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FIRST REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST KASHMIR BY
PAK SPONSORED TERRORIST-SEPARATISTS-SUPPORTERS NEXUS
COVERING PERIOD FROM JAN 2018 TO MAY 2021



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The Kashmir Rights Forum (KRF) is an informal, secular, apolitical and forward looking interactive platform highlighting human rights violations perpetuated against innocent Kashmiri population by terrorists either directly supported by separatists and their over ground workers or indirectly by sympathizers over last three decades as a result of proxy war initiated by Pakistan on our homeland.

KRF is dexterous, focused forum with overarching mission to mobilize expertise and public opinion to counter the organized attempt to violate human rights of common innocent Kashmiris of all generations by the nexus and tarnishing the image of government and security forces by certain section of media, intelligentsia and conflict entrepreneurs by flaring up allegations of human rights violations on them, thus diverting attention from the real perpetrators of these violations.

We, at KRF encourage response by likeminded or otherwise, people and organizations, on documents, articles & video content produced on multiple social media platforms by us to apprise all citizens of such violations. KRF will endeavor to expose the designs of the perpetrators by studying the past and present and producing the facts for public scrutiny as part of our research and highlight such events in present, earliest on occurrence.

Introduction

Two persons may look at the same thing and see it very differently. As Jammu and Kashmir enters the nineteenth month since the abrogation of Article 370 and fourteenth month since first COVID 19 restrictions, the national and international media, certain political leaders, and many scholars continue to raise serious concerns about the security, development and communication lockdown in Kashmir.



Kashmir adorned by snow-capped glaciers, clear lakes, spectacular mountains, green meadows, captivating fields that prosper with natural splendor has often been likened to heaven on earth. However, this pristine illustration of Kashmir has been replaced by a much more frightening one in past three decades.

The security forces are alleged to have been involved in and violated human rights during the conduct of counter insurgency operations. Why is that only SFs are blamed and the militants' groups who have killed, maimed, kidnapped and raped thousands of innocent civilians in last three decades are not even factored for human rights violations.

We must understand that counter terrorist operations are double edged sword with high probability of mutual collateral damage. An organized attempt is being made to tarnish the image of security forces by flaring up allegations of Human Rights violations even though terrorists have shown no concern for the human rights for civilians.

Pakistani Intent

Kashmir has been under a state of siege for more than three decades now. An erstwhile princely state which agreed to integrate with India wholeheartedly on the basis of convergences of secularism, liberalism and democratic norms, it has been wracked by

violence ever since. This violence was initially overt, in the form of naked aggression by Pakistan, which has since 1947 tried to take over its territory using state and non- UT-based actors. Pakistan made two unsuccessful attempts to seize Kashmir's territory by force (1947 & 1965) but after failing to do so, started sending its excess proxies, leftovers of its Afghan jihad, into Kashmir from 1989. The peaceful and serene valley, the jannat on earth, has been converted into hell by Pakistan.

The value of Kashmir in Pakistan can be appreciated from the fact that the all-civilian governments, while patting their backs on governance make a point to underline their achievement in Kashmir. The changing geo-political situation in the late 1980s and the internal political developments in Kashmir provided Pakistan with a significant chance to follow its Kashmir policy on its own terms. Pakistan has all along used terrorism and covert action as an instrument of State policy against India. It has recruited, trained, financed, armed and infiltrated terrorist in India and provided safe haven to anti-Indian elements.

Pakistan, through its Army and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), provides the necessary freedom, infrastructure and weapons support for jihadi training at terrorist camps which thrive on its soil. So much so, after the death of a jihadi fighting in Kashmir, the liability of his family is met by the concerned group. Nowhere in the world do any recruiting agencies offer this kind of benefits. In a country like Pakistan where poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and growing population has become a major concern, such services attract radical youth like moth to a flame.

The 1990s assume significance in the perspective of both internal politics in the valley and Pakistan's objectives and approach to the Kashmir. Pakistan has been successful in making it appear to the world that only the part of Kashmir which is with India is a disputed territory and India is retaining the Kashmir valley only by force. Furthermore, to make it worse, Pakistan has leased out part of Gilgit to China for CPEC, in return of financial and military assistance from China.

Targeted Indicators of Peace

Violence pains people and destabilizes the progress they deserve. The conflict over the past three decades have exacerbated issues like security, political balance, loss of lives, mass destruction of property, migration of Kashmiri Pandits, devastation of tourism and employment opportunities, grinding of education and health. The terrorists nexus has been regularly targeting government infrastructure, schools, health centers, mobile towers, electricity and water supply over last three decades.

The main endeavor of the terrorist nexus has always been to cause maximum harm and loss of life to security forces as well as common Kashmiris not adhering to their ideology. This conflict regardless of its rationale, community members, mainly women, children and elderly people, become targets who suffer disproportionately from the violence due to their vulnerability.

Targeted attacks by the militants against civilians in the initial phases of the terrorist violence in J&K forced a vast majority of Kashmiri Pandits and a considerable number of Sikhs and other Hindus and few Muslims to migrate from the Valley in 1990 and thereafter.

Kashmir has had several significant turning point moments over the last three to four decades. It is important to point out that the Kashmir issue also has its fundamentals in radical Islam. For instance, young Kashmiris joining the militants' ranks are drawing inspiration from transnational Islamic extremism.

The pathetic condition of roads and other civilian infrastructure, inadequate sewage systems, half-constructed flyovers, shoddy execution of public works, insufficient public transport systems and primitive health and educational infrastructure, speaks volumes about adverse effect of terrorism and reluctance of people responsible to attend to them for fear of killing.

The education sector in Kashmir has suffered the most irreparable damage due to terrorism, protests, strikes and shutdown calls. Deliberate attempts by terrorists and

their mentors across the border have been made to step-up violence in a desperate effort to try and prevent the restoration of the political and democratic process in the State.

The women in the state have suffered the most from past two decades due to threats given by various terrorists' groups and separatists. The women were forced to restrictions in travelling alone, discontinue their education and quit their jobs as teachers, doctors, nurses. As a result, the terrorists were ensuring that women would continue to descend into poverty and deprivation, thereby guaranteeing that tomorrow's Kashmiri women would have none of the skills required to function in a modern society.

In 1989, there were 19 theaters in Kashmir; nine of them were in the city of Srinagar alone. Dukhtaran-e-Millat chief Asiya Andrabi started protests and raised slogans against the display of pictures of women without burkha in cinema halls. She was supported by other militant groups who threatened to kill people visiting cinema halls. In December 1989, all theaters in Kashmir were closed.

Media have always played a role of a watchdog, highlighting the human rights violation of masses. But who takes the charge when human rights of media personnel are violated? Since early 90's, there have been many cases where journalists have lost their lives while performing their duties. On February 19, 1990, Lassa Kaul, director of Doordarshan television station, was shot dead by militants in Bemina area of Srinagar. The killing prompted the station's closure for three-years. Killings and abductions were rampant throughout the state, and not only in South Kashmir.

Kashmir Kept Boiling Over Last 33 Years

What is visible at the outset is the physical violence, for which adequate statistics are available. These include people killed, abducted, tortured and molested by the terrorists. What simmers beneath the surface is structural violence, the systemic degradation of the entire peaceful ecosystem that forms the basis of a civil society. This has neither been talked about nor does it figure prominently in any made-up discourse

that Pakistan and its proxies have disseminated in the last three decades. How does structural violence manifest itself? It appears in the form of mental health issues, lost livelihoods, destroyed careers of children, unemployment and overall depravity that have made its home in Kashmir. By targeting village sarpanches and self-governance structures, Pakistan has destroyed all modicum of civility in the Valley. Schools have been destroyed and set on fire leading to loss in education and subsequently employment opportunities. This has worked in Pakistan's favor as the youth can be easily waylaid into working for terrorists for a small amount of money. Countless women have been raped and molested. They have suffered mental health issues, cannot get educated and therefore remain unemployed and at fringes of the society. Generations of Kashmiris have been made destitute and helpless in their own homeland.

The proxy war has claimed 26226 lives between 1988 and 2020 in an estimated 43956 incidents of terrorist violence. Of these casualties 10310 (40 per cent) were civilians, 3520 (13 per cent) were security forces personnel, and 12396 (47 per cent) terrorists. The proxies responsible, which include groups like the Jaish-e-Mohammed, which was responsible for the Pulwama attacks in February 2019, the Hizbul Mujahideen and the Lashkar-e-Taiba, among others have recruited innocent Kashmiris and indoctrinated them ever since the 1980s. Over the years, while their methods of recruitment of training have changed, given the coming of the internet, these groups have continued to lead attacks on innocent civilians in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Terrorist attacks result in several economic and social consequences. The presence of the security forces in the Valley in 1990 was very thin and their preparedness was not enough to deal with full-blown insurgency sponsored by Pakistan. At present, the security apparatus is much stronger, and coordinated.

The 'terror' phase of the early 1990s had also brought to front the challenges and security issues faced by local employees and their families where they were intimidated by threat of gun. Such challenges may again emerge and would require appropriate

measures so that the momentum of the working of the civil administration, courts and others services is not compromised.

Muslims in Kashmir are growing up under the umbrella of a single religion: Islam. The valley has seen an increase in the construction of mosques across the state with their architecture featuring domes and minarets, unlike earlier times when they had stupa type ceilings resembling Buddhist or Hindu temples. The younger generation today can scarcely envision how their elders used to live with Kashmiri Pundits and how educated Pundits maintained secularism in Kashmir.

Adapting Tactics by Terrorists-OGW-Separatists

The modus operandi of the terrorists is constantly changing. The conflict in Kashmir has undergone several changes and terrorists and their handlers have kept themselves relevant by drawing upon ideas and tactics from elsewhere. From hit and run tactics of mujahedeen in early 90s to stalemate the security forces, they initially planned to increase Kashmir's economic, military, and political costs for India.

After suffering setbacks, they minimized confrontation against the security forces and operated from rural hideouts with material and intelligence support from Over Ground Workers (OGWs) as was seen in higher reaches of Pir Panjal ranges. Then a new phase of fidayeen came into existence in 1999, where a squad of 2–4 militants would undertake suicidal missions and target key government or military buildings and infrastructure. This lasted for half a decade.

By 2008, the separatist/secessionist section of Kashmiris had adopted hartals and stone-pelting as an established method to express dissent and unhappiness with state government and security forces. This tactic drew its inspiration from the Palestinian intifada, where stone-pelting became an image of dissent and anger. Although stone-pelting contributed to mutual damage, the outnumbered security forces in such situations were hardest hit resulting in grave injuries to security forces. Few stone pelters injured or killed during the clashes added fuel to the fire for venom spitting

sections of academia in favor of human rights violations against them. At the same time, the rights of security forces were blissfully ignored. For instance, the 2016 unrests (with intensified stone-pelting), solely contributed to over 8,300 injured security personnel.

Fascinated by the success of encrypted Social Media platforms such as FB and WhatsApp, the militant organizations adopted the similar strategy for their anti-Indian propaganda to attract Kashmiri youth towards terrorism and jihad. The sticky bombs recovered in a TRF militant hideout recently indicates the wider reach of their handlers.

Political Killings

The bulk of killings of political activists in J&K occurred during the initial years, from January 1996 to December 2002. The first political killing was that of the National Conference (NC) activist Mohammad Yusuf Halwai in downtown Srinagar on August 21, 1989, while the last one was on October 29 2020, when three BJP activists were gunned down in Kulgam.

