



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 proxy war initiated by Pakistan on our homeland.

KRF is a 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, present events and producing the facts for public scrutiny as part of our research and highlight such events in present, earliest on occurrence.

These victims of senseless violence had ventured into Kashmir with hopes of finding better employment opportunities.

A Review of
Human Rights Violations in Kashmir
For the months of FEBRUARY and MARCH 2024

TERROR STRIKES SRINAGAR

CLAIMS LIFE OF TWO INNOCENT CARPENTERS

On February 7th, two young migrant workers from Punjab, Amritpal Singh and Rohit Masih, fell victim to a heinous terrorist attack in the heart of Srinagar. Amritpal, a 31-year-old carpenter from Amritsar, had ventured to the valley in search of better employment opportunities, hoping to support his family and build a brighter future. Tragically, his dreams were shattered when he was struck by bullets in the chest, succumbing to his wounds on the spot. Rohit, Amritpal's 27-year-old neighbor and associate, also fell prey to the absurd violence. Though he initially survived the attack but later succumbed to his injuries at the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences in Srinagar. The two young men, who had left their impoverished village Chamyari in Amritsar, to seek a better life now lie lifeless and their aspirations and hopes extinguished by the ruthless hand of terror.

The attack has left Amritpal's family and community in a state of profound grief and despair. His five sisters and elderly father,



who relied on him as the family's sole breadwinner, now face an uncertain future without their beloved son and brother. Amritpal's friend, Gurjant Singh, expressed the village's shock and disbelief, stating, "*He would often talk about Kashmir and its beauty. He would praise the people for their hospitality. He never expressed any fear. We are surprised that this happened to him.*"

The leaders, activists and civil society expressed their dismay regarding such barbaric incidents and revealed their sympathy to the kin of families of these deceased. During last year, terrorists had carried out several attacks on drifting workers in the valley leading to a spree of violence including a circus worker from Udhampur who succumbed to fatal injuries inflicted by terrorists on May 30, 2023 at Anantnag. In a separate incident on July 13, 2023, three laborers were wounded in a terrorist attack in the Gagren area of Shopian district, perpetuating a climate of fear and instability. In a similar act of cowardice, Mukesh Kumar, a brick kiln worker from Bihar, met a similar fate in Pulwama district on October 31, 2023.

This incident marks the 'first targeted killing of a non-resident in the region' for the year 2024, highlighting a potential trend of targeting individuals based on their religion and identity. The employment of an AK-47 assault rifle by terrorists in crowded areas is unusual, as it indicates a heightened level of audacity and a departure from the typical use of small arms. In recent past, there have been instances of targeted attacks on migrant workers and local minorities, indicating a strategy by terrorists to instill fear and disrupt the social fabric of valley.



A week following the tragic killings of two Punjabi carpenters, the J&K Police apprehended a terrorist who had orchestrated and carried out this attack. Adil Manzoor Langoo, a resident in Srinagar was mastermind behind the heinous act in which these two innocent workers lost their lives. The accused terrorist was found in possession of a pistol and other damning evidence. Inspector General of Police disclosed that the accused collaborated with his handler in Pakistan to plot this terror attack. Adil Langoo was an indoctrinated and radicalized individual who came in contact with his handler through social media and was instigated by the same handler who provided him with a weapon to carry out the assault in the lanes of Shalla Kadal area in Srinagar.

The arrest of Adil Langoo underscores the importance of vigilance and the need for a comprehensive approach to counter-terrorism. It is crucial to address the root causes of radicalization and feelings of alienation, while simultaneously cracking down on the foreign elements that seek to exploit these vulnerabilities. By working closely with the local community and providing them with necessary support and resources, our security forces aim to build trust and foster a sense of belonging among the people of Kashmir. The valiant security forces remain resolute in their pursuit of accountability and justice. They are determined to bring these masterminds to justice, regardless of their location, in order to disrupt the flow of funds and weapons from Pakistan. Through their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts, they are working to create a safe and secure future for the general public of Kashmir.

The recent incident marks the first targeted killing of migrant worker in 2024. Usage of conspicuous weapons like AK-47 assault rifles in densely populated areas is an attempt to instil fear and disrupt societal harmony. These targeted killings are part of a strategy to unsettle communities, pose significant security challenges and hinder peace and progress efforts in the region.

SUMMARY OF TERRORISTS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN FEB & MAR 2024

There has been **01** human rights violation committed by terrorists in Kashmir valley in the month of **Feb and March 2024**. Meanwhile, in the wake of Jammu and Kashmir marching towards development, a series of concerning incidents were unfolded, attempting to cast a shadow over the valley's relative tranquility. A non-resident carpenter was killed in Srinagar in an attempt to reignite the concerns about the safety of residents and visitors alike. This event is compounded by the discovery of arms caches in Khurhama and Chowkibal along with the arrest of two Over-Ground Workers (OGWs) in Handwara area of district Kupwara.

The central govt extended ban on the Muslim League Jammu and Kashmir (MLJK) due to its anti-national affiliations, showcasing the government's zero-tolerance policy towards entities that threaten the nation's integrity. In a related development, Manzoor Ahmad Laway, a teacher from Kulgam was dismissed from his service who was engaged in anti-national activities. In yet another success, security forces sought a significant victory in Ramban area by busting a terror hideout. These events, paint a broader picture of the vigil and brave armed forces maintaining security & ensuring region's path towards never ending peace and tranquility.

Incidents	Civ Deaths	Civ Injured	Police/SF Death	Police/SF Injured
01	02	-	-	-

