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NAGALAND TO BE 'DISTURBED AREA' FOR SIX MORE MONTHS

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NEW DELHI: The central government declared whole of Nagaland as "disturbed area" for six more months, till June, under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) citing prevailing law and order conditions in the state. The development comes ahead of the state assembly elections supposed to be held in February.

In a notification, the Union home ministry said it was of the opinion that the area comprising the whole of Nagaland is in such a "disturbed and dangerous condition" that use of armed forces in aid of the civil power is necessary. "Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (No. 28 of 1958), the central government hereby declares that whole of the said state to be a disturbed area for a period of six months with effect from December 30, 2017 for the purpose of that Act," the notification reads.

Sources in the Election Commission told HT that the development will have no bearing on the polling process and is limited to functioning of the armed forces in Nagaland.

The AFSPA has been in force in Nagaland for several decades. It has not been withdrawn even after a framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015 by Naga insurgent group NSCN-IM general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah and the government's interlocutor RN Ravi in presence of PM Narendra Modi. The agreement came after over 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 18 years with the first breakthrough in 1997 when the cease-fire agreement was sealed.

With agency inputs

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BSF steps up patrol to stop further influx

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New Delhi: The Border Security Force (BSF) is making efforts to stop further illegal Bangladeshi immigrants and Rohingya refugees from entering India. The force has come up with a plan to install underwater sensor along the 1,116-km riverine border that has become the focal point of vigil.

The force is also procuring underwater remote-operated vehicles and tracing routes taken by human traffickers to push illegal immigrants.

India and Bangladesh have a 2,979 km of land border and 1,116 km of riverine boundary. They also share 54 common rivers, including the Brahmaputra. The 4,096 km border with Bangladesh runs along West Bengal (2,216.7 km), Assam (263 km), Meghalaya (443 km), Tripura (856 km) and Mizoram (318 km).

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पाकिस्तान में आतंकवादी हाफिज के संगठन पर बैन

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की लताड़ के बाद पाकिस्तान आनन-फानन में आतंकियों संगठनों पर शिकंजा कसने में जुट गया है। 26/11 मुंबई हमले के मास्टरमाइंड हाफिज सईद पर शिकंजा कसते हुए पाकिस्तान ने जमात-उद-दावा पर विदेशी फंड लेने पर बैन लगा दिया है। इसके अलावा तीन और संगठनों पर भी कार्रवाई की गई है। ट्रंप की इस सख्ती से पाकिस्तान परेशान हो गया। देर शाम पाक पीएम शाहिद खाकाना अब्बासी की अगुवाई में आपात बैठक हुई, जिसके बाद पाकिस्तान ने जमात-उद-दावा की फंडिंग पर रोक लगाने का ऐलान कर दिया। इस वक्त पाकिस्तान बुरी तरह से घबरा गया है और अमेरिका को दिखाने आनन-फानन में हाफिज सईद के खिलाफ ये कार्रवाई की है। हाफिज सईद नजरबंदी से रिहा होने के बाद आम चुनावों में उतरने की तैयारी में है। इससे पहले सोमवार दिन में अमेरिकी दबाव के बाद पाकिस्तान सरकार ने कहा कि वो हाफिज के संगठन जमात-उद-दावा और फलाह-ए-इंसानियत फाउंडेशन को अपने नियंत्रण में लेने वाली है। पाकिस्तानी वित्त मंत्रालय ने कानून मंत्रालय और सभी पांच प्रांतों की सरकारों को इस बारे में विस्तृत योजना बनाने को कहा है।



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India, Pak exchange nuclear installations list

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INDIA AND Pakistan on Monday exchanged, through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad, the list of nuclear installations and facilities under a three-decade-old bilateral pact.

According to an External Affairs Ministry release, the two sides exchanged the list under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations between India and Pakistan.

The agreement, which was signed on December 31, 1988, and came into force on January 27, 1991, provides that the two countries inform each other of nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under the pact on the first of January of every calendar year.

This is the 27th consecutive exchange of such a list between the two countries, the first one having taken place on January 1, 1992.

CRPF: Prior info helped in containing militants

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 1

Claiming that they had "anticipated" an attack on the Lethpora camp, a senior-most officer of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in J&K today said it was because of the prior information that the militants were not able to penetrate deep into the campus and were cornered in a building.

While the combing operation on the 160-acre Lethpora campus in south Kashmir's Pulwama is still underway, the 37-hour gunfight at the CRPF camp ended on Monday with the killing of a third militant, who appears to be a foreigner. Four CRPF men were killed in the gunfight on Sunday and an officer died due to a cardiac arrest after a group of fidayeen, including two locals, stormed the camp.

"We knew that this (CRPF camp) would be a probable target. The night the attack took place, the entire campus was on a high alert. A large number of people were on duty and there were patrolling parties. Even the



Special Director General, CRPF, SN Srivastava addresses a press conference in Srinagar on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: AMIN WAR

in charge of the battalion was on duty and patrolling. As soon as they managed to get in, they were challenged. It was because of the alertness and professionalism shown by the unit that the militants got limited to only one or two buildings," Special Director General (DG), CRPF, SN Srivastava told reporters in Srinagar while briefing about the operation.

The CRPF DG said his men fought bravely and showed a high degree of professionalism and finally all three militants were killed.

Srivastava denied there was any security lapse as militants were not able to come deep inside the campus. He said the security of the camp had already been upgraded and security review of the installation was a regular process.

"Security review is an ongoing process and we do upgrade as per requirement," he said. Srivastava said the search operation was continuing on the campus.

"Since this is a big campus, search operation is still going on," he said.

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Envoy to China, Gokhale is new foreign secretary

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New Delhi: Senior diplomat Vijay Keshav Gokhale, who played a critical role in resolving the Doklam crisis as he was India's Ambassador in Beijing has been appointed the new foreign secretary. He will have a two-year fixed term, succeeding S Jaishankar who completes his tenure on January 28. Gokhale is a 1981 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) is at present secretary (economic relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Jaishankar was given a one year extension last year that ends January 29 after serving for two years. His extension meant that several senior IFS officers were superseded and created a lot of resentment in the Ministry of External Affairs. There was speculation about Jaishankar getting another extension but with Gokhale's appointment that has been put to rest.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Gokhale's appointment to the post, said the or-



Vijay Gokhale was instrumental in ending Doklam standoff— File photo

DOKLAM STANDOFF

■ The 74-day standoff was triggered in mid June as Indian troops stooped the Chinese from building a road in the region which is disputed between China and Bhutan.

■ The standoff ended with India ensuring that China stopped the road construction.

der issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Gokhale, while serving as India's Ambassador in China during the Doklam standoff was entrusted the responsi-

bility of negotiating at the diplomatic level. He was constantly interacting with Chinese officials on the subject.

He has also served as Indian Ambassador in Germany. The 74-day standoff was triggered in mid June as Indian troops stooped the Chinese from building a road in the region which is disputed between China and Bhutan. India's stand was that China getting access to the region would give them direct access to the Siliguri corridor. This would give China strategic advantage and had to be stopped as it also would violate change status quo violating agreements between the three countries.



The Ghatak troops of a Rajput regiment unit were involved in the cross-border raid in the last week of 2017 where they crossed over and killed four Pakistani troops avenging the death of their colleagues.

By Manjeet Negi in Poonch

HAVING successfully carried out a cross-border raid in the Poonch sector, the Indian Army is preparing its 'Ghatak' troops for tackling any localised action along the Line of Control with Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"The Ghatak troops are the best men from the whole unit and are evaluated on their skills and only then inducted in the crack team. They are being trained to carry out any type of special operation to tackle any local situation along the LoC," sources in the Army told INDIA TODAY.

The Ghatak troops of a Rajput regiment unit were involved in the cross-border raid conducted by the army in the last week of 2017 where they crossed over and killed four Pakistani troops avenging the death of their colleagues.

The Janta Totter team was in Poonch border near the location where the action took place.

The Ghatak teams are deliberately kept very small as they have around five to six soldiers, who are the fittest and best of the 800 troops in any battalion, and are provided the best of equipment for carrying out operations at a very short notice, the sources said.

Crushing enemy's morale is their aim

"The aim of these guys is to cause maximum damage in minimum time and also ensure that they return successfully from their operational tasks without getting trapped in the mines and improvised explosive devices planted by the enemy forces," the sources said.

