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While dealing with the problem of militancy, the law enforcing agencies need to uphold the principle of substantive justice.

Over time, Jammu and Kashmir Police have detained hundreds of youngsters and produced them in courts. The charge against these youth was that they were acting as OGWs of various terrorist organizations.

How was the involvement of these youth in subversive activities established? If there was anything in black and white against them in police records, they were deemed to be involved. The police officers at the SHO level and below roughed up hundreds of youngsters across Kashmir valley merely because these youth were directly or indirectly involved in subversive activities in distant past.

Sources reveal that the majority of those picked up by the police and subsequently booked under UAPA were not even remotely part of the online syndicate of OGWs.

The truth must be told, no matter how inconvenient it is. The police officers, under pressure from their seniors, make random arrests either for extortion or for scoring points. Most of the police officers at the lower level are clueless about the new breed of OGWs. As and when there is an incident, they feel the heat after the senior officers demand quick action. Hence random arrests. There are hundreds of cases where arrests were made merely on the basis of suspicion, without any concrete evidence.

In a village in south Kashmir, three youngsters were picked up for questioning on the suspicion of being OGWs for a dreaded terrorist. The trio had been questioned many times in the past. They remained in police custody for more than a month. During the same period, two minors from the same village went missing and subsequently joined militant ranks.

Many of those who have been arrested and could not give money to secure their release were booked under UAPA. The Superintendent of Police (SPs) of the respective districts also share the blame. They attested the dossiers prepared against each detainee and forwarded it to the respective district magistrates for approval without close scrutiny. Similarly, the district magistrates did not bother to read the dossiers carefully or pose questions to the police officers before signing it.

We are yet to come across any case where a Deputy Commissioner has put his foot down and returned the dossier for further clarification. Such casual attitude towards detention of youth has drastic consequences. The doctrine of Iron Fist and Velvet Glove is the fundamental principle for eliminating militancy.



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## **FAHAD SHAH WRITES ON THE TATTERED DREAM OF A NEW KASHMIR**

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***Pakistan ka apna  
benefit ho raha  
hai, hum Kashmiri  
bali ke bakre ban  
rahe hain***

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**I Too Am A  
Kashmir Walla**

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**This Is My Story**



**In *Foreign Affairs* magazine, Fahad Shah, Editor of *The Kashmir Walla* magazine, writes of *The Tattered Dream Of A New Kashmir*. Some people hail his write-up. India grants him the freedom of expression for his lies and half-truths. My life is *barbaad* but I want to build a new Kashmir. I have to hide my name because Pakistan will not give me any freedom of expression. The militants trained by Pakistan will hunt me down. All those who speak of building a new Kashmir face life threat daily. The Fahad Shahs of Kashmir thrive and are celebrated**

**F**ahad Shah. Editor of The Kashmir Walla. He has written for a fancy magazine called Foreign Affairs on “The Tattered Dream Of A New Kashmir”.

This is the intellectual web that helps in pushing more and more of youngsters into wrong paths in life. Fahad Shah presents half truths. Content like this from Pakistan or from fellow Kashmiris is very strong propaganda. It pushes alienation from the state. One starts thinking like a militant supporter or an over ground worker. How easily this man who calls himself The Kashmir Walla spins the web. I can see on his Twitter that many big names are raising toasts to him. It is convenient for them. He presents their version of lies and half truths.

Look at this story. Look at the images they keep pushing at us. The images of Kashmiris wailing and crying over the dead bodies of their young men.

Foreign media is happy with these lies and half truths. Nobody tells them that these realities of crying and wailing Kashmiris are our own creation. We are creating our own destruction every day. More and more Kashmiris are dying and we are helping their destruction.

Fahad Shah, the Kashmir Walla is a hero for those looking for such stories. I could not even complete my school education because I was constantly in and out of jail because of stone pelting. I cannot get a decent job because I do not have a decent education. I too am a Kashmir Walla.

### STONE PELTING COST ME MY LIFE AND CAREER

Many years ago, participation in a protest and stone pelting at times has cost me my life and career. It was the same then. It is the same now. We are being used commercially by Pakistan, by Hurriyat, by Jamaat e Islamiya. Pakistan ka apna benefit ho raha hai, hum Kashmiri bali ke bakre ban rahe hain. Hum bhi Kashmir Walla hain.

I don't usually talk about myself. But today I think I should. Perhaps it may make some boy realize what lies and half truths are being sold to us to destroy us.

I used to be a studious boy. My only interest was in my studies. I had dreams of becoming a doctor when I grew up. I used to think that it was an achievable goal. I liked studying and was doing well in school.

But we were 90s kids. It was a very unfortunate time in Kashmir. The environment in which we grew up was highly toxic. Even our parents thought that India has occupied Kashmir illegally. We inherited the same mindset. We thought that the Army is in Kashmir illegally and as an occupation force. Since our parents believed it, we believed the same – that India has occupied Kashmir illegally. We did not know about India or its history. We did not know anything about Kashmir's history.

There was only a copy-paste version in the head of every child – that Pakistan is our well-wisher. Pakistan wants to secure our freedom.



