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Be More Cognizant Of Dangers Of Women Terror Networks Activated By Pakistani Terrorists

A burqa-clad woman recently tried to blow up a CRPF picket in Sopore by throwing a petrol bomb. The bomb almost exploded in her hand; she threw it hurriedly and ran away.

In an earlier edition, KASHMIR CENTRAL had spoken of the ISI strategy to involve more Kashmiri women in terror activities, and attacks by women on security forces installations. KC also broke the story of ISI's new strategy of raising women moles, particularly in Sopore in North Kashmir, and Shopian and Tral in South Kashmir.

The reason is that foreign terrorists have been hiding in these areas for long periods. They have been able to indoctrinate women, particularly college girls, and have created women moles here.

The petrol bomb thrown by a woman is the first attack of its kind in Kashmir by



a woman. Sources reveal that a Pakistani terrorist has been operating in the area for long. Sources add that he is operating in broad daylight but the security forces have not been able to crack his identity. Reports suggest that many women have come into his contact, and he has given them training in grenade throwing.

Sources add that this terrorist is facilitating the transition of other Pakistani terrorists who sneak into Kashmir, mostly with the help of women.

There are reports that some foreign terrorists (FTs) hiding in Srinagar outskirts are replicating the model of the terror cell operating in Sopore. These FTs intermingling with the local population, particularly targeting on building strong women networks.

This development is alarming. The intermingling of foreign terrorists with locals is very dangerous. This trend must be arrested. J&K Police at large, and Srinagar Police in particular must strengthen its human intelligence network to bust these terror modules.

The chances of mass mobilization are bleak for Pakistan. That is why ISI is concentrating on women moles to create disturbance in Kashmir. The Administration must be more cognizant of the dangers of women terror networks activated by Pakistani terrorists. Security experts must engage in brainstorming on how to arrest this trend before it is late.

Bashir Assad

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Foreign Terrorists Don't Let Local Militants Escape Or Surrender

Family Begs For Son, But He Is Trapped

by Sheikh SAMEER

Indoctrination by Pakistan. Induction into jihadi ranks by Pakistan. This is the story of the misguided Kashmiri youth who are straying into militant ranks in the Valley. But the tragedy does not end here. Even after these youth realize their monumental error and want to go back to the fold of their families, their return is stonewalled by the foreign terrorists sent into Kashmir by Pakistan.

Case upon case is now piling up where Kashmiri youth who are lured into jihadi organizations operating in the Valley are finding that entry into militant groups is a one-way street. One can go into them. One cannot come out or escape.

Reports received from Over Ground Workers (OGWs) reveal that whatever the level of radicalization of the local militants, it is 70-80 per cent likely that they shall surrender to the forces if they

are given the opportunity to honourably return to their family. The problem is that for all terror opera-



tions, the local militants are usually flanked by foreign terrorists (FTs). It is the FTs who do not allow the locals to surrender. A sizable number of such cases have been reported over the last few years.

Whenever a local militant is trapped in an anti-terror operation, J&K Police or the Army call his family members to the spot to urge the militant to surrender. According to inputs received from OGWs, even if the local militant wants to surrender, the foreign terrorist(s) accompanying him do not allow him to do so. They

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threaten him that they will not just kill him but his entire family if he decides to leave the encounter site.

Such cases have happened in the past where foreign terrorists eliminated the entire families of militants who surrendered. Hence even those Kashmiri militants who want to surrender to the Army or the police at the last hour are afraid

to do so.

"It is extremely tragic. The local militant can hear the cries of his mother, his father, his sisters, brothers, wife or children. They cry to him to surrender to the forces so that he may live. But the foreign terrorists never allow the local to give up arms," an police officer told Kashmir Central.

FOREIGN TERRORIST COMES BETWEEN CRYING MOTHER AND TRAPPED SON

Senior police officers told KASHMIR CENTRAL that local Kashmiri militants are emotionally vulnerable, and ideologi-



“Officer ko Kehna, Jaish mai andar aanai ka rasta hota hai, lekin bahar janai ka nahi. Agar mai is sab se bahar aaya toh ye sabko mar dalai gai. In k pass apna database hota hai”

cally they are not hardcore. On the other hand, foreign terrorists are emotionally impenetrable and ideologically hardcore.