A major-rank officer deployed along the LoC for the last two years said the orders from the army headquarters are very clear—to maintain peace along the LoC, but if the enemy troops kill one of our fellows, the revenge has to be bigger to crush the enemy's morale.

The troops of the Ghatak team are equipped with AK-47 rifles and mortars.

To avenge the death of four soldiers, who were killed by Pakistanis in Keri sector a small team of

infantry battalion deployed in the Poonch sector crossed over into PoK and placed improvised explosive devices for the enemy troops coming to patrol in the area.

After waiting for some time, the Pakistani troops walking in the area triggered a massive IED explosion.

Waiting for the Pakistanis to fall into their trap, the commandos opened a barrage of fire, which resulted in the instant death of

three Pakistani personnel of 55 Baluch regiment, while another died because of injuries, the sources said.

The Pakistani fatalities include one major-rank officer and three soldiers named Sajjad, Abdul Rehman and Mohammad Usman, they added. The operation came over a year after India's Para Special Forces had crossed over into PoK to destroy terrorist launch pads.



Ghatak teams are deliberately kept short-staffed to ensure efficiency in carrying out ops

Army ready for cross-border 'Ghatak' strikes

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— SOURCES IN THE ARMY

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भारत-पाक ने साझा की परमाणु केंद्रों, कैदियों की सूची

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भारत और पाकिस्तान ने परस्पर भरोसा बढ़ाने के दो अहम कदमों के तहत एक-दूसरे के परमाणु केंद्रों की सूची सीपी और एक-दूसरे की जेलों में कैदियों की सूची का भी आदान-प्रदान किया, लेकिन इसके साथ ही भारत ने पाकिस्तान से अपना पुराना आरोप दुहराया है कि पाकिस्तान की जेल में कैद कुलभूषण जाधव और हमिद नेहाल अंसारी से राजनयिक सम्पर्क करने की अनुमति दी जाए।

दोनों देश 1992 में एक समझौते के तहत हर साल एक जनवरी को एक-दूसरे के यहां मौजूद परमाणु केंद्रों की सूची सीपी रहे हैं और 2008 से दोनों देशों ने एक-दूसरे के यहां कैदियों की सूची हर उह माह पर सीपी शुरू की। दोनों देशों ने

■ 457 भारतीय कैद है पाकिस्तान की जेलों में

ने सूचियां इस्लामाबाद और नई दिल्ली में राजनयिक माध्यम से सीपी। यहां विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता रवीश कुमार ने बताया कि दोनों देशों ने 1988 में एक-दूसरे के परमाणु केंद्रों पर हमला न करने का समझौता किया था। इस समझौते के तहत दोनों देश अपने परमाणु केंद्रों की स्थिति की जानकारी नवीनतम सूची के साथ सीपी हैं।

सोमवार को दोनों देशों ने लगातार 27वें साल एक-दूसरे के परमाणु केंद्रों की सूची सीपी। 2008 में दोनों देशों ने एक-दूसरे के यहां कैदियों की राजनयिक सम्पर्क करने देने पर भी सहमति दी थी। कैदियों की सूची



में मछुआरे और नागरिक केंद्र शामिल हैं। प्रवक्ता ने कहा कि भारत एक-दूसरे के नागरिक कैदियों और मछुआरों के मानवीय मामलों के जल्द हल के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

पाकिस्तान को सीपी गई ताजा सूची में 250 नागरिक कैदी और 94 मछुआरे शामिल हैं। इसके साथ ही भारत ने उन 54 पाकिस्तानी कैदियों और चार मछुआरों की सूची भी सीपी जिन्होंने भारतीय जेलों में अपनी सजा पूरी कर ली है लेकिन पाकिस्तान

ने उनको पाकिस्तानी नागरिकता की अब तक पुष्टि नहीं की है। इसके साथ ही इसने नाम के एक किशोर की नागरिकता की पहचान पाकिस्तान द्वारा किये जाने पर उसे पाकिस्तान को सीपी जा रहा है।

दूसरी ओर पाकिस्तान ने 58 नागरिक कैदियों और 399 मछुआरों की सूची भारत को सीपी है जो भारतीय समझे जाते हैं। सरकार ने पाकिस्तान से जोर देकर कहा है कि नागरिक कैदियों, लापता भारतीय सैनिक कैदियों और मछुआरों को उनकी नीकाओं के साथ जल्द वापस करें। हमिद नेहाल अंसारी 2012 में एक पाकिस्तानी लड़की से ऑनलाइन दोस्ती होने के बाद उससे मिलने अफगानिस्तान के रास्ते पाकिस्तान चला गया था।

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माइनस 6 डिग्री तापमान में गृह मंत्री ने चीन सीमा पर जवानों के साथ मनाया नववर्ष, कहा, हाई एल्टीट्यूड पर तीन माह नहीं गुजारेंगे जवान
अत्यधिक ऊंचाई वाले इलाकों में जवानों की तैनाती अवधि होगी कम

जागरण संवाददाता उत्तरकाशी बर्फलेले जवाओं के बीच भारत-चीन सीमा पर स्थित नेलांग चौकी पर तैनात सिपायियों के होमले को देख गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने कहा 'आपके जन्मे से ही सीमाएं सुरक्षित हैं। हमें आप पर गर्व है।' नववर्ष मनाने पहुंचे राजनाथ भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस (आइटीबीपी) के जवानों को सौदात देना भी नहीं भूले। उन्होंने कहा कि अब 11 हजार अथवा इससे अधिक ऊंचाई (हाई एल्टीट्यूड) पर तैनात जवानों को यहां तीन माह की अवधि नहीं गुजारनी होगी। इस अवधि को कम किया जा रहा है। हालांकि, यह कितनी होगी, अभी नहीं कहा जा सकता।



उत्तरकाशी के नेलांग में सीमावर्ती आइटीबीपी के जवानों से मिलकर उत्साह बढ़ाते कैदीय गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह • पेट

कहा, सेना, अर्द्धसैनिक, पुलिस बल एवं अन्य सुरक्षाकर्मियों के करण देश में शांति एवं सुरक्षा का माहौल कायम है। सभी बलदुर जवानों एवं अधिकारियों को भी नववर्ष की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं देता हूं। नेलांग में तैनात 12वां वाहिनी आइटीबीपी के सहायक सेनानी सुमित और निरीक्षक रजनीकांत से घाटी में पल-पल बदलते मौसम के बारे में जानकारी ली तो द्वितीय कमान अधिकारी धर्मपाल सिंह रावत से अन्य चौकियों के बारे में जानकारी ली।

गृह मंत्री ने चौकी में जवानों के रहने-खाने की व्यवस्था का निरीक्षण किया। जवानों द्वारा तैयार वाटिका से अभिभूत राजनाथ ने कहा कि 'अपनी मेहनत से आपने बर्फलेले बियाबान में भी नखलिस्तान बना डाला।' बाद में जवानों के साथ उन्होंने जलपान भी किया। करीब डेढ़ घंटा चित्ताने के बाद वह दिल्ली के लिए रवाना हो गए।

नौ हजार फीट की तैनाती पर मिलेंगे लाइट वेट ब्लोय

राजनाथ ने एलान किया कि अब नौ हजार फीट की ऊंचाई पर तैनात जवानों को भी लाइट वेट ब्लोय (बर्फ में पड़ने जाने वाले हल्के वजन के गर्म कपड़े) दिए जाएंगे। अब तक ये कपड़े 14 हजार फीट की ऊंचाई पर तैनात जवानों को ही दिए जाते हैं।

शरीर यहां है, मन पुलवामा में

गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने कहा कि रविवार को पुलवामा में सीआरपीएफ कैप पर आतंकी हमले में पांच जवान शहीद हुए हैं। संवेदना प्रकट करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि शरीर यहां है, लेकिन मन पुलवामा में है।

रविवार को उत्तरकाशी के पास आइटीबीपी के मातली शिबिर में जवानों के साथ पुराने साल को विदाई देकर सोमवार सुबह गृह मंत्री सीमा पर स्थित अग्रिम चौकी नेलांग के लिए रवाना हुए। निर्धारित समय आठ बजे की बजाय साढ़े