### THE TIME WHEN I GOT ARRESTED

After the killings, we organized a protest. I was brought up in an environment of guns and dahshat. I also got involved in the protest and was arrested. I remained behind the bars for some months.

I and those arrested with me were given even more than third degree torture. It was even worse than the torture that could be given to a killer. The police played a very big role in radicalization. Even

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today the police are not playing a constructive role. They have no role in reformation. Even today they do not examine the degree of involvement. They do not stop to think – was this boy truly involved?

If a boy is part of a protest, he is taken away by the police. Even after he is released from jail, this cycle does not end. Every time there is any other protest in the area, the same boys are rounded up and taken away. He stays in and out of jail.

Then the boy's hopes are over. He cannot dream of getting a good education, of getting a good job.

It is highly traumatic for the family when the boy is being taken away to jail every now and then. The parents cannot afford to pay for his release. I know so many families where the father or mother died because they could not take this stress. Most of the times the boy cannot take this constant trauma upon his family. He runs away to be a militant to end their stress once and for all.

### YOUNG MEN LIKE ME WERE PUSHED INTO MILITANCY

What choice did we have? In the 90s, it seemed like every house had a weapon. Every house had a militant. Everybody seemed to be thinking that the Army is our enemy and we have to push out India.

We were pushed towards Pakistan on religious grounds. Pakistan Se Rishta Kya, La ilaha ill-Allah. Pakistan propaganda went on and on. There were people planted around us by ISI. The separatists

always facilitated this pro-Pakistan thinking. If there was any civilian killing, the separatists would edit it and present it highly emotionally.

This was a big failure of the government. They knew that separatists are having a highly negative impact upon the Kashmir youth. But they never stopped them or arrested them.

The Hurriyat is responsible for the biggest barbadi of the Kashmiri youth. They have destroyed successive generations of Kashmiris.

In recent years, they told the boys that Burhan is your role model. You have to be Burhan. But they never told this to their own children. Their own children were studying abroad. Asiya Andrabi's son was in Malaysia. Geelani's grandchildren were studying abroad.

### HOW I REALIZED THAT PAKISTAN IS USING US COMMERCIALY

I was arrested and sent to jail after getting involved in stone pelting. I saw that Hurriyat leaders had a separate barrack. They had VIP treatment. All the boys who were attached with Hurriyat – they used to receive Rs 6000 per month as payment. The money used to come from Pakistan.

But I was poor boy. My father had to borrow money even to meet me in jail.

If the movement was right and we all were part of it, why were we not getting money?

Outside these separatist leaders said that we will do anything for azadi. Inside the jail they were having gosht, fish. They had TV and mobiles. Children of all Hurriyat members were living a VIP life. Boys like me were in jail.



### EVEN TODAY, KASHMIRIS BELIEVE IN FALSEHOODS

Mothers, fathers, parents, sisters. All have not left the Pakistan propaganda. Even today 60 pc follow the thought ki hamare upar zulm ho raha hai.

Whatever the media or the government might say, people support militants. That is why militants survive. Pakistan's version is still continuing. The only way is to work on mindset. Otherwise things will continue to be bad.

I think of this so many times. India mein freedom of expression, freedom of speech hadd ze zyada hai. We grant freedom of expression here. People use it to endear themselves to Pakistan. They misuse freedom of expression.

English ki char line likhne se sach nahin hoti. Our boys need interaction with Indian youth. A youth may have a version here. He needs interaction. If our boys keep thinking that all mistakes are due to India, it will lead to problems and problems. We need to focus on solutions.

Even today I hear the boys saying – Humein Hindustan se azadi chahiye. Even today they are told the role model is Burhan Wani. For ordinary Kashmiris, the role model is Burhan Wani? But all those who tell us about jihad – are their children engaged in jihad?

When the freedom of expression is misused, agencies must investigate – who is supporting this man on the backend. If he is saying himself – he will learn the truth. But if he is saying at someone's behest, he will not change.

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## The Army Is Doing A Good Job

Police policy is still playing a negative role. If somebody is doing a good job, the Army is doing the good job. The Army is not troubling people. The Army keeps patience. That changes the mind of the people. My own friends who were hardcore in their hate – their minds have been changed. They had never imagined Army men are good.

This is the true job of the police, the job of the system. We expect reformation. It is important to neutralize militants and to stop militant recruitment.

70 per cent of the youth who became militants – they are six months in jail, two months out. They are picking up gun because police does not stop troubling them. I know so many boys in south Kashmir. If anything happens in an area, police comes and take away away for arrest. Police keeps booking them under PSA.

The how will a boy come on the right track? These boys are poor. They have financial issues. Their family does not have any money to pay the police and get him released. They are troubled because their parents, family get troubled by constant arrests. The boys then run off to be militants. Ek hi baar niklo, pareshani khatam.



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# ***Pakistan ne hum logon ki zindadi tabah kar di***

## **Boys are given guns. Boys are made to die**

I had never seen good police. It was our mindset that everything about India is bad. But then I started understanding that we all were made to believe in lies. Islam ki sar bulandi karni hai. Kashmir ko azad karna hai. All jihadi slogans were for poor boys like me. Hurriyat men were playing cards and carrom in jail, enjoying cigarettes and murge. When I asked someone in the jail about it, they said we have orders from the state government to give them special treatment.

