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5 terrorists killed...

At Tulran, the terrorists were given repeated opportunities to surrender. However, they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated, leading to an encounter, the spokesperson said.

"Due to darkness, the operation was suspended, but the cordon was kept intact. In the wee hours, repeated announcements were again made asking the terrorists to surrender, but they again fired on the joint search party and it was retaliated," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, three terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter, the official added.

He identified the slain terrorists as Danish Hussain Dar, a resident of Ray Kapren in Shopian, Yawar Hussain Naikoo, a resident of Pahilpora, and Mukhtar Ahmed Shah, a resident of the Sindbal area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

The official said the three slain terrorists were affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF) -- a shadow outfit of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

"According to police records, the slain terrorists had links with proscribed terror outfit LeT (TRF) and remained part of groups involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on security establishments and civilian atrocities.

"It is pertinent to mention that Mukhtar Shah was involved in the target killing of a non-local vendor in the Lal Bazar area of Srinagar and had shifted to Shopian after committing the crime," he said.

Virender Paswan, a "chaat" vendor from Bihar, was shot dead in the Lal Bazar area of Srinagar on October 5, immediately after famous chemist M L Bindroo was killed near his pharmacy.

Terrorists also killed Mohammad Shafi Lone, president of a local taxi stand, in the Naidkhia area of Bandipora district on the same day.

Meanwhile, the police spokesperson said the search operation at Feeripora also remained suspended throughout the night and was resumed in the wee hours of Tuesday.

Contact was established with the terrorists and they were given ample opportunities to surrender, he added.

However, they fired indiscriminately at the search party, which was retaliated, leading to an encounter, the official said.

In the ensuing gunfight, two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter.

They were identified as Ubaid Ahmad Dar, a resident of Ray Kapren, and Khubaib Ahmad Nengroo, a resident of Braripora.

"According to police records, both the slain terrorists had links with the LeT and were involved in several terror crime cases," the spokesperson said.

Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were seized from the site of the encounter and taken into the case records for further investigation. Police have registered a case under the relevant sections of law.

The spokesperson said Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated the joint teams that worked with great synergy and coordination on the ground to carry out the anti-terrorist operations in a professional manner and without any collateral damage.

"It is pertinent to mention that two of the four recent terror cases of target killings in Srinagar and Bandipora stand solved with the elimination of the terrorists involved," the spokesperson said.

Ultras behind killing...

three others -- including Mehran Shalla, a youth in his early 20s and a resident of Nawa Kadal in downtown city, and another young man Adil -- were part of a four-member terror squad that carried out the attacks on civilians in the city.

The officials said the group was involved in the killing of Kashmiri Pandit businessman Makhan Lal Bindroo, who owned a chain of medical shops known for genuine medicines, school principal Supinder Kaur and teacher Deepak Chand, both of whom taught in the same school located at Eidgah.

The officials said security agencies gathered CCTV footage from all the locations and joined the dots to zero in on the squad that was responsible for the killing of civilians, especially the minorities.

The officials said Basit has been moving around in the city and is accompanied by Mehran and others.

It is stated that Dar took over the TRF operations after the death of Abbas Sheikh, among the oldest face of terrorism in the valley.

A resident of Kulgam's Rampur village, Sheikh had joined the banned Hizbul Mujahideen terror group in mid-90s and kept returning to the terror fold after being arrested and released twice.

He was arrested for the first time in 2004 and released after a year. In 2007, he was arrested again and spent four years in jail. After his release, he was at home for three years, before going missing again in the spring of 2014.

He was gunned down in a swift operation by the army early this year.

Sheikh was behind the killing of jeweller Satpal Nischal, a non-Kashmiri, earlier this year leading the security forces to conclude that the same group could have been behind the killing of Virender Paswan, who earned her bread by selling 'golgappa' and 'chhat papdi' in the valley.

Govt directs Kashmiri...

Assistant Commissioner (Central) Aziz Ahmad Rather said.

These directions were issued after a security review meeting of deputy commissioners and senior superintendents of police of the Kashmir valley chaired by Divisional Commissioner Pandurang K Pole in Srinagar.

The divisional commissioner impressed upon the officers to preferably post these migrant employees in safe and secure zones instead of far-flung and vulnerable areas for the time being, the order said.

The authorities said strict vigil has been ensured and security measures for the migrant employees, Sikhs, Kashmiri Pandits and labourers have been tightened, it added.

CRIME REPORT

Two women among 7 drug peddlers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police on Tuesday arrested seven drug peddlers including two women.

