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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 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.

A Review of Human Rights Violations in Kashmir *For the months of JULY 2024*





SINISTER PLANS FOILED. TERRORISTS' DESIGNS THWARTED BY SEPOY PAWAN KUMAR

On July 06, the tranquil landscape of Kashmir was shattered yet again by a devastating incidents, as Sepoy Pawan of 1-Para and Sepoy Pravin Janjal Prabhakar of 1 Rashtriya Rifles sacrificed their lives in counter-terrorism operations in Kulgam and Chinnigam respectively. These brave soldiers fell in the line of duty, thwarting sinister plans of terrorists who sought to unleash violence and terrorize innocent Kashmiris, regardless of their faith or birthplace. In recent times, terrorists have wreaked havoc and claimed numerous innocent lives in addition to spreading fear and panic throughout the region with their ultimate goal to disrupt the pace and development in valley particularly after abrogation of Article 370 which has paved a way for unprecedented growth and progress. By targeting innocent civilians, terrorists wish to create an atmosphere of fear and psychosis and attempt to undermine the efforts of those who strive for peace and development. However, the selfless sacrifice of soldiers like Sepoy Pawan and the valorous bravery of the security forces aid as a reminder of their resolute pledge to safeguard the people of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that the malevolent forces of terrorism are thwarted in their sinister endeavors and region's stability and prosperity remains unaffected. Sepoy Pawan's martyrdom is a powerful symbol of the extraordinary sacrifices made to

secure peace and development in the region besides serving as a reminder of the high stakes and immense bravery required to build a safer tomorrow. These sacrifices further strengthen the resolve of security forces to root out terrorism and create a safer, more prosperous future for the people of Kashmir.

In a heart-stopping confrontation, Sepoy Pawan and Sepoy Pravin Janjal Prabhakar of 1 Rashtriya Rifles made the ultimate sacrifice as they closed in on the dreaded terrorists. Despite being gravely injured by the hail of bullets, they stood firm, and displayed their unshakeable dedication to duty and country. Unfortunately, their injuries proved fatal and they succumbed to the wounds, leaving behind a legacy of bravery and selflessness. The two terrorists responsible for the martyrdom of Sepoy Pawan, namely Adil Hussain Wani and Faisal Bashir Lone, were subsequently neutralized, bringing a measure of justice to the family and his comrades. The Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vidhi Kumar Birdi, confirmed that the eliminated terrorists were members of the notorious Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit, a group infamous for its brutal crimes against humanity. For thirty long years, HM has wreaked havoc in Kashmir, leaving a trail of devastation and despair in its wake. Thousands of innocent lives have been lost, countless families torn apart, and the very fabric of society shredded by their pseudo-Jihad. The poor and destitute have been particularly vulnerable to their cruelty and their lives forever scarred by the trauma inflicted upon them. The people of Kashmir, who have suffered immensely due to terrorism, deserve peace and prosperity. However, the evil designs of terrorist outfits like Hizbul Mujahideen continue to pose a significant threat to the region's stability. These groups seek to spread fear, hatred and violence, undermining the efforts of those who strive for peace and development. As we mourn the loss of Sepoy Pawan and salute his martyrdom, we must also acknowledge the tireless efforts of our security forces, who are the true guardians of peace in Kashmir and must continue to support them in their quest to rid of terrorism and ensure a brighter future for the people of Kashmir.

We salute the unwavering dedication of brave heart soldiers like Sepoy Pawan and Pravin Janjal in restoring peace to Kashmir and pledge to stand by them in their unrelenting pursuit of a terrorism-free future.



TERRORIST ATTACK ON SECURITY POST IN RAJOURI FOILED, ARMY PERSONNEL INJURED

In a reprehensible attempt to spread terror, insurgents launched a clandestine attack on a security post in Galuthi village, Rajouri district, under the cover of darkness. However, their nefarious plans were thwarted by the swift and valiant response of our fearless troops. Like lions guarding their pride, our soldiers stood strong, refusing to let the forces of evil prevail. Though one brave warrior was injured in the crossfire, his blood will not be shed in vain. It will fuel our determination to hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice. The terrorists may have fled, abandoning their weapons and their dignity, but they will not escape the long arm of justice. Our troops will leave no stone unturned, no cave unsearched, until the perpetrators are brought to account for their heinous crimes. The search operation is a beacon of hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have suffered for far too long. It's a reminder that our security forces will not rest until peace and normalcy are restored in the region.

