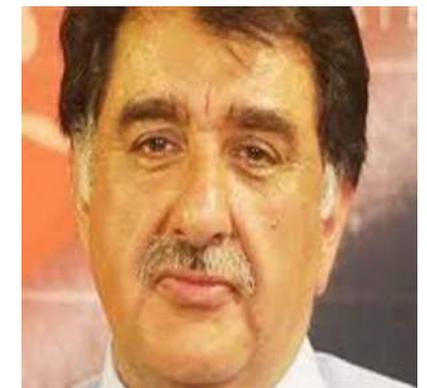
Muzamil was born and brought up in London. He has never visited Kashmir. He is a law graduate and opted for the highly lucrative business of conflict entrepreneurship, which he inherited from his father. Muzamil has no idea of how much Kashmir and Kashmiris have suffered on account of terrorism exported from Pakistan. He now threatens those who have to bear the cost of Pakistan's evil games here.



Mubeen Shah

Mubeen Shah is a bankrupt businessman from Kashmir. He has committed financial frauds upon the state, and was involved in fudging the funds taken from two banks. Mubeen fled from Kashmir in 2019 to Malaysia to propagate communalism and malign the Indian state.

These Pakistani stooges have taken the Indian state for a ride. They have consistently exploited the inherent weaknesses of a democratic system. The state was never serious in dealing with them. These men are now Pakistan's assets to spread terror tentacles.

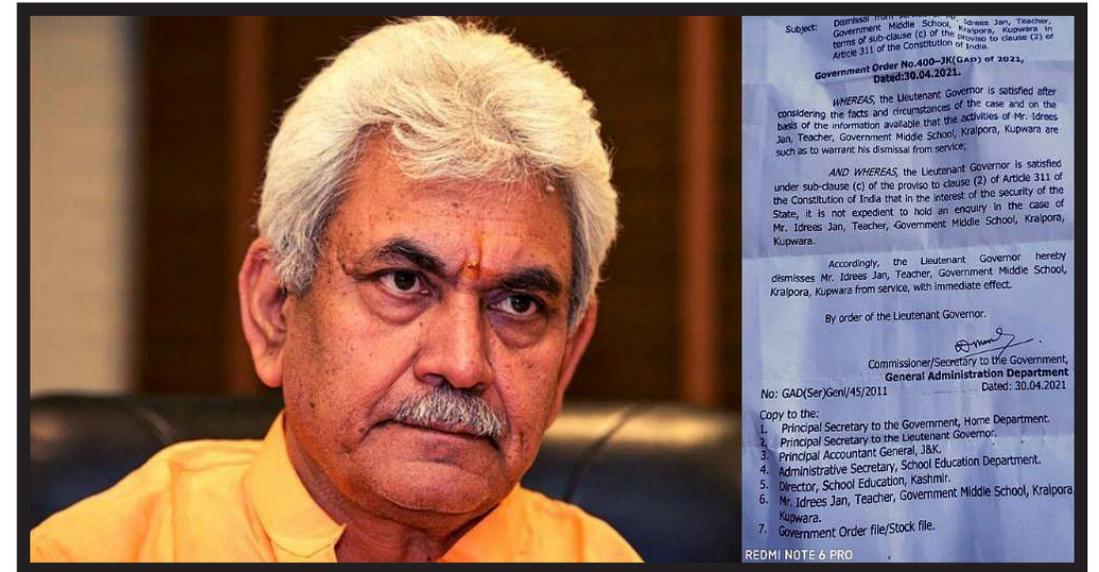


It is unfortunate that the state has failed to create a safe environment for divergent views and ideas in Kashmir. For the last 30 years, the state has been struggling to protect the individuals who oppose terrorists and terror apologists. It should have been other way round. The terror apologists should have been running for their lives.

It is ironic that the only people who are safe in Kashmir are the terror actors and terror apologists. Now irony upon irony: the terror actors and terror apologists play victimhood. The outside world is sympathetic to them. Those who are progressive and democratic in their outlook are threatened, killed and maimed. Kashmir is a safe haven for those who preach practice and promote extremism. Those who do not subscribe to extremism and support democracy always fear for their life.

SIX GOVT EMPLOYEES Who Were Active Militants, Over-Ground Workers or Strengthened Enemy Agenda Dismissed From Service

IMAGE CREDIT: THE TIMES OF INDIA/TWITTER/THELOGICALINDIAN.COM



J&K Lt Governor Hon'ble Shri Manoj Sinha

In a bid to clean the administration which has for long been taken for a ride by anti-state forces, the Jammu and Kashmir UT Administration on September 22 terminated the services of six more government employees under provisions of Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution. All these employees were found to be involved in anti-state activities.

Over the last three decades in Kashmir, the state had wittingly or otherwise incentivized activities detrimental to the larger interests of the nation.

According to some statistical reports, around 50,000 persons who were directly involved in militancy-related activities managed to secure government jobs in the first phase of militancy in the 1990s. The number of those who aided and abetted terrorism covertly and still managed to secure government jobs is stated to be much higher.

The data collected by KZINE through various sources suggests that the legitimate recruiting authorities during that period were either complacent or complicit. By staying mute spectators to the hijacking of recruitment by militant ranks across the government departments, they made huge personal fortunes. Militants and their over-ground sympathizers threatened and intimidated those officers who resisted their diktat.

In the last few months, the LG Administration has invoked Article 311 (2)(c) of the Constitution to clean up the mess. According to authoritative

sources, besides many other moral, ethical and legal impediments, the complacency of the Administration majorly had degraded work culture in Jammu and Kashmir. Mushrooming of employees unions and associations who constantly bullied the state had become a common feature. Every single government department had more than two employees unions. This was indicative of how government employees were indulging in power games and at times holding the departments to ransom.

The action under Article 311 has started yielding positive results. It has tamed the employees who had taken the magnanimity of the state for granted. Now there is this realization that every single individual of the state is accountable for his actions, or shall have to bear the cost.

RECENT TERMINATIONS FROM SERVICE, REASONS FOR STATE ACTION

Jaffer Hussain Butt
Constable EXJ-116221 (Belt Number 327/KTR),
resident of Hunjalla tehsil, Kishtwar district

On March 8, 2019, armed terrorists of Hizb ul Mujahideen (HM) snatched the service rifle AK-47 along with three magazines and 90 live cartridges from Head Constable Daleep Singh from his rented

accommodation at Asrarabad Kishtwar. The Head Constable was performing the duties as In-Charge Escort with District Magistrate Kishtwar.

The incident sent shock waves and spread terror through Kishtwar, as it took place soon after the killing of BJP leader Anil Parihar and his brother Ajeet Parihar.

Jaffer Hussain Butt was part of the conspiracy of the looting of the weapon. He had willingly and knowingly provided logistics support to the Hizb ul Mujahideen terrorists namely Osama Bin Javed, Haroon Abbas Wani and Zahid Hussain. Butt provided them with his Maruti Suzuki Alto Car 800 bearing registration number JK-17/5025. Butt also facilitated their safe movement to target Head Constable Daleep Singh and snatch his service rifle from his rented room.