As per details, a police party led by SHO Police Station Pulwama at a traffic checking point near Khamray crossing intercepted a Santro Car (JK01G-4932) with two persons onboard, who were identified as Mudasir Ahmad Thoker, son of Gh Hassan Thoker, resident of Sonasam and Yamin Rashid, son of Ab Rashid Malik, resident of Malipora Pulwama. On checking, 370 gm Charas, 2 digital weighing machines and cash amounting to Rs 10,000 was recovered from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody. The vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, vide FIR No. 288/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation started.

Meanwhile, Police in Bandipora, acting on specific information regarding movement of drug peddlers in Sumbal area, intensified patrolling in the area. The patrolling party led by SHO Police Station Sumbal intercepted three persons in suspicious condition.

On search, 17 bottles of Codeine were recovered from their possession. They were identified as Majid Mushtaq Shangru, son of Mushtaq Ahmad Shangru, resident of Osangrampora Sopore; Shafat Ahmad Shah, son of Mizafar Ahmad Shah, resident of Shaalpora Sopore and Nazir Ahmad Sofi, son of Gh Ahmad Sofi, resident of Dilna Baramulla, at present Sumbal.

They were arrested on the spot and shifted to Police Station where they remained in custody. FIR No. 136/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sumbal and investigation started.

Two women drug peddlers were also arrested for involvement in drug dealings in Sopore town. As per details, police received an information through reliable sources that two women (names withheld) have concealed some contraband substances at their home in Batapora locality of Sopore.

"Acting on information, a team of Police and Executive Magistrate 1st class Sopore conducted search of house. During search 300 bottles of Codeine Phosphate, 44 Capsules of Spasmoproxyn Plus and an amount of Rs 61,640 were recovered, which were seized and sealed on the spot," a police official said. FIR No 255/2021 under sections 8/21 of NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Sopore in this regard.

Thief arrested, stolen property recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police on Tuesday arrested an accused recovering stolen property from his possession. As per details, FIR 210/2021 under section 379 of IPC was registered over a complaint wherein a man has reported theft of his goat and cash, with

Deputy commissioners and SSPs are continuously paying visits to migrant colonies and accommodations at Sheikhpura Budgam, Nutnusa Kupwara, Tulmulla Ganderbal, Hall Pulwama, Mattan and Vessu Anantnag, the order said.

Besides, security forces and the police are keeping a constant vigil, the officer said.

Arms licensing case...

The agency also raided Prasoono Ramaswamy G, an IAS officer of 2010 batch and at present posted as Director Census.

Promoted IAS officer Sajjad Ahmed Khan, now retired, was also searched as he was posted as the district magistrate of Poonch during the period.

KAS officer Nissar Ahmed Wani, M H Malik, Farooq Ahmed Khan (retired) and Bashir Ahmed were also searched by the CBI.

Sanjay Puri, who was the District Information officer at Rajouri, was also searched.

The CBI said that during investigation and scrutiny of documents, the role of certain gun-dealers was found who in connivance with the public servants and had allegedly issued such illegal arms licenses to the ineligible persons.

It was also alleged that the persons who got these licenses were not the residents of the places from where the arms licenses were issued.

It is alleged that then public servants in cahoots with other accused issued arms licences to non-residents in violation of rules and received illegal gratification.

The Rajasthan ATS had unearthed the scandal in 2017 and had arrested over 50 people for their alleged involvement in the illegal issuance of arms licenses. According to the ATS, over 3,000 permits were granted allegedly in the name of army personnel.

Based on ATS findings, the then Jammu and Kashmir Governor N N Vohra had handed over the matter to the CBI.

PIL regarding fictitious..

by means of a supplementary affidavit, has brought on record details of various cases which were filed and were subsequently withdrawn after extorting money from the innocent persons.

DB observed that a copy of supplementary affidavit may be supplied to B. A Dar, learned Sr. AAG, who may file response to the same within a period of three weeks. DB further directed that Sr. AAG to file status report with regard to steps taken by the police in this regard. The report may be submitted by Director General of Police, after collecting necessary information from the relevant SSPs.

India will decimate...

ple out of a Union Minister's son accused of killing four farmers, central agencies are after a 23-year-old simply because his surname happens to be Khan. Travesty of justice that Muslims are targeted to satiate the sadistic wishes of BJP's core vote bank," Mehbooba tweeted.

She was referring to Ashish Mishra, son of Union minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra. Ashish Mishra is accused of mowing down farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh last week. He was arrested after 12 hours of questioning late on Saturday night.

Chugh also lambasted Mufti for "arousing anti-national sentiments." "Mehbooba was indulging in cheap politics at the cost of national security", he said.

13 districts achieve...

district recorded the highest number of fresh cases, followed by eight in Anantnag district.

There are 993 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 3,25,247 patients have recovered from the disease, the officials said.

