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NIA team visits...

fire at a meadow near Pahalgam town in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday afternoon.
"The 4-member NIA team visited the residences of Atul Shrikant Mone (43), Hemant Suhas Joshi (45), and Sanjay Laxman Lele (50) in Dombival West between 5-7 pm. The NIA team spoke to the kin of the deceased persons," an official said.
Mone, Joshi and Lele are related to each other. Their bodies were brought to Maharashtra on Wednesday evening, after which the last rites were performed.
The NIA is providing assistance to J-K police probing Tuesday's dastardly terrorist attack.

Search operation underway...

Troops of Romeo Force (army), police, and CRPF are engaged in the operation to track down terrorists, they said.
Security personnel have also increased vigilance on the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch road and connecting Mughal road, and are conducting vehicle checks, they said.
These measures are part of security protocols following the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam area of Kashmir.

Leaders seek action...

deputed there, sources said.
Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said there has been a security lapse and the government did not act promptly after the attack.
"We will support the government decision in the best interest of the nation," he said.
Some leaders, including Kharge and AAP's Sanjay Singh, pointed out the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the meeting and said that he should have been present.
TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay demanded that the prime minister convene a meeting of all party chiefs at the earliest.
Sanjay Singh said all parties demanded action by the government for the destruction of terror camps.
Bandyopadhyay said the issue of possible security lapses was also discussed but the opposition assured that it was with the government in the fight against terrorism.
"The nation must be totally united in this fight to eliminate terrorism," he said.
The government briefed leaders of various political parties on the Pahalgam terror attack and heard their views at the all-party meeting here.
At the beginning of the meeting, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the attack.
While Defence Minister Rajnath Singh initiated the discussion at the meeting, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka gave all leaders a 20-minute briefing on the attack and how it happened. Later, he answered the questions of several leaders and Home Minister Amit Shah joined him in answering the queries.
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman were also present at the meeting from the government's side.
Besides Kharge and Gandhi, Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha and BJP president J P Nadda attended the meeting which was chaired by Rajnath Singh.
Others who attended the meeting included NCP-SP's Supriya Sule, NCP's Praful Patel, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, BJD's Sasmit Patra, TDP's Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde, RJD's Premchand Gupta, DMK's Tiruchi Siva and SP's Ram Gopal Yadav.
Earlier during the day, PM Modi declared in Bihar's Madhubani that India will "identify, track, and punish" every terrorist and their "backers" involved in the Pahalgam carnage and pursue the killers to the "ends of the earth".
Modi vowed that terrorism will not go "unpunished" and that every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism, he said.

The all-party meeting was held a day after the government announced a host of measures targeting Pakistan in the aftermath of the terror attack.
The decision to call the all-party meeting was taken on Wednesday, with Rajnath Singh and Shah reaching out to various parties.
It has been a convention to call an all-party meeting following an incident with serious repercussions related to national security, as was seen after the Pulwama terror attack in 2019 or during the India-China standoff in 2020.
Targeting Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack, India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with it and announced a raft of measures, including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post.
The decisions were taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by PM Modi.

J&K leaders unite...

J&K are standing in support of those who have lost their loved ones in the Pahalgam attack...All the Hindus and Muslims in J&K are united against terrorism...
Following all-party meeting, CM Omar Abdullah announced the adoption of a unified resolution by all parties, condemning the attack and affirming a shared commitment to peace and justice.
CM Omar Abdullah stated, "We, the participants of the All Party meeting of Jammu and Kashmir, deeply shocked and anguished by the recent barbaric attack in Pahalgam on April 22, 2025 on innocent civilians, hereby adopt this resolution in a spirit of collective solidarity and resolve. We unequivocally condemn in the strongest possible terms the heinous, inhumane attack in Pahalgam that targeted and killed innocent civilians."
He further described the act as "a direct assault on the values of Kashmiriyat and the idea of India," and added, "Such cowardly acts of brutality against peaceful citizens have no place in society and are a direct assault on the values of Kashmiriyat and the idea of India, which have long been a symbol of unity, peace and harmony in the region...We also support the steps taken by the Union Government announced yesterday. We extend our deepest condolences to the families who have suffered loss," he said.
The attack, which targeted tourists in the Baisaran meadow of Pahalgam, claimed the lives of 27 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen, leaving several others injured. It is considered one of the deadliest terror attacks in the region since the 2019 Pulwama bombing, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed, and among the most severe since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Trade associations hold...