Soon after coming to know about the incident and sensing trouble, Butt cooked up a false story for his colleagues and senior police officers. He informed that the registration number of his vehicle is JK17-2550 (the correct number was JK17-5025). As a result, the police could not initiate immediate counter action against the terrorists. Providing false information revealed Jaffer Hussain Butt's criminal intention and motive. It also revealed his deep involvement in the terror incident. The police later learnt that Osama bin Javid, one of the terrorists involved in the crime was closely known to Butt.

Mohd Rafi Butt

**Junior Assistant PWD (R&B), Kishtwar
Resident of Pochhal tehsil, Kishtwar district**

The nexus between Mohd Rafi But and the terrorists in Kishtwar surfaced after one of his associates Tariq Hussain Giri was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). At that time, NIA was investigating the case of the killing of prominent RSS leader Chanderkant and his PSO Rajinder Kumar in the premises of District Hospital Kisthwar on April 9, 2019.

The investigation revealed that Mohd Rafi Butt provided food and shelter to the Hizb ul Mujahideen terrorists. He also harboured and transported them from time to time to conceal their designs. In this way, Butt provided the terrorists with a safe environment to execute their terror plans in Kishtwar. Investigation conducted by NIA revealed that the attack on the RSS leader and his PSO was carried out by three HM terrorists, namely Osama Bin Javed Osama, Haroon Abbas Wani and Zahid Hussain after proper recon-



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naissance prior to the attack.

It was also revealed during investigation that this incident was among the four terror-related incidents committed in the period from November 2018 to September 2019 by Hizb ul Mujahideen. This was part of Pakistan's conspiracy to create panic and terror, and force the exodus of the Hindu community from Kishtwar district and other areas of the erstwhile Doda district.

Liyaqat Ali Kakroo

**Teacher, Nambla Uri, Baramulla district
Resident of Nambla Uri**

Liyaqat Ali Kakroo remained a local trained militant of Hizb ul Mujahideen even in service. A large part of his illegal activities including his clandestine

participation in terror activities could not be formally documented in police records. It was only after his arrest in December 2001 that his real face as a locally trained terrorist of HM was exposed. On 17 December 2001, following specific information, the 34th Bn of BSF laid an ambush in Chan Mohalla, Chattabal, Srinagar. Liyaqat Ali Kakroo was apprehended by the ambush party. He had two hand grenades, and 20 explosives sticks weighing 2 kg in his possession. It was this incident which exposed him to be a trained militant of HM.

Even after getting bail in this case, Kakroo continued his activities. In June 10, 2002, 12th Bn of SIKH LI while patrolling along Dudran Barnali track in Boniyar, Uri, apprehended him carrying a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives including a Chinese pistol and hand grenades for terrorist activities.

It was openly known in his area that after being arrested and detained under J&K Public Safety Act (PSA) for his role as a HM terrorist in the year 2001-02, Kakroo stealthily transformed himself into a hardcore Over Ground Worker (OGW) of HM. He brazenly used his position as a government teacher to give legitimacy to his extremist and secessionist agenda against the Indian state in and around Baramulla and Srinagar area. He was an important and confidential OGW of HM. He was given the tasks of safely transporting arms, ammunition and explosives for terror activities.

The well knit terror network of Liyaqat Ali Kakroo with HM terrorists again came to surface. On April 26, 2021, following an intelligence input, he along with his associate Asgar Mir, son of Hafizulla Mir of Trikanjan Parbela, Baramulla was arrested in a joint operation carried out by the Police and 53rd Bn of CRPF at Domail Baramulla. One Chinese grenade each was recovered from him and his associate.

Showkat Ahmad Khan

**Selection Grade Constable (SGCT) ARP-076305
Resident of Arth, Narbal, Budgam district**

Showkat Ahmad Khan is a notorious and hardcore sympathiser and Over Ground Worker (OGW) of Lashkar e Taiba. He brazenly used his position as a police constable to give legitimacy to the secessionist agenda. In utter disregard of his mandate to work for the Police Department which is at the forefront of fighting terrorism, Showkat clandestinely got involved in activities detrimental to the security of the state.

Abdul Hamid Wani aka Rouf-ul-Islam

**Teacher GMS Hunaman Sirigufwara, Anantnag
Resident of Dupatyar Bijbehara, Anantnag**

Abdul Hamid Wani, also known as Rouf-ul-Islam, is a former terrorist with the group Allah Tigers. He has a long history of actively propagating secessionism and separatism in his area. The gravity of his involvement in secessionism can be gauged from the fact that even while being a government teacher, he became the District Commander of the terror group Allah Tigers. During his active role as a terrorist, he was closely associated with another former terrorist turned businessman and member of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), namely Abdul Aziz Bhat of Arder, Anantnag. Abdul Hamid Wani and his associates extorted a

lot of money on gun point from the local public for themselves and also to carry out terrorist activities in the area.

Allah Tigers, the small radical terrorist outfit, was involved in organised armed rebellion against the Indian State. It was in favour of Kashmir's merger with Pakistan. This group was notorious for shutting down cinemas, bars and beauty parlours in Kashmir valley. Any one not obeying their diktats was threatened with death.

Leveraging his affiliation with Jamaat e Islami, Abdul Hamid Wani manipulated some government officers in his area to secure an appointment order in his favour in 1988-89. He was a backdoor appointee, and hence never underwent a public selection proceeding. This strategy was widely used by Jamaat e Islami to enlarge its mass base, manage financial resources and intrude into the government machinery, particularly school education.

Disregarding his service mandate, Abdul Hamid Wani propagated his ideology of terrorism and se-

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cessionism while participating in Friday sermons in local mosques. At the funerals of killed terrorists and during condolences (Taiziyat) gatherings of civilians in the area, he constantly projected these as oppression by Indian security forces.

Tariq Mehmood Kohli

**Range Officer (Agrostology-Poonch)
Resident of Chandak Haveli, Poonch district**

Tariq Mehmood Kohli was thickly into smuggling of illegal arms, ammunition, explosives including hard drugs and Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) from Pakistan as part of a terrorist syndicate. The Pakistani intelligence had provided communication facility to Tariq Mehmood Kohli by way of Pakistani SIM cards. He used these in the areas adjacent to LoC for planning and executing the trans-border smuggling. From 2000 to 2010, he was one of the top subversive agents of Pakistan, and played a key role in sustaining and promoting terrorism in Poonch. He was later asked by Pakistan to tone down his activities and function as a sleeper cell to strike back when the situation became favourable for terrorists and secessionists.

Despite being a government officer, Tariq Mehmood Kohli chose to build and expand the terror network of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Poonch with the ultimate objective of waging war against the state and breaking Jammu and Kashmir territorially and constitutionally.

Tariq Mehmood Kohli remained an instrumental point-man and OGW of LeT over the years and harboured terrorists. Kohli was once a close associate of LeT commander Abu Hanzla, with whom he had planned and executed many subversive activities in Poonch district.

Kohli resorted to clandestine methods in assisting Pakistan and

the enemy engaged in hostility with Indian state but also pumped in Fake Indian Currency Notes. His concealment of the criminal acts facilitated Pakistan in carrying out activities prejudicial to national security.

