



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.

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





ANOTHER ATTACK ON NON-LOCALS: TWO MIGRANT WORKERS INJURED IN BUDGAM

On November 1, 2024, the tranquility of Budgam district in Jammu and Kashmir was shattered when two innocent, unarmed migrant laborers were shot by terrorists in a targeted attack. The victims, Sofiyan and Usman Malik, both 25 years old and hailing from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, had come to Kashmir seeking work to support their families back home. They were employed as daily wagers with the Jal Shakti Department, contributing to local infrastructure while striving to provide for their loved ones. This unfortunate incident marks yet another chapter in the ongoing saga of violence against non-local workers in the region, leaving their relatives and kin engulfed in grief and uncertainty. The attack has not only claimed the physical safety of these laborers but has also inflicted emotional scars on their families, who now face an uncertain future without their primary breadwinners. The pain of losing a loved one to senseless violence resonates deeply within the community, highlighting the fragility of life for those who venture into Jammu and Kashmir in search of better opportunities.

The shooting is particularly alarming as it represents the second such targeted attack on migrant workers within just 12 days. This pattern of violence raises serious concerns about the safety of non-local laborers who play a vital role in the local economy. Just days prior, a doctor and six migrant workers were killed in a similar assault at a construction site in Sonamarg, further underscoring the growing threat faced by those who come to Kashmir for work. The brutal killing of a migrant worker from Bihar in Shopian earlier in October adds to this grim narrative, painting a troubling picture of insecurity that looms over the region. In response to this attack, security forces swiftly arrived at the scene and launched a search operation to apprehend the perpetrators. In response to this heinous act, brave security forces are actively tracking down the terrorists responsible for this atrocity. Their relentless pursuit demonstrates a commitment to ensuring justice and restoring peace in the region. With advanced surveillance and intelligence-gathering techniques, these dedicated personnel are determined to send these terrorists 'to hell,' as they work tirelessly to neutralize threats posed by groups allegedly backed by Pakistan.

Despite the persistent challenges posed by terrorists, their nefarious designs are unraveling day by day. While the violence inflicts pain and suffering, the relentless efforts of security forces to uphold a robust security grid are proving effective. This unwavering commitment to maintaining peace and stability in the region is gradually turning the tide against those who seek to disrupt it.

TOP PAKISTANI TERRORIST KILLED, FOUR SECURITY PERSONNEL INJURED IN KHANYAR, SRINAGAR

On November 2, 2024, a daylong gunfight in Srinagar culminated in the elimination of a prominent terrorist, Osman alias Chota Waleed, a commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). This operation, which resulted in injuries to four security personnel, showcased the extraordinary courage exhibited by these forces. Acting on specific intelligence regarding Osman's presence, security personnel initiated a cordon and search operation in the densely populated Khanyar area. As they closed in on the terrorist, he opened fire, prompting a fierce exchange of gunfire. Despite being under heavy fire, security forces displayed remarkable valor and professionalism. They engaged the terrorist while ensuring the safety of nearby civilians, evacuating them from harm's way. Osman was affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba and was masking the identity in the face of Pakistan's global scrutiny over its support to terrorism. Since the outfit has been targeting the innocent non-local migrant workers in the Valley.

The residential house where the terrorist was cornered belonged to brother of a deceased Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) suicide bomber. This bomber, Afaaq Shah, was a young class 12 student from Khanyar who infamously detonated a Maruti 800 car at the Badami Bagh cantonment in Srinagar in 2000, marking him as the first local suicide bomber in the three-decade-long insurgency in Kashmir. The significance of this attack resonates deeply, particularly as it occurred just two days before the inaugural session of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and mere hours after terrorists targeted two non-local workers in Budgam. The encounter was first major engagement in Srinagar since April 2022, indicating a renewed intensity in terrorist operations within the capital city.

The bravery exhibited by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir is nothing short of heroic. Their unwavering resolve to confront terrorism and protect innocent lives reflects a deep sense of duty and patriotism. As they continue to face unprecedented challenges amid rising violence—evidenced by recent attacks that have claimed numerous lives—it is crucial to recognize and honor their sacrifices.

According to data from the Jammu and Kashmir police, the last significant gunfight in Srinagar occurred on April 10, 2022, when two terrorist, Muhammad Bhai alias Abu Qasim (also known as Mir Shoaib or Mudassir) and Abu Arsalan alias Khalid or Aadil, were killed in the Bishambar Nagar area; both were linked to high-profile terrorist networks. Earlier, in January 2022, another encounter in the Shalimar area resulted in the deaths of two terrorist: Muhammad Salim Parrey from Hajin Bandipora and Hafiz, a Pakistani national. While Srinagar has experienced several smaller-scale terrorist incidents since then, it had not witnessed any major encounters until recently. Notable events include a grenade attack on January 22, 2023, which injured a civilian named Ajaz Rashid Deva, and an attack on September 18, 2023, where terrorists fired upon a CRPF vehicle escorting a BJP leader in Khanyar without causing injuries. The violence escalated with the fatal shooting of Inspector Masroor Ahmed Wani while he was playing cricket in Eidgah on October 29, 2023. More recently, on February 7, 2024, terrorists targeted and killed two non-local civilians from Punjab in the Shaheed Gunj area of Srinagar. The situation remains fluid, as evidenced by the killing of local terrorist Danish Aijaz Sheikh from Illahi Bagh during an encounter in Frasiyora village in Pulwama district on April 11, 2024, highlighting the evolving landscape of terrorist activity in the region.