Over 5,000 political activists have been killed in attacks in Kashmir since 1989 including some high-profile political assassinations-like that of Mirwaiz Farooq in 1990 and Qazi Nisar Ahmad in 1994. In recent times, eight leaders and activists among the 10 workers of different mainstream political parties were shot dead by 'unidentified terrorists in Kashmir in the last five months of the year 2020.

If a killing is perceived by police or the security forces, there would be huge uproar and protests and a call for shutdown from terrorists or the separatists. The media persons, politicians and human rights activists will swarm the victim's home with all sorts of allegations and criticism. Conversely, if the killing has been done by the terrorists, the Valley would habitually be a mute onlooker. There would be no shutdown, no public condemnation or news on the front pages of the local newspapers.

Shutdown or Hartals

Peace is a pre-requisite for development in any society. One worrying aspect over the years had been the upsurge in the number of disruptions creating a severe depression in the progress of the Kashmiri society in terms of development, health, education, tourism, transport and employment. These Hartals are not observed voluntarily by the common people and have put their lives under unnecessary strain.

The idea of Hartal comes from the labor strikes that played a crucial role in the communist wave in Europe and parts of Asia in the 19th century. During that era, the labor class felt exploited by the industries which were largely a State affair. As a result, the laborers wanted to inflict losses to the economy of the State by boycotting work and shutting down factory units. The idea behind this approach was to halt the production which would affect the State and the owners and eventually compel them to negotiate.



Hurriyat (G) Fresh Calendar		
Date	Day	Programme
July 04	Sunday	Shopping *
July 05	Monday	Islamabad Chaloo
July 06	Tuesday	Protest by boy and girl students **
July 07	Wednesday	Lock your homes and sit outside from morning to evening ***
July 08	Thursday	Offer collective prayers at selected Masjids and pray for freedom ****
July 09	Friday	No strike in the wake of Meraj-un-Nabi
July 10	Saturday	Shopping
July 11	Sunday	Shopping

* People are asked to do the shopping but only those vehicles would be allowed to ply on roads which brandish black flags;
** The protests are to be separate; girls and boys should not mingle together;
*** People should pray collective prayers; have food collectively (for that mohalla committees have been asked to collect Rs. 50 and two KGs of rice per household). Even the ailing family members should be brought out along with bedding;
**** The Masjids would be identified and the same conveyed to people later.

Issued in public interest by general secretary Hurriyat (G), Massarat Aalam

Earlier, the Separatists in the Valley had even started issuing months-long Hartal Calendar knowingly insensitive to the adverse impact of these shutdowns. Stone pelting, threats, damage to public property are used to compel people to adhere to these Hartals leading to severe consequences for the economic, social and emotional well-being of the State and its people. So much so, that the seemingly isolated incidents are a part of an elaborate and watchfully laid out game plan to disrupt peace and give an impression social and political turmoil.



The violence has adversely affected all important sources of livelihood of local populace such as agriculture, horticulture, tourism and handicraft industry, with many traders forced to shift their business from Kashmir to other parts of the country and others forced to look for alternative source of income to survive the economic devastation.

Instigators

People vested with the responsibility to keep the pot of disruption boiling in the Kashmir valley had become masters of the game due to many years of experience. Always sniffing for the slightest opportunity to create disorder they would blow up even the slightest incident which they carry out with a well-tested administrative structure in place. They have a captive media whose job is to sensationalize news and indulge in outright propaganda in favor of such activities.

Jammu & Kashmir being a total consumer State, Kashmiris have suffered by being forced to follow this absolutely flawed idea of Hartals and boycotting their own economic activities and work. Economic development is an important incentive to peace and there is no reason, why basic requirements like education, healthcare and employment should be kept hostage to any political or violent radical beliefs in Jammu & Kashmir.

Disregard to Law & Order

Mohd Rafeeq Yattoo, a soldier of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI), was at home on leave at Warpora, Sopore, when he was killed by the militants from point blank range. No hue or cry was raised by separatists.

The character of militancy has undergone a change with targeted attacks on Security Forces. The militant forces do not control territory in Kashmir, but certain parts of the valley have gained a reputation as strongholds of particular militant groups, from which they have launched attacks on SFs. Similarly, grenade lobbying and firing on patrol parties of CRPF and police by bike riding terrorists has become common these days in south Kashmir.

Violence in the Kashmir Valley hit its nadir with the targeted killings of workers from outside the Union territory on October 29 when militants gunned down five innocent workers from West Bengal out of their rented home in Katrasoo village of Kulgam district. Similarly, they killed truck drivers and apple orchard workers to instill fear and hit the business opportunities of hardworking Kashmiris. Targeting of non-locals is directly linked to an emerging wave of identity politics in Kashmir.

Security Forces Internal Mechanism & Jus Ad Bellum

In October 2010, then Army Chief Gen VK Singh stated in an interview that over 95% of the allegations of human rights violations proved to be false and had apparently been leveled with the "ulterior motive of maligning the armed forces". Giving details, he said 988 allegations against the Army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir were received since 1994. Out of these 965 cases were investigated and 940 were found false, accounting for 95.2 percent.

Army has been maintaining very high standards of transparency and is quick in punishing officials whenever rules are violated. For instance, the army ordered a Court of Inquiry in 2020 after reports appeared on social media that three youths, labeled as terrorists, had been gunned down by its personnel. The Court of Inquiry had found

"prima facie" evidence that troops had "exceeded" powers during the encounter. It is evident that Security forces have a robust internal system for meting out speedy justice.

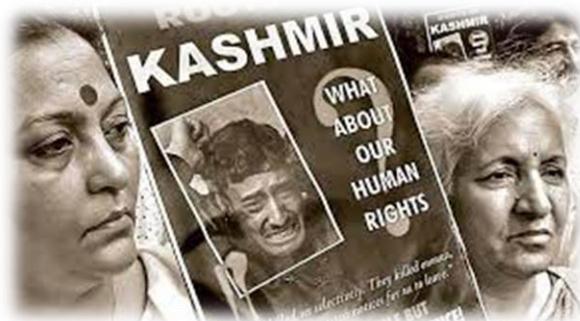
It must be noted that all operations by security forces are well planned and executed with professional and human ethos. The Indian Army no longer takes shield of provisions of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) or resort to large scale cordon and search causing inconvenience to innocent civilians. There have been cases where the terrorists were able to escape using civilians as shield and officers on ground let them so to avoid harm to civilians. In recent pasts, surrender calls during an encounter, to local misguided youth who have joined terrorist ranks are a common procedure adopted by Police and Army has bore fruits and same has been lauded by all citizenry.

It has been observed that terrorists are using grenades to cause maximum attrition to security forces with certain intent of uncontrolled retaliation by SFs to be used as cannon fodder for HRV allegations. However, in all cases the SFs have calibrated and maturely controlled their response to avoid casualties.

Army acted upon alleged involvement in the 2010 Machchal encounter case that had triggered a two month-long agitation in the Kashmir Valley. A detailed and exhaustive enquiry was conducted with the assistance of state police and judicial department to summon witnesses, record evidence and establish culpability of the accused personnel. The Army ordered court martial proceedings to take the legal process to a logical conclusion highlighting the Army's resolve of ensuring justice with speed.

Diverse Scale of Human Right Violations

Kashmiri and foreign terrorist groups are responsible for execution style killings of civilians, including several political leaders and party workers since 90s. These groups are also responsible for kidnappings, rapes, extortion, and acts of random terror that have killed hundreds of Kashmiris. Many of these militants are Pakistani and other foreign nationals.



Kashmiri militant and terrorist groups had also targeted other ethnic or religious communities, including mass killings of Hindu (Pandit), Sikh, and Buddhist villagers in Jammu and Kashmir. If this is not an extreme HR violation against civilians, then what is.

Extremist militants had also attempted to enforce dress codes on women. In early 2000 in the Rajouri, the militant groups Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen ordered Muslim women to wear burqas, and three women were killed for not obeying these orders in 2003. Intimidation by military groups has resulted in restraints on press freedom. The local press continued to face pressure from militant groups attempting to influence coverage. Kashmiri militant groups continue to threaten, through attacks or intimidation, journalists and editors, and even forced the temporary closing of some publications that were critical of their activities.

Economic Instability and Impact On Education

The deep terrorist networks established by Pakistan in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir operate in a highly systematic manner. Several incidents of stone pelting or even other forms of protest, when analysed keenly, reveal a pattern. Protest calendars, as they're referred to, are calendars that are set up, outlining every single day on which people need to come out and protest. The internet has made it extremely easy for groups controlled by Pakistan to slip these calendars among their sympathisers.

For instance, the Jammu and Kashmir Youth League issued a week- long protest calendar against the continued lockdown and communications blockade on 6

December, 2019. The Jammu and Kashmir Youth League, in the posters circulated in Kashmir, appealed to the people to follow the programme in letter and spirit. It asked the people to conduct a march towards Dastagir Sahib Shrine at Khanyar in Srinagar and urged the masses to conduct a similar march toward the UN Office at Sonawar in Srinagar on the 9th. Similarly, the Youth League asked the people to observe a blackout on the 11th evening and complete a civil curfew on the 12th. It also thanked the people of the territory particularly the transporters and shopkeepers for observing a strike for the last four months that gave a clear message to India that the Kashmiris would never surrender before it.

Protest calendars like these engage the local population in the UT to participate in protests. While subsequent activities like stone pelting create a law and order situation that needs to be handled with tough measures, it also takes people away from their shops, thus stunting the growth of the economy. Pakistan sponsored groups responsible for entering the UT of Jammu and Kashmir are responsible for the loss of countless innocent lives, the stunted economic growth and also for preventing innocent children from being able to get an education.

Tourism

Quite recently, a second-grade student on being asked about which State/UT is the “crown of India” immediately responded and said “Jammu and Kashmir”. For years, this erstwhile state has been referred to as one of the topmost locations to visit in India. Be it the Dal Lake where the ever-so-magnificent shikaras don the sparkling water or the various holy places to visit, Jammu & Kashmir has been rightly called the “paradise on Earth”. It is known world-over for the splendid beauty it has to offer, the snow-capped mountains, the wildlife and the list continues.

It is thus, very normal for anyone to assume that Jammu and Kashmir would easily be one of the top States/UTs visited in 2018. But, according to data published by the Ministry of Tourism, it comes as a shock that J&K does not even feature in the top

10 States/UTs that are visited domestically or internationally (this is the latest available information on the website).

An area that was a tourism hotspot has now been rendered helpless in the that sector because of the incessant terrorism that has the UT's economy ridden with bullet holes. People are scared, scared for their own well-being and also scared for their loved ones. With the rising number of terrorism incidents involving civilians, visiting a UT that has been infected with such terrorists will surely be the last thing that people want.

This therefore has an impact on the revenue earned by the tourism industry, crushing the UT's economy. It is unfortunate that J&K which is known for its beauty, charm and gentle people has to face such a gruesome reality.

Labourers

Jammu and Kashmir witnesses thousands of migrant labourers from neighbouring states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chattisgarh and also from West Bengal, Odisha, etc. These labourers look for work and settle down in places where they can earn enough money to take care of their families back home. In J&K, they can be found working in the apple orchards, construction work and so on. As people from an economic level who try to make their ends meet in a new UT, they try to live a life that is as far away from any tension as possible. But the state of terrorism in J&K does not even let them live in peace.