After a one letter communication between the DM Poonch and the SSP Poonch, Kohli was able to sabotage his detention order under PSA through his channels of influence. The play of the same channels of extraneous influence in the politico-administrative framework was the reason why many cases could not be taken to their logical and legal conclusion earlier.

MAJOR SHIFT IN JAMMU AFTER AUGUST 2019

Turbulence generated
by **Pakistan flaring up**
as **terrorism** in Rajouri
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Terror organizations
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by Bisma NAZIR

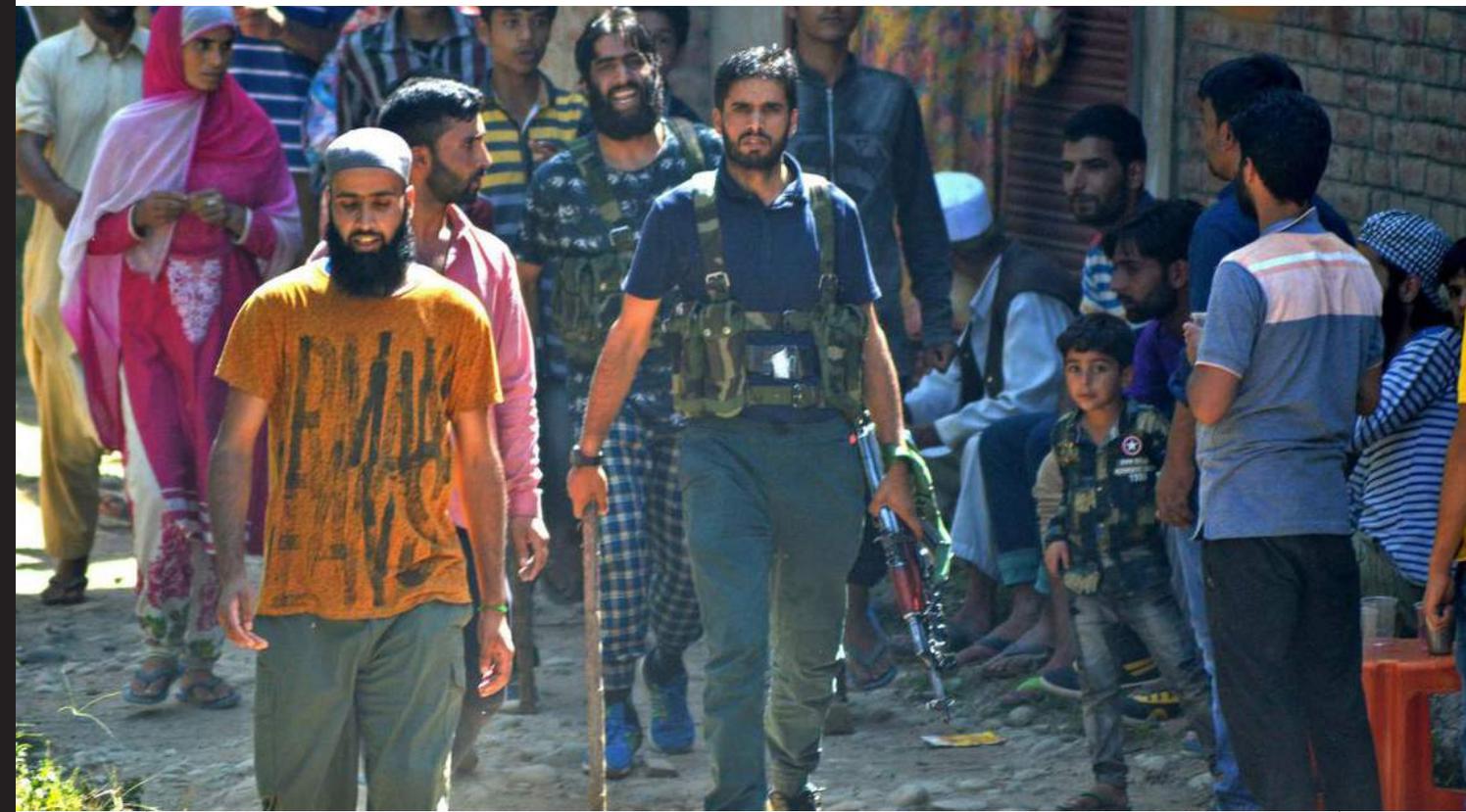
After the abrogation of Article 370, Jammu is showing signs of emerging as a national security challenge for India's sovereignty. The situation is turning alarming because of the turbulence generated by Pakistan in the region.

Before August 2019, there was no militancy in the Muslim-majority Jammu division districts of Rajouri and Poonch. Now threat of militancy has started looming large in Jammu region. There are lethal attacks, encounters, recovery of arms and ammunition, detention of militants and over ground workers (OGW). Terrorist organizations and their networks are trying to create fear psychosis among the locals.

It is a matter of concern that security and intelligence agencies have not been able to counter or crack the local moles. Samba district of Jammu region, which is closest to Pakistan, is most preferred for infiltration of militants from Pakistan. The largest number of drones has been recovered from Samba.

A file photo shows Kashmiri militants at the funeral procession of another militant in Kulgam.

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In 2020, after the encounter near Nagrota on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in which four terrorists were killed, Border Security Force (BSF) had detected a 150-metre long tunnel from Pakistan to Samba sector. This had been used by Pakistan to push militants into Jammu region. The tunnel gives a fair idea of the intentions of Pakistan for the region.

Series of Terror Attacks in Rajouri, Poonch

In a terror attack last month in the heart of the Rajouri town, a two-year-old was killed and the family members injured in a grenade attack. In the last three months, five major encounters have been reported in Rajouri district. Seven militants and three soldiers were killed in these encounters.

In neighboring Poonch district, five militants were killed while trying to infiltrate along the Line of Control (LoC). Sticky bombs were recovered for the first time there last month. Drones are being used to drop arms, IEDs, drugs and money. Tunnels have been found, used to push terrorists in Jammu. Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad and other terror organizations have got active here. Pakistan's full-fledged plan to start bloodshed in Jammu region is on track.

Can we call this a shift of mili-



Left: Hizbul Mujahideen Militants greets each other while displaying weapons which they snatched from police personnel in various attacks, at an apple field in South Kashmir in 2016

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Another reason is that since Kashmir is more militarized than Jammu, the movement of terrorists is difficult there. After the abrogation of Article 370, it has become arduous for terrorists to operate in Kashmir, hence they are trying to shift base to Jammu.

How do the militants operate and survive despite the heavy checks of the state? This needs to be understood from an informed 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 survive for long without local support.

According to intelligence inputs, terrorists are hiding in the

forest areas of Jammu. For survival, they need local support. Does that mean that Kashmir's radicalization has reached the Jammu division? Are locals supporting terrorists because they are radicalized? Are they getting some kind of benefits in return? Are they supporting them out of fear? If locals are supporting the militants voluntarily, is it because of the influence of social media or other extraneous factors? The reasons for support must be investigated before Jammu becomes another Kashmir. Mission "All Out" in the Jammu division shall be successful only if we are able to identify the factors for these developments and deal effectively with them.

tancy from Kashmir to Jammu? Or is it the extension of militancy from Kashmir to Jammu?

What are the reasons for this emerging militancy?

