

Dangri Terror Attack: Widespread anti-Pakistan protests held across Jammu region

PoJK refugees take out candle march at Rehari Colony

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JAMMU: Mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir condemned the suspected terror attack on some people from the minority community at a village in Rajouri on Sunday evening in which four civilians were killed and many injured.

In Jammu, protests against Pakistan were held by VHP, Bajrang Dal, Mission Statehood, Shiv Sena and Dogra Front, with photo must

Arun Chowdhary Convenor **PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti**



PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti members paying tributes to Dangri terrorist attack victims.

along with his team of PoJK refugees carried out candle march in Rehari Colony to condemn the targeted killings in village Dangri and paid tributes to all the victims at Devi Chand Municipal Park Rehari Colony, Jammu.

Chowdhary asked the Govt to make security arrangements for minorities in Jammu and Kashmir immediately and provide weapons to the VDC members. "We stand with our brothers and sisters who are staying at Dangri village braving terror threats," he asserted.

"Terror attack targetting minority Hindus at Rajouri by Pak supported Islamic terrorists yesterday and IED blast today at the same place has once again exposed nefarious designs of Muslim fundamentalists. We are to fight it out and strengthen ourselves," said **Rajesh Gupta, Karyadhyaksh, VHP J&K Ladakh.**

MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana condemned the gruesome terrorist attack in Dangri and said such attacks were aimed at disturbing the peace prevailing in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Khatana said that Govt of India is committed to restore peace and tranquility in J&K and such cowardly attempts by the enemies of peace won't derail the govt's resolve to defeat the enemies of peace. Condoning the martyrdom of civilians, he extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and urged the UT administration to extend best possible medicare to the injured. Khatana further urged the LG Manoj Sinha to beef up security measures in Jammu region which has been becoming target of repeated terrorist attacks.

Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana condemned the inhuman and barbaric acts of terrorism , perpetrated by Pakistan and its lackeys, in Dangri area of the border Rajouri district, taking six precious human lives including two minor children.

In a statement, Devender Rana described the terror mayhem as an attack on the civilized way of life, unleashed by the neighbouring country, which has no regard for human values and lives, saying the barbarism left a heart wrenching trail of blood. These dastardly acts won't deter the resolve of the people and determination of the nation in fighting terrorism to its end, he said, adding that the monster of terror is taking its last breath.

He said the executors of Pakistan's sinister plan will not go unpunished, as they have committed a heinous crime against humanity. Rana conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for peace to their souls. At this hour of grief, the entire nation is in solidarity with those having lost their kin in the terror violence. He prayed for speedy recovery to those injured in the firing and in the blast.

"While we mourn for all the six who have got their lives sacrificed, we are committed that we have to crush terrorism from J&K's soil," he added.

Executive of the **KP Sabha Ambphalla** held meeting under the Chairmanship of K.K Khosa President to condemn the dastardly killing of civilians belonging to the minority community by gun totting terrorists in Dangri Rajouri, yesterday. The members expressed their disappointment that inspite of tall claims of the UT Govt. targeted killings continue to take place and the area of operation has spilled over to Jammu province as well. The members appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah to intervene to save the lives of minorities and other nationalists and prevent further loss of lives of the hapless innocents. It was impressed upon the UT Govt. to take adequate measures for security of the vulnerable people at the isolated pockets in entire Union Territory.

On the call of the **J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu**



Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at court complexes.