Bhagirath Place, Gandhinagar, Naya Bazar, Khari Baoli, Chawri Bazar, Hindustan Mercantile (Chandni Chowk), Jama Masjid and Hauz Qazi, the statement said.
Additionally, various merchant associations from the cloth, spice, utensil and bulion markets will also take part in the bandh, it added.
CTI has urged the trading community to observe the shutdown peacefully and continue to stand in solidarity against acts of terrorism.
Political and trade groups and civil society organisations across the country have hit the streets to register their protest against civilian killings in Pahalgam.
One foreign national and a J-K resident were among the 26 killed in Pahalgam in the deadliest assault in the Kashmir Valley since the 2019 Pulwama attack.

India revokes visas...

the government of India has decided to suspend visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect," the MEA said in a statement.
"All existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29."
"All Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave India before the expiry of visas, as now amended," it said.
The number of Pakistani nationals holding Indian visas is not immediately known.
"Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid travelling to Pakistan. Those Indian nationals currently in Pakistan are also advised to return to India at the earliest," the MEA said.
The new retaliatory actions shut down the few existing diplomatic mechanisms between the two sides taking bilateral relations to yet another new low.
As part of the punitive measures, India on Wednesday also announced expelling Pakistan's three military attaches and directed Islamabad to also downsize the staff strength at its high commission in New Delhi from 55 to 30.
Amid nationwide outrage over the terror strike, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the killers of Pahalgam will be pursued "to the ends of the earth" as he promised to "identify, track and punish every terrorist and their backers".
In an address at a rally in Bihar's Madhubani, Modi vowed to punish terrorists behind the strike and said India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.
"Friends, today from the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world India will identify,

track, and punish every terrorist and their backers," he said.
"We will pursue them to the ends of the earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished," he added.
"Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done. The entire nation is firm in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us in these times," he said.

Only one foreigner...

reporters that the Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was given details on the terrorist attack in Pahalgam that left 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen dead.

Soldier martyred in...

White Knight Corps said on X.
Contact was established, and a fierce firefight ensued, it said.
"One of our bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the initial exchange and later succumbed despite best medical efforts," the Army said.
The martyred soldier has been identified as Havaladar Jhantu Ali Sheikh of 6 Para of the Special Forces.
"GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks salute braveheart Havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of 6 PARA SF, who made the supreme sacrifice during a counter-terror operation," the Army said on X.
The Army said his indomitable courage and the valour of his team will never be forgotten. "We stand in solidarity with the bereaved family in this moment of grief," the Army added.
The operation was still underway when the last reports came in from the spot, they added.
Four suspects were also picked up for the area for questioning.
This is the third encounter between terrorists and security forces in Jammu in the past over 24 hours.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid tributes to Army braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh, saying: "I bow to our army braveheart Hav Jhantu Ali Shaikh who made supreme sacrifice for the nation. His valour and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The entire nation stands firmly with the family of the martyr in this hour of grief."
Union Minister Singh took to his social media handle X and wrote, "My deepest condolences and salute to Havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh (6 PARA SF), who has made the supreme sacrifice during this operation."
He said that he is keeping a close track of the encounter going on in the Dudh-Basantgarh area of the Udhampur district. The Union minister said that Udhampur Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai is constantly in touch with him.
"The DIG and SSP are personally on the spot. Further security measures, as required, are being planned," he said.
On Wednesday, an encounter broke out after terrorists opened fire on security personnel during a cordon and search operation in Tangmarg area of Kulgam district of south Kashmir.
The Indian Army foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri Nala area of Baramulla, killing two terrorists amid an intense firefight on Wednesday.
This came after a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam claimed 26 lives on Tuesday, prompting a national security response.
Udhampur district's Basantgarh belt has witnessed a chain of terror incidents in the past one year.
On April 9, an encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the Jopher-Marta belt of Ramnagar, Udhampur district. However, the terrorists managed to escape.
On September 11 last year, two terrorists affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were killed in an encounter in the upper reaches of Basantgarh.
On April 29 last year, a Village Defence Guard member was killed in an exchange of fire with unidentified gunmen in Panara village of Basantgarh.
Several encounters and operations have taken place in this strategic belt, which lies between the Kathua border district and the Doda-Kishtwar belt, as part of infiltration routes.

Pahalgam attack: India...