With unwavering resolve and unshakeable courage, our security forces will continue to hunt down the perpetrators, bringing them to justice and restoring peace to the region. Our hearts swell with pride and gratitude for our brave soldiers, who selflessly put their lives on the line to protect us. Together, we will emerge triumphant, our spirit unbroken, and our determination to defeat terrorism unshakeable.

**Brave troops who stand guard
on our borders,
ever vigilant and always ready
to defend our nation
owe deepest of the esteem.
The coward terrorists hide behind
innocent civilians and resort to
senseless violence.**



TERROR'S DARK SHADOW: 5 SOLDIERS MARTYRED IN KATHUA ATTACK

On July 8, 2024, in a dastardly attack, five Indian Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer, were martyred and five others injured when the coward terrorists ambushed their vehicle in Machedi area of Kathua district. The terrorists had taken cover of the thick vegetation in the nearby forest to execute their nefarious plan. This incident has left everyone in mourning the loss of our brave heroes. The ambush occurred when heavily armed terrorists targeted an army truck which is part of a routine patrolling party, with a grenade and gunfire on the Machedi-Kindli-Malhar road near Badnota village in Lohai Malhar, approximately 150 km from Kathua town, at around 3:30 pm in afternoon. The dense foliage of the region, which terrorists had hoped to use to their advantage, ultimately proved ineffective as the forces launched a swift and decisive response, driving the terrorists into the adjacent forest. The attack was later claimed by Kashmir Tigers, a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). It is the second major terror incident in Kathua district within one month, following a similar confrontation on June 12 and 13 that left two terrorists and a CRPF Jawan dead.

The Jammu region, known for its peaceful atmosphere, has been shaken in recent months by a series of ambushes and attacks by terrorists, particularly in the border districts of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda and Reasi. The recent escalation in terrorist activities has been attributed to attempts by Pakistani handlers to reignite terrorism. Since they have lost their relevance in the J&K and are completely out of the game in Kashmir, they are now extending their plans. Political leaders, including Congress chief Mallik Arjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and former chief ministers Omar Abdullah of National Conference, Mehbooba Mufti of PDP and Ghulam Nabi Azad, have condoled the loss of lives and expressed concern over the security situation in the region. Rahul Gandhi said, "The fifth terrorist attack within a month is a grave blow to the security of the country and the lives of our soldiers. The answer to the continuous terrorist attacks has to be strict action, not hollow speeches and false promises." Mehbooba Mufti said, "It is tragic and shocking that soldiers are losing their lives in the line of duty in places where one found little to no trace of militancy before 2019. Tells you all there is to know about the current security situation in J&K." Ghulam Nabi Azad said, "The rise in terrorism in Jammu province is deeply concerning. The government must act decisively to tackle terrorism and ensure public safety."

Despite these adversities, security forces remain vigilant in their efforts to combat terrorism and safeguard the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Massive search operations are on despite heavy rains, with Director General of Police RR Swain personally overseeing the anti-terrorist operation in the dense forest areas. Security forces stand united in condemnation of this heinous act and they pledge to support the families of the martyred soldiers. KRF commend the security forces for their tireless efforts to combat terrorism and safeguard the residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Currently, Pakistan is unable to relate itself with Jammu and Kashmir since the evolution of peace and prosperity due to which it is reigniting terrorism to stay linked with the valley.



**We remember, we honor,
and we salute. To the brave
soldiers who made the
ultimate sacrifice in the line
of duty, defending our nation
and protecting our freedom.**

A M A R J A W A N	08 JULY 2024			F A L L E N N O T F O R G O T T E N
		HAV KAMAL SINGH	NK VINOD SINGH	
	NB SUB ANAND SINGH			
		REN ANUJ NEGI	REN ADARSH NEGI	





FOUR ARMY PERSONNEL MARTYRED IN J&K GUNFIGHT WITH JEM TERRORISTS

On July 15, 2024, a fierce encounter erupted in the Desa forest area of Doda as security forces, comprising the Rashtriya Rifles and Jammu and Kashmir Police, launched a cordon-and-search operation to flush out heavily armed terrorists attempting to perpetuate atrocities on innocent people. The attack follows a series of violent incidents in the region, including an ambush on an Army patrol vehicle in Kathua district that resulted in martyrdom of five brave hearts. The increasing frequency of such attacks has sparked widespread condemnation and protests across Jammu and Kashmir, with political leaders demanding accountability from the government. The recent gunfight in Doda district, which resulted in loss of four Army personnel, including Captain Brijesh Thapa, has drawn attention to the alarming resurgence of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. This incident, linked to the Pakistan-based terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), marks the third significant attack in just three weeks, highlighting a troubling trend in the region. As security forces respond with determination and bravery, it is essential to analyze the current situation and the strategies employed to combat this persistent threat. Despite the challenging terrain and adverse weather conditions, the Indian Army and local police forces have demonstrated remarkable resilience and bravery in their ongoing operations against terrorism. The security forces are conducting a series of joint and coordinated operations to track down the foreign terrorists who have infiltrated from across the border. Even advanced technology, including aerial support from drones and helicopters is employed to enhance the effectiveness of operations and minimize the potential risks to civilian lives.

