



MONTHLY BULLETIN

KASHMIR RIGHTS FORUM CUSTODIANS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN KASHMIR

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 proxywar 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.

A Review of Human Rights Violations in Kashmir for the month of MARCH 2022



PANCH MOHAMMAD YAQOOB DAR SHOT DEAD IN SANDROO, KULGAM



On Wednesday, March 02, a Panchayat member was shot dead by terrorists in cold blood. The slain Panchayat member, Mohammad Yaqoob was an independent Sarpanch from Kulpora, Srandroo area of Kulgam district. He was attacked by terrorists near his house resulting in his critical injuries. Later he succumbed to injuries on way to the hospital. Mohammad Yaqoob Dar was a contractor who was earlier affiliated with Peoples Democratic Party. However, nowadays he was an independent panch.

Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha condemning the attack tweeted, "I strongly condemn the brutal killing of Panch, Mohammad Yaqoob Dar by terrorists. This is an act of cowardice and perpetrators of this heinous terror attack will be brought to justice very soon. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family in this hour of grief."

Earlier on Monday, a policeman - Firdous Ahmad was critically injured in the same manner, being shot from a very close range merely few meters outside his home. Learning from the situation that had emerged from last month, Dar was offered

security and accommodation but he had out rightly refused. Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir range Vijay Kumar said slain panch who was killed in Kolpora, Sandroo refused to take security and accommodation from the police.

Attacking locals reflects the frustration among terrorists, given their losses and failures in the recent months. In the initial years of terrorism or maybe a few years before, these terrorists had certain capability to strike the security forces. However such a section has got decimated now. In clear signs of frustration growing in the terror cadre, they have targeted even local labourers, some of them from the minority community. This also signifies weakening of the terrorist movement. The organisational terror

structure has been destroyed. Earlier there was Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, but all of them stand decimated since security forces action against them in two-three years. They have no other way to make their presence felt except target the civilians who are soft targets.

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THREE CIVILIANS KILLED AND 24 INJURED IN GRENADE ATTACK IN HARI SINGH HIGH STREET



On March 06, terrorists hurled a grenade on security forces at Hari Singh High Street market, Srinagar. The dastardly act left a girl dead while 30 others were injured. A 71-year-old man Mohammad Aslam Makhdoomi was killed on the spot, while 18-year-old Rafiya Jan resident of Hazratabal succumbed later. The deadly attack was carried at about 4.20 pm, when the insane terrorists hurled a grenade on security forces

deployed at Hari Singh High Street. The incident has left locals in state of a shock. The leaders of various political parties, including two former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers — Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti — condemned the attack. The news of grenade attack was extremely distressing. This cowardly and deplorable act is strongly condemned at Kashmir Rights Forum.

The deplorable attack served as a renaissance of the 90's — when such dastardly acts were aimed to destabilise The Valley.



SARPANCH SAMEER AHMAD BHAT KILLED IN TERRORIST ATTACK



On March 09, a representative of people – Sarpanch – Sameer Ahmad Bhat was shot dead in a hit and run attack in Khunmoh area in Srinagar outskirts. The assassination of Sameer is the second attack on the political leaders in ten days and sixth attack on a local Kashmiri in the month of March. Sameer Ahmad, son of Abdul Rashid Bhat, was a resident of Khunmoh. He was affiliated with Peoples Democratic Party and would also do a part time business.

Sameer was an outspoken activist working for the betterment of valley. Despite warnings by terrorists and repeated requests from his own family, he didn't back down. In a video posted by J&K's Jal Shakti department in October last year, he was seen praising the government's Jal Jeevan department. "Both the quality and quantity of water has improved. All the homes, schools, anganwadi centres and other places are getting

continuous water supply due to Jal Jeevan Mission," he said. For being vocal and supportive of governments recent initiative Sameer was targeted. The frustration of the terror heads becomes evitable with the fact that after abrogation of article 370, Kashmir valley witnessed a wide range of the developmental projects, thereby enhancing the scope of the workforce in valley. The terrorists had earlier visited the deceased's house on the pretext of seeking help from the Sarpanch. At the door, they were greeted by the Sarpanch's brother Firdous Ahmad who asked the visitors to work outside. No sooner the sarpanch greeted the terrorists (in the garb of visitors), the heartless terrorists shot the sarpanch at point blank range. Firdous alongwith the neighbours rushed to the sarpanch Sameer and immediately rushed him to the nearby hospital where he breathed his last.