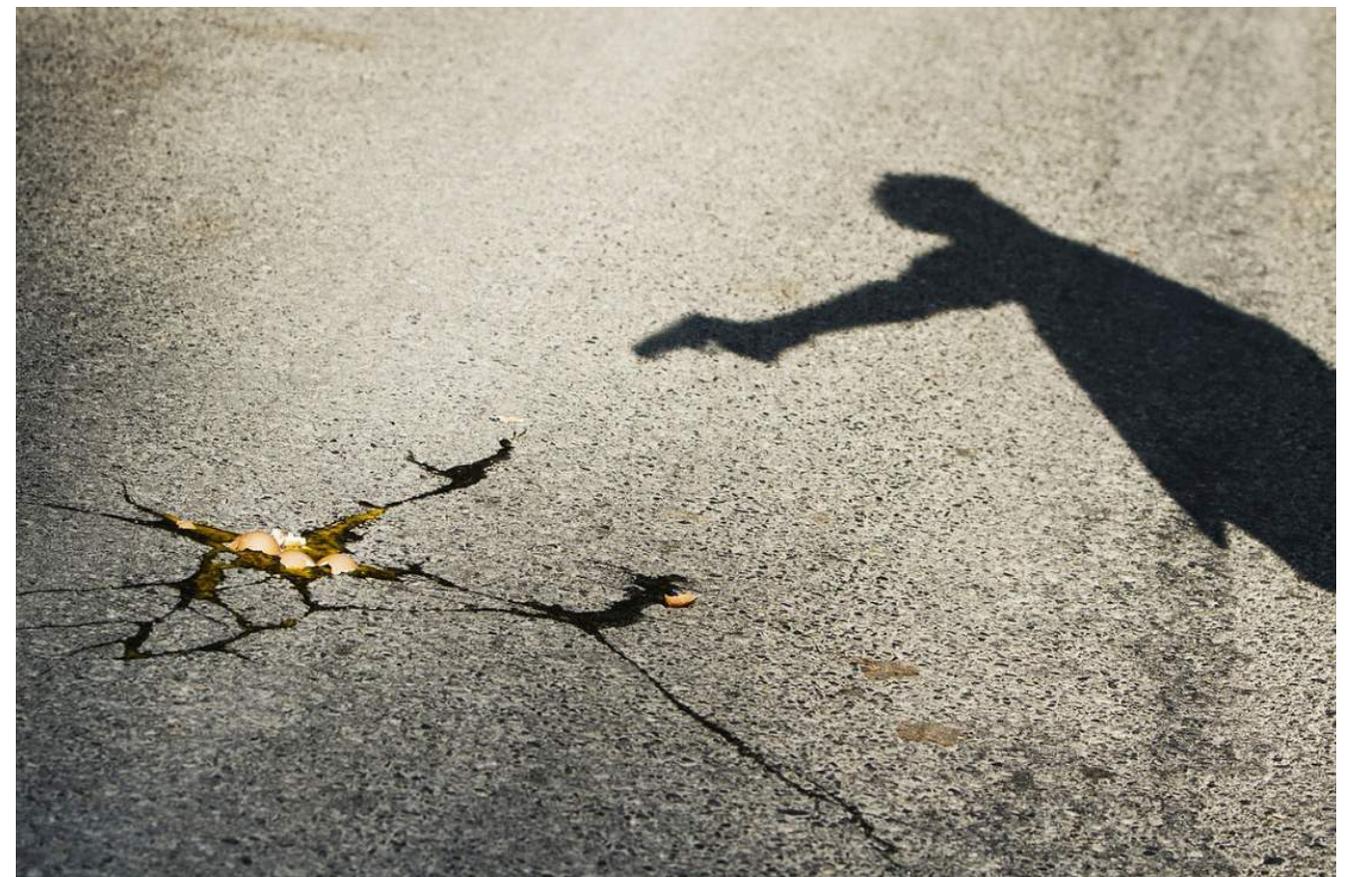
Then I started studying history. I studied Pakistan's background, what claim does it have on Kashmir. I realized that Pakistan had introduced guns in Kashmir. They don't want to do jung with India in the battle field. They want to do jung with India by using Kashmiris.

Pakistan got the gun in Kashmir to keep themselves safe and hurt India. Pakistan has no sympathy with Kashmir. It made Kashmiris bali ka bakra, so they sent weapons here. Pakistan ne hum logon ki zindadi tabah kar di.

Pakistan is still using us like tissue paper. Boys are given guns. Boys are made to die. The 90s version is still continuing.

I have heard from so many Pakistan militants. They used to think India does not allow nimaz, azaan. Even Pakistani militants were misguided. They were told that your Muslim brothers in Kashmir are being oppressed. But they were being made fools.

## **All Jihadi Slogans Are For Poor Boys Like Me**



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or wrong**



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Those years it was the peak of the gun culture in Kashmir. From the morning itself, tarana would start playing in the masjid that the green flag of Pakistan will be hoisted in Kashmir. This was drilled into us in the atmosphere we lived in. We grew up in this environment.