In a horrific incident, five labourers were shot dead at point blank range in Kulgam on 29th October. It was later found out that these labourers were packing for a trip back home when the terrorists showed up. It is terrifying to imagine that these people were just a few hours away from travelling to their homes and meeting their loved ones, when random terrorists decided to take it all away in an instant.

The walls of shops where the killings took place stood as proof as they were riddled with bullet holes. The streets were eerily silent as the villagers mourned the deaths of these innocents. The blood of the victims had mixed with water leaking from a

broken tap outside the meat shop and formed a red stream down the road. The labourers who were not present with the five of them survived and they included Abu Bakr and Sadar Sarkar. "We were supposed to leave today," said an inconsolable Abu Bakr. "We are alive, how will we explain to our families that the rest aren't.... and that we survived and they didn't," added Sadar.

A jolting event of this magnitude is enough to put fears in the minds of the local population and the labourers who think of moving to J&K for work. This heinous crime not only impacts the emotional level of these labourers but also the economic stability as workers are discouraged from migrating due to the regular terrorist activities that go on in the UT.

Education.

Education is key for the progress of any society. All across India, massive improvements in the education sector, along with more and more schools and colleges are giving our bright minds the opportunity to explore a variety of careers. Often, an education is also taken for granted in our country, especially given the number of schools, both government and private that are dotted across.

However, one State/UT in our country has continued to see the education of its children be interrupted by outside forces, Pakistani proxies, if you will, that have continued to spread terror. The UT of Jammu and Kashmir has been the target of thousands of attacks by Pakistani terror proxies, leading to the loss of innumerable lives, a negative effect on the UT's economy, an increase in people's fears for their safety, but most of all, the disturbed education of its children.

Several instances of terrorist attacks in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir have either resulted in educational institutes being shut due to curfews, or have taken place near schools, putting the lives of children in grave danger.

Other schools in the Kashmir valley were attacked with petrol bombs and the principal of one school was beaten by stone pelters. Several parents are forced to

relocate their children to other locations in the UT to ensure their safety and prevent any interruptions in their education.

Another incident in June 2019 saw 5 jawans killed by terrorists in front of a school while four others were injured, including a little girl. This incident took place in Anantnag. According to senior police officers, two terrorists attacked a joint deployment of the CRPF and the police.

The bike-borne terrorists fired their guns and also lobbed grenades on a busy stretch right next to the school. This incident sent panic across the region as shopkeepers pulled down their shutters and ran for cover in the immediate aftermath.

In yet another incident which led to schools being shut down was the Pulwama attack that took place on 14th February, 2019. A curfew that was inevitably imposed in Jammu city after the attack led to schools and other educational institutes in the region being shut down, preventing students from being able to attend. This is yet another instance of Pakistan sponsored terrorism, a pattern that is proving to be a barrier in the education of the children of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistani sponsored terrorism has had damaging effects on the overall environment of Jammu and Kashmir. While Pakistan continues to irresponsibly sponsor actors of terror across the Line of Control, our martyrs lose their lives and our children are robbed of a stable education in a safe environment.

Businesses

In today's age of Internet of Things (IoT) instead of using modern means of communication to put forth their demands and reach out to larger masses, the separatists groups opt to rely upon hartals (strikes) and shutdowns, thereby making people abstain from work.

The unending era of strikes is as old as terrorism in the Kashmir Valley, where from an arrest of a terrorist commander to the killing of a civilian, is followed by week

long strikes which gradually decayed the economy of the J&K. There have also been times when strikes were enforced by terrorists upon the people of Kashmir because of unrelated incidents happening in the larger Muslim world.

The daily wagers, street vendors, passenger bus drivers, conductors, fruit sellers, who must step out of the house every day to be able to feed themselves and people dependent on them, are the primary and worst casualties of the shutdowns and continue to suffer silently.

In September 2019, terrorists targeting apple orchards burnt entire piles of apples being grown in the orchards in Shopian to prevent them from being sold to retailers. This, according to the producers and the police alike, is another tactic used by terrorists to disrupt businesses and further hurt the economy.

However, it doesn't end just there. In October, A trucker from Rajasthan who was loading apples into his truck was shot dead by terrorists, who also injured the owner of the orchard, while attempting to set it on fire.

In another incident, an apple trader from Punjab and a migrant labourer from Chhattisgarh were brutally killed by terrorists. Attempts like these have continued to lead to the loss of innocent lives while critically affecting trade in the J&K. Pakistan sponsored terrorism, unfortunately, has its claws deeply rooted among the people of Jammu and Kashmir, inevitably leading to curfews that are essential to keep the peace. As a direct and unfortunate consequence, the economy greatly suffers.

Terrorist Nexus Compelling Youth, Women and Children to Participate in Protests and Orchestrate Stone Pelting Incidents

It is very evident how with the rising numbers of stone pelting incidents, the youth, women and children are pushed to the fore by the nexus. Seeing children in such protests begs the question: why are they not staying back in the safety of their homes? The answer is simple- because of the brainwashing by these Pakistani proxies. They have certain agendas behind this. Firstly, terrorists have a route to flee as security

forces are left dealing with the stone pelters. Secondly, the proxies try to agitate the forces to shoot. And lastly, this is their attempt to create a human rights violation scenario for the entire world to look at.

In early 2018, Khudwani village of Kulgam district in South Kashmir saw an unique defeat of Indian security forces when thousands of protestors forced the army to withdraw from a search operation. Four civilians were killed and 60 injured in an attempt to break the tight cordon of the Indian Army, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the J&K Police around a cluster of houses where three militants were trapped. The drone footage showed a mob of thousands descending upon the cordon. Despite the added deployment of the forces and aerial surveillance of military choppers and drones, the cordon could not sustain the assault of the mobs, and the militants escaped.

Reports of these kinds of civilian mobs disrupting counter-terror operations and facilitating the escape of militants have been surfacing frequently since 2011. For instance, in the encounter that killed the LeT terrorist Shakoor Ahmad that year in Pulwama, locals from nearby villages gathered on-site and started pelting stones on the security forces in the middle of gunfire. The clashes resulted in the injuries of nine policemen and six civilians.

Before this incident, the locals usually used to run away from the encounter sites and stay home indoors. At that time, the police recorded it as a one-off occurrence, but years later, such incidents have become a new variable in militancy. Since the Burhan Wani encounter, at least 120 Kashmiris have been killed while attempting to disrupt counter insurgency operations near the encounter sites. In 2017, 78 Kashmiris were killed while in 2018, 46 Kashmiris were killed and the trend continues.

With the assistance of these stone-pelting mobs, these Pakistan-fuelled proxy groups have managed to fail the efforts of the security forces on many occasions. The commanders of militant outfits have labelled the act of stone-pelting mobs as a jihad, which is the biggest reason for its frequent occurrence. Burhan Wani's last audio message requested the youth of Kashmir to join the cause of jihad by pelting stones on

the security forces during such operations. Zakir Musa made the same appeal in one of his audio messages. This strategy gives militant outfits an edge over the security forces. The security forces are burdened with not only engaging in active combat but also having to protect the law- and-order situation. This tactic also works well in keeping potential recruits involved in activities against the security forces, even if they cannot join a militant outfit due to the dearth of weapons.

Mobilisation of crowds on the encounter sites mostly happens through WhatsApp groups, announcements made in mosques and through word of mouth. In late 2016 and early 2017, many localised WhatsApp groups were created to share information regarding the movement of troops in case of a search and cordon operation. These groups started out as local newsgroups but eventually turned into an effective tool for sharing militant propaganda and rallying crowds to gather at encounter sites. New reports suggest that the disruptors travel miles to the encounter sites to pelt stones and distract the security forces from ongoing operations.

Pakistan has always been behind these manifestations, directly or indirectly. Through their proxies, they propagate the wrong ideas of freedom and Jihad in young minds, directing them towards violence as their last resort. Even directly, Pakistan never really shielded their faces behind the stone pelting incidents. In 2017 the publicity office of the Pakistan Army, Inter-Services Public Relations produced an anthem for the stone-pelters titled Sangbaaz. The lyrics refer to the allegation that soldiers shoot rubber bullets at rock-throwers eyes to blind them, "You can snatch out our eyes, but you cannot snatch our dreams." The song, which celebrates the stone-pelters as heroes working for the liberation of Kashmir was released on video by Major General Asif Ghafoor in a tweet.

In an India Today investigative operation in the Valley, it was reported that some stone-pelters are paid for protesting by separatist forces. The publication interviewed five protesters from Baramulla district who confessed on camera that they were paid an amount of Rs 5,000-Rs 7,000 a month and are also provided with clothes and shoes.

One of them also said that separate funds are given for making petrol bombs. They refused to disclose the identity of the financiers. A report by Indian Intelligence Bureau (IB) stated that the Pakistan's intelligence agency, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) supplied Rs 800 crore to Kashmiri separatist leaders including Syed Ali Shah Geelani and Asiya Andrabi to fuel unrest in the Valley. As per the report, the funds supplied by the ISI were used to pay off stone-pelters and petrol bomb throwers, and also to propagate anti-India and anti-security forces sentiments in the Valley.

Human Rights Violations By the Nexus from Jan 2018 to May 2021

The period for last over three years from year 2018 denotes a characteristic shift in Kashmir affairs. First half of 2018 outlined the fragility of BJP-PDP alliance in the state which led to imposition of President's Rule on 20 Jun 2018. After over a year, Abrogation of Article 370 and separation of J&K and Ladakh into UTs came into effect. This was followed by a state closure and Curfew due to abrogation and extension of restrictions later till date due to two waves of Pandemic. In the meantime, the political process in form of Panchayat by polls in 2018 & 2020 as well as DDC elections in 2020 continued and succeeded. Despite presence of large numbers of SFs in Kashmir, we saw multiple violations of human rights by the Nexus to keep Kashmir Burning. Chronology of such violence in Kashmir subcategorised is listed in succeeding paragraphs.

Targeted Killings

- *On 17 Jun 2018, Terrorists shot dead a civilian, identified as Mohammad Iqbal Kawa at Kelam area of Kulgam District on night of June 17. A group of at least three terrorists barged into the house of Mohammad Iqbal Kawa and fired at him indiscriminately. He was immediately shifted to Janglot Mandi hospital where he succumbed to injuries.*
- *On 08 Aug 2018, A youth succumbed to injuries on night of August 8 after he along with another youth was abducted and beaten up by terrorists in Kulgam District.*

- *On 17 Aug 2018, Terrorists abducted former Policeman, identified as Shakoor Ahmad Parray in Kumdalan, Shopian in Shopian District. Shakoor Ahmad Parray was abducted by terrorists from his shop.*
- *On 21 Aug 2018, Terrorists barged into the house of a Forest Department official, identified as Tariq Ahmad Malik and killed him in Kunzar area of Tangmarg.*
- *On 28 Aug 2018, Terrorists shot at a person, identified as Mohammad Amin Malik at Lorgam village of Tral in Pulwama District.*
- *On 29 Aug 2018, Terrorists shot at and injured a woman, identified as Simran Jan at Murran Chowk in Pulwama District.*
- *On 08 Sep 2018. One civilian, identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Mir (45), who was abducted by terrorists from his house in Sopore in Baramulla District, was shot dead. His dead body was recovered from an orchard in Latishart village in Sopore.*
- *On 24 Sep 2018, A former Special Police Officer (SPO), identified as Basharat Ahmad Wagay was killed after abduction by terrorists in Shopian District.*
- *On 11 Dec 2018, The body of a man, identified as Sheeraz Ahmad Bhat was found buried in Awahatoo village in Kulgam District on December 11 after he was abducted in October 27 from his residence.*
- *On 31 Jan 2019, A woman, identified as Ishrat Muneer Bhat was abducted and later shot dead by the terrorists at Cherbagh area of Draggad Shopian in Shopian District.*
- *On 18 Feb 2019, In an encounter that led to the killing of three JeM terrorists and the death of four soldiers, a civilian was also reported killed. The civilian was the owner of the house in which terrorists were hiding who later shot him.*
- *On 07 Mar 2019, A student of the 9th standard, said to be between 15 to 16 years of age, was arrested after he lobbed a grenade at a bus stand in Jammu district. The incident injured more than 30 individuals and left two dead. One of them was a 17 year old boy named Mohammed Sharik who hailed from Uttrakhand. He died of severe injuries to his chest caused by shrapnel fragments*

from the explosion. The other civilian succumbed to his injuries the next day at the Government Medical College Hospital.