**"You were the cure of my ailment",
Arifat, Sameer's childless widow,
screams as the other women tried to
console her. The killing of Sameer at
his home on pretext of seeking help is
a big blot on the face of humanity.**



VILLAGE HEADMAN SHABIR AHMAD MIR SHOT DEAD BY TERRORISTS



On March 11, terrorists opened fire on a village Sarpanch, in Kulgam's Odoura village. Sarpanch Shabir Ahmad Mir was immediately taken to a hospital in Kulgam, where he was declared dead by doctors. This marked the second incident in two days when a Panchayat member has been killed in the Kashmir Valley.

"Deceased Sarpanch Shri Shabir Ahmed Mir was given accommodation in a secured hotel in Srinagar. He had left the hotel and reached his home. "Strongly condemn yet another barbaric and cowardly act where another public representative and the grassroots worker Shabir Ahmed Mir was killed at Odoura, in Kulgam district of South Kashmir. It's an attack on democracy and such attacks won't be tolerated. Pertinently, Shabir wasn't affiliated with the BJP as is being reported by a section of the media," J&K BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said.

Shabir Ahmad Mir's wife, Nusrat, is also a sarpanch. The Valley has been witnessing a spike in terror incidents recently. On March 9, terrorists shot and killed another sarpanch, Sameer Ahmad Bhat, in the outskirts of Srinagar. On March 2, an Independent sarpanch was killed in Kulgam. These selective killings have increased after a relative quiet winter period. It may be noted that these selective killings are aimed at disrupting the peaceful democratic process in the union territory by instilling fear in the citizens and the representations focusing part of a legitimate democratic process.

Many of the terrorists have been neutralized by the alert security forces, others are under radar to be apprehended. There are now a few members of these terror modules left compared to the past's figures. With time these shall also be neutralized and peace shall return to the valley.

With stringent security measures in place for past couple of years, peace and normalcy has started returning to the valley. The perpetrators of violence through selective killings aim at disrupting the democratic process in the state. These attempts are displaying the last breaths taken by the terrorism in valley.



CRPF SOLDIER ON LEAVE SHOT DEAD BY TERRORISTS IN SHOPIAN DISTRICT



On March, a soldier of the Central Reserve Police Force was killed after being shot at by terrorists in Check Chotipora area of Shopian. The soldier Mukhtar Ahmad Dohi, succumbed to his injuries on the way to the hospital. Dohi had returned home on leave very recently to spend time with his family in the holy month of Ramadan. It may be noted that in past too several attacks have been carried out against security forces personnel, when they return to their hometown in valley for leave. Terrorists have taken advantage of this situation on attacking barehanded soldiers awaiting leave in the valley.

The human loss is unsavory for the Naya Kashmir, however the selective attacks on locals has been a challenge, when terrorists in attires of commoners employ small arms. It finds various reactions in place, when frisking is considered as an option to safeguard. In addition to this, security forces

are implementing various measures to keep vigil of the hostile elements, in result of which larger happenings have been prevented so far fruitfully. Consequently, this selective terror module shall also meet its fate soon, though agencies have apprehended many with their collaboration in making Kashmir peaceful again. The mutual aid of the people is also required to unknot the module, as timely inputs to the security agencies are critical in unpuzzling the hybrid network. The aim of these attacks is to instill fear in minds of the locals thereby disrupting the peace and harmony of the valley as also discourage locals to earn a modest and respectful living while being employed with security forces. In this hour of grief, the entire valley and the fraternity of security forces stand in solidarity with the bereaved family and remains committed to their dignity and well being.

Targeting Soldiers on leave needs to be responded to by security forces with full might. A Killing carried out during holy month of Ramadan is deplorable.



CRPF TROOPER INJURED IN TWIN GRENADE BLAST IN SHOPIAN, TRAL



One CRPF trooper was wounded after terrorists hurled a grenade at paramilitary forces at Shopian and Tral on March 19. In the incident of violence, trooper Amit Kumar of 178 battalion received splinter injuries. The attack came on the day, when paramilitary force held its 183rd Raising Day parade in Jammu. Union Minister Amit Shah attended the CRPF Day event, held for the first time outside the national capital. Another incident happened at the camp of 180 Battalion of the CRPF at Nowdal in Tral, Pulwama.