We never got a chance to understand whether what our parents are telling us is right or wrong. In place of toys, there seemed to be guns and pistols for even children. There were militants all around. My friends and I used to think that we were engaged in a noble fight.

Our mindset was that India is our enemy. The Army is our enemy. Our parents had fed this to us.

Nobody was there to lead us in the right direction. Nobody was there to tell us that we are all being caught up in propaganda and the political games of Pakistan. This is all shosha being carried out by ISI in a highly planned manner.

Pakistan has its ulterior motives, Hurriyat has its

motives. Kashmiris were so happy that after August 2019, Hurriyat became meaningless. I cannot even describe how generations of Kashmiris were destroyed by Pakistan and its agents in Kashmir.

As a student, I did not involve myself in any political activity. But one gets infected by the environment. When all around there is talk that India is the enemy, Indian Army is the enemy, then a child can get easily influenced.

This is what happened when some killings took place in south Kashmir. I got involved in the protests. I should not have got involved, but what good is it now to regret?

It is also a truth that the Army made many mistakes during that time. They had unbridled power. There was no accountability towards the Administration or the state. Nobody was held accountable for any error.

All boys who were seen near a protest site were immediately rounded up. It was blanket action. This was a failure of the Centre, the state.



# Things will not improve if you don't work on the roots

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**You have to involve the misguided youth**

**GIVE THEM CHANCES OF INTERACTION**

ISI is working at the ground level here. The state has to play a very positive role. The state must work on the stone pelter, the OGW. This boy – fear has left him. He is living on hate. We have to work on his mindset.

A weekly or monthly meeting must be held. We must listen to their problems. 80 per cent pick up gun because of the environment, the atmosphere. Then the ISI hunt such youth. They hunt the youth who have been to jail.

If the government makes a policy to involve these youth, they will not go into militancy. It is not so important to involve youths who are doing BA, MA or B.Ed or any professional course. We know they will not go into militancy.

Work on those who have been to jail. Once a youth has been to jail – you need to work on him.

Conduct a survey. All the active militants were stone pelters or OGWs. There are only about 10 per cent who have no criminal record. Most of them are from poor families.

When a poor boy goes to jail, his life is finished. ISI gives him Rs 10,000 or Rs 20,000 to use a gun or use a grenade. K, you have to wield gun, grenade. The boy has no dreams left. He gets easily trapped.

Things will not improve if you don't work on the roots. We are only watering the leaves. It the roots where you must work.

If any militant dies – that is also aag mein ghee for other boys. They are filled with more hate against India. You have to involve them. Give them chances of interaction.

# Need Policy: Positively Engage And Reform Stone Pelters

**You have to work on his mindset**

**Kashmir needs a large number of these kind of positive and constructive police events**



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**If you punish him, vo aag mein ghi ka kaam karta hai**

If a boy is a stone pelter or an OGW, don't punish him. He is a stone pelter because he is full of hate and he is in ignorance. You must work on his mindset. If you punish him, vo aag mein ghi ka kaam karta hai.

We have to make the boys and girls knowledgeable. We should encourage interaction with other children of their age in other states. When they make a relation, then they won't hate India.

Youngsters do not know that outside Kashmir also, other youngsters like them are unemployed. They do not know that outside also there is corruption.

More and more youth interaction is necessary. Youth blood is able to understand fast. 30-40 per cent youth have understood. 60 per cent are in the same mindset

**Focus On Their Problems, Engage Them Positively**

You must focus on stone pelters, OGWs. You must focus on their problems. Make them interact with the youth from outside. They will find apnapan. They will relate to those youth from outside.

The Army organizes medical camps. Doctors come from outside to treat patients here. Then relation is formed. Then 80 per cent, if any militant comes, you will be informed. A relation is formed. The Army is doing it, but how much will the Army do?

When any Kashmiri goes to a police station or to any government office, the first person contact must be someone who speaks softly and with respect. But there the first person contact is smoking a cigarette and talking as if he is the DIG.

When a boy gets arrested, the police start abusing his sisters. They talk badly about sisters and mothers. What message will this give? The boys cannot tolerate such abuse. They get hardened.

# GHULAM RASOOL, PAISA WASOOL

**Tehsildar Bijbehara will sell the Sangam to you for the right price**

by Iqbal AHMAD

**G**laring instances of corruption, frauds and illegal mutation of state land by the then Tehsildar Pahalgam Ghulam Rasool Bhat have come to light. These unauthorized mutations of state land and other frauds have caused revenue loss to the state. These fraudulent moves are a typical example of the politician/officer nexus which has enabled corruption to flourish.

As Tehsildar Pahalgam, Ghulam Rasool Bhat willfully and intentionally tinkered with official revenue records to benefit local politicians and businessmen. Bhat was suspended in 2019 for fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 8.5 lakh from the account of Auqaaf Islamia Tral, when he was posted as the Tehsildar at Tral. Bhat faces charges of massive corruption,

illegal mutations and misuse of his office at almost all the places where he served as Naib Tehsildar and Tehsildar. Bhat also faces charges of misappropriation of Rs 2.44 crore at Auqaaf Islamia Khiram Hazratbal during his tenure as the Chairman of Auqaaf Committee, Khiram.