The police have consistently got the feedback that foreign terrorists don't allow the local militant to go back to his family. “There is a pattern to this morbidity. The foreign terrorist sets out from his home to die. He knows that he will live only for a few months more. He has no home to go back to. But the local militant has emotions. He has a mother, father, siblings, perhaps also wife and children. When his family cries to him to surrender so that he may not die, it is human that he may listen to his crying parent, wife or crying child. The foreign terrorist snuffs out his wish to return. This is the kind of pressure that is built on the local militants,” said a senior police officer.

MOST LOCAL MILITANTS AREN'T HARDCORE OR CRUEL

On March 30, 2019, a car explosion took place at Banihal in

Ramban. According to sources, the mission was successful in the third attempt. Sources reveal that the task to explode the car was given to a local militant. Even though the youth had turned to militancy, his heart was not so hard that he could cause the death of others. Every time he was ordered to carry out the explosion, his hands would shiver.

The first time the local militant made the excuse that there is some problem with the wire. The second time he made some other excuse, and it was possible because no foreign terrorist was accompanying him. The third time the foreign terrorists warned him that he would be killed if he did not execute the task.

The control of foreign terrorists on local militants is not confined to encounter sites. It starts right after the youth joins militant ranks. Once the youth becomes part of any act of terror, he is trapped. Terror operatives indoctrinate him and dehumanize him, so that he can easily become a killer machine, pitted against his own people. If he manages to come out of

this hell somehow and surrenders, he is labeled as a mukbir (stooge) and killed.

Truth Behind The Feb 14 Pulwama Attack

SUICIDE BOMBER WAS UNWILLING, DIDN'T WANT TO CARRY OUT OPERATION

The book by J&K IPS Officer Danesh Rana reveals that Adil Dar, who had to execute the suicide bombing in Pulwama in 2019, wanted to run away. The book was written after intensive investigation and provides a detailed account of the Pulwama attack's planning and execution.

A report published in Hindustan Times stated that according to Rana, Adil

sank into depression from which he found it impossible to emerge. “He hardly spoke, and the smile vanished from his face. He spent all of his time praying. When Shakir was interrogated later, he told investigators that Adil was scared and perhaps wanted to escape and run away from his impending death. But Umar would not let him stray. The three of them were stuck together; they couldn't possibly have gone anywhere. They had no option but to wait for the highway to open,” the HT report quotes Rana's book.

The book also reveals that Mo-

hammad Umar Farooq Alvi, the son of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Maulana Masood Azhar's brother Ibrahim Athar, didn't let Adil stray from his terror mission.

Sources reveal that when the Pulwama attack was planned, Adil was not allowed even to talk to his family by the foreign terrorists of Jaish. He was isolated from October 2018 to February 2019. His parents wanted to talk to him but they were not allowed to do so. He was only allowed to write a will for his mother and father in a notebook. After he died, the notebook was handed over to them. According to an OGW, Adil had no option but to die.

JAISH-E-MOHAMMAD SNATCHED AWAY LONE BREADWINNER

Jaish mai andar aanai ka rasta toh hota hai lekin bahar janai ka nahi

All Kashmiris must inform the presence of foreign terror operatives to security forces. Every parent must identify and isolate foreign terrorists if they want to save the budding Kashmiri youth

Most people remember Mudasir Khan as the mastermind of the February 14 Pulwama terror attack and as a local commander of JeM. Mudasir was a brilliant, handsome graduate and a trained electrician. He was working in a telecom company and used to love playing cricket. He was the lone breadwinner for his parents, sister and handicapped brother. He was not an anti-national and had applied to the Police many times for recruitment.

Mufti Vakas, a terror operative from Pakistan, somehow trapped Mudasir in the terror network. When a police officer visited Mudasir's parents, they told him, “Our son wants to come out of this. But if he does so, Jaish will kill him and us too.” The officer told Mudasir's father to tell the young man that complete security would be provided to his family, and he should leave the terror group.

When Mudasir's father conveyed

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this message to him, the youth was with a foreign terrorist (FT). He told his father in Kashmiri so that the FT would not understand: “Officer ko Kehna, Jaish mai andar aanai ka rasta hota hai, lekin bahar janai ka nahi. Agar mai is sab se bahar aaya toh ye sabko mar dalai gai. In k pass apna database hota hai.”