CRPF in particular had dusted the hopes of terrorists to destabilize the law and order situation, because of which CRPF has become a prime target. However, the vigil over the activities of outfits is paving a way forward for peace.

It is evident that the CRPF had dusted the terror outfits in their roles to destabilize the law and order situation effectively after the scraping of article 370. The plan of terrorists was to to destabilize the state after abrogation of article 370, however all the aspirations of the terrorists were mixed into mud with the alertness of the security forces, which is the reason behind the frustration of the outfits thereby attacking people selectively to curb the high spirits of the security forces.



GRENADE ATTACK IN SRINAGAR, TWO COPS INJURED

The paramilitary troopers are primary targets of the terrorists, who are the main stake holders of establishing the peace and normalcy in the valley. The perpetrators of violence today stand totally isolated without any local support.

On March 23, two police constables were injured in a grenade attack on security forces at Rainawari in Srinagar. Constable Mohammad Amin and a CRPF trooper received minor splinter injuries in the explosion. The grenade attack was carried on CRPF's 82 BN bunker, where CRPF and police were deployed. The month had already witnessed a huge toll of human rights violations from killing political leaders to innocent Kashmiris as well as security forces in cold blood.

These highly condemnable attacks have left the valley scared to some extent keeping in view the anonymity of the attacks in the public places. A huge toll of such violent acts was witnessed from the first day of the month, wherein almost on every second day an attack was carried out. The reason behind the continuity in the attacks lie in the failure of terror module survival, which has lost its members almost on everyday basis. It may be understood that such attacks are aimed only to dampen the spirits of locals. What is not understood by the terror modules is that now every local Kashmiri has stopped supporting such terror acts.

CIVILIAN SHOT DEAD BY ARMED GUNMEN IN GOTPORA, BUDGAM



On Mar 22, one innocent Kashmiri, Tajamul Mohi-ud-din Rather was shot dead by the terrorists at Gotpora, Budgam. Tajamul was shot by the terrorists while they barged into his home and fired indiscriminately upon him. In the incident, he sustained critical gunshot injuries and was immediately shifted to the nearby hospital for treatment, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Meanwhile, street vendor Bisujeet Kumar, who hails from Bihar, was also shot at around 7:45pm. These attacks come days after a migrant worker, Mohammad Akram from Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor was shot at in Pulwama in a terror attack. Tajamul's killing is the second incident in Budgam area in the month. Earlier, Sameer Ahmad was abducted from his village in Khag area. Sameer, who left behind a new born,

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was a soldier in Light Infantry (JAKLI) and his body was retrieved three days later.

The incidents of attack on civilian targets have surged in Kashmir since March beginning with at least six dead and several others injured. The targeted attacks on PRIs – Panch and Sarpanches – and security personnel are seen as part of the violent trend carried out by militants in October last year, which triggered fresh security concerns.

There has been no let up in counter-insurgency operations even as 39 terrorists have been killed in the region in the first three months of this year while 24 militants or their associates have been arrested. The police and security forces have also arrested around 150 others who they refer to as Over Ground Workers (OGW) of the militant network.



POLICE CONSTABLE KILLED IN SOURA DURING GUNFIGHT WITH TERRORISTS



On Mar 22, a policeman was killed in Soura, Srinagar. The deceased Selection Grade Constable Amir Hussain Lone, was a resident of Kupwara town. He got injured during a shootout with terrorists in Soura and succumbed to his injuries. The 30-year-old policeman was taken to a hospital in Soura with bullet wounds in his upper body and neck, where he breathed his last. The merchants of violence devastated a poor family. Such dastardly acts only leave behind a trail of death, misery, destruction and pain.

The act of violence was condemned by People's Conference (PC) Chairman Sajad Lone. "We strongly condemn the killing of a constable. There seems no end to this ruthless violence. Condolences to the family of Aamir. May your sould rest in peace!"

Apni Party (AP) president Syed Mohammad Altaf

Bukhari said, "My heart goes out to his family and loved ones. The cycle of violence is despicable and serves no cause. It only leaves behind inevitable loss and adds to our sufferings" Bukhari wrote on Twitter.

The SMC Mayor Junaid Azam Matoo said no words were strong enough to condemn the cowardly attack. "Deeply anguished by the demise of Sg Constable Amir Hussain Lone of JmuKmrPolice who laid down his life in the line of duty at Soura a short while ago. His sacrifice won't go in vain."

