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Life term to Yasin Malik in terror funding case

Court says crime intended to strike at idea of India

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Delhi court on Wednesday awarded life imprisonment to Yasin Malik, one of the foremost separatist leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, in a terror funding case, saying the crimes were intended to strike at the "heart of the idea of India" and intended to forcefully secede J&K from Union of India.

Special Judge Praveen Singh awarded varying jail terms to Malik for offences under the stringent anti-terror law—Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the IPC, rejecting the NIA's plea for capital punishment.

He said the crimes for which Malik was convicted were of very serious nature.

These crimes were intended to strike at the heart of the idea of India and intended to forcefully secede J&K from UOI. The crime becomes more serious as it was committed with the assistance of



Life comes full circle for Malik

NEW DELHI: From a Pakistan-trained militant to one of the prominent separatist faces in Kashmir, life has come a full circle for chief of the banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Yasin Malik who was in limelight for varied reasons over the past three decades of turmoil in the erstwhile restive border state.

The 56-year-old Malik, who has been sentenced to a life term by an NIA court here, has been in and out of jail several times dating back to his student activism days before the onset of militancy in 1990.

Claiming to having renounced the path of violence and donned the political cloak in 1994, Malik, who is married to a Pakistani artist and has a 10-year-old

foreign powers and designat- ed terrorists. The seriousness

of crime is further increased by the fact that it was committed behind the smoke-screen of an alleged peaceful political movement, the judge said.

The judge said the manner in which the crimes were committed was in the form of conspiracy whereby there was an attempted insurrection by instigating, stone pelting and arson, and a very large-scale violence led to shutting of the government machinery.

He, however, noted that the manner of the commission of crime, the kind of weaponry that was used, led him to a conclusion that the crime in question would fail the test of rarest of rare case as laid down by the Supreme Court.

The court sentenced the JKLF leader to life in jail for two offences under section 121 (waging war against the Government of India) of IPC and section 17

Govt job given to kin of grenade attack victim wine shop employee

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Authorities in Rajouri district on Wednesday handed over an appointment letter to the daughter of a man, who was killed in a grenade attack by terrorists on a wine shop in north Kashmir's Baramulla district last week.

Rajouri Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal visited the residence of Ranjit Singh, the

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Newborn, found alive after being buried, dies at Srinagar hospital

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A baby girl, who was declared dead soon after being born at a Ramban hospital but found alive an hour after her burial, died at a medical facility here on Wednesday, officials said.

Medical Superintendent of the government-run G B Pant Children Hospital Dr Nazir Hussain Choudhary said the baby died at

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3 Pakistani JeM terrorists killed, cop martyred in Baramulla encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three Pakistani terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit were on Wednesday killed in a "chance" encounter with security forces in Baramulla district, police said.

A police personnel Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh also lost his life in the encounter which took place at Najibhat crossing in Kreeri area in the north Kashmir district.

The bodies of all the killed terrorists linked with proscribed terror outfit JeM were retrieved from the site and they have been identified as Ali Bhai, Hanief Bhai and Shah Wali all the residents of Pakistan. It is pertinent to mention that, theY said group of terrorists was active in Pattan-Kreeri axis and were being tracked.

Inspector General of Police, Vijay Kumar, said the encounter took place at one of the 'nakas' (checkpoints) laid by the security forces across the valley.



There were nakas across Kashmir today (Wednesday). At one such naka at Najibhat crossing in Kreeri area, there was a chance encounter (with terrorists). Three Pakistani JeM terrorists were killed, the IGP told reporters here.

He said a policeman was also martyred in the encounter.

Kumar said while the police force was pained at the loss of one of its men, the killing of the three terrorists was a huge success.

The three terrorists could have come to Srinagar and carried out some big attack, he said.

The IGP said the terrorists were active in the hilly areas of Gulmarg for the last three to four months.

"We were regularly tracking them, he said, adding, so far this year, 22 Pakistani terrorists have been killed in various encounters with security forces. There will be increased attempts to

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J&K received investment proposals worth Rs 51,000 Cr: Govt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday said it has received investment proposals worth over Rs 51,000 crore which have the potential to generate nearly 2.37 lakh employment opportunities.

The J&K administration in January last year announced a new industrial developmental scheme with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and take industrial development to the block level, an official spokesman said.

The spokesman said the new policy, which will be

applicable till 2037, also paved the way for bigger investors to invest in J&K.

These potential proposals are estimated to generate 2.37 lakh employments. It is a candid reflection of an alluring investment friendly environment in the union territory, the spokesman said adding that the clearance process of these proposals has already been fast tracked.

The new central sector scheme provides four types of incentives including capital investment incentive, capital interest subvention, Goods and Services Tax

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Woman ‘TV artist’ shot dead, nephew injured in Budgam terror attack

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot dead a woman and injured her minor nephew at her home in Budgam district on Wednesday, police said.

The woman was identified as Amreen Bhat, they said.

According to reports Amreen Bhat was a television artist.