There is no clarity as yet on this fundamental question. The signals from Pakistan are varied and confusing, and a mix of reasons is

likely. Pakistan wants to expand its terror footprint beyond Kashmir. It wants to exert its terror influence over Jammu region too. It wants to bleed India in all the ways it can. It wants to sabotage the democratic exercises initiated by the Indian state. It wants to muzzle the voice of dissent. Pakistan's strategy of expanding its terror footprint is clear from the recent incident in Delhi where six terrorists planning festival attacks were arrested.

Militancy in Kashmir Concentrated in Districts With Strong Jamaat e Islami Influence

The number of terrorists active in South Kashmir currently stands at 119. These include 24 foreign terrorists and 84 local youth who joining militancy this year.

Militancy in Kashmir is currently concentrated in Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam districts, where the influence of Jamaat e Islami is high. As per security reports, in Anantnag district only

16 militants are active. In Shopian district, 28 militants are active. Kulgam has 22 local militants and 5 Pakistani militants.

While studying the data on active militants in South Kashmir, KZINE found that militancy is high in some specific hotbeds like two administrative blocks in Kulgam district, two administrative blocks in Shopian district, sub division Tral in Pulwama district and Kakpora block in Pulwama district.

The data makes for an engaging study. Fresh recruitment takes place in select pockets of Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama districts. The latest figures show that whatever recruitment in terrorists in rank and file is happening, it does not show any major shift.

In Anantnag district, the recruitment is almost insignificant. However, the number of active militants remains the same as it was in 2020.

Why is it that the affluent Kashmiri men and their sons feel no need to take up the gun? Why does the gun reach the hands of poor, impoverished Kashmiri youth? What factors are at play to explain this?

Intelligence inputs indicate designs to target places in Jammu region



ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, IPS

Terrorists and their handlers keep changing their tactics. After the tunnels were detected, they may have started using the other routes which were in use earlier. Overall there appears to be an increase in their attempts to push in terrorists. Fortunately, so far most of these groups have been neutralized either at the border or in the hinterland. Intelligence inputs indicate their designs to target some places in Jammu region. We are keeping a close eye on all these developments.

Two Major Reasons for Militant Recruitment

After evaluation of the administrative blocks which have emerged as hotbeds, it comes to the fore that two main factors attribute to the recruitment of militants. One, ideological indoctrination. Second, the economic condition.

In Qaimoh block of Kulgam, both factors seem to be at play. The area has been dominated by Jamaat-e-Islami ideology for long. In February 2019, Jamaat e Islami Jammu and Kashmir was banned by the Home Ministry for its activities that compromised national interest and security. Even after the ban, reports keep pouring in about the activities of Jamaat cadres in the area.

Qaimoh block of Kulgam has produced some of the top Jamaat leaders who headed the organisation at state level for long. Prominent among these are Sheikh Ghulam Hassan, Mir Sanaullah and Abdul Salaam Kumar. The trio greatly influenced the people of the area. They were the first generation Jamaatis. Now there are

innumerable people in the area, particularly those in teaching profession, who propagate Jamaat ideology and have greatly influenced young minds.

The data on active militants also

indicates that almost all of them belong to lower social strata. They hail from a poor economic background. There is another interesting observation. One militant namely Aslam hails from Redwani

People run as suspected militants offer a gun salute to Fayaz Ahmad during his funeral in Kulgam.

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Bala, a village in Qaimoh taluka of Kulgam district. Aslam is believed to have joined militant ranks because of the abuses hurled on his family. The data reveals that his maternal grandfather Abdul Samad Alayi was killed by militants for his political affiliation. Perhaps tormented by the ignominy of his grandfather's killing by militants,

Aslam turned a militant himself.

Another factor being attributed to the recruitment in militant ranks is the harassment of youngsters by police and other security agencies. Take for instance the case of Asif Reshi of Lashkar e Taiba, who hails from Marhama village of Anantnag district. The information on Asif states that he

has a Jamaat background and was involved in some stone pelting incident in 2016. Asif was arrested under PSA and released a year later. However, the police allegedly continued to summon and harass Asif for months after he was released. His family alleges that Asif joins terrorist ranks because of the continued harassment by the police.

Why Do Almost All Kashmiri Militants Come From Lower Social Strata?

It is not difficult to understand why or under what circumstances Kashmiri boys choose death over life. Indoctrination by the deadly extremist ideology propagated by Jamaat e Islami remains the most important factor driving the youth to militancy.

Poverty and economic backwardness also contribute to terrorism in Kashmir. The fundamental question which must engage researchers is this: Why is it that almost all militants come from poor backgrounds? Why is it that only the economically challenged youth take this extreme step where they are bound to be killed, particularly in the current phase of militancy where the average life expectancy of a terrorist is 60 to 90 days?

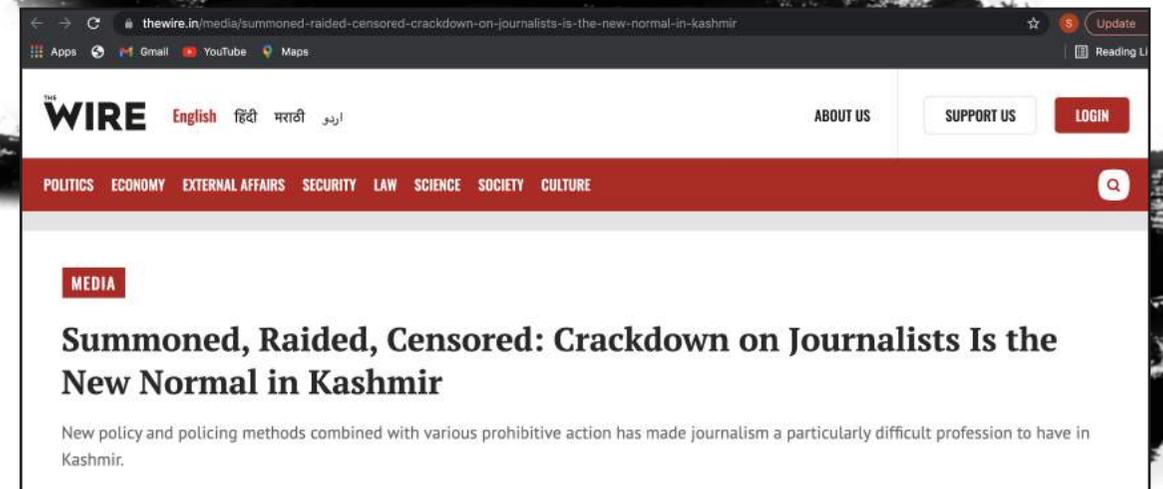
Why is it that the affluent Kashmiri men and their sons feel no need to take up the gun? Why does the gun reach the hands of poor, impoverished youth? What factors are at play to explain this?

In the first phase of militancy in Kashmir, the life expectancy of a militant was usually in years. Also, the benefits of joining militant ranks were enormous. Extortions, supari money, public donations, commissions from government officers, funding from the contractors, huge hawala funds, loot and arson, power and influence – everything came to the militants of the 90s through the barrel of the gun. But in the current phase, what is drawing in youth the most is indoctrination and ideological commitment.