KASHMIR CENTRAL has learnt from reliable sources that as Tehsildar Pahalgam, Bhat illegally and unlawfully mutated a leased property in favour of an influential businessman of Anantnag through family agreement. Hotel Taj at Pahalgam is constructed upon state land standing upon Plot Numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17. It was earlier leased out to one Ab Gani Khan of Nai Basti, Khanabal, Anantnag.

The lease of the land and the hotel expired in 1997. In 2019, Bhat mutated this government land fraudulently by mutation number

217 of 2019 to the legal heirs of Ab Gani Khan namely Rouf Rehman Mohd Shafi and Hilal Ahmed. The mutation is an example of brazen abuse of official position by Bhat. Rather than asking the benefactors to first renew the lease agreement which had expired in 1997, Bhat fraudulently attested the mutation of the property.

Bhat is guilty of more glaring examples of misuse of power and position. In order to favour ex-MLA of Pahalgam Altaf Kaloo, Bhat attested mutation number 2396 dated 7/9/2018 at Grend Ashmuqam and mutation number 886 dated 7/9/2018 at Jammu Estates at Nayabat Ashmuqam. These mutations related to the property of Asad Kaloo, son of Mamma Kaloo. The property was mutated one-sided among half heirs without including her daughters Nazira, Zubaida and Haniefa. The sisters were dispos-



**Ghulam Rasool Bhat, Administrator Auqaaf Committee Khiram and Tehsildar Bijbehara**

**Bhat faces charges of massive corruption, illegal mutations and misuse of his office at almost all the places where he served as Naib Tehsildar and Tehsildar. He is guilty of glaring examples of misuse of power and position. These include mutation of land for Hotel Taj at Pahalgam in favour of an influential businessman; fraudulent mutation of land in favour of ex-MLA of Pahalgam Altaf Kaloo...**

sessed of the property of their father by Altaf Kaloo in nexus with then Tehsildar Gh Rasool Bhat.

Nazira challenged the mutation in the court of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag. On 12/10/2021, ADC Anantnag directed the parties to maintain status quo.

According to credible sources, Bhat has mutated a number of leased plots at Pahalgam among illegal occupants. The lease of many such properties had expired decades ago. The leased plots at Pahalgam are prime land with very high commercial value. Instead of following the due process of law and issuing eviction notices to illegal occupants, Bhat mutated the expired leased land among the heirs without caring for loss of revenue to the state, and in contravention of standing order 23A.

As Tehsildar Pahalgam, Bhat allegedly grabbed 30 kanals of state land in nexus with his peon Abdul Rehman Katroo of Sallar village. Katroo later encouraged the locals to grab 300 kanals of state land.

Sources in the Revenue Department reveal that though many officers are corrupt, they are hesitant to

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#### Office of the Auqaaf Committee, Khiram

sign on such massive illegal mutations. Why did Bhat allow these illegal and unauthorized mutations?

Since Pahalgam is a high-end tourist destination, many senior officers in civil administration and police bureaucracy are tempted to have properties there. Bhat allegedly enjoys the blessings of two senior KPS officers (one among them is retired now). These officers were in possession of state/forest land at Lidroo and Langanbal respectively. Bhat facilitated the change of title of the land owned by them to proprietary land.

It is alleged that this senior police officer, who is now retired, got Bhat's suspension order revoked in early 2020.

It was a quid pro quo for them both. Bhat had regularized the land at Langanbal that was occupied by the police officer.

Interestingly, Bhat's predecessors had categorically refused to attest the mutation of this stretch of land, because it was forest land. Emboldened by the relationship with the two police officers, Bhat acted like an authority unto himself wherever he was posted, in whatever capacity.

## Bhat's Touts For Intimidation, Extortion

**B**hat has kept two touts for dealing with the farmer community. One is Fayaz Ahmad Degzi of Khiram village, who remains with Bhat 24X7 since the day Bhat got appointed Naib Tehsildar in 2004. Fayaz strikes deals with the farmers who approach the Tehsildar for land mutations, registrations or permissions of any kind.

Higher officials in the Revenue Department know of this practice. They have not taken any action because of Bhat's friendship with the two senior police officers.

Bhat's second tout is Nadeem Qazim of Marhama village. He has been engaged by Bhat from the day Bhat was posted as Tehsildar in Bijbehara last year. Locals allege that Nadeem has created an atmosphere of fear and even indulges in extortions at the behest of Bhat. Locals allege that a large number of complaints have been sent to Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and the Anti Corruption Bureau, but no action has been taken so far.



# Bungling, siphoning of donations by Auqaf Committee Khiram

**Offers Rs 2 lakh to KASHMIR CENTRAL to not blow the lid off the scam**

by Waseem GUL

**H**uge bungling and siphoning of the donations given by the devotees in deep faith. This racket by the Auqaf Committee of Khiram Hazratbal Shrine in Anantnag district has come to the fore. The scam runs in crores. It has been unearthed by an audit committee constituted by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Mr Piyush Singla, IAS. The auditing of the funds received at the shrine was conducted after dozens of complaints that were received from the devotees and the members of the local community.

## THE AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2015 TO AUGUST 2021.

Chairmen of Auqaf Committee Since 2015

The following have been the Chairmen of the Auqaf Committee of the shrine since April 2015 to August this year.