- *On 13 Mar 2019, Showkat Ahmed Naik was shot dead by terrorists outside his house in Pinglina village, Pulwama. Declared to be an army deserter after he left his training midway after joining the army in 2018, he was thus recognized as a civilian as he hadn't even taken his oath. He died immediately of a bullet wound aimed at his head.*
- *On 14 Mar 2019, The day after the army deserter was shot dead outside his house, a local of the Gulzarpora area of Pulwama was forcibly abducted by terrorists and shot dead. He was identified by the police as Manzoor Ahmed Lone, a resident of Dongripora, Pulwama.*
- *On 16 mar 2019, Terrorists killed a female Special Police Officer (SPO), Khushboo Jan, at Vehil village in Shopian District.*
- *On 18 Mar 2019, A 34 year old labourer was shot dead by terrorists at 9:30 pm on 18 March. The individual, identified as Mohsin Amhad Wani, was an employee at the Fruit Mandi in Sopore. He was also a farmer at his house, taking care of a small patch of land.*
- *On 22 Mar 2019, An 11 year old boy, Aatif Mir who was taken hostage by two LeT terrorists died in an encounter in the Bandipore district of Jammu and Kashmir. The boy was trapped in the building along with two other civilians, elderly people. While the latter managed to escape, Aatif was caught and kept hostage. His body was later found under a pile of rubble after security forces broke into the residential building. Aatif had applied for admission in Sainik School and Kendriya Vidyalaya and was keen on going to boarding school.*
- *On 27 Mar 2019, A 24 year old youth, identified as Tanveer Ahmed Dar was shot dead by terrorists at near Jamia Masjid in Kachdoora village in Shopian District soon after his confession that he was working for an Army Major and had provided information about the four terrorists who were killed in an encounter in the District.*

- *On 29 Mar 2019, A man, identified as Naseer Ahmad Ganie was shot at by terrorists at Nowpora village of Tral in Pulwama District.*
- *On 30 Mar 2019, terrorists killed a civilian, Arjum and Majid Bhat, inside his chemist shop in main town area of Baramulla town of Baramulla District.*
- *On 08 May 2019, Two persons who were running a chemist shop were injured after terrorists fired at them at Zainapora area in Shopian District.*
- *On 22 May 2019, A bullet riddled body of a civilian was found at a village in south Kashmir's Pulwama district which police officials identified as Zahoor Ahmad Sheikh. The body was found in his native village in Naira Tahab in Pulwama District.*
- *On 28 May 2019, Terrorists fired upon a man, identified as Feroz Ahmad Gojri, at his home in Zaloor village of Sopore in Baramulla District. Feroz received two bullets in his thighs.*
- *On 03 Jun 2019, Mohammad Yousuf Wani of Khanmoh got the worst news he could have possibly gotten. A civilian was gunned down by terrorists at Pantha Chowk area in the outskirts of Srinagar city. The deceased Sameer Ahmad Wani, son of Mohammad Yousuf Wani, a resident of Srinagar's Khanmoh area sustained a bullet injury in his chest after terrorists opened fire on him.*
- *On 05 Jun 2019, A woman was killed and a man injured after some terrorists fired upon them at a village in South Kashmir's Pulwama district.*
- *On 18 Jun 2019, At least seven civilians were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists on a Police Station in Pulwama District.*
- *On 18 Jun 2019, The body of a civilian was found near the site of the gunfight in Bidoora village of Achabal in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. The body was later identified as 23 year old Nasir Ahmad Mir. According to locals, Nasir was a first year student of Degree College Anantnag.*
- *On 30 Jun 2019, A 25 year old youth, identified as Sameer Ahmad Ahanger was shot at by the terrorists in Old Town area of Baramulla District.*

- *On 08 July 2019, Terrorists shot at and injured one civilian in Pulwama District. The terrorists fired at Mohammad Rafiq Rather, a resident of Chandhara area of Awantipora in South Kashmir District.*
- *On 27 Aug 2019, Abdul Qadir Kohli, hailing from Jammu region's Rajouri district, and his cousin Manzoor Ahmad Kohli were abducted on the night of August 18 and 19 from Pulwama district's Tral area by terrorists believed to be from the JeM. They were abducted from 'Dhok', a temporary shelter, from the forested area of Tral at around 7.30 pm. The bullet ridden body of Abdul Qadir was found at Litchinag in the higher reaches of Tral on Monday, the body of Manzoor Kohli, a resident of Sangri Khanmoh, was recovered from Tral's Lachi Top Behak forest area. Security Forces recovered their bodies on August 27.*
- *On 07 Sep 2019, Four civilians, including a minor were wounded after terrorists opened fire on civilians at Dangerpora area of Sopore District.*
- *On 12 Oct 2019, At least seven persons were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists in a market place in Hari Singh High Street in Srinagar City.*
- *On 13 Oct 2019, At least seven persons were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists in a market place in Hari Singh High Street in Srinagar City.*
- *On 14 Oct 2019, A Rajasthan truck driver was shot in cold blood by two terrorists in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir. They also assaulted an orchard owner in Shopian. The deceased truck driver was identified as Sharief Khan. The attack took place in Shirmal village. His truck was also set ablaze.*
- *On 16 Oct 2019, An apple trader from Punjab was shot dead by suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district.*
- *On 16 Oct 2019, A laborer from Chhattisgarh who was gunned down by terrorists in the Pulwama district of south Kashmir. The deceased, identified as Sethi Kumar Sagar was a resident of the Besoli area in Chhattisgarh. He was a brick kiln worker who used to work hard to earn his daily bread.*
- *On 24 Oct 2019, In a continuing series of incidents of attacks on non locals in Jammu and Kashmir, two truckers were blatantly killed by terrorists in the Shopian district.*

- *On 28 Oct 2019, In yet another attack on non-Kashmiri truck drivers in the valley, terrorists killed a truck driver in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.*
- *On 28 Oct 2019, Terrorists lobbed a grenade into a crowd waiting at a bus stop in Sopore town of Baramulla District, injuring at least 20 civilians.*
- *On 29 Oct 2019, Five migrant labourers from West Bengal were killed in the Kulgam district.*
- *On 04 Nov 2019, One more civilian succumbed to his wounds. He had sustained injuries in the grenade attack in Srinagar. The civilian was identified as Fayaz Ahmed Khan.*
- *On 13 Nov 2019, A shopkeeper was shot dead by terrorists in Tral area of Pulwama district of South Kashmir. The deceased identified as Mehraj ud din Zargar ran a shop in the main town and was gunned down by the terrorists at point blank range.*
- *On 09 Feb 2019, Terrorists shot dead a civilian in Tral area in Pulwama District Ghulam Nabi Mir (55), a contractor by profession, was shot from point blank range by terrorists outside his house.*
- *On 02 Apr 2020, An unidentified gunmen barged into the residence of one Mohammad Saleem Dar in Larkipora in Anantnag and fired at Dar, injuring him critically, who later succumbed to his injuries." The gunmen managed to escape from the spot under the cover of darkness.*
- *On 12 Apr 2020, A civilian, identified as Abdul Hamid Mandoo, was shot at and critically injured when terrorists opened fire at him in Buchroo in Kulgam District.*
- *On 29 apr 2020, A 38 year old man Ali Mohammad Beigh (38) in Mohalla Beigh of Kralgund area in Handwara tehsil (revenue unit), was injured after terrorists barged into his house and shot him in Kupwara District.*
- *On 06 Jun 2020, Ishfaq Ahmad Najar (25) was attacked by the terrorists at his residence in Adipora in Bomai area of north Kashmir at around 9:30 PM, in which Najar sustained injuries and later succumbed to his injuries.*

- *On 15 Aug 2020, Terrorists fired upon a man identified as Azad Ahmad Dar (40), of Kangan village, Pulwama district, leaving him critically injured, who later succumbed to his injuries.*
- *On 24 Sep 2020, Advocate Babar Qadri was shot dead by the terrorists in the Hawal area of Srinagar.*
- *On 05 Nov 2020, terrorists shot dead civilian (Shopkeeper) in Main Town Tral in Pulwama District.*
- *On 01 Dec 2020, Terrorists fired upon a civilian, identified as Nadif Khan son of Muhammad Hanief Khan, resident of Bilal Colony Soura in Buchpora, and injured him.*
- *On 12 Dec 2020, Two civilians were injured after terrorists hurled a grenade towards a Police Post near a bus stand in Sopore town in Baramulla District.*
- *On 31 Dec 2020, Terrorists shot dead a 65 year old jeweller in Sarai Bala area in Srinagar District.*
- *On 11 Apr 2021, A civilian was killed when terrorists opened fire at him in Magam town in Budgam District.*

Targeting Security Forces

- *On 05 Jan 2018, Acting on a tip off from a military intelligence (MI) unit, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Army personnel arrested six persons involved in preparation and sale of fake stamps and identity documents of Indian Army in Baramulla District. Security Forces (SFs) jointly investigated a major security breach after nearly 10 SIM cards procured in the name of Army units using fake documents were seized in Baramulla District. At least six SIM cards had “ended up with the terrorists of the LeT.*
- *On 27 Jan 2018, Terrorists fired two grenades at Police Post Warpora in Sopore area of Baramulla District.*

- *On 05 Feb 2018, Terrorists attacked an Army camp with a grenade at Kakapora area of Pulwama District.*
- *On 06 Feb 2018, Two Police personnel were killed in a daring attack by LeT operatives to free a Pakistani terrorist from Police custody when he was taken to SMHS hospital in Srinagar. Naveed Jat alias Abu Hanzullah (22) resident of Sahiwala in Multan Punjab in Pakistan who was arrested on June 21, 2014 from Kulgam District of South Kashmir, fled from Police custody when he was taken to SMHS hospital in Srinagar in the morning from Central Jail Srinagar for medical checkups.*
- *On 10 Feb 2018, A total of nine persons, including five Army personnel, a civilian and three terrorists were killed and another 10 persons were injured in the JeM's fidayeen (suicide) attack which started on the early hours of February 10 at the Sunjuwan Military Station, close to Jammu City in Jammu District.*
- *On 25 Feb 2018, A Police Constable, identified as Kultar Singh was killed by two terrorists at the main entrance of shrine at Charar e Sharief in Budgam District. The terrorists fired Kultar Singh at point blank range and fled away along with his SLR (Self Loading Rifle) service rifle.*
- *On 08 Mar 2018, Terrorists attacked an Army's patrol party in Kachdoora village of Shopian District. A group of terrorists opened fire on the Army's 34 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) near BSNL Tower in Kachdoora area of Shopian.*
- *On 12 Apr 2018, Two Police personnel were injured when terrorists lobbed a grenade on a Police Station in South Kashmir's Pulwama District.*
- *On 12 May 2018, A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) soldier was killed while terrorists managed to escape during an encounter that broke between the Security Forces (SFs) and terrorists in Pulwama District.*
- *On 15 May 2018, A Special Police Officer (SPO) Bilal Ahmed was killed and Head Constable Abdul Rashid got injured in a terrorist attack at Padshahibag of Bijbehara area in Anantnag District.*
- *On 25 May 2018, Terrorists lobbed a grenade at Army's 34 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) camp at Neehama area of Kulgam District.*