The above incidents are real examples of the dictatorship of foreign terrorists in Kashmir over local militants and the civilian population alike. It has often been revealed that the local militants get suppressed. They are not able to fight the autocracy of the FTs.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

We need to isolate foreign terrorists. It is the Pakistani terror operatives and mercenaries who are responsible for snatching away the local youth from their parents.

All Kashmiris must inform the presence of foreign terror operatives to the security forces. Every parent must identify and isolate foreign terrorists if they want to save the budding Kashmiri youth. Otherwise, more helpless Kashmiri parents will be begging the foreign terrorist to let their militant son surrender at the time of the encounter, but their cries will not be heeded.



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HIMAYAT Scheme Scam: From Monitoring Agency to Implementing Agencies, Everyone Is Involved

BISMA NAZIR reports that the placement-linked training program has turned out to be a telling example of how funds routed to the states and UTs for welfare work of youth are looted, and is a grim reminder that even monitoring agencies like NABCONS can deceive



In 2011, The Union Ministry of Rural Development launched the 'Himayat' Mission. This subsequently functioned as a separate vertical under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana. The Himayat Mission, costing Rs 1601.49 crore, was implemented through Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKSRLM). Its budget was later revised to Rs 1781.66 crore.

The purpose of the mission was to impart computer-oriented skill training, soft and English communication skills as well as technical skill training to youth between the age group of 15-35 years, in both rural and urban areas, and the subsequent placements of these youth. The Himayat Mission promised to generate sustainable livelihood opportunities through self-employment for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir through holistic entrepreneurship development programs.

In 2020, the Comptroller and Audit General (CAG) pointed out several deficiencies in the implementation of the Himayat Mission. The scheme was in the news for showing very poor performance. According to the CAG report, between 2016 and 2019, only 4,494 aspirants were given skill training against a target of 53,547 candidates.

At that time, nobody knew the reason for the poor performance of this scheme. It was not known that officers in the monitoring agencies, implementing agencies and executing agencies were making personal fortunes from the funds allotted by the government for the Himayat Mission. Subsequent investigation has revealed



that many officers of these agencies were directly involved in the scam and the loot of the funds meant for the scheme.

VERIFICATION BY ANTI CORRUPTION BUREAU

Verification was conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau into the allegations of fraudulent withdrawal of government funds by various Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). The report by Anti Corruption Bureau said that the fraudulent withdrawal of funds seemed to have been done as part of the criminal conspiracy by the officers of the monitoring agencies like NABCONS as well as the employees of executing agencies namely Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKSRLM), etc.

NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) is a wholly owned subsidiary promoted by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). It is engaged in providing consultancy in all spheres of agriculture, rural development and allied areas.

DATAPRO Computers Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam, is one of the Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) for the Himayat Mission. The verification by Anti Corruption Bureau revealed that DATAPRO Computers Pvt. Ltd uploaded fake and forged documents as proof of placement of the candidates. Despite the use of fake and forged documents, DATAPRO Computers Pvt. Ltd fraudulently received the second

installment of funds to the tune of Rs. 6.85 crore from J&K State Rural Livelihood Mission.

The verification by Anti Corruption Bureau further revealed that J&K State Rural Livelihood Mission released funds in crores of rupees in favour of other Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) operating in the union territory in complete violation of the rules and norms laid down in the Mission. In this way, funds that were supposed to be used to provide employment skills to rural and urban youth in the Union Territory were siphoned off by the officers associated with the scheme to build their personal riches.

On September 3, 2021, FIR Number 08/2021 was registered at P/S Anti-Corruption Bureau Central. After obtaining the search warrant from the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court, Jammu, searches were carried out at the following locations.

1. Head Office of DATA PRO (one of the Project Implementing Agencies), situated at Visakhapatnam
2. Head Office of NABCONS Consultancy in New Delhi
3. At the residence of Mr Kapil Sharma, Chief Operating Officer (COO)
4. Himayat Mission Management Unit (HMMU), JKSRML, Jammu

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5. Office of DATA PRO at Jammu

6. Office of NABCONS at Jammu

7. Four locations at Srinagar covering the offices of DATA PRO, NABCONS, HMMU (JK-SRLM)

8. Residential premises of Mr Adil Tenki, State Project Manager, JKSRML at Srinagar

The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) seized incriminating documents and electronic gadgets during these raids. Further investigation in the case is going on by ACB. All the agencies associated with the Himayat Mission are being probed regarding their operations.