In every act of valor, soldiers in uniform remind us that true bravery lies in fighting against terrorism to safeguard the innocent civilian population, whose lives are at risk. Their courage not only safeguards the present but also lays the foundation for a more secure future for generations to come.



TERRORISTS KILL TWO INNOCENT VILLAGE DEFENCE GUARDS IN KISHTAWAR, JAMMU

On Nov 07 2024, On November 7, 2024, the serene landscape of Kishtwar, Jammu was shattered by a tragic act of violence that claimed the lives of two Village Defence Guards (VDGs), Nazir Ahmad and Kuldeep Kumar. These innocent men, who were not just defenders of their village but also fathers, brothers and sons, went to graze their cattle in the Munzla Dhar forest, only to be met with a grim fate at the hands of terrorists. Their families waited in vain for their return, hearts heavy with worry, until the horrifying news of their abduction emerged. The following day, a joint search operation by police and the Army revealed the chilling truth: their bodies were discovered near a rivulet in the Pondgwari area, bearing signs of execution. This brutal act was claimed by terrorist group namely, Kashmir Tigers which is an offshoot of Jaish-e-Mohammad. In a chilling statement, they warned locals against joining VDGs, branding them as tools of the Army. This act of terror not only extinguished two lives but also instilled fear in the hearts of many who dared to stand against such violence.

The aftermath of this tragedy saw widespread condemnation from political leaders. Lieutenant Governor, Mr Manoj Sinha expressed his outrage on social media, vowing to combat terrorism with unwavering resolve. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah echoed these sentiments, urging security forces to address vulnerabilities in counter-terrorism measures. The community erupted in protests, demanding justice and stronger actions against terrorism, as grief transformed into anger on the streets of Kishtwar. This incident starkly illustrates the grim reality of life in Jammu and Kashmir, where pak sponsored terrorism casts a long shadow over everyday existence. The faces of Nazir and Kuldeep now symbolize the countless individuals caught in the crossfire of an enduring conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives over decades. Their deaths are not merely statistics; they represent shattered families and communities left to grapple with loss and fear. As Kashmir continues to be a battleground for different terrorist groups, it is essential to remember that behind every statistic lies a story—a story marked by love, dreams and aspirations that have been cruelly cut short. The chilling face of terrorism is not just in its acts but in its ability to instill fear and disrupt the fabric of society. The people of Kishtwar mourn not only for Nazir and Kuldeep but also for a future where peace remains an elusive dream amidst the harsh realities of terrorist activities. The security forces have been actively engaged in counter-terrorism operations, which have yielded successes, including the neutralization of several high-profile terrorists. Their commitment to safeguarding civilians and restoring order is evident through their relentless pursuit of terrorist networks. Recent operations have not only disrupted planned attacks but also dismantled terror modules that threaten the fabric of society.

Nazir Ahmad and Kuldeep Kumar exemplify true heroism, standing resolutely against terrorism to protect their community and ensure that their fellow citizens can live freely and without fear. Their unwavering commitment to safeguarding their village highlights the courage of individuals who, despite the looming threat of violence, choose to defend their homes and families. In a world often overshadowed by darkness, their sacrifice serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring others to join the fight for peace and security in a region plagued by turmoil.

SUMMARY OF TERRORISTS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2024

There have been **03 human rights violation** committed by terrorists in Kashmir valley in the month of **Nov 2024**. The Kashmir Valley witnessed a troubling surge in human rights violations committed by terrorists, highlighting the ongoing threat to the safety and security of its residents. Three significant incidents underscored this alarming trend: On November 1, two migrant workers were injured in Budgam, marking yet another attack on non-locals who have increasingly become targets in the region. Just days later, on November 2, a top Pakistani terrorist was killed in Khanyar, resulting in injuries to four security personnel, illustrating the perilous nature of counter-terrorism efforts. The situation escalated further on November 7, when terrorists brutally murdered two Village Defence Guards in Kishtawar, underscoring the grave risks faced by those who stand against violence to protect their communities. These incidents collectively reflect a disturbing pattern of violence aimed at undermining the rights and freedoms of individuals within the valley, raising urgent concerns about the safety of both local residents and migrant workers amidst a backdrop of escalating terror activities.

The vigilant security forces in Jammu and Kashmir are tirelessly working around the clock to dismantle various terror networks, including those linked to narco-terrorism. Their relentless efforts have led to significant breakthroughs, as they maintain a close watch on these networks to prevent any resurgence of violence. Recent operations have resulted in the arrest of numerous over-ground workers and terror suspects, showcasing the commitment of security personnel to safeguarding the region. By disrupting logistical and financial support systems for terrorist groups, these forces are not only combating active threats but also addressing the underlying issues that fuel terrorism in the valley. The ongoing crackdown reflects a comprehensive strategy aimed at restoring peace and stability, ensuring that the local populace can live without fear.

Incidents	Civ Deaths	Civ Injured	Police/SF Death	Police/SF Injured
03	02	01	-	04