- *On 12 Jun 2018, Two Police personnel were killed and three others were injured in a terrorist attack in Pulwama District.*
- *On 13 Jun 2018, A group of three terrorists barged into the house of Police constable Rayees Ahmad Lone and fired indiscriminately injuring the constable and his minor sister Urfi Jan (12) at Katho Hallan village in Kellar area of Shopian District.*
- *On 13 Jun 2018, Separately, terrorists abducted a Special Operations Group (SOG) man, identified as Ishfaq Ahmad, from his home at Woudr Nowpora in Lassipora area of Pulwama District.*
- *On 17 Aug 2018, A soldier, identified as Rifleman Rambabu Shahi was killed in an encounter at Kralgund area of Handwara in Kupwara District.*
- *On 22 Aug 2018, A Policeman, identified as Mohammad Yaqoob was killed by terrorists at Louswani area of Pulwama District. Mohammad Yaqoob was fired upon by the terrorists from the point blank range outside his home at Louswani village. He was critically injured in the firing and succumbed to injuries later on way to Srinagar hospital.*
- *On 22 Aug 2018, Terrorists fired upon and killed a Policeman, identified as Fayaz Ahmad Shahin Awgam village of Kulgam District. Fayaz Ahmad Shah was coming out from a local Masjid after Eid prayers and was on way to home when terrorists fired at him leaving him in a pool of blood. He was critically injured in the firing and later succumbed at nearby hospital.*
- *On 22 Aug 2018, One Police inspector, identified as Mohammad Ashraf was killed by HM terrorists in Larve in Pulwama District. Terrorists barged into the residential house of Mohammad Ashraf and fired upon him. He was critically injured and succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital. He was posted at DPL Budgam and had gone home for Eid.*
- *On 28 Aug 2018, Terrorists tried to blow up an Army vehicle by detonating an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Pulwama District. The blast was also followed by firing. Around 3:30 am, terrorists triggered an IED in Navpora Payeen*

village of Pulwama District when an armoured vehicle (Casspir) of 44 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) was passing through the area.

- *On 29 Aug 2018, Four Policemen were killed in a terrorist attack at Arhama in Shopian District. Terrorists opened firing on the escort party of the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) headquarters Shopian at Arhama village. Four Policemen, identified as Constable Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, Constable Javaid Ahmad Bhat, Constable Mohammad Iqbal Mir and Special Police Officer (SPO) Adil Manzoor Bhat. The escort party of the DSP had gone to the area to repair a Police vehicle when the incident occurred. The Policemen along with the vehicle reached the workshop at around 1.30 p.m. and five terrorists came in a car at around 2.30 p.m. They fired at the Policemen indiscriminately and decamped with three weapons.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists abducted Gowhar Ahmad Malik, brother of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Aijaz Ahmad from his home at Katapora in Kulgam District.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists barged into house of a Police man, Shabir Ahmad Zargar of Kangan in Pulwama District and abducted him.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists entered into the house of Police constable Mohd Maqbool Bhat at Arwani in Kulgam District and abducted his son Zubair Ahmad Bhat.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists entered into the residential house of Special Police Officer (SPO), Hilal Ahmad Kumar at Midoora area of Tral in Pulwama District and ransacked his house.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists abducted six family members of Police men in South Kashmir taking the number of abductions of the family of the Policemen to seven within 24 hours.*
- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists barged into house of Mohammad Shafi Mir of NamanKakapora in Pulwama District and abducted him. He was driver by profession and brother of Policeman Nazir Ahmad Mir, who was posted in Srinagar.*

- *On 30 Aug 2018, Terrorists barged into the house of a Police man, Inspector Nazir Ahmad at Arwani Bijbehara Anantnag in Anantnag District and abducted his brother, Arif Ahmad.*
- *On 28 Oct 2018, A sub inspector of Jammu and Kashmir Police on his way home was shot dead by terrorists in Pulwama District. The body of Sub inspector Imtiyaz Ahmad Mir, who was posted with the CID in Srinagar's Sheergadi, was recovered from the Chewa Kalan area of the district.*
- *On 28 Oct 2018, Terrorists attacked Army camp in Tral in Pulwama District killing a soldier and injuring another.*
- *On 01 Jan 2019, A Special Police Officer (SPO), identified as Sameer Ahmad was killed by suspected terrorists at Hajan in Pulwama District.*
- *On 14 Feb 2019, In the worst ever terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, at least 44 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed and around two dozen were injured in a vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) attack carried out by JeM.*
- *On 18 Feb 2019, Five Security Forces (SF) personnel including a Major, three JeM terrorists and a civilian were killed in encounter at Pinglana village of Pulwama District.*
- *On 01 Mar 2019, Four Security Forces (SFs) personnel including a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Inspector were killed and eight others including a Commandant of the paramilitary forces injured in the encounter at Babgund Langate area of Handwara in Kupwara District.*
- *On 30 Mar 2019, A car hit a bus carrying Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, and exploded at Banihal near the Jawahar Tunnel on the Jammu Srinagar National Highway in Ramban District.*
- *On 05 Jan 2020, A parcel Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was found by the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel at the gate of BSF's 173 Battalion Headquarters at Panj Tila area of Samba town in Samba District of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Addressed to the Commandant, the parcel had been filled with*

100 grams explosive. It was a terror plot to assassinate the BSF Commandant & was foiled with timely detection of the explosive material in the parcel.

- *On 02 Feb 2020, At least nine persons including two Central reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and seven civilians were injured in a grenade attack by terrorists in Partap Park under Lal Chowk area in Srinagar District.*
- *On 05 Feb 2020, Three terrorists and a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) trooper were killed in an exchange of fire on the National Highway (NH) in Laway Pora area in Srinagar District.*
- *On 13 Apr 2020, A Special Police Officer (SPO) was killed and another injured when they were attacked by terrorists during patrolling at Tander village under Dachhan Police Station limits in Kishtwar District.*
- *On 18 Apr 2020, Three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed and two other personnel sustained injuries, when a lone terrorist with an AK 47 rifle concealed under his traditional robe struck at a security checkpoint in Sopore in Baramulla District.*
- *On 19 Apr 2020, A Policeman was killed in a terrorist attack at his residence in Hiller area in Anantnag District.*
- *On 02 May 2020, A Colonel and a Major were among five Security Force (SF) personnel killed in an encounter at the Chanjmulla area in Handwara area in Kupwara District of Jammu and Kashmir. Two terrorists were also killed in the encounter. The Army personnel were leading a team to rescue civilians who were taken hostage by the terrorists. In the process, all the five security men, including two Army soldiers and one J&K Police Sub-Inspector (SI) lost their lives.*
- *On 02 May 2020, A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) trooper was injured when terrorists lobbed a grenade at a SF party in Pulwama District.*
- *On 27 May 2020, A Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) attack, similar to the one that killed 44 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Pulwama District of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, was averted after a joint team of the CRPF, Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and Army acting on*

intelligence inputs intercepted a car which was abandoned by the driver after being fired upon at Ayangund area in Rajpora Tehsil (revenue unit) in Pulwama District.

- *On 28 May 2020, An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted by terrorists in a car in Pulwama District of Jammu and Kashmir was neutralized by the Security Forces (SFs).*
- *On 14 Aug 2020, Two Police personnel were killed as terrorists fired indiscriminately on a Jammu and Kashmir Police party in Nowgam on the outskirts of Srinagar city in Srinagar District.*
- *On 17 Aug 2020, Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Range, K. Vijay Kumar, on August 17, said that LeT outfit was behind the Baramulla attack in which four Security Force (SF) personnel were killed, and admitted that recently terrorists have changed their strategy and carried out two to three attacks on SFs. He said a group of three terrorists had come from very dense orchards and fired upon a joint SF naka (check point) at Kreeri, Pattan, in Baramulla District. He also said mainly fewer SFs are deployed at naka checking because of which terrorists are attacking and later escaping.*
- *On 17 Aug 2020, Two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and a Policeman were killed in a terrorist attack at a naka (check point) in Kreeri area in Baramulla District.*
- *On 24 Sep 2020, An Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was killed in the Keisarmulla area of Chadoora in Budgam District.*
- *On 05 Oct 2020, Two Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were killed and three others injured in a terrorist attack on Security Forces (SFs) party at Kandizal area in Pampore area in Pulwama District.*
- *On 29 Dec 2020, Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), identified as Nitra Pal Singh, succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Soura in Srinagar District on December 29, six days after he was injured in a grenade blast in Ganderbal District of Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier on December 24, a CRPF Constable Mritun Joy who was also injured in grenade*

attack at Ganderbal succumbed to his injuries. They were seriously injured in the grenade blast at Tawheed Chowk Ganderbal on December 23. Besides them two other paramilitary personnel, a Policeman and a Rural Development Department (RDD) official were injured in the blast.

- *On 13 Mar 2021, Two Special Police Officers (SPOs) sustained injuries when suspected terrorists lobbed a grenade on Police post near Bus Stand in Sopore area in Baramulla District.*
- *On 07 Apr 2021, Suspected terrorists attacked a naka (barricade) party in Imam sahib area in Shopian District of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in India. No one was injured in the attack.*
- *On 07 May 2021, At least five paramilitary CRPF personnel, a policeman and a civilian were injured in a grenade blast in Nawa bazaar area of Old City on Friday. Terrorists lobbed a grenade towards deployment at Nawabazar chowk at about 4:40 p.m. afternoon, in which seven persons were injured.*

Hartals/Bandhs/Protests Called by Sepratists & OGWs

- *On 09 Feb 2018, Life in Kashmir valley was disrupted due to a shutdown called by separatists and restrictions imposed by authorities in parts of Valley on the occasion of fifth anniversary of Afzal Guru's hanging. Separatist leaders Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, and Yasin Malik had called for shutdown and protests to observe the anniversary of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhat, a Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) founder who were hanged in Tihar Jail in 2013 and 1984 respectively. Despite restrictions, the separatist leaders visited the residence of Afzal Guru in Jageer Ghat, Dubgav village of Sopore in North Kashmir. However, chairmen of both factions of Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq continued to remain under house arrest while Mohammad Yasin Malik was lodged in Srinagar Central Jail.*
- *On 15-16 Feb 2018, People took to streets and clashed with the security forces to help the militants escape. A group of locals resorted to stone pelting to disrupt*

the gunfight. SFs responded by lobbing tear gas shells triggering clashes. An operation was launched following information about the presence of some militants in the area. "While the cordon was being established and civilians evacuated from the area, militants fired indiscriminately and managed to escape taking advantage of darkness.