1. GHULAM RASOOL BHAT, son of Gh Mohd Bhat - April 1, 2015 to June 19, 2015
2. ALI MOHD BHAT, son of Gh Mohiuddin Bhat - June 20, 2015 to March 31, 2018
3. GHULAM RASOOL BHAT, son of Gh Mohd Bhat - April 1, 2018 to July 19, 2020
4. GULL MOHD RESHI, son of Gh Ahmad Reshi - July 20, 2020 till date

Gh Rasool Bhat is a Tehsildar in the state administration. He is a resident of Khiram village. Lakhs of devotees pay their obeisance at the shrine each year, where the holy relic of Prophet Mohammad (SAW) is housed. The donations made by the devotees at the shrine run into crores of rupees.

Pertinently, Gh Rasool Bhat was placed under suspension in 2019 when he was posted as the Tehsildar at Tral. Bhat was suspended for the withdrawal of Rs 8.5 lakh from the account of Auqaf Islamia Tral fraudulently. An enquiry was ordered into the fraud by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir.

## INCUMBENT AUQAAF COMMITTEE HAS NO LEGITIMACY

The incumbent Auqaf committee has no legitimacy because no elections have been held to elect the members of the committee for over seven years now. When members of the incumbent illegitimate Auqaf Committee learnt that KASHMIR CENTRAL

Members of the local community allege that the Auqaf Committee indulged in fraudulent transactions and claimed payments which were actually not made. Locals also allege that the Auqaf Committee illegally and secretly sold the property of the shrine



Elections to the Auqaf Committee Khiram have not been held for several years. Locals say the committee members are not willing to leave their positions, and are not allowing others to get involved in the management affairs

## RS 2 LAKH OFFERED FOR STALLING PROBE ORDERED BY DC ANANTNAG



Gull Mohd Reshi, Acting Chairman, Auqaf Committee Khiram

A team of the management committee including acting chairman Gull Mohammad Reshi, Accounts Assistant Gh Mohiuddin Sheikh and one member Showkat Lone last week surprisingly reached the office of KASHMIR CENTRAL. The trio pleaded innocence regarding any charges of wrongdoing. They stated that they had been directed by Ghulam Rasool Bhat to visit KASHMIR CENTRAL.

The team offered Rs 2 lakh to the magazine requesting that the Audit Committee constituted by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Piyush Singla should be stopped from auditing. KASHMIR CENTRAL refused the offer and insisted that the trio must leave the premises.

KASHMIR CENTRAL has acquired the copy of the letter written by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Piyush Singla to Principal Secretary Revenue, J&K Government. Excerpts from the letter have been provided in a box.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Bijbehara, is heading the Audit Committee constituted by DC Anantnag. The SDM recommended a detailed enquiry into the matter to dig out all relevant facts and arrive at a logical conclusion.

DC Anantnag had earlier sought approval from Principle Secretary Revenue for disbanding the Auqaf Committee Khiram and giving the charge of efficient management at the revered shrine to Tehsildar Srigufwara.

is going to publish a report on the wrongdoing of the committee, they approached the magazine office. Members of the team offered Rs 2 lakh to KASHMIR CENTRAL to not write anything about the misappropriation of funds by the members.

### ELECTIONS FOR AUQAF PANEL NOT HELD FOR SEVERAL YEARS

The Auqaf Committee at the Shrine had constructed one concrete structure near Auqaaf Office Khiram and some public washrooms. If there was any further construction to facilitate the

devotees and the general public, it was undertaken by the government. The Langar-cum-meeting hall provided at the Shrine and the Library fully decorated with fine woodwork had been provided by the government.

Elections to the Auqaf Committee Khiram have not been held for several years now. Sources in the local community reveal that the committee members have occupied their places since the last few years. They are not willing to leave their positions, and are not providing an equal opportunity to others to get involved in the management affairs.

Members of the local community allege that the Auqaf Commit-



Altaf Kaloo, Ex MLA, Pahalgam

**Bhat is guilty of more glaring examples of misuse of power and position. In order to favour ex-MLA of Pahalgam Altaf Kaloo, Bhat attested one-sided land mutations in his name. These were later challenged in the court**



**As Tehsildar Pahalgam, Ghulam Rasool Bhat willfully and intentionally tinkered with official revenue records to benefit local politicians and businessmen. Bhat illegally and unlawfully mutated the lease for the land occupied by Hotel Taj at Pahalgam in favour of an influential businessman of Anantnag through family agreement**

tee indulged in fraudulent transactions and claimed payments which were actually not made. Locals also allege that the Auqaf Committee illegally and secretly sold the property of the shrine.

The property unauthorisedly sold by the Auqaf Committee includes a concrete two-storied building located at Bus Stand Khiram, occupying 4 marlas approximately. The committee also sold land to Gh Mohiuddin Sheikh (the present accountant of the committee) without advertising any auction notice of the land.

The Committee unauthorisedly sold the property initially owned by one Rajab Parray. This was later purchased by the Auqaf with a building occupying approximately 720 square feet on the approximate measure of land 8 marlas to Ab Rehman Wagay (Shergojri)

Additionally, locals allege that

the committee also sold the assets of the Waqf worth crores, and did not show the incomes in the books of accounts.