The recent attacks have elicited strong reactions from political leaders and the public. Opposition parties, including the Congress, have criticized the central government for its handling of security in Jammu and Kashmir. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi expressed concern over the increasing casualties among Army personnel, attributing these incidents to the government's "wrong policies." Meanwhile, local political leaders, such as Mehbooba Mufti of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), have called for accountability and demanded the resignation of the Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police. Public sentiment has also manifested in protests, with Congress workers staging demonstrations against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism and the perceived failures of the security grid. These reactions reflect a growing concern among the populace regarding safety and security in the region.

The resurgence of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the Chenab valley, is a cause for alarm. Since 2021, the region has witnessed a significant increase in terrorist activities, resulting in the loss of over 70 lives, including 52 security personnel. The recent incidents underscore the persistent threat posed by extremist elements seeking to destabilize the peace in the region. The situation is further complicated by the historical context of the Chenab valley, which experienced a decline in militant activities by 2007. However, the recent uptick in violence indicates a desperate attempt by terrorists to revive their influence. The Director General of Police, R R Swain, has acknowledged this challenge but remains optimistic about the capabilities of security forces to eliminate these threats with public support. The brave response of security forces in Jammu and Kashmir amidst a resurgence of terrorism is a testament to their dedication and commitment to safeguarding the nation. As they continue their relentless operations to neutralize threats, it is crucial for the public to support these efforts by providing accurate information and fostering a united front against terrorism. The sacrifices made by soldiers like Captain Brijesh Thapa and his comrades will not be forgotten, and their valor serves as an inspiration for all in the fight against the forces of violence and extremism. The path to peace may be fraught with challenges, but the resolve of the Indian armed forces remains steadfast in the face of adversity.

The bravery displayed by the security personnel during these encounters cannot be overstated. Captain Brijesh Thapa and his comrades exemplified courage and commitment, facing heavily armed terrorists in a high-stakes environment. Their sacrifice serves as a stark reminder of the dangers faced by those who protect the nation. The Army's Northern Command has reaffirmed its resolve to combat terrorism, emphasizing that their operations will continue until peace is restored in the region.





BRAVE VDG TARGETED IN RAJOURI ATTACK, LOCALS DEMAND STRONGER SECURITY

In the dead of night, when most of us were asleep, a senseless act of terror shook the peaceful village of Gundah in Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir. The target of this cowardly assault was Parshotam Kumar, a Shaurya Chakra awardee and pillar of his community, whose home in the remote Gundah Village was subjected to heavy gunfire around 3:10 AM. Parshotam Kumar is a Shaurya Chakra awardee and a beacon of hope for his community. His home, a symbol of safety and security, was attacked by heavily armed terrorists, leaving an Army jawan and a civilian injured. Terrorists launched this brazen attack in the early hours of July 22nd, 2024. The attack is a stark reminder of the ongoing threat of terrorism that continues to plague the region. Despite the bravery and sacrifice of men like Parshotam Kumar, who have dedicated their lives to protecting their fellow citizens, the scourge of violence persists, fueled by terrorist groups and their alleged Pakistani backers.

The situation in Jammu and Kashmir has deteriorated in recent months, with a surge in attacks targeting both security forces and the innocent civilians. The tragic Reasi attack in June 2024, where nine Hindu pilgrims lost their lives, has only added to the sense of fear and uncertainty that grips the region. In the aftermath of the Rajouri incident, locals have expressed their concerns and demanded stronger security measures to safeguard their communities. The presence of VDGs, armed with outdated 303 rifles, has been a vital line of defense, but many feel that more needs to be done to equip these brave individuals with modern weaponry and communication tools. The armed forces stand resolute in their pledge to eliminate the menace of terrorism. They are conducting joint operations with local police to neutralize the threat posed by infiltrating terrorists. However, the task is daunting, with terrorists active in areas like Doda, Udhampur and Rajouri, where the security forces are engaged in a constant battle to maintain peace and stability. Despite the bravery and sacrifice of men like Parshotam Kumar, who have dedicated their lives to protecting their fellow citizens, the scourge of violence persists.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been living in fear for far too long. They have seen their loved ones taken away by the senseless violence, their homes destroyed, and their livelihoods shattered. But they refuse to give up. They refuse to be cowed by the tactics of fear and intimidation employed by the terrorists. The attack is a stark reminder of the sacrifices made by those who stand on the frontlines of this conflict. It is a reminder of the bravery and resilience of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who have faced unimaginable hardships and yet continue to stand tall. In the face of such adversity, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have shown remarkable resilience and courage. They have refused to be cowed by the tactics of fear and intimidation employed by the terrorists, and have instead rallied together in defense of their homes and way of life. As the nation stands in solidarity with the people of Rajouri and the wider Jammu region, it is clear that the fight against terrorism is far from over. But with the bravery and determination of men like Parshotam Kumar, and the unwavering support of the Indian people, there is hope that peace and security will one day prevail in this troubled land.

