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Three houses razed, hundreds detained in massive crackdown in Kashmir post Pahalgam massacre



Houses belongs to terrorists blown up by security forces at Srinagar on Saturday

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Kashmir have launched a massive crackdown on terrorists and their sympathisers in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, razing homes of the ultras, raiding their safe havens and detaining hundreds of overground workers for questionofficials said on Saturday.

Houses of six terrorists or their associates have been demolished in the past 48 hours with officials saying similar action will be taken against others involved in terror activities.

Raids were carried out at more than 60 places on Saturday in Srinagar "to dismantle the terrorist ecosys-

tem", a Police spokesman said.

In Anantnag district, search operations are being carried out round-the-clock as security forces step up vigilance. Mobile vehicle checkpoints have been put up across the district to monitor any suspicious movement, the officials said.

going after the known terrorist associates and their sympathisers across the length and breadth of the Valley to create deterrence against any Pahalgam-like attacks, the

officials said. Terrorists on opened fire in Baisaran, a popular tourist spot in the upper reaches of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, killing

26 people, mostly holidayers from other states -- an incident that has spiked India-Pakistan tensions, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserting that the killers would be pursued "to the ends of the earth."

Mysterious blasts blew up the houses of two active terrorists -- Aadil Thoker in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and Asif Sheikh -- in the Tral area of Pulwama district after security forces raided the houses Thursday night.

While Thoker has been named as one of the three terrorists involved in the gruesome killing of tourists Pahalgam, Sheikh's involvement in the attack has also not been ruled out, officials said.

Officials on Saturday said that four houses of the alleged terrorists were demolished in Pulwama, Shopian, Kupwara

Omar questions Pakistan's offer to join 'neutral' probe into Pahalgam killings

RAMBAN: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday questioned Pakistan's offer to join any "neutral and transparent" probe into the terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people on April

"The recent tragedy in Pahalgam is yet another example of this perpetual blame game, which must come to a grinding halt. Continuing with its role as a responsible country, Pakistan is open to participating in any neutral, transparent and credible investigation," Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Saturday.

"First they (Pakistan) did not accept that something happened in Pahalgam. Then they even said it was done by India. They were the ones who first accused us, so it's difficult to say anything about them," Abdullah told reporters here. Asked

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CM Omar Abdullah reviewing restoration efforts during his third visit to Ramban on Saturday.

CM visits Ramban again; reviews relief, restoration efforts

RAMBAN: In his third visit to Ramban in a short span, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday reviewed the situation and progress of relief and restoration efforts in the flood affected areas of the district.

Touring extensively the severely impacted Dharmkund area and chairing a high-level review meeting in Ramban, the Chief Minister assessed the extent of damages and the ongong response operations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister emphasized that his primary purpose was to reassure the people of Ramban that the government stands firmly with them during this challenging time. He reiterated **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

ACB books cop in disproportionate assets case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir ACB registered Disproportionate Assets case against Dushant Sharma, Selection Grade Constable (Sgct) of Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police.

Anti Corruption Bureau registered a case FIR No. 05 /2025 under section 13 (1) (b) r/w 13 (2) PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) in PS ACB Jammu against public namely Sect Dushant Sharma of IRP 20th Bn. presently attached with IRP 7th Bn, official

The case was registered on

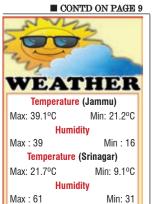
Nearly 80 families relocated after cloudburst triggered floods in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS RAMBAN: Nearly 80 families were relocated and are being provided with assistance following the recent cloudburst-triggered flash floods that claimed the lives of three persons in this district of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior government official said on

Ramban Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baseer ul Haq Chaudhary said over 80,000 kanals of agricultural land and 544 structures, including schools, also suffered damage in the district due to the natural calamity on April 20.

Chaudhary was briefing a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who reviewed relief and restoration efforts during his third visit to Ramban.

Besides the loss of three precious human lives, the deputy commissioner said over 1,000 livestock also perished, while 11 key locations along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway



Sunset: 19:08 Hours

Sunrise: 05:49 Hours

fication conducted into the **STATE TIMES NEWS** allegations that the accused public servant has acquired huge assets, both moveable and immovable, dispropor-

family members, official said. The secret verification so conducted has revealed that the above named public servant has accumulated huge assets in the shape of palatial double storey residential house, Shopping store with residential building, Food restaurants and purchased several plots, various luxurious vehicles as well as

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The govern-

ment asked media outlets

on Saturday to refrain

from live coverage of

defence operations and

movement of security

forces, contending that

such reportage may inad-

vertently help hostile ele-

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defence matters following

the terror attack in Jammu

and Kashmir's Pahalgam

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Traffic to remain suspended on Jammu-Srinagar

JAMMU: The traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway will remain suspended for 24 hours, beginning Sunday morning, for widening of road damaged due to recent landslides especially near Ramban town, an official said.

According to Deputy issued by Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary, the traffic will be halted on the highway for repair work from 8 am on Sunday to 8 am on Monday.

A traffic department official clarified that the traffic

Refrain from live coverage of defence ops, security

force movement: Govt to media channels

al security, all media plat-

forms, news agencies, and

social media users are

advised to exercise utmost

responsibility and adhere

strictly to existing laws and

regulations while reporting

on matters concerning

defence and other security-

related operations," said

the advisory by the

Ministry of Information

"Specifically: No real-

time coverage, dissemina-

tion of visuals, or reporting

based on 'sources-based'

information related to

and Broadcasting.