नौ बजे उनके हेलीकॉप्टर ने उड़ान भरी। इससे पहले मौसम के मद्देनजर हालात का जाबजा लेने एक हेलीकॉप्टर नेलांग भेजा गया। दरअसल इन दिनों नेलांग में अधिकतम तापमान शून्य से एक डिग्री

कम और न्यूनतम माइनस 15 डिग्री सेल्सियस के करीब है। आइटीबीपी के एडजुटेंट प्रदीप गुल्लरिया ने बताया कि करीब 45 मिनट की उड़ान के बाद सवा दस बजे जब राजनाथ नेलांग पहुंचे तो

वहां तापमान माइनस छह डिग्री सेल्सियस था। खून जमाने वाली ठंड में चौकी के सौ जवानों ने गृह मंत्री का गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया। उन्होंने जवानों को नववर्ष की शुभकामनाएं दीं और हालचाल जाना।

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36 घंटे के अभियान में सभी आतंकी ढेर

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जम्मू-कश्मीर के पुलवामा जिले में सीआरपीएफ के एक शिविर पर हमले में शामिल तीसरे आतंकी का शव सुरक्षाबलों ने बरामद कर लिया। इसके साथ ही सुरक्षाबलों का जवाबी तलाशी अभियान बीसवार को करीब 36 घंटे बाद खत्म हो गया। दो आतंकीयों के शव सुरक्षाबलों ने रविवार को ही बरामद कर लिए थे।

पुलिस महानिदेशक एसपी वैद्य ने बताया कि पुलवामा जिले के लेखपुरा में रविवार लड़के आतंकवादियों ने

हमले का जवाब

- हमले में शामिल तीसरे आतंकी का शव सुरक्षाबलों ने बरामद किया
- आतंकी संगठन जैश-ए-मोहम्मद ने हमले की जिम्मेदारी ली थी

अर्द्धसैनिक बल के शिविर पर हमला कर दिया था, जिसमें सीआरपीएफ के पांच जवान शहीद हो गए थे जबकि तीन अन्य घायल हो गए थे।

पाकिस्तान के आतंकी संगठन जैश-ए-मोहम्मद ने इस हमले की जिम्मेदारी ली थी। पुलिस के मुताबिक, जिन दो

आतंकवादियों के शव रविवार को बरामद किए गए थे, उनकी पहचान मंगूर अहमद बाबा और फादीन अहमद खान के रूप में हुई थी। फरदीन एक पुलिसकर्मी का पुत्र है। तीसरे आतंकवादी की अभी पहचान नहीं हो सकी है।

दक्षिण कश्मीर में सुरक्षा कार्रवाई में रेल सेवारत निलंबित - दक्षिण कश्मीर के पुलवामा में रविवार को सुरक्षाबलों और आतंकवादी संगठन जैश-ए-मोहम्मद के बीच मुठभेड़ में दो स्थानीय आतंकियों के मारे जाने के बाद सेमवार को रेल बर्ष के पहले दिन घाटी में सुरक्षा कारणों से रेल सेवारत निलंबित कर दी गई है।



पुलवामा में सीआरपीएफ कैम्प पर हमले के बाद सेमवार को तलाशी अभियान में जुटे सुरक्षाबल के जवान। • एपीएफ/एजेण्टी

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उत्तरकाशी में सोमवार को चीन सीमा पर स्थित चौकी पर आईटीबीपी जवानों का हौसला बढ़ाते गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह। • प्रेर

New rules for top jobs set to alter army's hierarchy

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NEW DELHI: Two senior generals will be the first army officers to benefit from a key amendment last month to the force's rules governing the appointment of army commanders, a person familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The lieutenant generals will now be eligible to take over the reins of two of the army's seven commands sometime this year. What has thrust them into the reckoning for these top jobs is a change in the residual service clause for appointment as army commanders.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, identified the two lieutenant generals as Ranbir Singh and Rajeshwar Singh. Until the rules were changed in December-end, only those lieutenant generals who had 24 months of service left could be considered for the post of army commander.

However, the new rules have now reduced the required residual service from 24 months to 18 months—a move that is likely to change the complexion of the

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army's top hierarchy in the coming years, the person added.

"The two generals will be the immediate beneficiaries of the change in rules. The army will now have a larger talent pool to pick from while making top appointments," a senior officer said. If the rules had not been altered, the generals (and other similarly placed officers) would have had to settle for other senior appointments such as principal staff officers to the army chief or heads of arms in the army headquarters, the officer added on condition of anonymity.

While serving in the military operations directorate, which he also headed, Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh was deeply involved in the planning and execution of the 2016 surgical strikes against terror pads in Pakistan-

occupied Kashmir and the 2015 targeted operations against militant shelters in Myanmar.

Ranbir Singh has just finished his tenure as the general officer commanding of a strike corps based in Mathura and could be appointed army commander when a vacancy arises in May-June, this person said. Rajeshwar Singh is posted in the Army HQ. "Many officers lost out on becoming army commanders as age was not on their side. This won't be the case any longer," said a senior army officer who asked not to be identified.

The army has, however, chosen not to amend guidelines governing the appointment of corps commanders (also lieutenant generals) who can go to become army commanders. To be eligible for the rank of corps commander, an officer has to have residual service of 36 months. For appointments equivalent to army commander in the air force and the navy, officers need to have residual service of only 12 months.

The army is also making efforts to stabilise the tenure of corps commanders and division commanders (major generals) by increasing it from 12 to 18 months.

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457 Indians in Pakistani jails

Both countries exchange lists of prisoners, nuclear installations

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Prioritising humanitarian issues, India and Pakistan on Sunday exchanged lists of civilian prisoners in each other's custody, beginning the process of their release soon.

The swap of lists came even as both sides completed the annual exchange of lists of nuclear installations under a 30-year agreement.

"Lists of 250 civilian prisoners and 94 fishermen were handed over to Pakistan. Further, lists of 54 Pakistani civilian prisoners and four fishermen who have completed their sentence and whose nationality confirmation is awaited from Pakistan were also given," the External Affairs Ministry said in a press release.

A differently abled minor, Hasnain, was repatriated to



Back home: Indian fishermen released by Pakistan wait for buses after crossing the border at Wagah last week. • PTI

Pakistan through the Wagah border. The boy inadvertently crossed into Indian territory in May 2017.

399 fishermen

Pakistan has shared a list of 58 civilians and 399 fishermen.

The humanitarian gesture came days after the govern-

ment informed Parliament that negative bilateral ties between India and Pakistan "impinge" on the release of the large number of fishermen languishing in each other's prisons.

"Even in the absence of a structured bilateral dialogue, both sides have released fishermen. In 2017,

we have successfully secured the release and repatriation of 363 Indian fishermen, including 245 Indian fishermen who have been repatriated in the past six months," Gen. (retd) V.K. Singh told the Rajya Sabha.

The External Affairs Ministry, however, reminded Pakistan that Islamabad needed to grant consular access to some Indian prisoners, including Kulbhushan Jadhav and Hamid Nehal Ansari.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry in Islamabad said Pakistan would release 146 fishermen on January 8.

Pakistan communicated its disappointment over India not issuing visas to 192 Pakistanis for attending the festival of the shrine of Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi held from January 1 to 8.

Death sought for Khaleda's son for 'kill Hasina' plot

Dhaka, Jan. 1: Bangladesh prosecutors on Monday demanded the death sentence for the son of Opposition leader Khaleda Zia for his alleged role in a deadly 2004 grenade attack in which current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was injured.

More than 20 people were killed in the assault on a rally led by Hasina when she was in Opposition and Mrs Zia was in power.

Ms Zia's son Tarique Rahman, who lives in exile in London, says the criminal conspiracy case against him is part of a political witch-hunt. Ms Zia and Hasina have been arch-rivals for three decades, during which they have alternated in power.

With the marathon trial nearing a close, prosecutors on Monday sought death sentences for Rahman and 48 others, including the then-home minister and the chiefs of major intelligence agencies.

Chief prosecutor Syed Rezaur Rahman told AFP that meetings to plan the attack were held at Tarique Rahman's office in Bangladesh Nationalist Party headquarters. "He assured all sorts of administrative and monetary help to the killers."

The prosecutor, summarising his speech to the court, said a brother of a minister in Ms Zia's administration who fled to Pakistan had distributed the grenades to the killers.