BANNED PROJECT IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES BEGAN OPERATIONS AGAIN BY VIOLATING NORMS

In January 2022, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta in a meeting clearly directed the department that it must not engage those project implementing

agencies (PIAs) for training youth that have failed to adhere to the government-specified norms and regulations. The CS stated that these include the PIAs that have not filed reports with the government, or have not maintained proper accounts, or don't have their own websites, and have failed to monitor/conduct regular inspections.

The CS said that only those PIAs should be engaged for the training/placement of the identified youth which have the required capacity to deliver on the given mandate, which have neither been blacklisted by Government of India nor are involved in any case being probed by the Anti Corruption Bureau.

Strangely, Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKSRLM) did not follow the directives of the Chief Secretary. Notwithstanding what was specified, DATA PRO Computers Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam has resumed its training centers in Kashmir.

According to the probe by the Anti Corruption Bureau, DATA PRO Computers Pvt Ltd had uploaded fake and forged documents as proof of placement of the candidates. When questioned in this regard, Muhammad Ashraf, Placement Officer for DATA PRO Computers Pvt Ltd said that the company had been allowed by the government to resume its non-residence program.

According to Anti Corruption Bureau, officers in Himayat Mission Management Unit, J&K State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKSRLM), NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS) and associated private companies were were making personal fortunes from the funds allotted by the government for the Himayat Mission



THE INJURIES WE SUFFER

There is something deeply heartbreaking about reporting the failure of Himayat Mission



There is something deeply heartbreaking about reporting the failure of Himayat Mission, the placement-linked skill training programme for the unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir. One reads of so many scams across the country. It would be expected that in these corrupt, unscrupulous times, one will become thick-skinned and weather one more such scam.

In these pages, KASHMIR CENTRAL reports of the scam at the Himayat Mission. The Himayat Mission is a placement-linked skill training programme for unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir. It is being implemented by the Himayat Mission Management Unit (HMMU) of the J&K State Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKSRLM), Govt of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Himayat Mission scam involves the siphoning of crores of rupees into the personal accounts of the officers associated with the monitoring agencies, the implementing agencies and the executing agencies that had to ensure the success of the Himayat Mission.

It turns out that one is not so thick-skinned, after all. The failure of the Himayat Mission is not just another headline and another news report of some corrupt men and women in high-sounding government offices.

While reading about the Himayat Mission scam and reporting it in the magazine, the heart can still suffer pain. I think of the lakhs of youth across Jammu and Kashmir who are searching for meaning in life, and who are searching for livelihood.

I think of boys and girls out of schools, out of colleges, who seem to be staring at a blank future. Their parents are poor. Their parents do not have the money to send them to fancy institutes for training.

All these budding youngsters could have been assured of livelihood through this well-intentioned scheme. The greed of government officers and the private companies associated with the project killed the possibilities that the youth could have found through the Himayat Mission.

NOBODY KNOWS WHO STOLE THE MONEY

Crores Siphoned Off From Himayat Mission, All Officers Pass The Buck

I am not aware of this as I joined a few days back only.

Deputy Secretary Himayat Mission Mohammed Farooq Khan

I am not the authorized person who can give you the details regarding this matter.

Adil Ashraf Tanki, State Project Manager
(Skill Training and Learning Management), Himayat Mission

(When asked by the Kashmir Central correspondent that you are the state project manager and Anti Corruption Bureau has searched at your place)

I cannot respond. I am at the airport right now, travelling to Jammu.

I don't know anything. I have joined recently.

State Project Manager (PIA Coordination and Development) Faisal Nazir

We provide training to Himayat candidates. We have restarted training at Anantnag and Baramulla centres. Our company is not part of any scam. This is all wrong information. The case is still under process and nothing has been finalized yet. If we have done any mistake, they have to prove it first that we are the culprits. Then everything will be shut. Otherwise these are all allegations.

(When asked about how they have resumed training despite adverse reports with the state against them and who permitted them)

We were not stopped from working ever. Work for the reported project had been suspended, but the other regular project work is going on.

* Deepika K Sharma, Chief Operating Officer JKSRML and Sajad Choudary, State Project Manager (Finance and Proposal Examination) did not answer repeated calls. They did not respond to the questionnaire posted to them on WhatsApp.

