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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





ebruary 3, 2025 - In a devastating start to the year, coward terrorists in South Kashmir's Kulgam district brutally gunned down an ex-serviceman and critically injured his innocent wife and 13-year-old niece. This tragic incident marks the first civilian killing in the region this year. The deadly attack occurred at the residence of Manzoor Ahmad Wagay, a former soldier of the Territorial Army, located in Beehibagh, approximately 10 kilometers from the district headquarters. During the harrowing incident, two armed terrorists, disguised in local attire, arrived at Wagay's home and indiscriminately opened fire on his family, leaving a trail of devastation and grief.

During the brutal assault, Manzoor Ahmed Wagay, a 39-year-old former serviceman, valiantly sacrificed his life while attempting to shield his niece from the hail of bullets. His wife, Aaina Akhtar, 32 and niece, Saina Hameed, 13, suffered severe injuries in the attack. Tragically, Wagay sustained multiple bullet wounds while selflessly trying to protect his niece during the ambush. The perpetrators affiliated with the proscribed terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba, (LeT) lay in wait for Wagay and launched a surprise attack upon his return home. Following the assault, all three victims were promptly rushed to a nearby medical facility, but unfortunately, Wagay succumbed to his grave injuries. Following his retirement from the Territorial Army in 2021, Wagay had transitioned to a peaceful life, dedicating himself to livestock rearing, a profession he had grown passionate about after his military service.

The attack comes a little over a month after security forces eliminated five terrorists, including Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) commander Farooq Ahmed Bhat, in the same area. Frustrated by their inability to engage security forces, the terrorists cowardly attacked a vulnerable, innocent and unarmed Kashmiri family, demonstrating a callous disregard for human life and stark power imbalance. "The cowardly act of terror on unarmed citizens was perpetrated by the inimical elements who do not want peace and prosperity, which defines Kashmir of today, to flourish. In this dastardly act of terror even the innocent woman and child were not spared," the Army said. The incident has sparked widespread condemnation. Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed his grief, stating, "I am deeply saddened by the tragic killing of ex-serviceman Manzoor Ahmad Wagay. My heartfelt condolences to his family, and prayers for the swift recovery of his injured wife and niece. Such heinous violence has no place in our society and must be condemned in the strongest terms." Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Mr Manoj Sinha also condemned the attack, vowing justice for the perpetrators and ensuring the best possible medical treatment for the injured. Other political figures, including Mehbooba Mufti, Altaf Bukhari and M Y Tarigami, have also expressed their condolences and condemned the attack.

Even as terrorists strike at vulnerable families, our security forces stand firm, unyielding in their dedication to upholding justice. Inspired by the sacrifice of those like Manzoor Ahmad Wagay, they renew their efforts to eliminate the threat and safeguard the lives of all Kashmiris.



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In response to the attack, security forces launched a comprehensive cordon and search operation in the surrounding areas to identify and apprehend those responsible. The operation involves multiple units, including the Army, local police and intelligence agencies, working in coordination to track down the perpetrators. The use of sniffer dogs and specialized equipment is aiding in the search for additional IEDs and potential hideouts used by the terrorists. This incident comes amidst a period of heightened tensions in the region, with security forces intensifying their efforts to counter infiltration attempts and disrupt terrorist networks. The Akhnoor sector, which borders Pakistan, has long been a strategic area of concern due to its proximity to known terrorist launchpads.

The deaths of Captain Karamjit Singh Bakshi and Naik Mukesh have drawn strong condemnations from political leaders and military officials. Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva of the White Knight Corps honored their 'Supreme Sacrifice,' while security agencies intensified counterterrorism operations across eight Jammu districts. Authorities emphasize community-driven security measures, urging residents to report suspicious activities through strengthened Village Defence Group patrols and enhanced intelligence-sharing networks. This strategy aligns with the Home Ministry's directive for 'Complete Area Domination' through combined military-civilian efforts. Security forces demonstrate relentless resolve through simultaneous operations in challenging terrains, employing drone surveillance and specialized mountain warfare units. The Army's recent induction of additional troops and sophisticated detection systems reflects an adaptive counterinsurgency approach targeting Pakistan-backed terrorist groups. These efforts underscore country's strategic commitment to dismantling cross-border terror infrastructure while addressing regional security through political empowerment. As Home Minister Amit Shah's 2025 security roadmap progresses, the operational synergy between armed forces, intelligence agencies and local communities continues to disrupt terrorist networks – preserving Jammu and Kashmir's stability against foreign-sponsored subversion.

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ARMY VEHICLE ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS IN SUNDERBANI, RAJOURI

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SUMMARY OF TERRORISTS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025

There have been 03 human rights violation committed by terrorists in Kashmir valley in the months of **Jan and Feb 2025**. Following a brief lull during the winter months of December and January, the region experienced a fresh wave of terror, leaving devastation and heartbreak in its wake. Recent weeks have seen attacks, foiled plots, and tragic losses, testing the mettle of security forces, the resilience of the local population and the fabric of society. The targeted killing incidents have resulted in martyrdom of two brave soldiers and one innocent civilian, injuring six others. Although the Kashmir valley has borne the brunt of terrorism, the epicenter of terror has shifted to Jammu. This report pays tribute to the courage and valor of the security forces, acknowledges the unyielding spirit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and serves as a call to action against the forces of terror that seek to destroy peace and harmony.

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



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