He said the aim had been to kill Ms Hasina and leaders of her Awami League



Tarique Rahman

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More than 10 grenades were thrown into the rally of thousands of Ms Hasina followers in the Bangladesh capital on August 21, 2004. Hasina was among hundreds injured.

Ms Khaleda's government initially blamed a street hawker for the attack.

Ms Zia, a two-time prime minister, also faces charges related to violence and corruption. Her trial on two graft charges is expected to end this month.

—AFP

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BANGLA TO BUILD 2 NEW AIR BASES

Dhaka: Bangladesh will build two new air bases to strengthen its Air Force, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced.

The two new air bases will be set up in Barisal and Sylhet.

"In terms of technology and strategy, Bangladesh Air Force will be established as a most modern, professional and all-round air force at home and abroad soon," Hasina said yesterday.

"I believe that these activities will further strengthen the force and increase its capability," she was quoted as saying by the *Dhaka Tribune*. The Prime Minister was addressing the President Parade of the 74

Bangladesh Air Force Academy (BAFA) Course and Direct Entry 2017 Course of Bangladesh Air Force Officer at BAF Academy Parade Ground in Jessore. Multirole combat aircraft, modern basic training helicopters, jet trainer aircraft, simulators, unmanned aerial vehicle systems, long and short range air defence RADAR and medium range surface to air missiles will be added to the air force, she said.

"Besides, the organogram of the air bases and headquarters was approved," she said. Earlier, the premier reviewed the parade and handed out trophies, certificates and flying badges among the flight cadets. Speaking on the occasion, Ms Hasina asked the Bangladesh Air Force members to be ready to play a role in any need of the country alongside safeguarding Bangladesh's independence and sovereignty.

— PTI

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TODAY in

HISTORY

Today is Tuesday,
January 2, the
first day of 2018.
There are 363 days
left in the year.



- 1777 American Revolutionary War: American forces under the command of George Washington repulsed a British attack at the Battle of the Assunpink Creek near Trenton, New Jersey.
- 1788 Georgia becomes the fourth state to ratify the United States Constitution.
- 1791 Big Bottom massacre in the Ohio Country, marking the beginning of the Northwest Indian War.
- 1818 The British Institution of Civil Engineers is founded.
- 1833 Reassertion of British sovereignty over the Falkland Islands.
- 1890 The discovery of the planet Vulcan is announced at a meeting of the French Academy of Sciences in Paris, France.
- 1863 American Civil War: The Battle of Stones River (alias Battle of Murfreesboro) resumes in central Tennessee after a day's respite, resulting in a significant Union victory.
- 1865 Uruguayan War: The Siege of Paysandu ends as Brazilian and Coloradans capture Paysandu, Uruguay.



- 1900 American statesman and diplomat John Hay announces the Open Door Policy to promote trade with China.
- 1905 Russo-Japanese War: The Russian garrison surrenders at Port Arthur, China.
- 1941 World War II: German bombing severely damages the Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom.
- 1942 The Federal Bureau of Investigation convicts 33 members of a German spy ring headed by Fritz Jolbert Duquesne in the largest espionage case in United States history — the Duquesne Spy Ring.
- 1945 World War II: Nuremberg, Germany is severely bombed by Allied forces.



- 1974 United States President Richard Nixon signs a bill lowering the maximum US speed limit to 55 MPH in order to conserve gasoline during an OPEC embargo.
- 1981 One of the largest investigations by a British police force ends when serial killer Peter Sutcliffe, the "Yorkshire Ripper", is arrested in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
- 1992 Leaders of armed opposition declare the President Zviad Gamsakhurdia deposed during a military coup in Georgia.
- 1993 Sri Lankan Civil War: The Sri Lanka Navy kill 35-100 civilians on the Jaffna Lagoon.
- 1999 A brutal snowstorm smashes into the Midwestern United States, causing 359 mm of snow in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and 19 487 mm in Chicago, where temperatures plunge to -13°F. Sixty-eight deaths are reported.
- 2006 An explosion in a coal mine in Sago, West Virginia traps and kills 12 miners.

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अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने कहा, पाकिस्तान उन आतंकियों को पाल रहा है जिन्हें हम अफगानिस्तान में ढूंढ़ रहे

पाक को मदद देना मूर्खता : ट्रंप

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अमेरिका ने असें से दोस्त रहे पाकिस्तान पर नए साल की शुरुआत में जबरदस्त हमला बोला। पाकिस्तान को घोखेबाज और झूठा बताते हुए अमेरिका ने कहा कि अब उसकी ओर से इस्लामाबाद को कोई मदद नहीं मिलेगी।

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने सोमवार को ट्वीट में कहा, पिछले 15 साल से पाकिस्तान अमेरिका को बेवकूफ बनाकर 33 अरब डॉलर की सहायता हासिल कर चुका है। इसके बदले उसने घोखे और झूठ के सिवाय कुछ नहीं दिया। ट्रंप ने कहा, पाकिस्तान हमारे नेताओं को बेवकूफ समझता है।

ट्रंप ने नए वर्ष के अपने पहले ट्वीट में कहा, पाकिस्तान ने उन आतंकवादियों को सुरक्षित पनाहगाह मुहैया करा रखी है, जिनकी हम अफगानिस्तान में तलाश

करते रहे हैं। जबकि अफगानिस्तान को थोड़ी मदद ही दी जाती है। इसको अब और बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा।

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति की ओर से पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ यह अब तक की सबसे तीखी टिप्पणी है। यह टिप्पणी ऐसे समय की गई है, जिससे कुछ दिन पहले 'न्यूयॉर्क टाइम्स' ने एक रिपोर्ट में कहा था कि अमेरिका आतंकवाद के खिलाफ संघर्ष में पाकिस्तान की अनिच्छा से असंतुष्ट है। इसलिए वह पाकिस्तान को दी जाने वाली 22.5 करोड़ डॉलर सहायता रोकने पर विचार कर रहा है।

सुरक्षा रणनीति में सख्ती का नतीजा : ट्रंप प्रशासन की ओर से राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा रणनीति का एलान करने के बाद से वाशिंगटन और इस्लामाबाद के बीच तनाव गहराने लगा था। ट्रंप की घोषणा को उस तनाव की परिणति माना जा सकता है।

➤ हाफिज पर शिकंजा पेज 13



“पाकिस्तान ने अरबों डॉलर की मदद के बदले सिर्फ घोखा दिया। उसने आतंकियों को सुरक्षित पनाहगाह मुहैया कराई।

—डोनाल्ड ट्रंप, राष्ट्रपति, अमेरिका

दुनिया को सच्चाई बताएंगे : पाक

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अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के कड़े प्रहार पर बौखलाये पाकिस्तान ने पलटवार किया है। पाकिस्तान ने कहा है कि हम इसका जवाब देंगे और दुनिया को सच्चाई बताएंगे।

पाकिस्तान के विदेश मंत्री ख्वाजा मोहम्मद आसिफ ने भी ट्वीट कर ट्रंप को

जवाब दिया है। एक पाकिस्तानी मीडिया ने बताया कि ट्रंप द्वारा यह टिप्पणी करने के कुछ ही समय बाद पाकिस्तान के विदेश मंत्री ख्वाजा आसिफ ने प्रधानमंत्री शहید खानान अब्बासी से मुलाकात की। पाकिस्तान के एक निजी टीवी चैनल के अनुसार, 'बैठक में ट्रंप के बयान की समीक्षा की गई। दोनों नेताओं ने देश की विदेश नीति पर चर्चा की।'

“इशाल्लाह... दुनिया को सच का पता चलना चाहिए। तथ्य और कल्पनाओं का अंतर लोगों को मालूम होना चाहिए।

—ख्वाजा आसिफ, विदेश मंत्री, पाकिस्तान

अरबों की मदद

अमेरिका ने पाकिस्तान को 15 साल की अवधि में आतंक से लड़ने के लिए सहायता के रूप में अब तक 33 अरब डॉलर की मदद की है।

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स्पेशल सेल ने गुप्त सूचना पर विकासपुरी से पकड़ा, दोनों से पुलिस पूछताछ कर रही