There are 47 cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory. No fresh case has been reported since last evening, they said.

Moreover, 136 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 47 from Jammu Division and 89 from Kashmir Division.

Massive search operation...

another encounter, the officials said.

The gunfight between the two sides stopped Monday evening after the terrorists took advantage of the dense forest and fled, the officials said, adding that the whole forest belt was cordoned off and a search operation is underway to neutralise the hiding terrorists.

The officials said senior police and army officers also rushed to the area to supervise the operation.

Earlier, a defence spokesman said on the intervening night of October 10 and 11, a counter-terrorist operation was launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in the area of Shahdara, near the boundary of Poonch-Rajouri districts.

The twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine terrorists in separate encounters. Three soldiers also laid down their lives in the previous operations.

Meanwhile, a group of youth staged an anti-Pakistan demonstration in Poonch town against the killing of Indian army soldiers.

The youth, mostly belonging to the Sikh community, also set ablaze an effigy marked as Pakistan for its continued support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

"We condemn Pakistan for its continued support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The time has come when the Indian government should teach Pakistan a lesson for sending terrorists who are killing innocent civilians and our jawans," Kamaljeet Singh, one of the protesters said.

In a related development, Jammu and Kashmir Police has said that terrorists involved in the attack on security forces in Poonch district in which five army personnel including a JCO lost their lives were in the area for two to three months.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Rajouri-Poonch range Vivek Gupta told reporters that the terrorists have been confined to a particular area and asserted

total value of Rs 35,000. An investigation team headed by PSI Vikas Khullar under supervision of SHO Thamamandi Fareed Ahmed during investigation rounded up several suspects and zeroed in accused namely Shokit Ali, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Majra Kund of Chassana in Reasi. On questioning of accused, goat valuing Rs 7,000 and cash amounting to Rs 28,000 was recovered by Police.

Fraudster arrested for duping people on pretext of providing jobs

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday arrested a fraudster for duping people on pretext of providing jobs. As per details, an information was received at Police Station Pacca Danga regarding a person namely Babu Ram, resident of Sandal, Jhajjar Kotli who used to dupe people by giving them assurance regarding providing jobs. On this, FIR No 48/2020 under section 420 of IPC was registered at Police Station Pacca Danga and investigation started.

On this, special police teams of Police Station Pacca Danga under the supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu got constituted. The team led by SHO Pacca Danga Insp Raghbir Singh Choudhary, after strenuous efforts and with help of inputs from local sources, finally arrested the accused from Jhajjar Kotli area. It is pertinent to mention that accused was evading arrest from last year.

Three absconders arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH/SAMBA: Bishnah and Samba police on Tuesday arrested three absconders, who were evading arrest since long.

Two absconder namely Rajesh Kumar, son of Des Raj and Rattan Lal, son of Raja Ram, both residents of Chak Keema Tehsil Arnia were arrested and produced in the Court of Law, who were wanted in FIR No.166/2020 under section 306/34 of IPC at Police Station Bishnah.

Samba Police also apprehended an absconder from Peer Mitha, Jammu who was wanted in a case registered at Police Station Samba during 2013. A police team of Police Station Samba apprehended absconder namely Shamsher Singh, son of Lal Chand, resident of Sinki Chatri, Tehsil & District Samba, wanted in FIR No. 236/2013 registered under section 406 of RPC at Police Station Samba and was evading his arrest. Accordingly, the said absconder was produced in the court of law and arrest warrant under section 512 of CrPC issued against him got executed.

Rs 16,400 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Continuing drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Tuesday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 16,400, taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs 58,96,950.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh informed that as many as 2,066 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district on Tuesday.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr Mohammad

that the operation shall be taken "to a logical conclusion in the shortest time".

Gupta said that a cordon and search operation was launched by the security forces on Monday when terrorists attacked a party that was part of CASO, leaving five army personnel dead.

The DIG said that later there was again contact with a group of terrorists at another location.

"There was no further progress in the operation due to the typography of the area", he said.

Asked if the terrorists involved in the attack had recently infiltrated, he said that the "group was present in the area for two to three months. The area where contact took place and attack took place are in the same belt."

The police officer said that the joint parties have cordoned the area as part of the operation. "We are confident that it shall be taken to a logical conclusion in the shortest time", he said.

Asked about the number of terrorists suspected to be involved, he said they have made an estimation but will not divulge it in view of the ongoing operation.

He also denied that the terrorists were getting any local support.

He said that the operation is being conducted with a certain strategy and "in previous operations too in these belts, they took certain time but we were successful in eliminating terrorists".

No need for...

Sadbhavana, General officer Commanding (GoC)