NH today for repair work

250-km highway, the only all roadKashmir with rest of the country, between Nashri Tunnel to Banihal Tunnel -a 66-km stretch in Ramban

movement should be under-

The advisory also said

that premature disclosure

of sensitive information

may inadvertently assist

hostile elements and

endanger operational effec-

tiveness and the safety of

The advisory cited past

incidents such as the

Kargil war, the Mumbai

terror attacks of 2008, and

the Kandahar hijacking,

when "unrestricted cover-

adverse consequences on

had unintended

taken," it stated.

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"There will be no movement

Police detain man under **PSA** in Kathua Distt

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man allegedly involved in anti-national activities was detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kathua district on Saturday, police said.

The accused, identified as Jai Kumar alias Sonu, is a resident of Mirpur Jagoo village of Nagri tehsil.

According to police, nearly a dozen FIRs are registered against him at various police stations. Kumar was detained after police obtained a warrant from Kathua district magistrate following the submission of a dossier, an official said. Kumar is currently lodged in Rajouri district, police spokesperson said.

of any kind of vehicle after 5 pm today (Saturday) from Qazigund towards Jammu and from Udhampur towards Srinagar. Load carrier operators carrying perishable items or live stock are advised to load their vehicles accordingly," a spokesperson of the traffic department

The one-way traffic on the highway was restored on April 23 to facilitate stranded passengers to move out of Kashmir following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam a day earlier. The attack left 26 persons, mostly tourists,

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Terrorist hideout busted, huge cache of arms seized



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KUPWARA: A huge cache of arms and ammunition was seized as security forces busted a terrorist hideout in Kupwara district Saturday, police said.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs, a search operation was launched by the security forces in the forest-

ed area of Sedori Nala. Mushtaqabad Machil (the Samsha Behak forest region), in the north Kashmir district, a police official said.

He said a terrorist hideout was successfully located and busted during the operation. A significant cache of

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Gataru murder case: Police files chargesheet against 11 accused

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JAMMU: Police on Saturday filed a chargesheet against 11 accused, including three absconders, in connection with the murder of the Gataru gang leader here, officials said.

In addition, a separate chargesheet is being prepared to be filed next week before the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Jammu against two juveniles involved in the case, a police spokesperson said.

Sumit Jandyal, Gataru gang leader, was shot dead by a rival 'Khouff' gang in broad daylight at Jewel Chowk in the heart of the city on January 21. Ten accused were arrested by police during the subsequent investigations and also recovered four pistols among other things.

Nowabad Police station filed the chargesheet in Jandyal's murder case before the sub-judge court against arrested Harsh Singh alias Banta, Abhey Partap Singh alias Mui, Mithun Kumar, Shiv Kumar alias Koda, Amit Kumar alias Chidi, Arun Kumar and Ruhan Farooq of Jammu and Yudhvir Singh of Samba district, spokesperson said.

Additionally, he said the police have requested the Court to initiate a trial in absentia for three absconding accused -- Vikas Slathia alias "Vicky Khouff" and Bodh Raj alias Guggi of Samba and Vikramjeet Singh of Amritsar, Punjab.

Following the murder, police had set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) which worked tirelessly, conducting extensive raids across Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi to apprehend the accused and collect crucial evidence, the spokesperson

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India, China decide to resume Kailash Mansarovar Yatra from June

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NEW DELHI: After a gap of nearly five years, India and China will resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra from June -- a move being seen as an attempt to normalise their relationship that was severely hit by the eastern Ladakh border standoff.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Saturday said the Yatra is set to take place from June to August via two routes -- Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La in

The pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and Mansarovar Lake in China's Tibet Autonomous Region holds religious significance to Hindus as well as Jains and Buddhists.

"Kailash Manasarovar Yatra organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is set to take place during June to August 2025," the MEA said.

The Yatra was suspended initially in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequently because



of the military standoff between the two sides on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

The militaries of India and China completed disengagement of troops at the two remaining friction points of Demchok and Depsang under a pact sealed on October 21 last year.

Two days later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks in the

Russian city of Kazan and agreed to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms.

Following the Modi-Xi talks, the two sides held a series of meetings in the last few months which were aimed at normalising the bilateral relations. In January, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Beijing and held

talks with his Chinese counterpart

Sun Weidong.

In the meeting, the two sides decided to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and agreed to take certain people-centric steps to "stabilise and rebuild" ties.

"This year, five batches, each consisting of 50 Yatris, and 10 batches, each consisting of 50 Yatris, are scheduled to travel through Uttarakhand State crossing over at Lipulekh Pass, and through Sikkim state crossing over at Nathu La Pass, respectively," the MEA said in the readout.

The applications for the Yatra can be submitted at the website: kmy.gov.in, it noted.

It said the Yatris will be selected from among applicants through a "fair, computer-generated, random gender-balanced" selection

"Since 2015, the entire process commencing with on-line application till selection of Yatris is a fully computerised process," according to the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Centre plans study to look into max use of Pak's share of water under suspended IWT

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre is planning to undertake a study to look into ways to maximise the use of the quantum of water from the three rivers that Pakistan had earlier used under the Indus Water Treaty, now that the agreement has been suspended, officials said.

The proposal was made at a high-level meeting on Friday chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah that discussed the future course of action on the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, which has been kept in abeyance following the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed.

Under the World Bank-brokered treaty, India was granted exclusive rights to the water of the eastern

rivers -- the Sutlei, Beas, and Ravi -- amounting to an average annual flow of about 33 million acre-feet (MAF). The water of the western rivers -the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab -- with an average annual flow of around 135 MAF, were largely allocated to Pakistan. With the treaty now put in abeyance, the government is looking at ways to utilise the water of the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. After Friday's high-level

meeting, Jal Shakti Minister C R Paatil asserted that the government is working on a strategy to ensure that not a single drop of water flows into Pakistan. He said Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has issued a slew of directives, and the meeting was held to

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