15 करोड़ की हेरोइन के साथ दो धरे

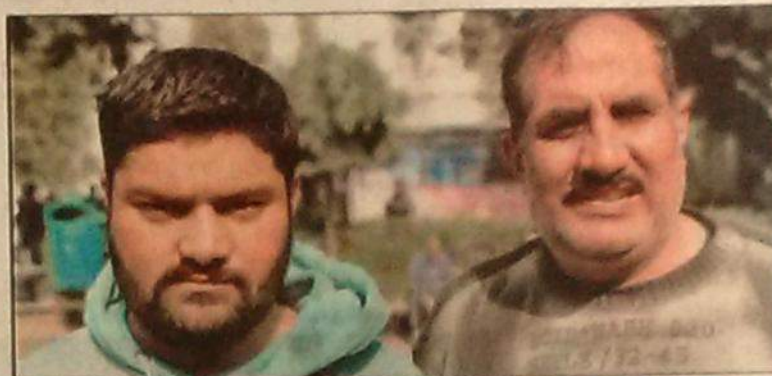
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नई दिल्ली | प्रमुख संवाददाता

राजधानी से हेरोइन पंजाब में सप्लाई करने वाले गिरोह के दो सदस्यों को स्पेशल सेल ने 27 दिसंबर को विकासपुरी से गिरफ्तार किया है। आरोपियों से 3.5 किलो हेरोइन बरामद हुई है, जिसकी अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कीमत 15 करोड़ रुपये है। गिरफ्तार रवि शंकर को एनडीपीएस के दो मामलों में 20 साल की सजा हो चुकी है। वह एक साल में 50 किलो से ज्यादा हेरोइन पंजाब में खपा चुका है।

पुलिस उपायुक्त प्रमोद सिंह कुशवाहा के अनुसार, मादक पदार्थों को लेकर स्पेशल सेल के एसीपी अतारसिंह की टीम जांच कर रही थी। इस दौरान पुलिस को पता चला कि विदेश से हेरोइन लाकर उसे दिल्ली, यूपी, पंजाब और हरियाणा में बेचा जा रहा है। लगभग तीन माह तक इस सूचना पर पुलिस ने जांच की।

27 दिसंबर को स्पेशल सेल को सूचना मिली कि पंजाब निवासी रविशंकर और विकास ने एक अफ्रीकन नागरिक से दिल्ली में हेरोइन खरीदी है। दोनों दोपहर में विकासपुरी स्थित महावीर नगर के पास



विकासपुरी से गिरफ्तार ड्रग्स तस्करी के दोनों आरोपियों को सोमवार को पुलिस मुख्यालय में पत्रकार वार्ता में पेश किया गया। • हिन्दुस्तान

आईजीआई पर ड्रग्स तस्करी के सबसे ज्यादा मामले पकड़े

देशभर के हवाईअड्डों पर वर्ष 2016 में ड्रग्स तस्करी के 47 मामले पकड़े गए। इनमें सबसे ज्यादा 22 मामले दिल्ली के इंदिरा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डे से जुड़े थे।

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आएंगे। इस जानकारी पर पुलिस ने छापा मारकर दोनों युवकों को पकड़ लिया। तलाशी में रविशंकर के पास से दो किलो और विकास से एक किलो हेरोइन मिली। पुलिस पंजाब के होशियारपुर स्थित रविशंकर के घर पहुंची, जहां से 500 ग्राम हेरोइन मिली। रविशंकर काफी समय

से मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी में लिप्त है। वह शराब और ड्रग्स की सप्लाई के 18 मामलों में शामिल रहा है। वहीं, विकास आरोपी रविशंकर का पड़ोसी है। वह बीते दस माह से उसके साथ तस्करी में शामिल था। पुलिस ने उन्हें हेरोइन देने वाले नाइजीरियाई की पहचान कर ली है।

जेल में नेटवर्क बनाया

रविशंकर पंजाब की कपूरथला जेल में बंद था। वहां उसकी मुलाकात एक नाइजीरियाई महिला से हुई। उसके जरिए वह दिल्ली में रहने वाले नाइजीरियाई युवक से मिला और उससे हेरोइन की खेप लेने लगा। नाइजीरियाई यूरोप व अफ्रीका सहित कई देशों में भी हेरोइन पहुंचाता है।

पेट में कैप्सूल लाते हैं

नाइजीरियाई युवक कई लोगों से हेरोइन की खेप मंगवाता है। खेप को उसके एजेंट पेट में कैप्सूल के जरिए डालकर लाते थे, ताकि एयरपोर्ट पर वे पकड़े न जाएं। दिल्ली आकर वे ड्रग्स को शीघ्र के रास्ते निकालकर नाइजीरियाई को देते थे। उसके एजेंट आसपास के कई देशों में फैले हैं।

पहले शराब तस्करी की

होशियारपुर निवासी रविशंकर पहले शराब की तस्करी करता था। बाद में वह मादक पदार्थ की तस्करी करने लगा। वर्ष 2007 में उसे पहली बार गिरफ्तार किया गया था। पांच साल तक वह जेल में रहा। वह जेल में भी मादक पदार्थ बेचने लगा।

Slain 17-year-old Jaish terrorist's video goes viral

Soon after thousands joined the funeral of slain Jaish-e-Mohammad militant Fardeen Ahmad Khanday in Pulwama district's Tral, his hometown, on Friday, the Pakistan-based JeM released a video of 17-year-old Khanday, the son of a police constable, in which he asks Kashmiris to join the "jihad" against India to establish Islamic rule, reports **Saleem Pandit**. "There is nothing in jihad has nothing to do with unemployment, as claimed by India; it is a reaction to Kashmir's occupation by India," the slain JeM militant is seen, and heard saying in Urdu, in the video. **P12**

Kashmir gunbattle ends after 16 hrs, body of third jihadi recovered: CRPF

Saleem Pandit &
Neeraj Chauhan | TNN

Srinagar: The operation against Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) who had stormed a CRPF training camp at Lethpora in Awantipora, in J&K's Pulwama district, on New Year's eve ended on Monday after a 16-hour gunfight in which two of the attackers, both locals, were killed and their bodies recovered on Sunday itself. The security forces recovered the body of a third, unidentified terrorist on Monday, CRPF special DG S N Shrivastava said at a press conference.

One of the slain militants, 17-year-old Fardeen Ahmad Khanday, was the son of a serving police constable. Five CRPF men lost their lives in Sunday's firefight. However, Spl DG Shrivastava said only four CRPF men were actually killed in the gunfight and that the fifth died of a heart attack. "Only four men were killed, and not five," Shrivastava clarified.

The Spl DG said the identity of the third terrorist, whose



A girl mourns during the funeral of Fardeen Ahmad Khanday in Tral

body was recovered during a combing operation, could not be established by police, "but he seems to be a Pakistani national". The operation ended in the forenoon on Monday after our men, along with the police, had resumed the operation Monday morning, Shrivastava said, adding that the operation had been suspended on Sunday when night fell.

An unknown number of JeM suicide attackers had entered the CRPF training camp at Lethpora, in Pulwama dis-

trict's Awantipora, where the force's 185 Battalion is housed. According to the CRPF, three AK-47 rifles and eight grenades were recovered from the gunfight site. "We had anticipated such an attack and our forces were on high alert. But the premises they stormed is a big chunk of land. However, our men fought bravely and all the militants were killed," Shrivastava said.

Intelligence agencies had alerted the forces a week ago that the JeM was planning a

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The jihad has nothing to do with unemployment, he claimed, adding, "The kaffirs have occupied our land, the modesty of our women is at stake, so jihad becomes our duty..."

Fardeen had joined the terrorist outfit in September 2017. Fardeen — who, an intelligence officer said, was a "moving bomb" — and two other terrorists were killed during the attack on the Lethpora CRPF camp on Sunday. Fardeen said that by the time the clip goes viral, he "would be in paradise". **Saleem Pandit**

major attack on one of the camps in south Kashmir to "avenge" the killing of Noor Mohammad Tantray.

The IB had not given specific details but sources said camps in Tral and Pulwama were asked to be extra-cautious because local JeM cadres, assisted by their Pakistani counterparts, would try to enter the camps to inflict damage. CRPF DG Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar visited the spot on Monday and paid tribute to the CRPF men killed in action.