Qatar, Norway, Italy, Indonesia and Malaysia were also part of the briefing.
Meanwhile, India also briefed New Delhi-based envoys of almost all G20 nations and those from its strategic partners on the dastardly Pahalgam terror attack and its link to cross-border terrorism, people familiar with the matter said.
Envoys of G20 member nations such as the US, the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Australia, Indonesia and China attended the briefing.
Envoys of India's close strategic partners including the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Malaysia also joined it.

Theft case solved; stolen motor bike recovered, accused held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: In continuation to a drive launched by J&K Police Kathua against the thieves/vehicle lifters operating in this district Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena has solved one theft case by recovering 01 stolen Motorbike from Punjab state within 72 hrs & 01 inter state thief arrested who was involved in the offence in the limits of PS Kathua.
On 21/04/2025 on the written complaint of complainant namely Abhi Kumar S/o Harbans Lal R/o Jagatpur Kathua reported at PP Nagri regarding to Theft of his Motorbike bearing Reg. No. JK08K-5173 from Mata Bala Sundri Temple Nagri for which a case was registered at PS Kathua vide FIR No. 199/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS. Following a thorough investigation, today 24/04/2025 police team of PP Nagri led by PSI Ravinder Thakur under the guidance of Addl. SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS, DySP Hqrs Kathua Sh. Ravinder Singh & SHO PS Kathua arrested one suspect namely 1. Sumit Saini S/o Ashwani Kumar R/o Dodwan Dinanagar Tehsil Gurdaspur.
Upon interrogation, the accused confessed his involvement in the said theft case and disclosed the location of the stolen bike.
Thereafter recovered bike was seized and one accused person was arrested on the spot.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 2 smugglers arrested, 5 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Poonch Police has successfully foiled a bovines smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Surankote, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued five bovines.
A Police team headed by Incharge PP Behramgala has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt near Police check post Chandimarh, arrested 02 bovine smugglers and rescued five bovines which were being smuggled by foot.
The arrested bovine smuggler has been identified as (01).Mohd Bashir S/o Jamal Din R/o Bhangai Shadra Sharief, Thanamandi, District Rajouri and (02). Nissar Ahmed R/o Bhangai Rajouri. A case FIR No. 52/2025 u/s 223 BNS has been registered at Police Station Surankote and investigation is going on.

Modi Gov't actions show zero tolerance for terror: Vibodh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the Mandir Committee of Gangyal today organized a Yagya to offer prayers for those who lost their lives and to seek blessings for the speedy recovery of the injured.
Later, BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressed the media at the venue. Expressing deep anguish over the incident, Gupta stated, "We strongly condemn the cowardly attack on innocent civilians. Such acts of terror are a direct assault on the peace and unity of our nation, and the perpetrators will not be spared." He further emphasized India's long-standing ethos of peace and non-aggression, while also asserting the country's right to self-defense. "India has never attacked any country out of hatred or contempt, but if our interests are threatened, we will not hesitate to take a big step," Gupta added.
He further highlighted the Modi government's unwavering commitment to national security, noting several strong measures taken in response to repeated provocations from Pakistan. He also asserted that Pakistan's support to terrorism is a global threat. "This government has not stayed silent. We have taken steps like keeping the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, cancelling SAARC visas for Pakistani citizens, among others - sending a clear message that terrorism will not be tolerated," Gupta said. Speaking to the media, Baldev Singh Billawaria expressed profound grief and condemned the heinous act in the strongest terms. "This cowardly attack is not just an assault on individuals, but on the very spirit of our nation - a nation built on unity, resilience, and peace." He called on the people to remain united adding, "Terror has no justification. Such violence will only strengthen our resolve to defeat it in all its forms. We must continue to support our security forces and stand firm against any attempt to destabilize our peace."

Doda police mounts pressure on absconders, two surrender before Court

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Evading arrest since long, two absconders surrendered before the court. While giving details, Official sources has said that absconder namely Bagh Hussain and Surmo Gujjar both sons of Ali Gujjar R/O Kathua were involved in case FIR No. 138/2014 Under section 341, 323, 147 RPC of PS Bhaderwah and absconding since long. Arrest Warrant under section 512 was issued by the Hon'ble court against these absconders. On the directions of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta-JKPS a Police team was deputed for their arrest but both of them were not arrested.