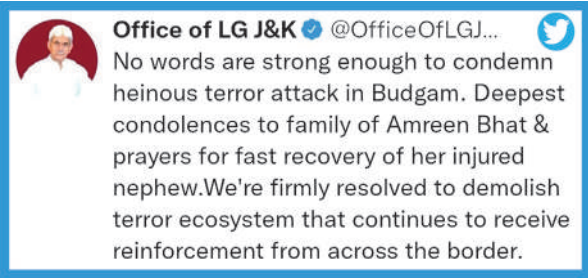
"At around 1955 hrs, terrorists fired upon one lady Amreen Bhat, daughter of Khazir Mohd Bhat, resident of Hushroo Chadoora at her home. She was shifted to hospital in injured condition where doctors declared her dead," Kashmir Zone Police



TV artist Amreen Bhat

said in a tweet.

The police said Bhat's 10-year-old nephew, who was also at home at the time of the incident, sustained a bullet injury in his arm. Both were immediately evacuated



to nearby hospital for the treatment, however the lady was declared brought dead. While as the condition of the boy who has received bullet injury on his arm is stated to be stable.

Police said that three terrorists of proscribed terror

Yasin Malik punished for his sins & crimes: J&K BJP Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Wednesday welcomed the Delhi court's order awarding life imprisonment to 'JKLF' chairman Yasin Malik in a terror funding case, saying that the separatist leader deserved it for the sins committed against the people and the country.

Raina also lashed out at PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti for speaking against the verdict and said militants are no

friends with anyone as is evident that thousands of



He (Malik) himself pleaded guilty before the NIA court which has now awarded him the life sentence. We welcome the decision of our judiciary which has always acted in an impartial manner, the BJP leader said.

Raina said there is hardly any family in Kashmir which had not been affected by terrorism. He (Malik) was a sympathiser of Pakistan and its sponsored terrorism. He had committed sins against the people and the country, he said.

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Admin Secy Tourism nominated Nodal Officer for carrying out safety audit of Ropeway projects

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday nominated Nodal Officer for carrying out safety audit of Ropeway projects in the UT of J&K.

"Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department is nominated as Nodal Officer for carrying out safety audit of all Ropeway projects in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir and to review

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Army Jawan injured in landmine blast in Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An Army jawan was injured in a landmine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Wednesday, officials said.

The incident took place in Krishna Ghati sector, they said.

The injured jawan has been hospitalised, the officials said. Further details are awaited.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.1°C Min: 20.7°C

Humidity

Max : 53 Min : 36

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 27.5°C Min: 11.6°C

Humidity

Max : 65 Min: 38

Sunset : 19:29 Hours

Sunrise : 05:28 Hours

LG Sinha virtually inaugurates renovated Baikunth Dham on banks of Ganga in Ghazipur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/GHAZIPUR: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday virtually inaugurated renovated cremation ground (Baikunth Dham) situated on the banks of Ganga in Razaganj locality at the eastern end of Ghazipur city. Along with dedicating the efforts of the proud socio-religious rituals to the common man, he also offered prayers at the feet of Mother Ganga. Speaking on the occasion, Lieutenant Governor, while highlighting the importance of sanctity of the events of birth, marriage and death in Sanatan Dharma, said that birth and death are known as the eternal truths of life.

LG Manoj Sinha in his address while quoting Kabir Dass said:

जिस मरने के जग डेरे, सो मेरे आनंद का मरिहूँ कब देखिहूँ, पूछन परमानंद।

Lt Governor said that the process of beautification project of Muktidham



LG Manoj Sinha virtually inaugurating renovated Baikunth Dham situated on the banks of Ganga in Razaganj locality at the eastern end of Ghazipur city.

with the necessary arrangements of basic amenities like drinking water, sheds, benches, adequate lighting, verandahs for the people gathered for the final journey of man, in collaboration with the local people and Reliance Foundation, was launched in November 2018 with a cost of Rs 4.10 crore.

LG Manoj Sinha said that the development of Baikunth Dham would meet the needs of not only the local population but also the people coming to Muktidham from other areas.

In addition to maintaining proper cleanliness in Muktidham, the Lieutenant Governor appealed to plant trees on the banks of the Ganges

keeping in mind the erosion of the Ganges.

He said that it is the collective responsibility of all of us to take special care of this place.

Many dignitaries of the society including political representatives, Municipality President and local residents were present on the occasion.

Unprecedented hike in budgetary provisions for J&K health sector in past 3 yrs: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KAKRYAL: Asserting that constant endeavours are afoot to ensure affordable healthcare to every citizen, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that apart from an unprecedented increase in budgetary allocations to health sector, the government has tried to reduce inequalities in healthcare in rural areas.

"Our focus is availability, quality and affordability to bridge the health gap of people", the Lt Governor said while attending the Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony of 5th and 6th Batch of B.Sc. Nursing students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing (SMVDCoN) at Matrika Auditorium of SMVDU.

Highlighting the efforts of the government to transform the health sector in J&K, the Lt Governor said in the last three years, we have made adequate investment for medical education and training to protect and promote people's health.

Balleshwar Rai, Dr Neelam Sareen, Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd.) Judge, Raghu K. Mehta - Members of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Dr. Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU were present on the occasion which also marked the 4th Annual Day function of SMVDCoN.

Earlier, on his arrival at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality

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