"Since we had anticipated

that this (camp) could be a probable target, the night on which the attack took place the entire campus was on high alert, a large number of people were on duty, and there were patrolling parties. Even the battalion in-charge was patrolling and looking after arrangements," Spl DG Shrivastava said. "As soon as the militants entered, they were challenged, and it was because of the alertness and professionalism shown by the unit that they got limited to one or two buildings," he added.

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BSF told to keep close vigil on Bangla border: Tripura CEO

AGARTALA, Dec 30: BSF has been told to keep a close vigil on the 856-km long Indo-Bangla border in Tripura, to prevent entry of unwanted elements into the State, where Assembly elections are due early next year, an Election department official said.

Tripura Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sriram Taranikanti held a meeting with top Border Security Force (BSF) officials regarding the close

vigil on the border.

"A meeting was held with Inspector General (IG) of BSF couple of days back. All polling stations along the border were mapped using Global Positioning System (GPS). I hope close vigil will begin in the coming weeks", Taranikanti told reporters here last evening.

The CEO said Central paramilitary forces would start arriving in the State soon and Central Government has agreed to

send security forces as required by Election Commission.

He said Indian voters, living in other side of the barbed wire fencing along the border would be able to exercise their franchise without any problem. The fencing was erected 150 yards away from the international zero line to adhere to India-Mugh Pakt, 1971 and border management agreement signed in 1975.

In an effort to reduce distance and increase ease of voting, 44

more polling stations would be set up in the State for next year's Assembly election.

"We had 3,170 listed polling stations in Tripura. Our exercise revealed that their average distance from nearby habitations was often high, so we have decided to reorganise.

The CEO said, after reorganisation, all polling stations would be located within a range of 3.5 km from nearby habitations. - PTI

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बीएसएफ सिपाही की पिस्टल चोरी

पूर्वी दिल्ली, 1 जनवरी (ब्यूरो): भजनपुरा इलाके में बीएसएफ सिपाही की पिस्टल चोरी होने का मामला सामने आया है। जानकारी के मुताबिक, पीड़ित तपेंद्र कुमार ने पुलिस को बताया कि वह परिवार के साथ बागपत यूपी में रहता है और गांधीनगर में बीएसएफ में सिपाही तैनात है। 30 दिसम्बर को वह अपनी यूनिट से छुट्टी पर आया था। उसे किसी रिस्तेदार का फोन आया गया। उसने तपेंद्र को भजनपुरा इलाके के अपने साथ लेने की बात कहीं तपेंद्र पटरी पर उसका इंतजार करने लगा। इसी बीच किसी ने उसकी अपनी निजी पिस्टल व चोरी कर ली।

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आतंकियों का दुस्साहस

कश्मीर के पुलवामा में आतंकवादियों के खिलाफ सुरक्षा बलों की कार्रवाई 36 घंटे चलना ही यह साबित करता है कि उन्होंने हमले के पहले पूरी तैयारी की थी। वैसे भी कोई या कुछ आतंकवादी यदि मरना तय करके आते हैं तो उनसे निपटना आसान नहीं होता। केंद्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल के शिविर पर रात 2 बजे का हमला बिल्कुल आत्मघाती था। किंतु उसमें हमारे पांच जवानों का शहीद हो जाना चिंताजनक है। साल 2018 के पहले ही दिन हमारे इतने जवानों को शहीद करके आतंकवादियों ने साफ कर दिया है कि वे इतनी जल्दी हार मानने वाले नहीं हैं। यह कम चिंता की बात नहीं है कि तीन आतंकवादी हमारे पांच जवानों की जान कुछ मिनट में ही ले लें और उनसे निपटने में सुरक्षा बलों को 36 घंटा लग जाए। ध्यान रखिए, दो आतंकवादी तो हमले के कुछ ही घंटों में ढेर हो गए थे। यानी एक आतंकवादी ने सुरक्षा बलों को इतने लंबे समय



तक उलझाए रखा। हम सुरक्षा बलों के शौर्य को कम करके नहीं आंक रहे। हम यह मानते हैं कि आतंकवादी के लिए हथियार चलाना आसान होता है, क्योंकि उसमें कोई भी मरे, कितना भी नुकसान हो उन्हें कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ता, जबकि सुरक्षा बलों को कई बातों का ध्यान रखना पड़ता है। इसलिए इनकी राह कठिन होती है। पुलवामा केंद्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल के शिविर पर हमला एवं उसके विरुद्ध

कार्रवाई भी इसी श्रेणी की थी। कहा जा रहा है कि पांच दिन पहले ही सुरक्षा बलों ने ऑपरेशन ऑल आउट के तहत जैश-ए-मोहम्मद के मोस्ट वॉन्टेड आतंकवादी 4 फीट के नूर मोहम्मद तंत्रिय को मार गिराया था। जैश ने उसी की प्रतिक्रिया में यह हमला किया है। इसका अर्थ है कि जब तक ऑपरेशन ऑल आउट चलेगा और उनकी संख्या बची रहेगी वे ऐसे हमले की कोशिश करेंगे। एक चौंकाने वाली बात 17 वर्षीय फरदीन अहमद खांडे का आतंकवादी बनना भी है। इसका पता उसके शव की पहचान होने के बाद चला है। खांडे के पिता गुलाम मोहम्मद खांडे जम्मू-कश्मीर पुलिस में ही अधिकारी हैं। अगर जैश या दूसरे आतंकवादी समूह पुलिस अधिकारियों के बच्चों को अपने साथ मिलाने में सफल हो रहे हैं तो साफ है कि लड़ाई कितनी कठिन है। तो एक साथ न केवल कार्रवाई जारी रखने की चुनौती है बल्कि बच्चों पर भी नजर रखने की जरूरत है।

No formal dialogue but India & Pak in touch

Govt Not Ready For Talks Yet,
But OK With NSAs Meeting;
Pakistan Happy To Play Along

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New Delhi: Behind the bluster, and despite the absence of any form of structured dialogue between them, India and Pakistan continue to be in touch over all niggling outstanding issues like terrorism, ceasefire violations and Kashmir. While the NSAs — Ajit Doval and Nasir Janjua — continue to talk, Pakistan's high commissioner here Sohail Mahmood is also said to have had several informal meetings, including with foreign minister Sushma Swaraj and foreign secretary S Jaishankar, to press for engagement between the two countries.

Mahmood also met commerce minister Suresh Prabhu last month to discuss trade and economic ties. In fact, there was a sign of some nascent momentum in ties that the two countries had

built in the past few months by facilitating religious tourism and the release of prisoners when the fracas over Kulbhushan Jadhav's meeting with his kin put paid to it.

Swaraj said in Parliament that Pakistan humiliated Jadhav's mother by forcing her to remove her *mangalsutra* before meeting her son in Islamabad on December 25. Pakistan, however, denies it, claiming that too much is being read into what was a routine and warranted security check.

The silver-lining though has been the fact that Doval chose to meet Janjua in Bangkok a day later, on December 26, despite the unease India felt over what the MEA described as Pakistan's violation of the "letter and spirit of our understandings" in conducting the Jadhav meeting.

Pakistan wants with India an across-the-board engagement that is but a euphe-



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mism for starting the comprehensive bilateral dialogue process launched in December 2015.

While the Narendra Modi government remains opposed to the idea that the foreign secretary visit Pakistan any time soon to work out the modalities for such a dialogue, it has actively supported the engagement between the NSAs as it feels that this is one way

the issue of cross-border terrorism can be addressed.

Pakistan, too, has played along as it believes that the NSA dialogue does not preclude it from discussing its "core issue" of Kashmir. For Pakistan, the joint press-release of December 2015, issued after the first Doval-Janjua meeting in Bangkok, is of particular significance as it clearly said the discussions cov-

ered "peace and security, terrorism, Jammu & Kashmir and other issues, including tranquillity along the LoC".

While Mahmood has had one formal meeting each with Swaraj and Jaishankar, he is said to have met them informally on other occasions.

Apart from Jadhav though, the two countries also quickly need to address the issue of increasing ceasefire violations, which have led to significant civilian deaths on both sides. As reported by TOI on December 5, Pakistan foreign minister Khawaja Asif had written to Swaraj seeking a political initiative to bring down the violations as existing mechanisms had failed. Swaraj asserted in her reply that Pakistan alone could check such violations as Indian troops only fired in retaliation and to check infiltration.