the Lawyers in large number took out procession in the court premises raising slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who opened fire on three houses of Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK) refugees in Dangri village in Rajouri district on Sunday evening. Jammu Bar President M.K Bhardwaj strongly condemned Pakistan for carrying on the policy of enmity against India and harboring terrorists on its soil and using them to threaten life of the people & security forces in UT Government of J&K. Members of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu has taken a very serious view of the failure of the present UT Government of J&K in saving the innocent lives and liberty of the people. The Association has called upon the U.T. Government to take stern action against the anti-national forces as well as against the neighboring country Pakistan to prevent them from repeating similar acts in future also. Lawyers present in the protest were Surjeet Singh Andotra (General Secretary), Aditya Sharma (Joint Secretary), Amandeep Singh (Treasurer), Rohit Sharma (YLA President), Gagandeep Singh Lucky (YLA Vice President), Yasir Farooq Khan, Gen Secy YLA, Karanjeet Singh Johal (YLA Joint Secretary) Naresh Kumar (YLA Treasurer) , Vikram Sharma Sr. Adv. K. Nirmal Kotwal, P.S. Parmar, Babu Ram Sharma, Jatinder Singh, Baldev Monish Chopra, Jasvinder Sing (Jassi), Singh, Radha Sharma, Prem Sadotra, Ajay Bakshi, Nitin Gupta, Abhishek Wazir, Parvesh Slaria, Amit Raina, V.K. Sharma, B.K. Bhat, Anil Khajuria, Anit Manhas,Varun Kotwal, Amir Awan, Sumet , B. K. Bhat, Villa Koul, Manik Wazir, Ashwani Langhey, Gagan Kohli, Dinesh Singh Jamwal, Gara Kumar, Rohit Gupta, Divya Ishan, Jasbir Singh Jasrotia, Gaurav Jamwal, Vikas Pankaj, Salil Gupta, Divya Ishan, Harmeet Kumar, Jyoti Bala, Pawan Singh, , Rajeev Chagotra, Vikram Singh Thakur, Bhumiika Sharma, Anuj Malhotra, Virinder Singh, Bhanu, Surinder Jamwal, Ayushman Sharma, Jatin Singh Gill, Rahul Sadotra, Atul Raina, , Tarun Mahajan, Kamal Magotra, Nitin Bakshi, Bhanu Singh Bhandral, Vishal Tandon, Arjun Manhas Utkarsh Pathania, Vikram Thakur, Gourav Arora, Zulkarnain Ch, Pardeep Majotra, Mohan Lal, Ashfaq Hussain, Anzad Khan, Daljeet Singh Manhas, Manjeet Sarkaria, Parmjeet Singh Pardhan, Umesh Sharma, Amit Manhas, Tarun Dutta, Rajesh Chaudhry, Sukhvinder Singh, Varun Kotwal, Narinder

Sharma, Ankush Kotwal, Sahart Sharma, Aman Sharma, Arjun Salaria, Amzi John, and Parv Sharma.

Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrangdal held a protest



Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrangdal workers burning effigy of Pakistan during a protest.

against the target killing of Hindus at Village Dangari under the leadership of Leela Karan Sharma President Vishva Hindu Parishad Jammu Kashmir, Ladakh. Sharma condemned the target killing of innocent Hindus and asked government that some stern action should be taken to catch hold the terrorist who have done this act. VHP Vice President Shakti Dutt Sharma said that it's a very shameful act of the beheading gang which is not tolerated by VHP and Bajrangdal. Bajrang dal state convener Kartik Sudan said that VHP/Bajrangdal took it seriously and demanded that Lieutenant Governor government should immediately constitute a STF (Special Task Force) as well as ATS (Anti Terror Squad) to captured the terrorists who has done this shameful act. Sushma Sharma, Raj Kumar, Apaar Sharma, Kuldeep Luthra, Babu Ram, Shabnam Khajuria, Mokshi, Rohini, Akhil, Pawan, Akshay, Kamesh were also present in this protest.

Movement for Justice for Refugees of 1947 from POJK highly condemn the targeted killings in village Upper Dhangri.

The terrorists should understand that the PoJK DPs had shown high resistance to their attack even in 1947 and saved the state and shall continue to do so if need be even today as true patriots, Suchwant Singh, Chief Spokesman MJR47 Jammu said. Thousands of DPs families of 1947 living in these more than 100 bastis/camps all along IB/LOC from Poonch to Kathua have suffered cross border firing and terrorists attacks since. All these habitations are all so vulnerable to cross border firing and are easy targets by militants unless provided proper security for which all DP's organizations have been constantly making demand . This is the reason that DPs have always been requesting for proper rehabilitation and settlement. But with no results.

Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President National Conference strongly condemned the terrorists attack in in Dhangri village.

In a statement issued here today, the Provincial President said that the security situation is worsening in the Jammu and Kashmir and the government is busy presenting a fake rosy picture of Kashmir. Gupta expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and asked the L.G administration provide adequate compensation as per demanded to the families of the deceased, injured and govt jobs to the kins.

All J&K POJK1947 Sharnarthis Intellectual Forum core committee members under the presidentship of Advocate Amrik Singh and Surjt Singh Secretary strongly condemned the gruesome and barbaric act of terrorist at Dangri village of Rajouri.