The selfless bravery of our security forces is on full display as they intensify operations to combat terrorism in the Jammu region, particularly in hotspots like Doda, Udhampur and Rajouri, allowing us to live in peace and security, free from fear.

VALOR AND SACRIFICE: THE BRAVERY OF INDIAN ARMY TROOPERS IN KUPWARA

On July 27, 2024, the rugged terrain of Kupwara district witnessed a dramatic and intense exchange of fire between Indian Army troops and Pak sponsored terrorists. This confrontation unfolded near the Kumkadi post along the Line of Control (LoC), a region that has long been a flashpoint in the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan. The events of that day not only highlighted the persistent threats faced by our security forces but also showcased their extraordinary courage and commitment to protecting the nation. The day began like any other, but tensions were palpable along the LoC, where the Indian Army remains vigilant against infiltration attempts by terrorist groups. On this fateful day, the Indian Army successfully foiled an attack by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT), a unit known for its covert operations and surprise assaults. The soldiers, well-trained and resolute, were prepared to defend their territory at all costs. As the attack unfolded, Indian Army personnel engaged the intruders in a fierce firefight. The exchange was intense, with both sides exchanging gunfire in a bid to gain the upper hand. In thick of the battle, three brave Army troopers sustained injuries while valiantly defending their position. Their courage in the face of danger exemplifies the spirit of the Indian Armed Forces, who are always ready to lay down their lives for the safety and security of the nation.

Amidst the chaos, the conflict claimed the life of one courageous soldier, whose sacrifice will forever be etched in the annals of our history. His commitment to duty and his ultimate sacrifice serve as a poignant reminder of the risks faced by our armed forces daily. The loss of life is not just a statistic; it represents the dreams, aspirations and families left behind, underscoring the profound cost of our security. In addition to the fallen soldier, four others, including a Captain, were injured during the encounter. Their injuries reflect the harsh realities of combat and the physical and emotional toll that such encounters take on our soldiers. The valor displayed by these troops, even in the face of injury, speaks volumes about their dedication and resilience. The bravery exhibited by the Indian Army personnel during this confrontation deserves our utmost respect and admiration. These soldiers exemplify the highest ideals of service, sacrifice, and patriotism. Their readiness to confront danger head-on, often at great personal risk, ensures the safety of our borders and the security of our nation.

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SUMMARY OF TERRORISTS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN JULY 2024

There have been **09** human rights violation committed by terrorists in Kashmir valley in the month of **July 2024**. In the midst of a tumultuous summer, Jammu and Kashmir has been beset by a wave of terror, leaving a trail of devastation and heartbreak in its wake. The past few weeks have witnessed a relentless barrage of attacks, foiled plots and tragic losses, testing the mettle of the Indian Army, the resilience of the local population and the very fabric of our society. With over 20 terror incidents reported in the last month alone, resulting in the martyrdom of 14 brave soldiers and 7 civilians, and injuring countless others, the region has been scarred by the brutal face of terrorism. The statistics are stark: since January 2024, J&K has seen a 30% increase in terror attacks, with a 25% rise in casualties. From the heroic actions of Sepoy Pawan Kumar, who single-handedly thwarted a sinister terrorist plan, to the ultimate sacrifice of five brave soldiers in Kathua, and the tragic martyrdom of four Army personnel in a fierce gunfight with JeM terrorists, the region has been scarred by the brutal face of militancy. This report is a tribute to the courage and valor of our armed forces, a testament to the unyielding spirit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and a call to action against the forces of terror that seek to destroy our peace and harmony.

Incidents	Civ Deaths	Civ Injured	Police/SF Death	Police/SF Injured
06	01	02	10	03