It's significant that both sides worked to facilitate religious tourism and release of prisoners. It remains to be seen though if these initiatives remain on track as India last week postponed a visit by 192 Pakistan pilgrims for the urs of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya.

Prisoner,
N-installation
lists shared

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New Delhi: India and Pakistan exchanged on Monday, as is customary, through diplomatic channels in New Delhi and Islamabad, lists of nationals in the other country's prisons. The exchange is in keeping with the provisions of the 2008 Agreement on Consular Access between India and Pakistan.

India also used the occasion to press for consular access to those Indian nationals in Pakistan's custody for whom it has so far not been provided, including former Naval officer Kulbhushan Jadhav, jailed for alleged spying, and Hamid Nehal Ansari.

The two countries also exchanged lists of nuclear installations and facilities, covered under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations between India and Pakistan.

Return of Kashmiri fidayeen

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 1

The bloodied start to New Year in Kashmir has also made an alarming re-introduction to a dangerous element to the region's insurgency as Kashmiri militants have been identified as the fidayeen attackers.

Class X student Fardeen Ahmad Khanday and taxi driver Manzoor Ahmad Baba were identified by the police as two of the three gunmen who carried out the fidayeen attack on a CRPF camp at Lethpora, outside Srinagar city. The two militants were residents of Pulwama district.

Even as fidayeen attacks have continued with frequent pauses in the Kashmir valley, it is for the first time in the past seven years that Kashmiri militants were part of the attacking squad. "It is a dangerous trend," said a senior police officer in south Kashmir.

The last Kashmiri militant who carried out a fidayeen attack was Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, alias Usman, of Seer Jagir village of north Kashmir's Sopore sub-district. Bhat, along with Pakistani militant Qari, had carried out the fidayeen attack on para-

Student-turned-ultra

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military installation housed inside Palladium Cinema in Srinagar's Lal Chowk area on January 6, 2010.

Since the Lal Chowk fidayeen attack, no such incident took place for three years till March 2013 when Jaish-e-Mohammed militants carried out an attack on CRPF personnel in Bemina on the city outskirts. Subsequent fidayeen attacks were mostly carried out close to the Line of Control in north Kashmir. Foreign militants were behind them.

Fardeen, one of the two local militants in the fidayeen squad which attacked the paramilitary camp at Lethpora on Sunday, was a resident of Hayuna-Nazneenpora village of Tral sub-district and a police head constable's son. He had joined the Jaish-e-Mohammed

on September 15.

Before carrying out the attack, the teenager recorded a video statement that emerged on Sunday.

It is for the first time that a militant in Kashmir has recorded his death wish and provided a window into a militant's life and thinking. "When you will hear this message, I will be a guest in Allah's gardens of paradise," Fardeen said, sitting inside a room with rifles and grenades around him.

In over 7-minute video, Fardeen talks of alleged injustices and praises the militants. "They say that youth go into militant ranks because of unemployment, but it is no more than a propaganda," he said, listing and calling for "jihad" as an obligation.

The second local fidayeen, Manzoor, had joined militancy in first week of November after his name surfaced in the attack on the Rajpora police station, a police officer said. He was a resident of Pulwama's Drobgam village.

"If there are more attacks like this in which Kashmiri militants take part, then it is a significant strategic shift by militants. But there is a need to wait and watch before reaching a conclusion," a police officer said.

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CRPF jawan cremated with state honours

OUR CORRESPONDENT

HAMIRPUR, JANUARY 1

Inspector Kuldeep Roy of the 185 Battalion of the CRPF, who was killed in a suicide attack by militants in Pulwama district of south Kashmir yesterday, was cremated with full state honours at his native village, Tikkar Khatriyan, near here, today.

Roy is survived by wife

Meena Kumari and three sons, Neeraj (25), Rishabh (22) and Nikhil (19). He had joined the service after holidays on December 3 and was due to retire in two years. Earlier, the mortal remains of the jawan were brought to the village by a CRPF team.

The eldest son of the martyr lit the pyre in the presence of hundreds of people.

Deputy Commissioner

Sandeep Kadam said an interim relief of Rs 10,000 had been given to the martyr's family.

Three militants stormed a CRPF camp in the Lethpora area of Pulwama in the early hours yesterday and killed five personnel while injuring three others.

Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed responsibility for the attack.



KULDEEP ROY

Rs 20 lakh relief for martyr's kin

SHIMLA: The state government has announced a relief of Rs 20 lakh for the family of the martyr. Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur have expressed grief over the death of Roy and expressed sympathies with the bereaved family. They prayed for the

peace to the departed soul. The Chief Minister said the brave soldiers of the state lead from the front to safeguard the country. The supreme sacrifice by the martyrs would always be remembered by the country, he added.

Valley gunfight ends, 36 hrs on

1 hurt in clash at militants' funeral

SUHAIL A SHAH

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 1

The gunfight following the fidayeen attack on the Pulwama CRPF camp came to an end today after more than 36 hours with the killing of the third militant, a foreigner. This, as the bodies of militants Manzoor Ahmad Baba and Fardeen Ahmad Khanday, both from Pulwama district, who were slain yesterday, were buried amid clashes in which a youth sustained bullet injuries.

CRPF spokesperson Rajesh Yadav said: "It's over now. Mopping-up operations are underway." In Srinagar, Special Director General SN Srivastava said: "The two terrorists killed yesterday were locals. The one killed today was a foreigner. A search is still on. We want to double-check before calling off the operation."

The fidayeen attack on Sunday was the third in 2017.

The two local militants were buried in Drubgam and Hayena amid a sea of mourners and a complete shutdown in Pulwama and Shopian districts. In Drubgam, a youth sustained bullet injuries on the face and shoulder after the forces reportedly opened fire on protesters. Pulwama SSP Chaudhary Muhammad Aslam said they were trying to ascertain the facts. "An Army vehicle was heavily stoned near Drubgam. The police are trying to find out the details," he said.

Meanwhile, Northern Army Commander Lt Gen D Anbu visited the units in north Kashmir to review the security situation. "He interacted with troops and conveyed his New Year greetings. He complimented them for their determination and alertness," an Army official said.

पंजाब केसरी

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'बेकार नहीं' जाएगी जवानों की शहादत'

पंजाब केसरी/नई दिल्ली

केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने सोमवार को उत्तराखंड के उत्तरकाशी में 12वीं वाहिनी आईटीबीपी परिसर का दौरा किया। इस दौरान गृहमंत्री ने भारतीय जवानों को नए साल की शुभकामनाएं दी। इस दौरान राजनाथ ने चीन सीमा की चौकियों का निरीक्षण भी किया। गृहमंत्री ने पुलवामा में सीआरपीएफ कैंप पर हुए आतंकी हमले की निंदा की है। उन्होंने कहा कि बहादुर जवानों की

शहादत बेकार नहीं जाएगी। पुलवामा आतंकी हमले में 5 जवान शहीद हो गए थे। गृहमंत्री राजनाथ ने शहीद हुए जवानों की बहादुरी पर गर्व जताते हुए कहा, "हम शहीदों के परिवारों के साथ हैं। पूरा देश उनकी शहादत को नमन करता है। आतंकियों की इस कायराना हरकत का मुंहतोड़ जवाब दिया जाएगा।" बता दें कि राजनाथ रविवार से



उत्तराखंड में हैं। रविवार को उन्होंने मातली के कैंप में रह रहे जवानों के परिवारों से मुलाकात की और उन्हें नए साल की शुभकामनाएं दीं। अपने दौरे के दूसरे दिन सोमवार को राजनाथ सिंह चीन से लगी सीमा पर स्थित नेलोंग चौकी पर आईटीबीपी के जवानों के साथ मिलें। बता दें कि नेलोंग चौकी समुद्र तल से लगभग 11 हजार 636 फीट की

ऊंचाई पर स्थित है। शहीद के बेटे ने कहा, "पाकिस्तान से खराब और कोई मुल्क नहीं है। हमारे सैनिक शहीद हो रहे हैं। यह सिलसिला कब रुकेगा। सरकार को तुरंत कोई एक्शन लेना चाहिए। बता दें कि रविवार देर रात हुए हमले में 3 आतंकी सीआरपीएफ के कैंप में घुस आए थे, आतंकियों ने पहले ग्रेनेड से हमला किया। फिर गोलीबारी शुरू कर दी। इस दौरान 5 जवान शहीद हो गए। 3 जवान जखमी हैं। सेना ने 2 आतंकियों को मार गिराया।