- *On 05 Mar 2018, Kashmir valley observed shutdown even as authorities imposed restrictions in parts of Srinagar, closed colleges and schools, postponed all exams and suspended train and internet service. Separatist had called for the Valley wide shut down.*
- *On 02 Apr 2018, Normal life was disrupted due to shutdown called by separatists and curfew like restrictions imposed in parts of Kashmir to prevent any flare up in violence. Amid tight security clashes broke out at several places across Kashmir in which around two dozen protesters were injured. Authorities on April 2 imposed restrictions in the sensitive parts of Kashmir. The call for the shutdown was given by separatist Hurriyat Conference.*
- *On 04 Apr 2018, Normal life in Kashmir remained paralysed while Police foiled separatist march to Shopian by erecting barricades on the roads leading to Shopian and Kulgam in South Kashmir and putting curbs on the movement of separatist leaders.*
- *On 27 Aug 2018, Soon after the rumours were spread over the hearing of Article 35 A, chaos was witnessed in Lal Chowk in Srinagar District and other areas of Kashmir after groups of people came out on the streets to protest. Clashes erupted in Maisuma area of Lal Chowk. The shopkeepers closed down their shops in various areas of Srinagar.*
- *On 03 Sep 2018, Kashmir separatists called for boycott of the upcoming Municipal and Panchayat elections which were scheduled to be held later in the year.*
- *On 04 Oct 2018, A shutdown was also observed for the sixth consecutive day on in Qoimoh area of Kulgam District against the establishment of a new army camp at Redwani village. Shops and business establishments remained closed and*

traffic was off the roads in Qoimoh, Khudwani, Redwani, Ghat, Hawoora and Mishpoora areas of the Kulgam District.

- *On 20 Nov 2018, People mostly youth took to streets and protested in Shopian District. Eight persons were injured as the Police and paramilitary forces deployed in the area fired tear smoke shells, pellets and some live ammunition to disperse the protesters.*
- *On 22 Nov 2018, Normal life in Kashmir valley was disrupted due to shutdown called by separatists. Shops and business establishments remained closed while public transport was mainly off the roads in Srinagar and other District headquarters of the Valley.*
- *On 22 Dec 2018, After the news about the militant killings spread, people mostly youth took to the streets and protested against the killings in Tral in Pulwama District.*
- *On 28 Dec 2018, Youth took to streets and hurled stones on the Security Forces (SFs) deployed in the town soon after the news of killing of Wani in Awantipora in Pulwama District.*
- *On 21 Jan 2019, Clashes and stone pelting protests erupted in Pulwama District amid a shutdown following a gunfight between militants and the SFs in Budgam District.*
- *On 31 Jan 2019, Intense clashes erupted after the youth took to streets and pelted the Security Forces (SFs) with stones to disrupt the anti militant operation in Drubgam Rajpora area of Pulwama District.*
- *On 17 May 2019, The normal life was disrupted in Kashmir valley in response to strike called by separatists. Authorities did not allow Friday congregational prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar in Srinagar District.*
- *On 25 May 2019, Curfew imposed by the authorities and the strike called by separatists disrupted life in Jammu and Kashmir for second consecutive day following killing of Ansar Ghazwat ul Hind 'commander' Zakir Musa in a gunfight with Security Forces (SFs).*

Threats/ Warnings/ Disruption Of Political Process/ Education By Terrorists/Separatists/OGWs

- *On 24 Jan 2018, Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL), comprising Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Muhammad Yasin Malik, on January 24 appealed to the people to observe January 26 (Republic Day), as 'black day' and boycott all the functions. "India has no right to celebrate its Republican Day as they have taken the control of state with its military might. We appeal to the people to observe 26th January as a black day and boycott all celebrations," the resistance leaders, in a statement today, said. "We have no animosity with India or its people and they have every right to celebrate republican day within its states but despite their being rhetoric about democracy they have no ethical or constitutional right to celebrate this in Jammu and Kashmir as our democratic rights have been smashed and trampled," they said.*
- *On 24 Jan 2018, Two masked gunmen on January 24 barged into the house of the principal of a high school in Pulwama and thrashed him for letting girls participate in the upcoming Republic Day (January 26) parade. In a video that went viral, the militants were seen entering the house of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh at Pinglana village and asking him to apologise for 'pressurizing the girl students' to attend the January 26 parade in the District.*
- *On 05 July 2018, A threat letter purportedly from JeM targeting seven railway stations in Punjab, including Pathankot, if the Amarnath Yatra is not halted,. The letter also stated that along with the railway stations, Sri Harmandir Sahib Ji (the Golden Temple) and Durgiana Temple in Amritsar, and the Raghunath Temple in Jammu would also be attacked. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was put in place to contain any terrorist incident.*
- *On 10 Aug 2018, The Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL) called for a complete shutdown in Jammu and Kashmir on Independence Day August 15. The JRL comprising Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Yasin Malik while*

calling for the shutdown appealed to the people to observe August 15 as 'black day'.

- *On 15 Aug 2018, The HM issued a warning letter to school authorities and parents against sending children to schools to celebrate Independence Day August 15.*
- *On 17 Apr 2019, A petrol bomb was hurled at a polling booth located at Government Higher Secondary School in Gurgari Mohalla in Zainakadal area of Srinagar District.*
- *On 02 May 2019, A school bus of Rainbow International School was attacked by stone pelters near Zavoora village in Shopian District on May 2, injuring two students.*
- *A polling station at High School Qasbayar in Pulwama District of Jammu and Kashmir was set ablaze in night but the timely intervention saved it from major damage.*
- *On 06 May 2019, There were two grenade and equal number of petrol bomb attacks on polling stations in twin District of Shopian and. However, there was no damage. A petrol bomb was thrown at Government Middle School Batnoor in Tral assembly segment in Pulwama District and another was thrown at Government High School Boys, Shopian in Shopian District.*
- *On 22 Oct 2019, Unidentified persons set ablaze a Government Middle School at Wattoo area in Kulgam district.*
- *On 24 Oct 2019, Two Government schools were set on fire by unidentified militants at Chawalgam in Kulgam District.*
- *On 01 Nov 2019, A Government school was set ablaze by militants in Kumdlan village in Shopian District.*

Targeting Political Leadership/ Political Workers

- *On 02 Feb 2018, Terrorists attacked the house of former Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Ghulam Rasool Kar and a roadside Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) bunker in Sopore in Baramulla.*
- *On 11 Mar 2018, Terrorists hurled a grenade at the house of People's Democratic Party (PDP) Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) at Kulgam District causing minor damage.*
- *On 25 Apr 2018, A local politician of South Kashmir, Ghulam Nabi Patel, was killed and his two security guards were injured in terrorists attack at Rajpora in Pulwama District.*
- *On 30 May 2018, Terrorists hurled a grenade at the house of National Conference (NC) leader, Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, in Tral area of Pulwama District causing damage to the property.*
- *On 01 Jun 2018, Terrorists fired a grenade towards the residential house of Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Tral Constituency, Mushtaq Ahmad Shah in Tral town of Pulwama District.*
- *On 14 Jun 2018, At least four terrorists barged into the residential quarter of National Conference (NC) leader and district president, Ghulam Nabi Niloora at Niloora Pulwama in Pulwama District. The militants thrashed his brother Abdul Gani Wani and his nephew Ghulam Qadir Wani and also set ablaze the quarter. The NC leader was not at the quarter and is presently putting up at MLA Hostel Pulwama.*
- *On 06 Jul 2018, Terrorists hurled a grenade at the residence of former National Conference (NC) MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) Mohammad Subhan Bhat in Tral township of Pulwama District.*
- *On 22 Jul 2018, Terrorists fired at the residential house of a local Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader in Pulwama District. Militants fired towards the house of Gulzar Ahmad Nengroo, general secretary BJP Pulwama in Prichoo village of*

the Pulwama District. The Personal Security Officer (PSOs) of Nengroo retaliated by firing at the militants. However, there were no fatalities.

- *On 13 Aug 2018, People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader, Waheedur Rehman Parra escaped unhurt when his vehicle was fired at in evening in Budgam. Two to three shots were fired by unidentified gunmen towards Parra's Bolero vehicle at around 7.30 pm in Handjan area of Budgam District. However, Parra escaped unhurt from the scene.*
- *On 22 Aug 2018, Unidentified gunmen abducted and killed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) constituency president Shabir Ahmad Bhat in Litter village in Pulwama District.*
- *On 26 Aug 2018, Terrorists fired upon Police Post guarding the residence of political activist, Mohammad Shafi Banday at Bonbazaar Shopian in Shopian District.*
- *On 29 Aug 2018, Terrorists attacked the residence of senior National Conference (NC) leader and former Minister Abdul Rahim Rather in Badipora village of Budgam District in morning. The security guards deployed at the residence of Rather repulsed the attack forcing the militants to flee from the spot. Rather was not present in the house at the time of the attack and no one was injured in the firing.*
- *On 03 Sep 2018, A People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker, identified as Mehraj Ahmad Parra had a narrow escape when terrorists fired upon him at Naira village in Pulwama District in afternoon.*
- *On 03 Oct 2018, Unidentified assailants in evening hurled a petrol bomb on the house of a Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate. The door of the house of Shoukat Raja of Gojwara area of old city caught fire due to the attack but the fire was immediately extinguished. Raja was not present at his home at the time of incident.*
- *On 03 Oct 2018, Unknown persons in evening targeted car by petrol bomb of an independent candidate Nisar Chudisaz at Kaka Mohalla in Rainawari area of*

Srinagar District. The car was parked outside his house and its tyres caught fire. The fire was, however, put off. Nisar was not at home at the time of the incident.

- *On 05 Oct 2018, Unidentified assailants lobbed a petrol bomb at the residence of Congress Party worker and candidate for Municipal Polls, Irshad Ahmad Wani, in Hajin area of Bandipora District.*
- *On 28 Oct 2018, A 40-year-old People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker was shot dead by Terrorists in Srinagar (Srinagar District). Mohd Amin Dar, a resident of Gangbugh, was an associate of PDP leader and former Minister Syed Altaf Bukhari.*
- *On 01 Nov 2018, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s Jammu and Kashmir state secretary Anil Parihar was killed in Kishtwar District as part of a 'desperate' attempt by Kashmiri terrorists, suspected to be from HM, to unleash an impactful attack in the otherwise calm District after having failed to strike in the valley due to the tight security arrangements for panchayat polls.*
- *On 17 Nov 2018, Security personnel guarding the house of Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) leader foiled an attempt from terrorists to barge into the house in Shopian District. A group of terrorists tried to barge into the residence of BJP district president, Javaid Qadri. However, the security guards guarding the house fired couple of rounds in air to foil the militants bid.*
- *On 20 Nov 2018, Unidentified gunmen shot dead Tehreek-e-Hurriyat's district president, Hafizullah Mir at his house in Badooda village in Achabal area of Anantnag District.*
- *On 23 Nov 2018, Terrorists hurled a grenade at the residence of senior Congress leader Surinder Singh Channi's house at Monghama village of Tral area in Pulwama District.*
- *On 24 Nov 2018, Terrorists hurled a grenade at the residence of Surinder Singh son of Naseeb Singh, a resident of Padibal area of Devar village in Tral town of Pulwama District of Jammu and Kashmir. The grenade missed the target and caused no damage. Security Forces (SFs) cordoned off the area and a manhunt*

was launched to arrest to the assailants. Singh recently submitted nomination papers for Panch in the Panchayat election.