The committee handed over the school building owned by the Auqaf Committee Khiram to Jamaat-e-Islami without any advertisement notice. The rent for the building was fixed by the Auqaf Committee at Rs 6000 only per annum. According to the R&B Department, the rent for this building stands at Rs 25,000 annually.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS BUILDING PERSONAL FORTUNES

In the name of Karze- Hasana (loan without interest), the committee is siphoning the donations given by the devotees and using it to build their personal properties. The whole mess has been planned

and executed under the patronage of Tehsildar Bijbehara Ghulam Rasool Bhat, who is the shadow administrator of the committee.

The committee has grabbed several kanals of kah charai (grazing land) land which was used as a playground of the children of Khiram. The committee also grabbed a three-room structure which was built to provide religious education to the children of the area.

The structure was later handed over to Deobandis to run a madrasa in it without forming any rent deed.

The present chairman of the Auqaf Committee, Gull Mohammad Reshi, works in the Agriculture Department as a daily wager. According to sources, he's a period of dubious character. He has apparently forged his date of birth and is still drawing his wages from the coffers of the government.

# Audit Committee Takes Stern Note Of Irregularities By Auqaf Committee

Audit On Accounts Of Khiram Shrine  
April 2015 to August 2021

## Excerpts From The Report

Taken up on August 8, 2021 by audit team headed by SDM Bijbehara following DC Anantnag's order. As per Waqf Act 2001, the term of the office of the committee was 5 years, but the committee is still holding charge without any extension granted to them.

The shrine has immovable property in the shape of 11 shops and 32.10 kanals of land.

There is no foolproof receipt system in place. There is concern over mis-use/ duplicity of books in view of non-maintenance of proper records

\* The closing balance for 2014-15 is Rs 2,66,203. The opening balance is shown as Rs 1,10,472. The amount of Rs 1, 55,731 has been shown as written off. No record with regard to loan amount written off has been produced by the Auqaf Committee. The amount given as loan/advance to Auqaf employees is yet to be recovered, which is a serious issue.

\* Against income of Rs 2,44,34,936 expenditure amounting to Rs 2,39,82,228 has been incurred from April 2015 to August 2021. The expenditures incurred till 2019 could not be verified due to non-production of vouchers.

\* Payment to suppliers/labours/staff is made in cash rather than through bank, which is contrary to the norm

\* During 2017-18, Rs 3 lakh is shown as repayment of loan. There is no explanation regarding the loan. In another payment, there is no record stating why Rs 3 lakh was given to a firm

\* Rs 1,15,500 and Rs 8,92,100 has been shown as loan taken during 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively without defining any purpose.

Payments to suppliers have not been made



against proper vouchers, which raised doubt over these expenditures.

\* Rs 2.45 lakh was released as legal charges during the year 2017-18 till August 2021. The expenditure could not be justified. It is a serious issue how such a huge amount has been shown as expenditure on a particular item which in reality is not in existence

\* The physical verification of the stocks purchased from time to time has never been conducted till date

\* Despite availability of the computer system, the records have not been computerized till date

\* Wide publicity should have been given before leasing out any asset for rental purposes, which could have attracted more interested parties and thereby chances of increase in revenue on account of rent would have been high.

The audit committee has made a set of 15 recommendations for the functioning of the Auqaf Committee "OR The shrine should be taken over by Waqaf Board."



## (Excerpts From The Letter)

### OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ANANTNAG

To  
Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, J&K, Srinagar

### Complaint about irregularities by Auqaf Committee Khiram (Shrine) Dargah, Appointment of Administrator Thereof

Sir

Apropos the subject, a written complaint was received by this office alleging mismanagement/ mis-governance of the Khiram Shrine by the Auqaf Committee. Since the date of constitution of the committee, no elections have been conducted for managing day-to-day affairs of the Waqaf property.

\* The expenditure incurred by the committee over the years was not supported by authentic documents

\* The present Auqaf Committee is making payments through physical mode, raising apprehension of non transparency in the financial transactions

\* The Auqaf Committee has raised several constructions during its tenure without any approval and technical sanction, nor the codal formalities appeared to have been adhered to while raising the structures. The SDM Bijbehara has also recommended a detailed enquiry into the matter to dig out the facts and arrive at a logical conclusion.

**DC Anantnag Piyush Singla**

In view of the facts stated hereinabove and in order to ensure transparency in maintaining the Khiram Shrine and financial matters thereof, it is recommended that the present committee may be disbanded and Tehsildar Srigufwara appointed as administrator of the Shrine till elections for framing a representative committee is held under law for efficient management of the revered shine.

Deputy Commissioner

Anantnag



# THE RED HARVEST OF AADILLAH BANO

REPRESENTATIONAL PICTURE



## Govt School Teacher at Liver in South Kashmir is OGW For Hizb

### IS IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH TOP HIZB COMMANDER IN PAKISTAN

by Bisma NAZIR

**T**he dismissal of government servants found guilty of working against the interests of the nation and their subsequent termination under Article 311 A (C) of the Constitution of India has evoked mixed response from the people.

