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## Terrorists kill 26 people, mostly tourists, in Pahalgam's 'mini Switzerland'



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PAHALGAM: Terrorists opened fire at a famed meadow near Kashmir's Pahalgam

town on Tuesday afternoon, killing 26 people, mostly tourists, in what is the deadliest attack in the Valley since

the Pulwama strike in 2019. The 26 dead included two foreigners and two locals, a high ranking official said

### Those behind terror attack will not go unpunished: LG

Attack on our visitors is an abomination, says CM

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday condemned the terror attack in the tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district and vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice. "I strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam. I assure the people that those behind this despicable attack will not

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without getting into details. The toll is still being ascertained, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said while describing the terror attack as "much larger than anything we've seen directed at civilians in recent years".

The attack, which comes as US Vice President J D Vance

is visiting India and just as the tourist and trekking season is picking up momentum, took place around 3 pm, officials said.

Baisaran, about six kilometres from the resort town of Pahalgam, is an expansive meadow ringed by dense pine forests and mountains

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## Amit Shah reaches Srinagar, briefed on Pahalgam terror attack

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Srinagar to review the security situation in Kashmir following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam in which 26 people were killed, officials said.

Hours after the attack on tourists, Shah rushed



Union Minister, Amit Shah chairing security meeting at Srinagar.

to Srinagar and drove straight to the Raj Bhavan from the airport.

Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Nalin

### Modi cuts short Saudi visit

Prabhat briefed the home minister upon his arrival. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka were present at the time of the briefing. The officials had earlier said Shah was scheduled to chair a high-level meeting of security officials. The home minister is likely to visit Pahalgam on Wednesday, they added. Terrorists opened fire at a famed meadow near Kashmir's Pahalgam town on Tuesday afternoon, killing 26 people,

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## Chugh, Azad, Vikram, others condemn terror attack, seeks befitting reply against Pakistan

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that Pakistan ISI's nefarious designs of disturbing peace in Jammu and Kashmir would be decisively defeated by the security forces.

While condemning the terrorists' attack on tourists in the Pahalgam, Chugh said in a statement that it was an act of cowardice and was strongly reprehensible.

He said terrorists are trying to destroy the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir and have been trying to create an atmosphere of fear and panic in the tourist places.

He said the security forces would give a befitting reply to them and bring the Pakistan-sponsored culprits to book. Chugh said people in J&K have been reviving the economic condition by the virtue of their hard work depending largely on tourism. But now

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## Security beefed up across Jammu; CCI, various groups call for Bandh today

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JAMMU: Security has been beefed up across Jammu as various parties, including Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), have called for a general strike and protests on Wednesday to condemn a deadly terror attack on tourists in south Kashmir's Pahalgam tourist resort.

Terrorists opened fire at a famed meadow near Pahalgam town on Tuesday afternoon, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, in the deadliest attack in the valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019.

The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Congress, Jammu

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu Bar Association, Vishva Hindu Parishad and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal have separately called for a day-long 'Jammu bandh' on Wednesday as a mark of protest against the innocent killings in the gruesome attack.

They have also announced separate protests to denounce the Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

Officials said a high-level security meeting, jointly chaired by Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, was held at the Police Control Room here

late this evening to chalk out a strategy to deal with the situation.

The meeting reviewed the situation and decided to further strengthen the security grid to maintain peace and law order, the officials said.

They said additional police and paramilitary forces have already been deployed in sensitive areas across Jammu as a precautionary measure.

Appealing to people of Jammu to observe a complete strike on Wednesday, PCC chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the killing of innocents by terrorists is not acceptable.

"A complete bandh will be observed to send a strong

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### Wanted gangster dies in scuffle with police while trying to escape custody

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JAMMU: A wanted gangster died in a scuffle with cops while trying to escape from police custody along with an aide near here, an official said on Tuesday.

Four cops escorting wanted criminal Mushtaq Ali alias Raj Ali alias Bacheu Don from Punjab to Jammu were also got injured in the incident, a police spokesman said.

Sharing details of the incident, he said a police party from Jammu rounded up Ali and his associate, both wanted in a number of criminal cases in Jammu, Kathua and Samba, from the Baba Batala area of Amritsar

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## Terrorists cursed Modi, asked my father to recite Islamic verse before shooting him: Daughter

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MUMBAI: The family was cowering in fear inside a tent when terrorists came. They asked Santosh Jagdale, 54, to come out and recite an Islamic verse. When he couldn't, they shot him thrice: once in the head, then behind the ear and then his back.

The 26-year-old daughter of the Pune businessman recounted to PTI the terror the family went through in the horrific attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

After her father fell to the ground, the gunmen turned on her uncle who was lying next to her and shot him sev-

eral times in the back.

"We were a group of five people, including my parents. We were in Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam and were at a spot called Mini Switzerland when the firing began," Asavari Jagdale told PTI in a telephonic interview five hours after the shooting.

Asavari does not know if her father and uncle are alive or among the dead.

She, her mother and another female relative were spared, and locals and security forces evacuated them to Pahalgam Club where they remain clueless about the fate of the two men.

Asavari, 26, a human resource professional in

Pune, said the family was on a vacation at the idyllic spot when they heard firing from "people who wore clothes similar to those of local police" descending from the nearby hill.

"We immediately rushed to a nearby tent for protection. So did six to seven others (tourists). We all lay down on the ground as protection against the firing which we then assumed was between the terrorists and security personnel," Asavari said.

She said the group of terrorists first came to a nearby tent and opened fire.

"Then they came to our tent and asked my father

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## LoP Sunil Sharma visits Anantnag, meets victims; briefs HM on field situation

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SRINAGAR: Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma visited Anantnag including Government Medical College and met with victims of gruesome terrorist attack on pilgrims at Pahalgam. Sharma also briefed Home Minister

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**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 37.0°C Min: 23.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 34 Min: 20

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 22.6°C Min: 7.6°C

**Humidity**  
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