- *On 25 Nov 2018, Unidentified assailants set afire Panchayat Ghar (village level local administration office) at Batagund in Shopian District.*
- *On 26 Nov 2018, Terrorists hurled grenade on the house of Abdul Rashid Bhat of Kuchmulla in Tral area of Pulwama District. The grenade exploded outside the house and no loss of life or injury was reported. Rashid has filed his nomination papers as Panch in his village.*
- *On 26 Nov 2018, Unidentified assailants set ablaze Panchayat Ghar (village level local administration office) in Awantipora area of Pulwama District.*
- *On 28 Nov 2018, A Janata Dal-United (JD-U) leader from Srinagar survived a bid on his life when terrorists fired at his car in Hawal area of Srinagar District.*
- *On 28 Nov 2018, Terrorists attacked residence of a Panch, in Tral area of Pulwama District.*
- *On 28 Nov 2018, Terrorists set ablaze the vehicle of People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker Mehraj Para in Litter village of Pulwama District.*
- *On 07 Dec 2018, HM issued open threat to Kashmir University Vice Chancellor (VC). In a letter addressed to Kashmir University VC the terrorist group has alleged that he is working for Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).*
- *On 04 Jan 2019, Brother of a Sarpanch (village level local self- government institution head) of Khassipora area of Tral in Pulwama District was killed by unidentified terrorists in his native village.*
- *On 22 Mar 2019, Separately, a personal security officer (PSO) of Congress leader and Municipal Committee chairman, Anantnag, Hilal Ahmad Shah was injured in a terrorists attack at Dangerpora area in Anantnag District.*
- *On 03 Apr 2019, A panch (village level local self- government institution member), identified as Abdul Majeed was shot at and injured by terrorists in Shalipora village of Kulgam District.*

- *On 09 Apr 2019, Senior Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) functionary, Chanderkant Sharma and his Personal Security Officer (PSO), Rajinder Kumar Terrorists were shot dead by a group of terrorists.*
- *On 17 apr 2019, a petrol bomb was hurled towards the residence of National Conference (NC) leader and former MLA Ali Mohammad Dar in Doniwari area of Chadoora in Budgam District.*
- *On 19 Apr 2019, Unidentified assailants set ablaze scooty of a National Conference (NC) worker in Nowhetta area of old city in Srinagar District.*
- *On 04 May 2019, terrorists shot dead Gull Mohammad Mir (60), a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and vice president of Muslim Morcha, at Nowgam in Verinag area in Anantnag District.*
- *On 07 May 2019, two unidentified terrorists, believed to be cadres of the LeT, entered into the house of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party's Baramulla Zonal president, Wajahat Hussain, at Kanispora in the outskirts of Baramulla town and held the PDP leader's wife, mother-in-law, maid and father-in-law captive.*
- *08 May 2019, A People's Democratic Party (PDP) activist, Irfan Ahmad Lone died on May 16 after getting injured in a terrorist attack on May 8 in Zainapora area of Shopian District.*
- *On 13 may 2019, Terrorists barged into the house of another NC worker, identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Gania in the village in Shopian District.*
- *On 19 May 2019, A People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker, identified as Mohammad Jamal was shot at by militants outside his home in Kulgam District.*
- *On 02 Jun 2019, Terrorists made an abortive bid to blow up the house of senior National Conference (NC) leader in Pulwama District.*
- *On 29 Jun 2019, Terrorists shot at and injured an activist of National Conference (NC), identified as Ali Mohammad Yattoo (70) in Palpora village of Pulwama District.*

- *On 19 Jul 2019, Terrorists killed Personal Security Officer (PSO) of People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader, Sajad Mufti, during Friday prayers in Baba Mohalla and snatched his service rifle in Bijbehara in Anantnag District.*
- *On 05 Oct 2019, Terrorists opened fire at a former People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker, identified as Sajad Hussain Mantoo, at his residence in Kokernag area leaving him injured in Anantnag District.*
- *On 31 Oct 2019, Terrorists set on fire two vehicles, one of which belonged to a local Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader in Kulgam District.*
- *On 26 Nov 2019, Two civilians, including a Panch were killed and eight others injured in two separate terrorist attacks in Srinagar and Anantnag Districts.*
- *On 14 Feb 2020, Unidentified persons hurled a grenade on the house of Rubeena Akhter at Tregam Shaidpora area in Bandipora District. Rubeena is the Sarpanch (head of the Panchayat, village level local self-Government institution) of Bazipora IV in Hajin Block in Bandipora District.*
- *On 08 Jun 2020, Terrorists shot dead Sarpanch (head of the Panchayat, village level local self-Government institution) of a village in Anantnag District.*
- *On 08 Jul 2020, Wasim Ahmad Bari, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, his father and brother were shot dead by terrorists in Bandipora District.*
- *On 15 Jul 2020, Vice President Municipal Committee Watergam in Baramulla, who is also a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) local leader, Merajud Din Malla, earlier abducted by LeT terrorists from Baramulla District.*
- *On 04 Aug 2020, Terrorists fired upon and critically injured a Sarpanch (head of the Panchayat, village level local self-Government institution) at Akhran Qazigund in Kulgam District.*
- *On 06 Aug 2020, Sajad Ahmad Khanday, Sarpanch (head of the Panchayat, village level local self-Government institution), affiliated with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), was shot dead by terrorists near his home at Vessu in Qazigund area in Kulgam District.*

- *On 10 Aug 2020, Abdul Hamid Najar, a Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) worker, who was shot at and critically injured by militants in Budgam District on August 9, succumbed to his injuries in Srinagar District of J&K early on August 10.*
- *On 10 Aug 2020, Terrorists made an abortive bid to target with grenade the residence of a Panch (member of a Panchayat, a village level local self-Government institution) in Tral area in Pulwama District.*
- *On 13 Sep 2020, Police registered an FIR [First Information Report] after senior vice president of Congress (Jammu and Kashmir) and former minister Raman Bhalla received a letter from HM threatening to target mainstream politicians of the Jammu region, if they did not relinquish politics. The two-page letter, written in Urdu on the militant group's letter pad, was delivered by post to Raman Bhalla at his headquarters on September 11. The letter, signed by a self-styled divisional commander of HM, named 17 senior politicians of various national and regional parties, including Union Minister Jitendra Singh, Bhalla, BJP president (Jammu and Kashmir) Ravinder Raina, former deputy chief minister Nirmal Singh, National Conference provincial president Devender Singh Rana, Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan leader Choudhary Lal Singh and National Panthers Party chairman Harsh Dev Singh besides several other former ministers, legislators and RSS functionaries. "We warn you to renounce politics and support our cause for freedom otherwise death warrants have been issued against you. No security cover will safeguard you from us," the letter read.*
- *On 23 Sep 2020, Block Development Council (BDC) Chairman of Khag in Budgam District of Jammu and Kashmir, Bhupinder Singh, was shot dead near his ancestral residence at Dalwash village in the Budgam District.*
- *On 06 Oct 2020, Terrorists attacked a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader leaving his personal security guard dead, while a terrorist was killed in the retaliatory action in Ganderbal District.*
- *On 29 Oct 2020, Three Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers were shot dead by terrorists in Y K Pora area of Qazigund in Kulgam District.*

- *On 14 Dec 2020, Terrorists killed a security guard of People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader at Natipora area in Srinagar District.*
- *On 23 Dec 2020, Six persons including Block Development Officer (BDO), four Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and a Policeman were injured in a grenade attack in Tawheed Chowk area in Ganderbal District.*
- *On 29 Mar 2021, A Municipal Councillor and a Policeman were killed and another Councillor was injured in a terrorists attack in Sopore area in Baramulla District.*

Other Acts Of HR Violations/ Propaganda Modes Adopted By Terrorists

- *On 08 Jan 2018, Jammu and Kashmir Police detained four youths for allegedly playing the Pakistani national anthem before the start of a cricket match in Bandipora District.*
- *On 26 Jan 2018, Pakistan based militant group, JeM declared India as its number one enemy. This declaration was made by Maulana Talha Siaf, the brother of JeM founder Maulana Masood Azhar at a rally in Larkana, Sindh in Pakistan, recently. "India is the number one enemy of the JeM. Modi (Indian Prime Minister) is the number one enemy of Maulana Masood Azhar. Al Qalam is being regularly read by Indian Muslims. Al Qalam has been published online on Tuesday/Wednesday, and while you may not be able to receive a copy of this paper, your relatives in India read Al Qalam of Maulana Masood Azhar regularly. Indian media has launched a campaign against Al Qalam, and by this way, our enemy is performing our duties in India," Maulana Talha Siaf said. He also incited Muslims to follow the path of `Jihad' to achieve something great in life."India is a mini super power of the region that has created problems for Pakistan for the past sixty years, but India's six lakh forces are facing a tough time in the Kashmir Valley and are unable to announce their victory in Kashmir, said Siaf provocatively. Maulana Saif also said, "Mothers and daughters of Kashmir are calling us and we slaves are unable to cross the borders of infidels, but today, free Mujahideen can cross borders." He also raised the issue of the Ram Temple*

in Ayodhya city, saying, "The Indian government is using its machinery to attempt to build the Ram Mandir in place of the Babri Mosque. Maulana Masood Azhar had announced that the Ram Mandir would not be allowed to be constructed at the place of the Babri Mosque. Now, every year, the government announces that on such and such date the Ram Mandir will be built.

- *On 05 Feb 2018, The Kashmiri militant group affiliated to al Qaeda, Ansar Ghazwatul Hind (AGuH) released a video which claims to highlight the last will of Afzal Guru from Tihar Jail in Delhi. The tenminute video released by AGuH's media wing al Hurr has images of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, former United States (US) President Barack Obama and slain HM militant Burhan Wani. The narrator in the video repeatedly provoked the youngsters from the Kashmir Valley to jihad against the Indian Security Forces (SFs) and considered Kashmir as a 'jail' surrounded by the Indian SFs till it gets free from India.*
- *On 15 Feb 2018, In an audio clip, JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar brags to his cadres, "Indians are baffled at how our 'mujahideen' reached Jammu from Kashmir. Sunjuwan is not on the border but inside the heart of Jammu". Azhar reveals, in the audio clip, how the simultaneous attacks in Sunjuwan and Srinagar's Karan Nagar was part of the same plan. "While Jammu terror siege was still on, our men set Srinagar a fire," he is heard saying. The terror mastermind also revealed how he and his cadres were working with other terror outfits to launch these simultaneous attacks and mocked Indian agencies for not having a whiff about it. Indian intelligence agencies came across the audio clip a week after three JeM fidayeen (suicide attackers) launched an attack at 36 Brigade campuses in Jammu. Pakistan on the other hand, seems to be indignant at the allegations made by Indian authorities.*
- *On 26 Feb 2018, Slain LeT militant, identified as Abu Haris was buried in Hajin Bandipora District and a large number of people attended his funeral. This was for the first time in recent past that a foreign militant was buried by the locals. The authorities had barred people from burying the foreign militants after a huge*

funeral was witnessed to Abu Qasim, LeT 'commander' who was killed in a gunfight with SFs in 2015. The militant had escaped with the help of his accomplices after an encounter with SFs on February 26. Police could not take the body in order to avoid any breach of law and order situation in the area. Police said they were mulling action against those who gave him shelter. A case was registered and those behind would identified and action as per law would be taken against them. It may be mentioned here that in order to prevent glamorizing of militants, Police is mulling to stop large and multiple funerals of militants. They will take the administration of local Masjids into confidence to prevent huge funerals of the militants.