पंजाब केसरी

दिनांक 02.01.2018

**पाकिस्तान
की जेलों में
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इस्लामाबाद, (वार्ता) पाकिस्तान की जेलों में इस समय 457 भारतीय कैदी हैं जिनमें 399 मछुआरे हैं। पाकिस्तान के विदेश कार्यालय की ओर से यहां भारतीय उच्चायोग को इन कैदियों की सूची सौंपी गयी है।

डेली एक्सप्रेससियर में कल प्रकाशित रिपोर्ट के अनुसार विदेश विभाग ने बताया कि भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच हुए एक समझौते

के अनुसार कैदियों की सूची आदान-प्रदान की जाती है।

दरअसल 2008 में भारत-पाकिस्तान के बीच एक समझौता हुआ जिसके तहत साल में दो बार एक दूसरे की जेलों में बंद कैदियों की सूची सौंपने की सहमति बनी थी। इस समझौते के तहत पहली सूची एक जनवरी तथा दूसरी सूची एक जुलाई को सौंपी जाती है। विदेश विभाग ने बताया कि पाकिस्तान ने इस्लामाबाद

में भारतीय उच्चायोग को 457 कैदियों की एक सूची सौंपी है जिसके मुताबिक 58 आम नागरिक तथा 399 मछुआरे हैं। इसमें कहा गया है कि आठ जनवरी को पाकिस्तान 146 भारतीय मछुआरों को रिहा करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत भी अपने देश की जेलों में बंद पाकिस्तानी कैदियों की सूची नयी दिल्ली में पाकिस्तान के उच्चायोग को सौंपेगा।

पाक सरकार आतंकी हाकिम के वित्तीय सहायकों को कब्जे में लेगी, प्रतिबंध सूची में दर्ज अन्य गुटों के चंदा देने पर भी ठेक

‘भारत-पाक के एनएसए की वार्ता

प्रस्तावना। यह लेख प्रतिभा के जीवन के विवेकपूर्ण चित्रण के लिए है। यह लेख प्रतिभा के जीवन के विवेकपूर्ण चित्रण के लिए है। यह लेख प्रतिभा के जीवन के विवेकपूर्ण चित्रण के लिए है।

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Spring 2009

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DATED 02/01/2018

HIS FIRST TWEET OF 2018

US foolishly gave aid to Pak for 15 yrs, they gave us only lies & deceit: Trump

'They give safe haven to the terrorists we hunt... No more!'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 1

IN WHAT is arguably the most severe public indictment ever of Pakistan by a US President, Donald Trump Monday said that his country has "foolishly" given Pakistan more than \$33 billion in aid over the last 15 years and has got nothing in return but "lies & deceit".

Posting his first tweet of 2018, Trump wrote: "The United States has foolishly given Pakistan more than \$33 billion dollars in aid over the last 15 years, and they have given us nothing but lies & deceit, thinking of our leaders as fools. They give safe haven to the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!"

Trump's tweet was posted at 5:47 pm IST Monday, and retweeted by more than 14,200 Twitter accounts and liked by more than 34,000 within an hour.

Responding to the remarks, Pakistan's foreign minister Khwaja M Asif tweeted at 6:36 pm IST: "We will respond to President Trump's tweet shortly inshallah... will let the world know the truth, difference between facts and fiction."

Later, Afghanistan's ambassador to the US Hamdullah Mullahi tweeted, "President @realDonaldTrump's first tweet of 2018. A promising message to

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CRPF personnel carry the coffins of colleagues killed Sunday in the Pulwama terror attack in the Valley. PTI

Valley encounter ends, Afzal Guru 'badla' was inscribed on gun seized

BASHARAT MASOODA
DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
SHINAGAR, NEW DELHI,
JANUARY 1

THE 37-HOUR gunfight, triggered by the Friday attack by suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad militants on Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) training centre in south Kashmir, ended Monday morning with the killing of a third militant.

On Sunday, five paramilitary personnel and two militants

were killed. A video, recorded before the attack, by one of the slain militants also surfaced on social networking sites.

"The operations continued throughout the night. One of the militants who was hiding was killed and the operation was concluded," Special DG, CRPF, SN Srivastava said. "Since it is a big campus and there are a large number of buildings, search operation is going on. We want to discount chances of anybody hiding them. Though the chances

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Pak bans Hafiz Saeed's charities from getting funds, may take them over

ASIF SHAZAD & PTI
ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 1

PAKISTAN'S FINANCIAL regulatory body Monday barred charities led by 26/11 Mumbai attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed — Jamaat-ud Dawa (JuD) and Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) — from collecting donations, according to a media report.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) prohibited the collection of donations by JuD, the front organi-



Mastermind of 26/11 attack runs JuD, FIF

sation of banned outfit Lashkar-e-Taha (LeT), as well as several other organisations named in a list of banned outfits by the UN Security Council, the Dawn reported.

Reuters had earlier reported

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'US foolishly gave aid to Pak for 15 yrs' SEBI powers

Afghans who have suffered at the hands of terrorists based in Pakistan for too long."

Trump's tweet came days after the New York Times reported that his administration is considering whether to withhold \$255 million in aid that it had delayed sending to Islamabad as a show of dissatisfaction with Pakistan's efforts to confront the terrorist networks that operate there.

According to the Congressional Research Service (CRS), US aid to Pakistan in the 2016 financial year was \$1.3 billion, and \$1.6 billion the year before. US civilian and military assistance for Pakistan has dropped from an average of over \$2.2 billion a year during the period immediately after the 9/11 terror attacks to an estimated \$526 million in 2017.

Trump's tweet comes 30 days after US Vice President Mike Pence, during a surprise visit to Afghanistan, said, "For too long, has Pakistan provided safe haven to the Taliban and many terrorist organisations. For those days are over... President Trump

has put Pakistan on notice."

The tweet also marks a remarkable turnaround from last October when Trump thanked Pakistan for rescuing an American-Canadian family from the Haqqani terror network. On October 14, the US President tweeted: "Starting to develop a much better relationship with Pakistan and its leaders. I want to thank them for their cooperation on many fronts."

But sources in New Delhi pointed to the "continuity" in Trump's approach since his administration unveiled its South Asia strategy last August and National Security Strategy in December.

In his South Asia speech on August 21, Trump said, "We can no longer be silent about Pakistan's safe havens for terrorist organisations, the Taliban, and other groups that pose a threat to the region and beyond... Pakistan has much to gain from partnering with our effort in Afghanistan. It has much to lose by continuing to harbour terrorists."

In its National Security Strategy released

on December 19, the US said it will "press" Pakistan to intensify counter-terrorism efforts and encourage Islamabad to demonstrate that it is a "responsible steward" of its nuclear assets.

The strategy said that the US continues to face threats from "transnational terrorists and militants operating from within Pakistan". "We seek a Pakistan that is not engaged in destabilising behaviour and a stable and self-reliant Afghanistan. We will insist that Pakistan take decisive action against militant and terrorist groups operating from its soil," the strategy said.

"The prospect for an Indo-Pakistani military conflict that could lead to a nuclear exchange remains a key concern requiring consistent diplomatic attention," it said.

Responding to the US strategy, Pakistan's foreign ministry had said, "Pakistan rejects such unfounded accusations that belie facts on ground and trivialise Pakistan's efforts for fighting terrorism and our unrelenting sacrifices to promote peace and stability in the region."

substantial delay and duplication of proceedings on the same cause of action."

In October 2017, Sebi sent a second proposal suggesting that a "uniform procedure" be put in place for piloting all enforcement proceedings under the securities laws.

In effect, these two Sebi proposals meant a repeal of the Sebi (Intermediaries) Regulations and the rules on Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties that are framed by the Central government, technically the Finance Ministry.

Early last month, official records show, the Finance Ministry told the Department of Legal Affairs: "Please put up inverting the issue of empowering Board to impose penalties also urgently."

In a week's time, the Department of Legal Affairs got back advising against amendments sought by Sebi.

"Penalty being a liability imposed as punishment on the party committing the breach can be levied only after following the procedure established by law. Therefore, imposing any penalty without