What has been the impact of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan on militant recruitment in Kashmir? Currently, we have no data or quantifying measures on the basis of which we can ascertain this. What we can say with certainty is that the resurgence of terrorists in the Peer Panjal region can significantly impact the cycle of terrorism in the South Kashmir districts of Shopian and Kulgam.

THE WAR ON TERROR

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by Mir QAYOOM

In Kashmir, the Army and security agencies are dealing with a section of youth deeply indoctrinated and being led to jihad. The Indian state is dealing with a malevolent neighbour that has globally – and repeatedly – been called the most dangerous country in the world. The knocks of terror are leading to deep anxiety in Jammu.

Kashmiris want peace and progress on their land, and freedom from terror which is like a cancer in their midst. Proof: Daily life is business as usual in Kashmir except when terrorists try to usher in chaos by mindless killings. The jihadi organizations are Kashmir's mafia, engaged in everything from supari killings to narcotics supplies to extortions to intimidation and murders.

Nationalist Kashmiris who are vocal in their love and support for India despite the terror ma-

chinery fear for their lives daily. Online death warrants given out by Pakistan-fed jihadis mark out nationalists for death. Recall Shujaat Bukhari, Recall Babar Qadri.

The so-called Kashmir experts – living in peaceful, affluent countries – are shouting Why? Why should Kashmir suffer checks, curfews, restrictions, raids?

The Spine-Chilling Kashmir Fight Blogs, And The State's Fight Against It

These gyaanis doling out gyaan on Kashmir are in continuous denial of terror in Kashmir. A strange make-believe seems to be at play. The template is this: Let us make believe that Kashmir isn't a jihadi playground.

These gyaanis are blind to the ground realities of terror. And equally blind to the online expression of terror. Evidently, they have not read the spine chilling Kashmir Fight blogs. Even a casual read of the blogs reveals that it is written by an insider. The persons driving these blogs may be living in Kashmir or abroad, but the content is coming from within. The casual insider talk of Kashmir reveals it.

These blogs impact not only those who are marked out for the kill. These blogs have a ripple effect on society. Such blogs silence other Kashmiris who want to speak up against terror. Such blogs silence independent thought and action.

It is the mandate of J&K Police and the security agencies to protect the citizens. A report published on news portal The Wire on September 22 equated state investigation into those suspected to be associated with the

DISCLAIMER

The purpose of this write-up is not to insinuate or claim that the journalists against whom the police action was initiated are guilty or that KZINE has any incriminating evidence against them. The purpose of the write-up is to state that Kashmir is a conflict region. India is fighting a war on terror. J&K Police, the Army and the para-military forces and security are dealing with a malevolent enemy across the border.

Pakistan routinely uses everything at its disposal to bleed India. In this context, actions taken by the state and its arms against enemy action cannot be viewed in simplistic terms of so-called attacks on freedom of the press.

J&K Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha famously said at the launch of the third book by Mr Bashir Assad, Editor-in-Chief KZINE, titled Kashmir: The War Of Narratives, "If Pakistan attempts to shut down Kashmir using the force of the gun, then what is wrong if we use the stick to counter it?"

Perception management is key to success in a conflict region, where external forces are constantly seeking greater space to deepen their agenda.

Pakistan uses so-called journalists, activists and academicians to malign India. It routinely keeps journalists on its payrolls worldwide to peddle its anti-India narrative.

If Pakistan consistently attacks through a disinformation flood, India must protect national interest by keeping a watch on those who drive the narrative globally and internationally. This may also include keeping a watch on journalists, activists, academicians and the like. This is not an attack on freedom of the press. It is national security. Period.

Kashmir Fight blog as an attack on freedom of the press.

National security and internal security. Freedom of the press. These are separate areas. They cannot be merged or equated.

Freedom is not just shouting at the Indian state. Kashmiris have exercised this freedom for decades.

Freedom is also telling terrorists to pack their bags and leave for their masters' homes in Pakistan. Freedom is also telling those terrorists who exploit Kashmiri women and girls in the name of jihad – don't do this.

Reports on terrorist activities across Kashmir have consistently revealed that the Kashmiri

militants are largely opposed to the sexual exploitation of local women and girls in the name of jihad. But most militants from Pakistan and some vicious militants from within Kashmir have no such qualms. For them, sexual exploitation of the women and girls of the house where they take shelter is par for the course.

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THE SKEWED TEMPLATE: ARREST OF TERROR MOLES LIKE ADIL FAROOQ IS CALLED ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Journalist Working For Terrorist Group Exposed Kashmir's Dark Realities

In early August 2021, Adil Farooq, a sub-editor with CNS, a Kashmir news agency, was arrested in Lal Chowk with two grenades. Adil was suspected to be one of the accused in the August 10 grenade attack in which about 15 people were injured. The incident brought into sharp focus the dark realities of Kashmir. An over ground worker of a dreaded terrorist organization was operating in the garb of a journalist in an area under heavy surveillance and manned by CRPF troopers 24X7.



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Adil Farooq, a student of Journalism at the Central University of Kashmir is arrested. He is booked under Public Safety Act (PSA)

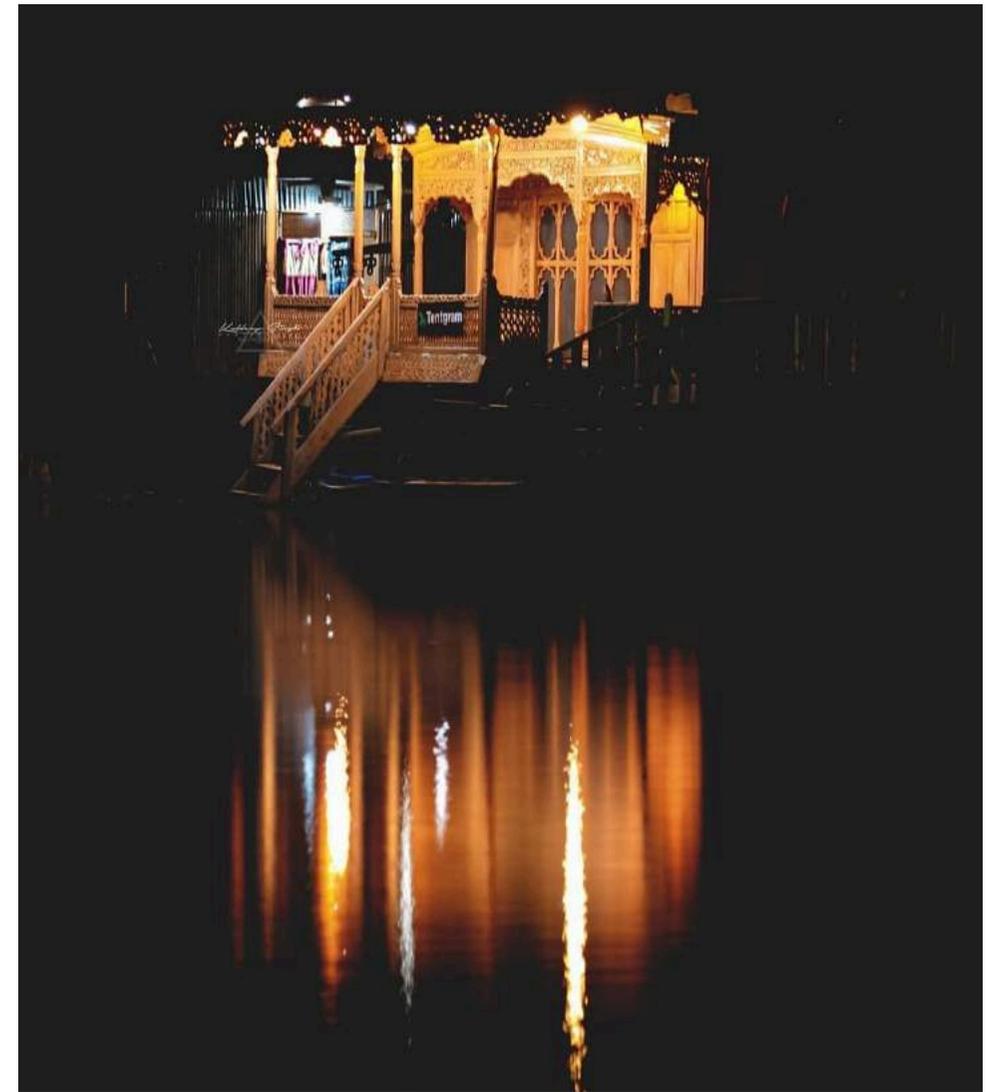
on charges of working as an over ground worker of terrorists. Adil has been helping terrorists with the smuggling of weapons to surpass security checks. He is also a courier for Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and is in touch with terrorists. He is kept under arrest at Kot Balwal jail in Jammu.