Project Head RK Mohanty of DATA PRO Computers Pvt Ltd

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COLOSSAL COLLAPSE

Shocking Statistics Of Himayat Mission

According to the report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), the Himayat Scheme had to impart training, both residential and non-residential, for courses on computer-oriented skills, soft skills, communication skills in English as well as technical skills.

During the years 2016-17 and 2017-18, only 123 youth were trained. No placements were made during these years, the report said.

According to the report, 9,200 was set as the target number of trainees to be skilled and provided employment in 2016-17 at a sanctioned amount of Rs 46.72 crore. No one was trained or employed. Rs 30.40 crore, or 60 per cent of the sanctioned amount, was spent without achieving desired results, stated the CAG report.

In 2017-18, against a target of 18,352 number of trainees to be skilled and employed at a sanctioned



amount of Rs 60.10 crore, only 123 were trained. Placement was not provided for any candidate even after spending Rs 28.02 crore.

In 2018-2019, as many as 4,371 trainees were skilled and 732 were employed at an expenditure of Rs 76.42 crore, or 43 per cent of the sanctioned amount. The target was to provide skill training to 25,995 youth.

During the year 2019-20, an amount of Rs 234.94 crore was sanctioned by the Government of India. According to the CAG report, against this the J&K government released Rs 52.68 crore in favour of the Himayat Mission and retained Rs 182.26 crore.

“An expenditure of Rs 23.83 crore was incurred during the year leaving an unutilised balance of Rs 314.01 crore at the close of 31 March 2020,” said CAG.

The report further said that for the year 2019-20, no targets were fixed. According to the figures submitted by Himayat Mission, 10,045 unemployed youth were trained and 2,582 were placed in jobs under the scheme.

INNOCENT YOUTH ROBBED OF THEIR FUTURE

The report by The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India brings to light these sad facts: Only 4,494 aspirants were given skill training under the scheme as against a target of 53,547 from 2016 to 2019.

This is not just a report of some government statistics. These are the injuries that the youth of our nation suffer. The federal auditor has noted that only Rs 134.84 crore has been spent from the sanctioned amount of Rs 237.74 crore between 2016 and 2019.

What was the percentage of youth trained by the Himayat Mission from 2016 to 2019? A mere 8 per cent of the target! The CAG report states that

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NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE OFFICERS DEFRAUDED THE J&K YOUTH OF THEIR FUTURE

Jammu and Kashmir State Rural Livelihood Mission (JKSRLM)

NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS)

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Why do I hold even NABARD responsible for defrauding the J&K youth of their future? Because NABCONS is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). It is engaged in providing consultancy in all spheres of agriculture, rural development and allied areas.

So the CAG report reveals that the youth of Jammu and the youth of Kashmir - both were defrauded by a number of officers associated in various capacities with the Himayat Mission.



according to the target of the Himayat Mission, 53,547 youth were to be trained during the given period. How many youth were actually trained? Only 4,494 youngsters.

These government statistics get sadder and sadder. Of the total of 4,494 youth trained by Himayat Mission, only 732 youth were placed in jobs during the period, stated the CAG report. This is the dissection done by CAG of what was called the livelihood mission called 'Himayat' in Jammu and Kashmir.

These are not just the statistics of a failed government programme. These are the statistics of the injuries that the poor and needy people in our country suffer. Tender, innocent youth from poor families kept staring at a blank future, wondering what to do ahead. And officers in fancy-sounding organizations tucked away crores of funds in their personal and benami accounts.



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The government had provided for skill training and development for these poor, needy youth through the Himayat Mission. But in one more big scam of mammoth proportions, the youth were cheated by corrupt officers in the state and the system

LOFTY OBJECTIVES, DISMAL PERFORMANCE

All the lofty sounding objectives of the scheme carry no meaning in the face of such scams. There is no point reproducing those lofty objectives here. You can read them extensively at <https://www.himayat.org/AboutUs.aspx>

But there is something that definitely merits reproduction: the statement of Mr Kapil Sharma, Chief Operating Officer, Himayat Mission Management Unit (HMMU). Mr Sharma is under probe by the Anti Corruption Bureau for his role in the Himayat Scheme scam. In the typical way that government departments function, the website himayat.org continues to display his statement at the top of the home page.