JKP had been dealing with the in-state affairs as well as with the terrorism in coordination with the army and CRPF. Its role can never be negated from the zone of involvement in security clearance. Police forces of the state have been very stringent and effective of police forces shall not go in vain and the day is not far when normalcy and prosperity returns to the valley. ■

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SPO AND HIS BROTHER KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN BUDGAM



On March 26, Saturday, terrorists shot dead 29-year-old SPO Ishfaq Ahmad and wounded his 21-year-old brother Umar Jan at their residence in Budgam district in yet another targeted attack on security personnel. Jan was admitted for treatment at SKIMS Hospital. They were fired upon by terrorists at their residence in village Chadbugh area of Budgam. Later, both Ishfaq Ahmad and his brother succumbed to their injuries. Words fall short while condemning the coward and inhumane act of violence done to this innocent Kashmiri family in particular.

The two brothers were buried in their village, with hundreds of people attending the funeral. “What will I do now? Why didn’t they kill me? What was my fault that this happened to my two children?” their mother lamented at the funeral with heavy tears in his eyes.

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Political leaders from different parties condemned the attack and called for an end to the violence in the region.

The Jammu and Kashmir People’s Conference also reacted to the killings.

“Unfortunate that brother of SPO Ishfaq Ah. too succumbed to injuries taking toll to 2. We are short of words to express our sympathy with the bereaved family. The terror mercenaries must be happy as another family got devastated. May Almighty grant

Peace to the departed souls,” the party tweeted.

Such acts of violence need a collective denunciation and censure to send a strong message to the terror heads asking them to stop this lamentable killings, which have sent shocks down the spine of a common Kashmiri.



BURQA-CLAD WOMAN TERRORIST HURLS BOMB AT CRPF CAMP IN J & K SOPORE



On March 30, a burqa clad woman hurled a petrol bomb at a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp in Sopore. The entire sequence was caught on CCTV cameras.

The visuals caught in the video showed a road with a couple of pedestrians and two-wheelers passing by. A burqa clad woman terrorist was seen carrying a bag wherein she stops in the middle of the road and takes out a petrol bomb and hurriedly lobs the same towards the CRPF camp. Thereafter, she could be seen running away from the spot. The incident took place near the State Bank of India (SBI) office close to CRPF's main chowk in Sopore. Security officials scanned CCTV clips to identify the woman terrorist.

This was the second incident of hurling a grenade

at a CRPF camp in the Valley in the last 10 days. Earlier on March 19, terrorists had hurled a grenade at Babapora camp of CRPF in which one jawan was injured. Three accused persons involved in the terror crime were arrested.

It comes to fore that terrorists are using the women and their special attires to carry out their operations, which could prove to be a little harder task for the security forces keeping in view the culture and modesty of the women. And at the same time, they ought to co-operate with the security check ups for the safety of the common people. These elements are a serious threat to the harmony of the region, in view of the tactics being employed to cause even more suffering to the commoners.

Burqa is attributed to the modesty of women in Islamic culture, but its hishandling can cause a serious threat. Thus in view of its manipulation by the terrorists, women should co-operate with the security forces to ensure safety of the citizens.



There have been 12 terrorists human rights violation in Kashmir valley during the month of March 2022.

(A) 07 civilians 02 SF personnel succumbed to the injuries.

(B) 24 civilians and 04 SF suffered injuries during these attacks.

Incidents	Civ Deaths	Civ Injured	Police / SF Death	Police / SF Injured
11	07	24	02	04

- **02 March 2022** – Panch Mohammad Yaqoob Dar shot dead in Sandroo, Kulgam
- **06 March 2022** – 03 civilians killed and 24 injured in grenade attack in Hari Singh High Street
- **09 March 2022** – Sarpanch Sameer Ahmad Bhat killed in terrorist attack at Khunmoh
- **11 March 2022** – Terrorists shot dead village headman Shabir Ahmad Mir in Kulgam
- **12 March 2022** – CRPF soldier shot dead by terrorists in Shopian
- **19 March 2022** – CRPF trooper injured in twin grenade blast in Shopian, Tral
- **22 March 2022** – Civilian shot dead by terrorists in Gotpora, Budgam
- **23 March 2022** – Grenade attack in Rainawari, Srinagar, two cops injured
- **26 March 2022** – SPO and his brother killed in firing by terrorists in Budgam
- **30 March 2022** – Burqa-clad terrorist hurls petrol bomb at CRPF camp in Sopore