Police Dossier on Adil

The dossier exposes Adil's links with terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba and several terrorists associated with the group. It states that Adil met various terrorists and developed a militant ideology. He established a link with Hurriyat leader Bilal Gani Lone,



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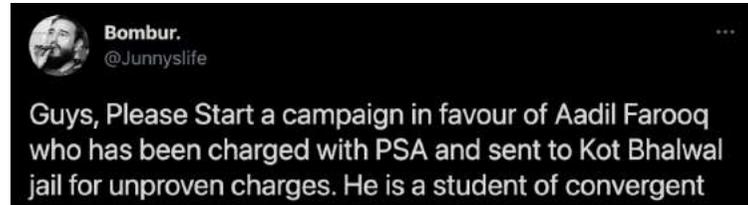
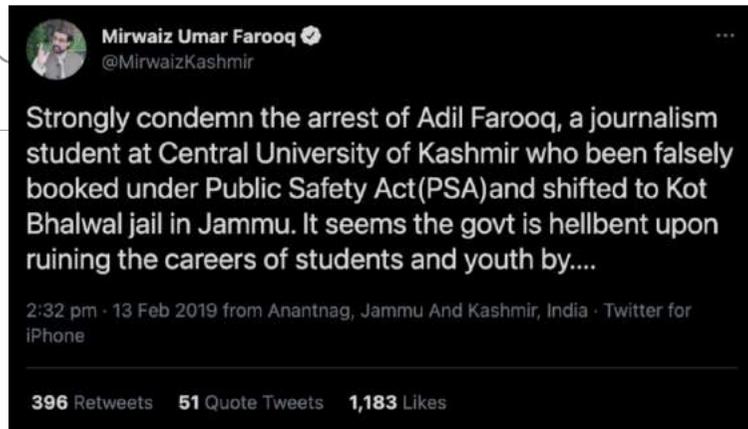
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under whose instructions he remained proactive in instigating the same ideology amongst the people and youth of the area. Adil had liaison with a terrorist named Mohd Ayoub Lone, alias pilot of banned terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and his other terrorist associates. He was aware of the topography of the area. He helped terrorists with safe transportation of arms and ammunition through unconventional routes and away from security forces



The Proven Terror Links Of Some So-Called Journalists, And The Attempts To Discredit State's Investigation

Pakistan has fattened so-called academicians, journalists, activists who make a constant din for "the cause". These sham academicians, journalists, activists never decry the terror machinery, the jihadi killings, the butchering of men like sheep, the silence of the lambs. They are obsessed with some delusionary Kashmir where there is no Islamist jihad.

More so, many of these so-called journalists have proven terror links. They are part of Pakistan's terror eco-system, and the state has dossiers on their terror links. Confronted with this, the so-called liberal and secular media discredits state investigation (SEE SECTION: THE SKEWED TEMPLATE: ARREST OF TERROR MOLES LIKE ADIL FAROOQ IS ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS)

The global studies rolling out on Kashmir are consis-

tently white-washing terror. There is no acknowledgment of what Mr Bashir Assad succinctly wrote in his book K File. Masla-e-Kashmir is no longer political. It is about Nizam-e-Mustafa. It is a pan-Islamic movement now. Are the so-called global experts on Kashmir acknowledging this?

No. Through their intellectual deceit, these sham experts are building up on a Kashmir which is some kind of utopia, where India is spoiling the party with checks, curfews, restrictions, summons, raids.

Former US defense secretary James Mattis wrote that Pakistan "views all geopolitics through the prism of its hostility toward India". Some media outlets seem to view all geopolitics through the prism of their political agenda. Wrong. National interest and personal political agenda cannot be equated.

Brouhaha Over Adil's Arrest

Terror apologists describe Adil's arrest as onslaught on freedom of media and freedom of expression. So-called "liberal-secular" media rushes to absolve Adil Farooq of charges that he has been supporting terror networks. The so-called repression by the state is widely decried by anti-India camps. Pressure is sought to be built to honourably release the over-ground worker of a terror organization. A storm in unleashed on social media with cries against India's supposed high-handedness.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq condemns Adil's arrest, and claims that the man has been falsely booked under PSA.

The Harsh Truth

Adil Farooq is a prime example of terror module inside the security picket. Those who had decried Adil's arrest in 2019 actually encouraged him to continue to preach and practice a radicalized ideology. Men like Adil are being conveniently used as terror instruments by anti-India camps and Pakistan's strategic assets in Kashmir and globally.

DERADICALISATION

Trying to Save Youth From Path Of Militancy

Counseling initiatives of the state at multiple levels help immensely, we should strengthen them

OIn Kashmir, conflict often marks our life in chaos, confusion and uncertainty. This is the reason our populace, especially our youth, become volatile and sensitive towards any internal or external change. Due to our decades old political turbulence and uncertainty, Kashmir has turned a hub for various anti-societal elements. Our youth are contributing to this tragic turn at the forefront. Conflict takes a heavy toll. It leaves many youngsters of our beautiful valley disturbed and dis-

ressed. Facing the consequences of the conflict, they feel pushed to the wall. This is the reason that some of them take extreme and harsh steps while others remain loyal to their culture, history and the soil they were born to.

Those who get misled choose the wrong path. They face death and destruction. If they had been guided and counseled properly at the right place and time by the right person, they could have been saved. They would have happily lived their lives amongst us. We lost a generation to the bullets and barrels. We don't deserve to lose another one.