There is growing opinion that people who worked against the interests of the state have absolutely no right to enjoy the benefits of the state including the perks and privileges that come with

their position. Some even go the extent saying that India is the only country in the world where the adversaries of the state who are directly working for destabilizing and disintegrating the nation are enjoying the benefits of the normal citizenry of the state. Those who hold this opinion often quote the instance of Syed Salahuddin, supreme commander of the proscribed Hizbul Mujahedeen as a typical case study. It is highly interesting that all five children of Syed Salahuddin are government employees with high salaries, incentives, free healthcare,

free housing, other perks and privileges and assured pension benefits. One of Salahuddin's sons was among the persons who were recently dismissed from services by invoking Article 311 A(C).

There is another point of discussion among people regarding the invoking of Article 311 of the Constitution. People commonly believe that the real culprits are yet to be touched. One of the individuals who is discussed as a case study in this regard is Aadillah Bano, a government school teacher from Liver village in Srigufwara tehsil, Anantnag district.

## WHO IS AADILLAH?

Aadillah Bano is the daughter of Ghulam Mohammad Khan of Liver village. She was born in 1975. Aadillah belongs to a family which has a strong Jamaat-e-Islami background. Aadillah grew up in a radicalised environment. She was in a relationship with her cousin Nisar Ahmad Khan. In 1990, Nisar went to Pakistan. He returned in October 1991.

In 1993, Aadillah got married to Nisar, who was now an active militant. Aadillah joined Dukhtar-i-Millat, which is ideologically the first cousin of Jamaat-e-Islami. Aadillah remained in hiding with her militant husband for more than three years. Aadillah had two distinctions. Rather, she set a precedent in two ways.

Aadillah was the first reported case in Kashmir where a woman married an active militant. Second, she was the first woman – in Anantnag district for sure – who carried arms. During those years, Aadillah would only surface for giving sermons to women in mosques or other designated places. She was always carrying a pistol with her. In 1997 her husband Nisar got killed in brief encounter at his native place. Nisar was the younger brother of Ghulam Nabi Khan alias Amir Khan, a Kashmiri who is among the top commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen.

Aadillah has two daughters from Nisar. After he was killed, she got into a relationship with Ghulam Rasool Bhat of Khiram village and married him in 2002.

Bhat managed to get Aadillah appointed as an ReT teacher in December 2004. She was regularised as a Grade 2 teacher in December

2009. When Aadillah was appointed, she had only passed Class XII. Later through distance education, she did graduation, masters and B.Ed. Aadillah is presently posted at Middle School Liver as a Grade 2 teacher. Her pay is drawn from Higher Secondary School,

Srigufwara. Aadillah continues to indoctrinate women and remains a strong advocate of establishing the Caliphate in Kashmir.

Ghulam Rasool Bhat was the administrator of Hizbul Mujahideen from 1991 to 1993. He was closely associated with three top

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**Aadillah continues to indoctrinate women and remains a strong advocate of establishing the Caliphate in Kashmir. She was appointed as an ReT teacher in December 2004 when she was only 12th pass. She was regularised as a Grade 2 teacher in December 2009**

Hizbul Mujahideen commanders of that time – Amir Khan, Amin Baba alias Abid Baba and Abu Bakar. Bhat got appointed as a peon (a Class IV employee) through. Later through JKSSB, he was appointed as a Naib Tehsildar in 2004.

KASHMIR CENTRAL has been informed by reliable sources that Aadillah talks frequently to Amir Khan. Aadillah uses the number registered in the name of one Yawar Ahmad Mir, son

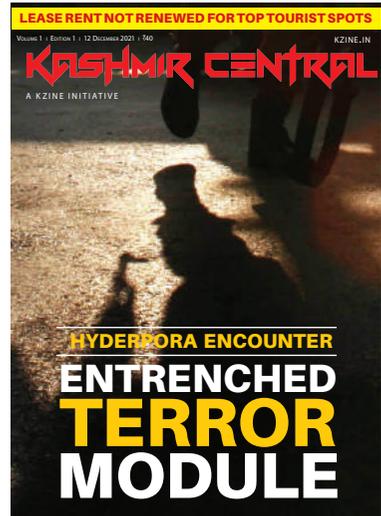
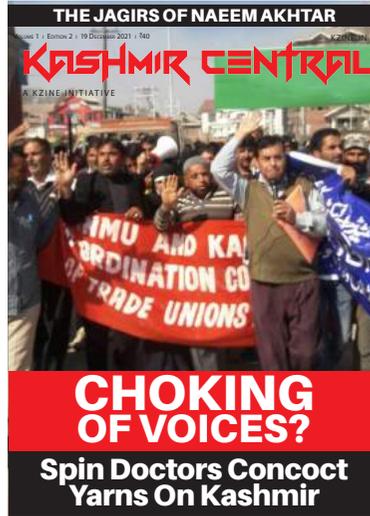
of Gulzar Ahmad Mir of Liver village for communication with Amir Khan.

Sources privy to these conversations told KASHMIR CENTRAL that Yawar Mir often visits Aadillah and offers her his number so that she can speak to Amir Khan through different social media platforms. Sources say that among other things, Aadillah regularly briefs Amir Khan regularly about the security scenario of the area.

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