The Forum declared it a cowardness attempt made by terrorists on behest of Pakistani terror agencies.

The Forum urged the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to send the strong message to Pakistan Govt and warn them to face the dire consequences in near future.

Forum reiterated that the villagers of minorities living in the Border areas be provided security otherwise their lives are

always under threat. The forum observed two minutes silence in the memory of martyred civilian. The meeting attended by Inder Singh corporator, Sucha Singh corporator, Kuldeep Singh Vice President, Sudesh Kumar, Mela Ram Bhagat ex SP ret'd, Nasib Singhm Prof. K.D Singh, Grp. Captain H.S Sudan ret'd, Kuldip Singh Kuku Paranjit Singh Shingari, Jagjit Singh, Khazan Singh Manjit Singh and Amandeep Singh.

Rashtriya Hindu Vahini J&K President Rajinder Hindu condemned the Rajouri terrorist attack and expressed condolences to the families of those killed in the heinous attack. Rajinder Hindu said that J&K, being a Union territory, is controlled by the centre and the centre has to ensure safety of the residents of J&K. He said that the government should wake up from deep slumber and should put an end to the targeted killing of members of minority community in J&K.

Jammu Kashmir Sharnathi Action Committee (JKSAC) in a meeting held today in Jammu strongly condemned in one voice the cowardly attack made by terrorists at upper Dangri. The participants demanded a high level probe to unearth the security lapses responsible for this unfortunate tragic incident. The participants further demanded Rs 50 lakh compensation for each grief stricken family and a govt. job to the next kin of the deceased and further added that till than Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia relief be given immediately to each aggrieved family. While addressing the meeting Gurdev Singh President termed these incidents as most unfortunate and cowardly, anti-humanity act committed by terrorists for selectively killing.

The members present in the meeting appealed to Lt. Governor to deal ironically with the terrorist to save the lives of innocent people and also to revive the Village Defense Committees for self protection and immediate compensation and relief be paid to the victims.

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal staged a strong protest against the



Rashtriya Bajrang Dal buring effigy during a protest.

target killing and burnt the effigy of Pakistan. Rakesh Bajrangi, the President of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, who is leading this demonstration, said that within three day of Sidhra encounter again brutal killing of innocent civilians by terrorists attack which is not tolerable the Indian.

J&K Shiv Sena Dogra Front led by President Ashok Gupta protested against Pakistan over civilian killing in Rajouri.

Pakistan is a terror state that has made business out of terror and has become a threat to world peace, Gupta said.

Stating that Rajouri militant attack reflects utter failure of Central Govt on the Security front, **Senior Congress Leader Pranav Shagotra** termed the innocent killings shameful and unacceptable. Shagotra also expressed shock over the killing of child in a blast near yesterday's attack site while condemning the innocent killings in strongest words.

Shagotra emphasized the Govt to take effective measures to put an end to bloodshed and ensure safety of common people. He also demanded adequate compensation to the next of kin of slain persons.

AJKPC sends off letters to Modi, Shah & NSA; demands extension of PRIs for 2 years

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JAMMU: Anil Sharma, President of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference, AJKPC along with other office bearers of the organization today sent off copies of the AJKPC's Resolution dated 22/Dec/2022 to Narendra Modi Prime Minister of India, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval , Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and other members of Parliament of India.

The resolution that is dispatched today was passed by unanimous voting by all the functionaries of the AJKPC in its one day convention held in Jammu a week ago.

Seven Points Resolution demands extension of the present term of the Panchayats on the argument that since due to corona pandemic for more than two years the existing heads of Panchayats could not



President AJKPC, Anil Sharma talking to reporters at Jammu.

perform their duties diligently. It seeks extension of the term of PRIs of J & K till Dec 2025 and new elections only in January 2026 along with the elections of District Development Councils as envisaged in the 73rd amendment of Indian Constitution.While interacting with the media persons after dispatching the copies of resolution through registered post from Head Post Office Gandhinagar Jammu, Anil Sharma, the president of AJKPC informed that besides

other demands the resolution is very clear that no Panchayat member of J & K would accept any preponement of elections of existing Panchayats.

He said the copies of these resolutions have also been sent to all important National leaders of political parties and they have been apprised about the aspirations and demands of the elected PRIs of J & K.