Wrong Perception Created On Kashmir

Ours is a distinct and a very sensitive society. The fact is that our society is not misled or misguided from within. External animosity, external aggression has made us this way. The general perception among the masses about the Kashmiris is wrong. They are unaware of our history and geography. They take lectures on Kashmir from the corporate media houses. It is extremely unfortunate that the corporate media houses spit venom



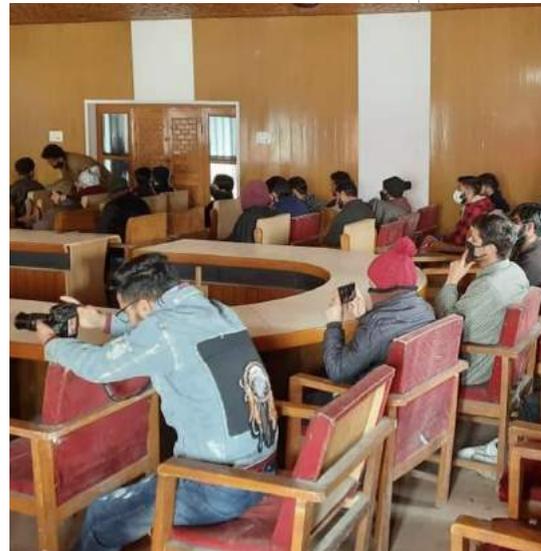
I have come across numerous instances of youth who were at the brink of switching over to militancy. Both these categories are before my eyes. We tried our best to wean them away from the wrong path. Now many of them are living happily with their loving families, pursuing prosperous careers

These Are Young Men Who Sought Acceptance, Identity, Opportunity

We must understand something in clear terms. Today's terrorists, today's extremists are yesterday's young men who were looking for acceptance, identity and above all - opportunities. That is why we need to be in their lives to counsel them about what is right and wrong for them.

Recently, one such welcome step was held at Shopian. IG Police, the Army Corps Commander and other senior officials from the Police and Army held an interaction with the families of militants. The IGP was quoted as having said: "Bring the militants back to their homes. We are ready to accept them with open arms if they believe that they were on the wrong path." Initiatives like these can prove extremely fertile if continued with the right will.

Local militants in Kashmir have got a huge moral boost because of the win-win situation of the Taliban in Afghanistan. They have started believing in the power of the gun rather than dialogue to resolve any issue. The creation of counseling centers and regular counseling sessions for these vulnerable groups of young adults can prove to be the game changer. It can save these vulnerable youth from getting radicalized.



against us. This is why the general masses get misled on Kashmir.

The truth is that ours is a fertile land. We have always produced fertile minds. We are peace-loving people who fought with Afghans, Mughals and Dogras only for attaining our peace and freedom.

I have come across numerous instances of youth who were at the brink of switching over to militancy. We tried to wean them away from the wrong path. We were lucky to save many of them. It is my misfortune that we failed to save many of them. I will regret this till my last breath. Both these categories are before my eyes. The former are living happily with their loving families, pursuing prosperous careers. The ones whom we could not save are sleeping deep down in the



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soil or are behind bars since long. Some among them were my close friends. I prayed that they would come back from the wrong path and live happily. Fortunately among the many youth I have stopped from taking life-ending steps, I shall narrate the stories of a few.

Waheed Para Saved My Childhood Friend From The Wrong Path

Qafeel Ahmad (name changed) was my good friend since early childhood. In 2016 he lost his sister in a cross fire. The people with militant ideology connected with him and started radicalizing him so that he would become a militant. They tried to influence him saying that he must join militant

ranks to take revenge of his sister. We used to be together. I was continuously guiding him that he should not turn to the wrong path. The other group was after him to take up arms as early as possible. His parents won't have survived had he turned to militancy.

As part of state policy to grant ex gratia relief to the kin, the government offered this young man a job. He was so deeply bitter that for seven months, he refused to take the job.

I requested Waheed ur Rehman Para, a mainstream politician to meet him and counsel him. Para and I counseled my friend for days together. By the Grace of Allah, we could save this man from dying.

De-radicalization is the process of changing an individual's belief system, persuading him to reject extremist ideology and embrace

Counseling At Pulwama Police Station Saved A Youth

A young handsome man in his 20s lived in my locality, Mugalpora in Pulwama district. He was of extremist thought. He was also in constant contact with people who followed that extreme ideology. He was at the brink of joining militancy. If this had happened, his life would have ended within a day, a week, month, a year or maybe a few years. But it was certain that his life would be full of miseries and tragedies, and also the life of his parents. His ideology had made him a hardliner and a chronic stone pelted. For him, the only way forward was to join the militancy ranks.

Fortunately, we were able to intervene in time. We got him counseled at a local police station in Pulwama without any torture or punishment. He is now living a happy life and is working as a senior executive in a private company.

mainstream values. In Kashmir, spending time in jail can strengthen a young person's resolve to take revenge. Many of those jailed who weren't part of any protest decided to join militancy after they are released. Others who are arrested for small crimes become radicalized in jail. Putting kids in jail on mere suspicion that they may become militants is a recipe for deep radicalization. The focus should be on disengagement and the identification of the driving forces that push the youth towards violent extremism. Issues of identity, a sense of alienation, perceived injustice, economic empowerment and good governance – all these will have to be addressed holisti-

cally. This will require strong and consistent outreach to the youth of the valley.

Sabzar Ahmad Wanted To Be A Doctor, He Turned Militant

Sabzar Ahmad (name changed) was involved in stone pelting in the 2016 unrest. He was a brilliant student and had the clear aim of becoming a doctor. He was slapped with PSA. After he was released, he went missing from home and joined militant ranks. He died after seven months.

His parents told me that before



Hussain counseled 14 boys who had fallen prey to propaganda by extremist groups and were on the way to join militancy. I had got information from credible sources that all these young boys had changed their mindset. They are all now mainstreamed and they thank SSP Imtiyaz Hussain for counseling them and making them realize the importance of life rather than death, and saved their lives. The community members and their parents have expressed their gratitude to Anantnag Police for this kind gesture, thereby saving life of the youths.

The policy makers have long been dealing with the consequences of radicalization. More importantly, the policy makers

DC Srinagar And A Senior Police Officer Turned Out To Be Angels For A Youth

Recently I got to know of a youngster from Srinagar who used to be a hardliner and a miscreant with vested interests in the eyes of law. This youth was a notorious stone-pelting. He used to skip classes and engage in anti-national activities. He got arrested and a dossier was made on time, marking him for arrest under the Public Safety Act (PSA). The registration of the case against him was to be signed by the competent authority soon.

Someone working with the police informed his lawyer that the youngster would be charged under PSA soon. His family members had a good contact in the Deputy Commissioner's office. He got counseled by the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and a senior police officer in the presence of his family members.

Fortunately the young man realized

that he was being misguided. He was released. He later told me that on the previous night, he had vowed that after he got out of the jail, he would take revenge after joining militant ranks. This year, this man attended more than 10 events on de-radicalization organized by the NGO Save Youth Save Future. This is the organization that has worked day and night to counsel such boys so that they do not get radicalized. The same young man is now doing B.Tech in a famous college in Chandigarh and is happily living his life with his ailing parents and a young sister.