Find Mr Sharma holding forth with elan on the website:

"We are living in interesting times. We have the world's largest young population and yet employers are constantly searching for the "right talent". The same is true for all over the world. To add to it, most of the jobs from blue



Kapil Sharma, Chief Operating Officer, Himayat Mission Management Unit

to white collar have undergone drastic transformation and technology infusion leading to bigger gap. HIMAYAT is essentially an 'urdu' word which means "Support", therefore HIMAYAT and its training partners are the bridge between you and the need of the hour."

The need of the hour was also honesty by those government of-

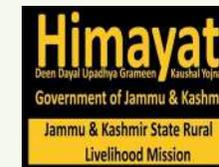
ficers and private agencies entrusted with the success of the Himayat Mission. This is part of the injuries that we suffer. The difference between what should be, and what is.

Let us also examine our assumptions. We assume that lakhs of boys and girls across Jammu and Kashmir do not have any recourse to government help through which they can be imparted vital skills that can get them employment. We assume that the government has made no provision for

lakhs of these boys and girls from poor and needy families in order to give them a chance to build their careers, and to engage or enthuse them.

Herein lies the pain. Now it is revealed that the government had provided for skill training and development for these poor, needy youth. But in

one more big scam of mammoth proportions, the youth were cheated by corrupt officers in the state and the system.



LET'S GET REAL

Harsher Anti-Terrorism Laws Are The Only Answer

by Aftab AHMAD

The announcement made by J&K Police last week regarding attachment of properties of those who willfully provide shelter to terrorists has led to outrage in Kashmir. The Police specified that in cases where it is proved beyond doubt that the house owner/member had willfully provided shelter or harboured terrorists, the property shall be confiscated by the state. Those who want to outrage over this decision taken

by the state may continue to do so. But the fact remains that the announcement has given a ray of hope to the peace-loving people of Kashmir. It has made the peace-loving Kashmiris aspire that terrorism will go down, if not cease altogether. This hope must not be belied. Such steps taken by the state have a major force-multiplier effect upon the society. They will also deter the terror-related incidents. Such steps of seizing property of willful law-breakers must continue. More such deterrents need to be explored to end the scourge of terrorism. But for good, after facing criticism following its

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ANOTHER REAL DETERRENT IS SACKING THE SERVICES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAD PROVEN LINKS WITH TERROR OUTFITS. THE PREVIOUS REGIMES HELPED TERRORISM AND SEPARATISM TO GROW. TERROR AGENTS WERE INCENTIVIZED WITH JOBS AND OTHER FACILITIES

initial announcement on attachment of properties, police clarified that such action would not be taken against those who have been forced to shelter militants “under duress”.

EARLIER, THOSE WHO SHELTERED TERRORISTS WOULD GO SCOT FREE

It had been observed that during anti-terror operations, houses where terrorists got holed up during encounters often used to get demolished. However, owners and those who gave shelter to the terrorists would often go escort free. This is extremely good step that police have now started to book the owners of such houses under anti-terrorism laws on the grounds of giving shelter to terrorists.

Section 2 (G) of The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, is clear. It needs to be implemented in letter and spirit to weed out Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Section 2 (G) deals with the proceeds of terrorism, which could be all kinds of properties acquired with funds traceable to a ter-

rorist act, irrespective of the person in whose name such proceeds are standing, or in whose possession they are found. This includes any property which is being used, or is intended to be used, for the purpose of a terrorist organization [or terrorist gang], Section 2 (G) states.

In February 2021, J&K Police had granted sanction for seizure or attachment of moveable and immovable properties in 46 cases registered under Section 25 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The properties include land, house, vehicles, shops and cash, besides other assets.

GOOD MOVE: NIA ATTACHED ASIYA ANDRABI HOUSE

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Act has been previously used by the National Investigations Agency (NIA) to confiscate the properties of people who have been accused of involvement in militancy. NIA became the first agency to invoke the provisions of the anti-terror act to attach the house of Asiya Andrabi, chief of Dukhtaraan-e-Millat, a women’s terror group affiliated with pro-Pakistan

Syed Ali Geelani.

Another real deterrent is sacking the services of government employees under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution. Over the past few months, government employees who had proven links with terror outfits including Hizbul Mujahideen, Jamaat e Islami and Islamic State and were working as Over Ground Workers (OGWs) were sacked.