- *On 15 May 2018, A successor of slain militant, Burhan Wani, HM 'top' militant Altaf Kachroo appeared on a video tape with an AK 47 assault rifle in a residential area in Kulgam village of Kulgam District Kachroo was alleged for his role in planning attacks on the Security Forces (SFs) since 2015. Kachroo was appointed as the Kashmir operational 'Chief' and overall 'Commander' of HM after the killings of Sabzar Bhatt and Yasinltoo in 2017. Both J&K Police and Indian Army have enlisted Kachroo and Qasim as 'A++' militants in their list of top 12 militants.*
- *On 22 Jun 2018, Pakistan-based terror outfit LeT scaled up its propaganda in the Kashmir Valley by launching its online magazine and stating that the year 2018 will be 'tough for Indian army and other occupational forces in Kashmir'. The first issue of LeT's Kashmir specific online magazine 'Wyeth' carried an interview of terror outfit's spokesperson Dr Abdullah Ghaznawi and other propaganda material like a list of attacks in 2017 where its cadres were involved. In the magazine, the terror outfit said that it was helping the 'common man's struggle' in Kashmir. To a question on the LeT being a 'proxy' of the Pakistan army, Ghaznawi said, "LeT is the common man's struggle. It represents true aspirations of J&K people".*
- *On 24 Jun 2018, The Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) 'chief' Hafiz Saeed called for the 'independence of Kashmir' and claimed that the local Kashmiris are 'dying' to*

unite Kashmir with Pakistan. "A new era has begun and with God's wishes Kashmir will be an independent state, there has been a lot of bloodshed in Kashmir, and God almighty is watching, he will deliver his verdict, because all the decisions come from the Heaven and not from Washington. The decisions of that come from the heaven get cemented on the world and Kashmir will be freed," Hafiz said while addressing a gathering in Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium in Pakistan, according to report. Hafiz who will be contesting the upcoming General Assembly elections in Pakistan hailed the 'spirited' stone pelters for facing the bullets of Indian Army with stones.

- *On 19 Aug 2018, Police arrested two persons along with huge number of flags of HM and other militant outfits besides daggers, flag materials, stencils, paints, sewing machines and mobile phones containing incriminatory contents from a residential house in Saloora Patti in Ganderbal area in Ganderbal District. The arrested persons were identified as Irfan Ahmad Mir and Aushiq Hussain Baba, who are tailors by profession.*
- *On 03 Oct 2018, A shopkeeper was abducted by militants from Sopore area of Baramulla District. The masked gunmen barged into the shop of Tawseef Ahmad Ganie at Younisa in Sopore on October 3 afternoon and abducted him. Ganie is a butcher and had recently uploaded a video on social media sites in which he had criticized HM 'commander', Reyaz Naikoo, for threatening the Special Police Officers (SPOs). In the video, He had said in the video that threatening and killing of SPOs is unjustified and blamed Naikoo of killing Kashmiri youth in the past. "Allah will not forgive you (Naikoo)", he had said in the video.*
- *On 02 Nov 2018, A missing Kashmiri student of Sharda University Noida purportedly joined radical Islamic State of Jammu and Kashmir (ISJK. Ethisham Bilal, a 19 year old B.Tech student at Sharda University released a six minute audio announcing joining the ISJK. Ethisham's image, donning a black dress and a turban with IS flag in the background, was superimposed in the audio message that became viral in the Kashmir valley. Raising his finger symbolizing the oneness of Allah, the usual trait of Jihadis who join terror, Ethisham took a vow*

accepting global ISIS chief Abu Bakr Al Bagdadi as Ameer ul Momineen (Leader of believers). "I am blessed to have chosen the path of Jihad. We will not sit silent unless we unfurl flag of Islam in valley. We will spill the blood of pagans in Kashmir. We want the rule of Allah in Kashmir. We are ready to sacrifice our lives for the supremacy of Allah", he said in a six minute audio. A resident of Khanyar in Old Srinagar city, Ehtisham had gone missing from Sharda University on October 28 and since then his whereabouts were not known.

- 19 Nov 2018, The Kashmir Police was into investigating various social media accounts propagating videos of 'executions' carried out by militants recently. Militant outfit HM had released two such videos in which two civilians, abducted by the outfit, were killed in front of camera. "These crimes (on camera executions carried out by militants) are terror and gruesome crimes. Their propaganda on social media is also a crime. A case already stands registered in this matter and those propagating such type of content, there are some handles which are propagating them were under investigation.
- 02 Dec 2018, According to officials, 'Honey trapping' is one of the new methods used by Pakistan based terror groups to woo youths towards militancy and use them as human carriers for delivering arms from one place to another or acting as guides to infiltrating terrorists. An intelligence based operation had led to the arrest of Syed Shazia, a woman in her early 30s, from Bazer Naidkhai in Bandipora District on November 17. It was seen that she had many accounts on social networking sites such as Facebook and Instagram which many youths in the Valley followed. Officials from the central security agencies had been keeping a watch on the Internet Protocol (IP) address used by Shazia for several months. She used to talk to youths and would promise to meet them only if a certain 'consignment' was delivered from one place to another, the officials said. Shazia had been in touch with some officials in the Police department as well, but the officials termed it a usual tactic of 'double-cross' as she used to report the movement of troops and 'not so sensitive' information to her handlers across the border. During interrogation, she told the investigators about the presence of

some more women in militant ranks who had been tasked with luring youths into militancy.

- *11 Dec 2018, LeT terrorists based in Hajin in Bandipora District were indoctrinating local youth to fight against India in the name of Islam and Islamic martyrdom. 14 year old Mudasir Rashid Parray and 17 year old Saqib Bilal were their primary targets. Mudasir Rashid Parray, who was among the three militants killed in an encounter with Security Forces (SFs) on December 9 in Bandipora joined the militancy when he was merely ten. Mudasir was largely influenced by top LeT 'commanders', Abu Zargam and Abu Fanan as early as 2014 when he was working as an over ground worker (OGW) for them. A hardened stone pelter, Parray would usually hoist Pakistani flags in the Hajin town whenever there was an anti India protest in the district. Of late, Hajin, which was home to former Kashmiri renegades (surrendered militants) in the late 90s and who killed militants and civilians with impunity, now turned into one of the safe havens for Pakistani terrorists.*
- *On 07 Jan 2019, The 22 year old militant Umer Fayaz Lone alias Hamaad Khan who escaped from an encounter had emerged as the new face of HM in the restive Tral township of Pulwama District. Hailing from Seer hamlet, Khan joined the outfit in 2016. But it was in December 2017 when he hit the headlines when his picture brandishing an automatic light machine gun (LMG) went viral on the social media.*
- *On 18 Feb 2020, Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) raided the Srinagar house of Hurriyat Conference (HC) chief Syed Ali Shah Geelani late and detained a cook and domestic help for allegedly uploading a video of the ailing separatist on social media by using a VPN (virtual private network) to bypass firewalls. The raid to pick up cook Sirajuddin Gania, who is from Tral in Pulwama District, and domestic help Imtiaz Ahmed came within hours of Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir range, Vijay Kumar saying that the Police were onto internet users masking their identities under VPNs to "spread fabricated news to instigate people and preach separatism".*

- *08 Apr 2020, A newly floated outfit, the Resistance Front, has come under the scanner of enforcement agencies for its suspected links with the LeT. An unnamed official of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said, "We have reason to believe that the outfit is a front for the LeT. It was launched to evade the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) scrutiny and avoid further sanctions. The FATF is to review Pakistan's performance in acting against terror funding at its meeting in Beijing (China) to be held from June 21 to 26."The financial investigating agencies are trying to unearth the channel of funding to the new outfit, which is also called JK Fighters, to identify all those involved.*

- **Present Day**

2021 yet again, saw Pakistan sponsored terrorist activities in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. These not only violated several human rights, but instilled fear amongst citizens. Every month there has been an incident, where one of these groups has resorted to violating the biggest human right, the right to live. The report goes through several incidents where innocent civilians were killed or gravely injured for no fault of theirs. Several Kashmiris had to die because these terrorist organisations with their supporters always resort to violence as their policy tool.

These constant attacks have harmed the citizens of Kashmir in every way possible. Physically, mentally and economically there is fear residing in everyone. People are scared to do the basic things to keep their families alive, the ability to go to work. There have been attacks on shops, traders even transport trucks from other states. A truck driver was shot when he was loading apples in his truck. The apple market, Kashmir's key economic strength was again attacked. In September, terrorists attacked the family of a prominent apple trader in another area, and deliberately shot a 5-year-old girl in the leg to send a message. Shooting a child, who doesn't have any opinion of the world, is inhumane. In another incident, these terrorists fatally shot a shopkeeper in

Srinagar who had opened his shop for a few hours which led to the other shopkeepers shutting their stores.

These groups are determined to disrupt any kind of normalcy that might return to the valley to maintain the resistance. Even after losing to armed forces constantly, the terrorists have managed to keep the civilians in check through posters and intimate threats person to person, ordering the population to stay off the streets, or face the bullet. These killings, extortions, violence and atrocities continue to haunt the valley.

Now most of these attacks see the same fingerprints all over the places i.e “Finger prints of Pakistan”. Every attack traces back to groups like Hizbul Mujahideen, or Jaish-e-Mohammed or Lashkar-e-Taiba. And each one of these groups have been created, supported, nurtured by Pakistan over the years, which explains their pro-Pakistan stances. The matter of concern here is even with continuous armed operations in the UT, and lack of training in these groups, they still manage to instigate more and more violence. Their ability to recruit misguided youth in the J&K through manipulation and their illegal smuggling of arms into the county keeps them going. And whenever there is a shortage of weapons, they resort to another quality, looting.

Even though Pakistan keeps refusing any affiliation to these proxy groups, the fact that these terrorists have survived through years of armed operations could not have happened if it was true. In 2017, The US Country Reports on Terrorism describes Pakistan as a ‘Terrorist safe haven’ where terrorists are able to organize, plan, raise funds, communicate, recruit, train, transit, and operate in relative security because of inadequate governance capacity, political will, or both. And not much has changed since then.

Conclusion

It is a well-settled principle of international law that states must not engage in or support international terrorism and subversive activities. Armed with sophisticated weaponry mostly procured in Pakistan, militant groups have launched indiscriminate attacks. Many of these attacks was the work of Islamist groups whose leadership included Afghans and other non-Kashmiris, that have killed and injured hundreds of civilians.

Militant groups have kidnaped civilians, including foreigners, and held them as hostages in order to demand the release of imprisoned militants. In past, they have threatened, assaulted and murdered Hindu and Sikh residents of the Kashmir Valley.

Militant groups in Kashmir have committed many grave violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. They have also committed rape and have launched other violent attacks on women, creating a climate of fear for women in Kashmir in which violent abuses were committed with impunity.

Whenever the elections neared, militant groups would assassinate candidates and party workers, to instill fear and derail the democratic process. The militants have also kidnapped and summarily executed suspected informers and issued bans and other threats against the press.

An organized attempt is being made to tarnish the image of security forces by flaring up allegations of Human Rights violations even though terrorists have shown no concern for the human rights for civilians.

Apropos, there is a need to expose these nefarious designs of the Terrorists-Separatists-Supporters Nexus by bringing to the fore all the facts of past 3 decades for public scrutiny and respond to rights of Kashmiris on regular basis on or before occurrence of events planned by the nexus.