Highlighting a part of the Resolution, Sharma also said that very first paragraph of their 7 points Resolution

states that every member of the AJKPC shall continue to support the government of India and Government of J & K for establishment of Peace and Strengthening of Democracy in J & K and for ensuring upholding dignity of Constitution of India and its flag in every Nook and Corner of J & K.

In the resolution AJKPC has also sought relief for the families of all martyred elected members of PRIs who had laid down their life for India's sovereignty during the period 2011 to till date.

The AJKPC leader also hinted that a delegation of J & K PRI members may also soon leave for Delhi to press for their demands. Other leaders of AJKPC who were present on the occasion include A k Pandita, Des Raj Bhagat, Jatinder singh, Manoj Pandita. Gh. Hassan Reshi,O.N Razdan, Brijnath Bhat, Sanjay Bhat,Shahnawaz Malik.

BJP OBC Morcha committed to work for upliftment of Educationally Weaker Sections: Sunil Prajapati

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JAMMU: In a public meeting in Gurba Bakshi Nagar, team BJP OBC Morcha committed to work for the welfare of the society in a program organised by Vishwakarma Sabha, Gurba Bakshi Nagar Jammu.

On the occasion, OBC Morcha team was also felicitated by Vishwakarma Sabha office bearers. Sunil Prajapati, President BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Suresh Salgotra (Vice President OBC Morcha), Raman Chalotra (State Secretary OBC Morcha), Kewal Verma (State Secretary OBC Morcha), Shekhar Chander Satti (Spokesperson OBC Morcha), Ashok Salgotra (President district Jammung OBC Morcha) and Rakesh Mandal (President Amphalla Mandal) were the Guests of Honour: Rakesh Chalotra (President Vishvakarma Sabha Bakshi Nagar), Jagadish Kargotra (General Secretary Vishavkarma Sabha), H. R Chargotra, Rattan Lal, Ramesh Lal, Pawan Kumar:



BJP OBC Morcha members felicitating Sunil Prajapati, President BJP OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir.

Sanjay Chalotra, Sanjay Sagar, Vinod, Om Parkash, Ashok Kumar and Rolu Ram and others were present in the programme. Organisers gave a warm welcome to Sunil Prajapati and his team. They felicitated them by presenting Saffron Churni and picture of Bhagvan Vishavkarma. They worshipped Lord Vishwakarma and prayed for the peace and harmony of the nation.

Sunil Prajapati said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working dedicatedly for a better future of Jammu & Kashmir: BJP is building a better future for the youth, a

better tomorrow and a new dawn with more prosperity.

He said BJP is only political party who thinks about all the segments of society and only BJP can give us our political and reservation rights.

The dynastic parties of Kashmir like PDP, NC and Congress which have plundered J&K are now on the verge of extinction, he said. The overwhelming support of people to BJP in Kashmir shows the trust of Kashmiri people on PM Modi led BJP government and its welfare policies. He said BJP OBC Morcha Committed to work for Upliftment of the Socially and Educationally

weaker Sections. He said BJP OBC Morcha is working for all segments of society and Organising social tasks and serving humanity across Jammu Kashmir: He said BJP OBC Morcha is demanding reservation as per population in Jammu Kashmir because appropriate reservation is our right and he said that BJP OBC Morcha will not left any stone unturnd to get reservations for the People of Jammu Kashmir: There is huge number of highly beneficial schemes which are running by Government just for needy people and public should take benefit these schemes, he added.

Dy Mayor starts water pipeline laying work at Ward 45

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JAMMU: Continuing the campaign to provide better development as well as basic facilities to the people of the area of Bahu constituency, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, Jammu along with Chairman Public Health and Sanitation Committee Raj Kumar Tarkhan started the work of laying water pipeline at Ward 45, Digiana.

The estimated total cost of the development work is Rs 5 lakh and it will be carried out under the supervision of the concerned authorities.

Billawaria said that after the laying of this pipeline, water will reach every house in the area and people will not have to suffer for drinking water.

An arrangement regarding the drinking water/Health and Sanitation, has been reached today in the interest of millions of



Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria starting water pipeline laying work at Ward 45, Digiana.

families of Jammu City and its surroundings which is a great initiative in realizing the dream of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he said. Satpal Choudhary, Vinod

Sharma, Variender Gupta, Tarsem Sharma, Vijay Mehra, Shalu Gupta, Reetika Kumari, Ashok Choudhary, Uttam Singh were also present.