The employees whose services were terminated by the government included Syed Ahmad Shakeel and Shahid Yousuf, two sons of terror organization Hizbul Mujahideen’s chief Syed Salahuddin. Syed Shakeel was working at the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences and Shahid Yousuf was working at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology.

We all knew who is Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin. We all knew of his declared agenda against the Indian state. Why had his sons been



Syed Shahid Yousuf

awarded with prestigious positions and fat salaries by the Indian state? This action was long overdue. Why hadn’t this been done for so long?

PREVIOUS REGIMES INCENTIVISED THE TERROR AGENTS

It is also common knowledge in Kashmir that some of these government employees whose services were terminated had secured their jobs with the help of separatist leaders. These separatist leaders got secure and pensionable government jobs for those whom they wanted to favour. What about the poor youth? They were driven to arms training and given stones in their hands.

The state has finally pulled off the masks from the faces of such duplicitous Pakistan agents. Kashmir has suffered enough tragedies. Remember the so-called spontaneous street protests of 2016? The mothers of over a hundred budding youth received body bags of their sons in the agitations engineered by Geelani and Co. The past regime gave a plush government job to Geelani’s grandson, and the “simultaneous protests” were called off.

The previous regimes helped terrorism and separatism to grow. Terror agents were incentivized with jobs and other facilities.

All those who aspire for peace in Kashmir are aware that both seizure and sacking are deterrents for weeding out terrorism. Sadly, both deterrents came late. Besides these deterrents, more are needed to put an end to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism and separatism.

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GRIM EXPERIMENT IN CONTROL OF HUMANS

**Taliban Have
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by Mareaya FAYAZ

The Taliban are conducting an appalling experiment in modern history. They have banned art. They have banned music. They have banned all films and foreign drama series. According to the Taliban, all this is being done so that nothing can jeopardize the Afghan people's "mental and psychological stability".

This indeed is an extraordinary harrowing experiment in the control of humans in a supposedly free society. At least till now, the Taliban do not claim that the entire Afghanistan is a jail for all those who live there.

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All those in Kashmir who were hitting the ecstasy button because the Taliban have come to power in Afghanistan must do a serious rethink on what these restrictions will mean for the Afghans.

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Need To Examine Closely: Where Are We Headed?

According to a UN report, women's access to health is a major part of the unfolding humanitarian crises in Afghanistan. Women with more complex needs like pregnancy face major access issues. If women are not accompanied by men, they cannot access medical treatment. They cannot see a doctor, which sometimes leads to more deterioration in the health of these women.

Taliban have made sure that women are treated as sub-humans, or not completely human. They are not able to work. They

are not able to study. They are not even able to visit a doctor by themselves.

In a report of World Health Organization (WHO) titled "Voices Of The Poor" in Pakistan, it was stated that women and children are unwilling to travel alone. In Baluchistan, women say they are not "allowed" to travel to hospital without their husbands.

It is heartbreaking that women have to obey this rule even if their health is critical. After centuries of denial of their rights, women in Pakistan are even unwilling to

travel alone to see a doctor even if they are in a very bad state.

In the same report, it was noted that in Pakistan, some women said that they do not want to go to the hospital alone because, being illiterate, they will be unable to describe their condition to the hospital staff.

This further underlines how important education is. By denying education to girls, the Taliban are denying to them the right to seek treatment. This again amounts to treating women as if they are not humans, but animals.

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No Education For Girls Aged 12 Or More Because Taliban Can't Decide The Uniform



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Education for girls aged 12 and more is still banned by the Taliban. Girls cannot attend school because the Taliban still have not taken a decision on female students' uniforms in accordance with "Sharia law and Afghan custom." This needs to sink in. Girls are studying in all countries in the Gulf and in all Islamic nations. But they cannot study in Afghanistan because the Taliban cannot decide what the girls should wear to school.

How lucky do you consider yourself that you live at a place where you get to go where ever you want to, whenever you want to, and however you want to? Life is so easy for us. We are living the way we want to live, enjoying with family and friends.

Not everyone gets to enjoy this freedom. In Afghanistan, Taliban commanders are actively enacting a slew of discriminatory policies effectively

eliminate women's involvement in public life. Such steps make women like me shiver with fear. When I talk to my friends about life for women in Afghanistan, we all seem to be rendered speechless with horror.