Later, this man told me that the DC and the senior police officer had come as two angels sent by God for him. Had they not counseled him at the right place and right time, things would have been entirely different. He would have been in some jail or would have died.

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becoming a militant, Sabzar always spoke about the atrocities that he faced in jail. He cried about his days in jail and always said that he would take revenge. His mother was the lone breadwinner for the family. She has been bed-ridden since the day he joined militancy.

Do Not Punish For Small Crimes

If you punish budding youth for small crimes, they come out of jails radicalized. This has to be articulated as state policy that young boys must not be punished for small crimes. Perhaps we already have a policy to this effect. Then it must be implemented in

letter and spirit.

Young boys who are associated with small crimes must be counseled. We don't need their blood or their dead body. We need them to live. They deserve to live happily. There are countless stories that would break any human soul. We have to work to avoid all such disasters

The Anantnag Example When SSP Imtiyaz Hussain Saved 14 Boys

The example of this was seen in Anantnag when SSP Imtiyaz

need to address the root causes of radicalization, and also the symptoms of radicalization.

It is time to address the root cause of radicalization. Otherwise radicalization will continue to eat our society like cancer. It will continue to be a bleeding scar. 'All-out' security operations have time and again tried to wipe out militants. We need more comprehensive programs for addressing radicalization.

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Demystifying PAKISTAN

**We need to
open our
eyes**

**Stop Self-
Destructing To
Serve Pakistan**

**We need to think
of our lives, our
good, our
interests, our
welfare, our
future**



In this May 16, 2019 file photo, Pakistani villagers wait outside a hospital for blood screening for HIV at a hospital in Ratodero, in southern province of Sindh in Pakistan. The worst HIV outbreak among children, many of them under 5 years old, occurred in Pakistan and a study released on Thursday blamed dirty needles and tainted blood but it also said the Pakistan government has to do more to understand how the virus went from high-risk groups like drug users and sex workers to the general population. (AP PHOTO/FAREED KHAN)

by **J NAHMAD**

Ever since Pakistan launched a proxy war in Kashmir, it has continuously been on a propaganda roll. It has somehow managed to convince a large number of Kashmiris that everything pertaining to India – whether it is democracy, pluralism or development – is wrong. It has also managed to embed the notion among a section of Kashmiris that Pakistan is the best country on earth despite its political, social and economic failures known to everyone in the world.

This is such a bizarre irony. But Kashmiris have fallen into the trap. This way, we have brought death, destruction and misery upon ourselves to serve the interests of some men enjoying power and privilege in Rawalpindi. This has been the story for many decades now.

Kashmiri youth need to be told in blunt terms that they need to stop self-destructing themselves for the rich upper class Punjabi establishment of Pakistan. We need to open our eyes and demystify all the “myths” constructed about Pakistan by the ISI backed local propaganda machinery. We need to think about our lives, our own good, our own interests, our own welfare, our own future, rather than the upper class Punjabi establishment of Pakistan which has a long history of oppressing lower class Punjabis and all non-Punjabi ethnicities and nationalities in Pakistan besides non-Sunnis. In



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fact, on this count, Pakistan is a horrible, almost unlivable nation. It is not simply something worth dying for. The Pakistani flag cannot hide the mass atrocities being committed by the Punjabi establishment in Pakistan on a daily basis.

Pakistan beset with rigid inequality, feudalism

What do the misled and misguided Kashmiri youth know of Pakistan? Do they know that



Pakistan is a country which is beset with the most rigid form of inequality and feudalism even in this modern age? In the rural areas of Punjab, Sindh, KPK and Baluchistan where Jagirdari is still prevalent, ancient age type slavery still exists.

Pakistan is essentially ruled by an exploitative nexus of feudal-military-clergy. This is the real experience of all those who have known Pakistan at close quarters. Numerous scholarly studies have shown this. Pakistan was created in the name

of Islam but it broke down into two parts within 24 years. This was because of the Punjabi and Urdu-speaking establishment's brutal political, cultural and economic oppression of Bengalis in the Pakistan.

Within Pakistan, no dissent is tolerated. Journalists and intellectuals are frequently targeted and forced into migration or submission. In recent times, intellectuals who dared to critique were brutally murdered. These include Sabeen Mahmud, Salman Taseer, Mashal Khan, and many others. Their killers enjoy patronage and protection by ISI.

Pakistan Army Is The Power Center

Pakistan is controlled and dictated by the Punjabi-dominated military establishment. Any politician who doesn't toe the line is shunted out like Nawaz Sharif. The real power centre in Pakistan is not Islamabad, but the Army General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

Pakistani military also has acquired immense wealth, land and corporate ownerships at the cost of poor Pakistani people. The military establishment manufactures constant delusions and untruths to keep the gullible Pakistani masses in ignorance. Husain Haqqani, former Pakistan Ambassador to the US and a popular author writes: “About 95 percent of Pakistanis were born after partition, but the Pakistani education system reinforces a national narrative that airbrushes a lot of history out and photoshops a lot of non-history into people's minds. So Pakistan generally

Pakistani establishment encourages extremism, fundamentalism to dilute struggles for justice

Balochs, Sindhis, Mohajirs and Pashtuns from time to time have resisted against the Punjabi domination. We have witnessed movements like Independent Baluchistan, Sindhu Desh, Jinnah Pur and Pakhtunistan. Shias, Ahmadiyas, Hazaras and Gilgitis also suffer from repression of all kinds.

Pakistan's existence is fractured. Through the decades, Pakistan has diligently suppressed various ethnic struggles. To achieve this, the Pakistani establishment has a deliberate policy of encouraging extremism and fundamentalism to dilute the struggles for justice.

There is no unifying factor in Pakistan except promotion of religious extremism and fundamentalism. But this comes at a cost of ultimate self destruction as these groups ultimately acquire much power and ideology. However, Pakistani establishment continues to use them against internal dissenters and also outside the country in Kashmir and Afghanistan.



has a national discourse that has not always been completely open. Pakistani nationalism has been built around two ideas: antipathy to India, and Islam as a political slogan. So those two mixed together do confuse the people. Don't forget that half of Pakistanis are illiterate and that 42 percent of school-age children don't go to school of any sort. Also, there are very

well-organized Islamic political parties that use violence to make sure that facts and history are not openly discussed and debated.”

Imagine if a country does this distortion in the minds of its own people by feeding lies and propaganda, how would it think of us? Isn't it our responsibility to reject such propaganda which is meant to harm us?

The continuing proxy war

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in Kashmir helps the Pakistani military establishment to carry on with their unaccountable power and prestige. They derive national and political capital out

of the flames of burning Kashmir. Unfortunately, we have just become pawns in this game owing to the nefarious project of religious radicalization of our

minds and society. We need to stop this self-destructive spree initiated by the establishment of our neighbouring country for its dirty purposes.

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PEDALS OF JOY

J&K police in collaboration with JK Cycling Association, Srinagar, organises the Pedal for Peace event every year in Srinagar to boost sports activities and motivate the youth to stay away from drugs and other anti-social activities. This year the event was organized on September 19. The cycle race began from Lalit Ghat Dal Lake to Nishat. About 1000 boys and girls participated in the race.

Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha presided over the awards ceremony and gave away prizes to the winners

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