After observing the mounting pressure from the Police, both the absconders of Police station Bhaderwah namely Bagh Hussain and Surmo Gujjar both sons of Ali Gujjar R/O Kathua who had been evading arrest since long, surrendered before the court of the JMJC Bhaderwah.
The Doda Police has been conducting a special drive to arrest absconders and other criminals, with special teams formed at the police station level.

Theft case solved: Three arrested, stolen cable wire recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a commendable effort, the police team of Police Post Nehru Market, led by ICPP Nehru Market under the supervision of SP South and SDPO South, has successfully apprehended three individuals involved in a theft case and recovered stolen property based on their confession and identification.
The arrests were made in connection with FIR No. 92/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS registered at the police station Gandhi Nagar. Following sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to their involvement in the theft and led



the police to the location of the stolen property.
Accused Arrested has been identified as Ankush S/O Sham Lal R/O Muthi, Jammu; Pardeep Singh S/O Dav Raj R/O Mahadev, Reasi and Sachin Gotam S/O Jai Bagwan Dass R/O Ghaziabad, U.P., A/P Shivaji Chowk, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Based on their confession and subsequent identification, stolen cable wire was recovered today. Further investigation is underway to ascertain their involvement in other similar cases and to trace additional recoveries, if any.

Jammu South Police maintains firm stand against crime; busts gambling racket; takes preventive actions across multiple units

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In its relentless efforts to uphold law and order and ensure public safety, Jammu Police South Zone continues to carry out effective and targeted enforcement actions under its jurisdiction. Recent operations led to the cracking down of a gambling activity in Bathindi, execution of preventive actions, and enforcement under the Motor Vehicle Act across various units of South Zone.
Acting on specific and reliable information, a team from Police Post Bathindi, led by IC PP Bathindi along with police, conducted a late-night raid near Lucky Communication, Bathindi, where four individuals were found indulging in gambling activities at a public place. All the accused have been booked under Section 13 of the Gambling Act, and stake money amounting to Rs. 12,300 along with playing cards were seized from the spot.
At Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu; In proactive policing, the following actions were taken; Preventive action U/S 126/135 BNS initiated against Mohd Hussain S/O Ghulam Mohd R/O Ragoora, Jammu and One accused Deepak Kumar S/O Manga Ram was arrested in execution of a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him.
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Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 4 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and rescued four bovines. The vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines was also seized.
An information was received at Police Post Supwal of PS Samba from reliable sources regarding smuggling of bovines in a Mahindra Load carrier bearing registration No. JK02CN-0704. Acting on information, a Police team headed by Incharge PP Supwal successfully intercepted the said vehicle near Barian and during checking, four bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.
A case FIR No. 118/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Thief along with 3 associates arrested; stolen bike, huge cache of engine parts recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Thief along with 3 associates arrested while stolen bike and huge cache of Engine Parts were recovered by Police Station R.S Pura, Jammu.
That on 21.04.2025 complainant namely Yashpal S/o Krishan Lal R/o Chohala Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu lodged a written complaint stating therein that on 24.03.2025 at about 12:30pm complainant parked his motorcycle bearing registration No. JK02CC-3941 outside Tehsil complex and went inside the office and after half hour when he came back and found that his motorcycle was stolen by some unknown thieves.
On this information, a case FIR No. 77/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS was registered in this police station and investigation started to nab the unknown thieves.
Acting swiftly, to nab the thieves a special team was constituted and based on input from reliable sources and with the help of technical assistance, Police finally apprehended one thief namely Pawan Kumar S/o Gian Chand R/o Bagga Channa Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu and put under sustained questioning.
During sustained questioning, he disclosed his involvement in the commission of crime and on his disclosure stolen motorcycle has been recovered in a successful operation, police have recovered a stolen motorbike along with several other engines and vehicle parts believed to be connected to a recent string of thefts across the area. Acting on a tip-off, R.S Pura police conducted a targeted raids in different locations, where they uncovered one fully intact motorbike and multiple disassembled engine components, spare parts, and accessories. The items are suspected to have been stolen over the past few weeks. "This is a significant breakthrough in an ongoing investigation," We are working diligently to return the recovered property to its rightful owners and are pursuing all leads to apprehend those responsible." R.S Pura Police have arrested three more suspects in the same case, and further actions is going on.
The Police team was led by the SHO R S Pura Inspector R S Parihar under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu.
The Jammu police urges all residents to report any suspicious activity and