Sadly, where women's education is concerned, there isn't even a hint of a turnaround in the seven months since the Taliban have been in power. The brief ray of hope was extinguished after the Taliban abruptly reversed their decision to allow Afghan girls to return to high schools. Girls cannot study because the Taliban cannot decide the uniform that they must wear to school.

Afghan parents and girls reacted angrily and disappointedly to the last-minute change. Many had expressed their delight about returning to the school. Taliban militants privately admit that among their most conserva-

tive sections, female education is still a contentious topic.

One must take time to think about what this means for the society. What do uneducated mothers mean for a society? Today, in the 21st century, one shudders to think about the fate of a society whether all mothers are illiterate.

I, my sisters, my friends – all of us are so full of gratitude to Allah that we are not among those lakhs of Afghan women who are now living a life without any hope. It is extremely sad that girls should not be allowed to go to school based on the harshest interpretation of the Islamic laws. The Taliban have made the uniform as the reason to deny the basic right of a person to seek education. They are snuffing out the future of little girls. If the state of affairs continues the same way, these innocent girls will never know their potential. It is so tragic.

HOW WE ARE GETTING IMPACTED

The Taliban Solution To Harassment Of Women In Kashmir

This authoritarian regime of Taliban has made sure that everything that they decree must be followed as if it is written in stone. Look at the psyche of the men imposing these rules. Their psyche is such that they feel that a child can make a grown man feel attracted, hence the child must be locked up.

Should men like these get to govern a country? I may say it's a big NO. I have discussed this with many fellow Kashmiris. They share the same viewpoint.

But even within our own society, I find different shades of opinion. Recently, a question-

naire was forwarded to me by a friend. The study pertained to "prevalence of street harassment among women".

The first question was whether I have face street harassment. I wrote yes.

The second question: "If never, what prevented you from street harassment?"

The following were the options.

1. Seldom go outside
2. Observe hijab
3. Accompanied by male family members while going outside
4. Any other.

To most people, these options might seem



Even within Kashmir, the solution that some of our so-called social protectors are offering to us is the Taliban Solution. The impact of Taliban's dystopic vision seems to have intruded into the minds of some Kashmiris. For everything that is wrong, clean chits are given to males, and the women are made to bear the entire burden of the blame

ordinary. But to an educated woman like me, this was clearly unfortunate. It showed the warped thinking of the person who is conducting this so-called study. The study was not bothered with educating the respondents that harassing women and girls is a bad thing. Rather, its thrust was that if you don't want to get harassed by men, you should do the following.

1. Restrict yourself to the four walls of your house
2. Always observe hijab

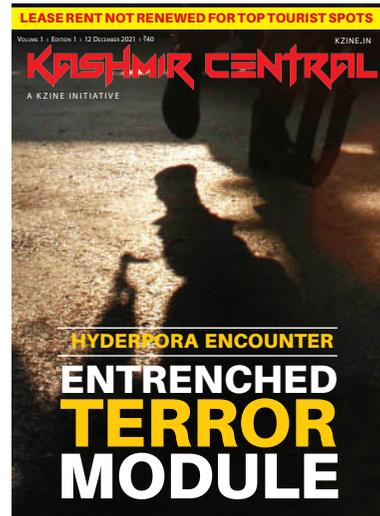
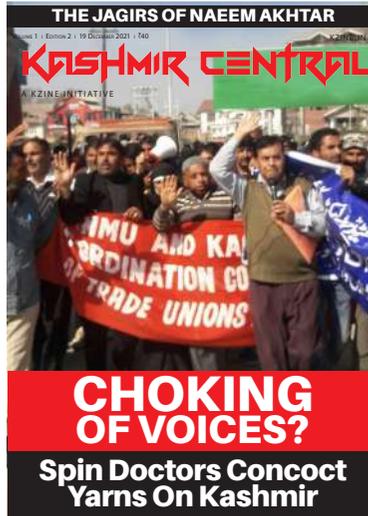
3. Always be accompanied by male members while going outside.

Hence, even within Kashmir, the solution that some of our so-called social protectors are offering to us is the Taliban Solution. It is extremely saddening to observe that the impact of Taliban's dystopic vision seems to have intruded into the minds of some Kashmiris. For everything that is wrong, clean chits are given to males, and the women are made to bear the entire burden of the blame.

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