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LeT COMMANDER, ASSOCIATE TAKEN OUT IN COMBING OPERATIONS



On 13 September 2023, Col. Manpreet Singh, Maj. Aashish Dhonchak and DSP J&K Police Humayun Bhat were martyred in a terrorist attack after suffering fatal injuries in Kokernag (Anantnag District) claimed by The Resistance Front, a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) front organisation.

Later, Rifleman Ravi Kumar also succumbed to his wounds. Besides, a six-year-old army dog (Kent) was also killed in the firing by the militants. Following the attacks, extensive surveillance was launched as part of a major terrorist operation, which included feet on the ground, drones, and RPGs which which lasted several days.

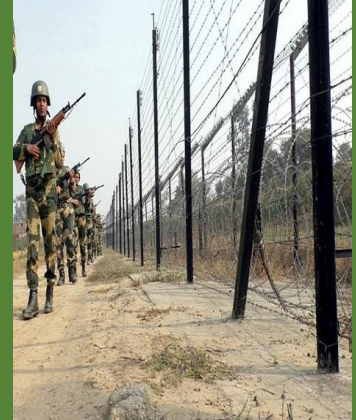
On 19 September 2023, the LeT commander Uzair Khan and an associate responsible for the 13 September attack, were neutralised.

According to unofficial sources, Khan operated under the alias of Usman Ghazi and joined the terrorist ranks in July 2022.

Efforts are underway to locate the third terrorist involved in the attack. The reports suggest that between 12 and 15 terrorists are currently active in Kulgam and Anantnag Districts, and the encounter in Kokernag occurred in the area which had previously been notoriously known as a transit point used by terrorists.

However, it had not witnessed any activity during the last few years. – [Hindustan Times](#), [Deccan Herald](#), [Live Mint](#), [The Print](#), [India Today](#), [India Narrative](#)

INFILTRATION BID FOILED; 2 TERRORISTS KILLED IN KUPWARA



Two militants were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid on the Line of Control (LoC) on 30th September in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said.

Based on intelligence input provided by Kupwara Police, a joint operation was carried out by the Army and police in the Kumkadi area in the Machal sector.

“The operation is still in progress. So far, two AK rifles, four AK magazines, 90 rounds, one Pakistan-made pistol, one pouch and Rs 2,100 in Pakistani currency have been recovered from the encounter site,” the police added. — [IANS](#)

PROPERTY OF RADICAL SJF LEADER SEIZED



GURUPATWANT SINGH PANNUN

Gurupatwant Singh Pannun's (Chief of the proscribed organisation Sikhs for Justice, SFJ) properties have been seized by the NIA in Amritsar and Chandigarh. Pannun was designated as a terrorist by India's Ministry of Home Affairs in July 2020.

He has been running a virulent anti-India campaign and recruiting Punjabi youth to take up arms.

Furthermore, he has organised Khalistan referendums and was closely associated with Nijjar. A document released by NIA claims that Pannun wants to undermine India's territorial integrity by forming two other nations besides Khalistan, Urdustan (for Indian Muslims) and one for Kashmiris. – [Hindustan Times](#), [Live Mint](#)

NIA CONDUCTS RAIDS AGAINST KHALISTAN-GANGSTER NEXUS

CRACKDOWN ON TERROR FINANCIERS, DRUGS, ARMS, LOGISTICS PROVIDERS



On 27 September 2023, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out raids across more than 50 locations in six states – Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Delhi-NCR, Haryana, and Punjab – against the Khalistani-gangster nexus.

The targeted locations are tied to members of the Bambiha, Arsha Dala, and Lawrence gangs, involved in activities like hawala transactions, extortions, and weapons and drugs smuggling.

Several digital devices, ammunition, pistols, and other incriminating evidence were recovered from various sites. Moreover, Suder alias Jora, an aide of Canada-based Khalistani terrorist Arsh Dala, was detained from Ferozpur (Punjab) and will be questioned in Chandigarh.

Leading up to this, the NIA had raided over 1,000 locations based in Haryana and Punjab linked to absconding gangster Goldy Brar, one of the most-wanted terrorists by the agency and responsible for the death of another gangster, Sukha Dunike, in Winnipeg (Canada).

The most recent crackdown on this nexus is the seventh in line by the agency since registering new cases beginning in August 2022.

The cases filed range from terror funding, targeted killings, extortion, and involving imprisoned gangsters and those based abroad in countries such as Pakistan, Portugal, Canada, Malaysia, and Australia. These raids have targeted financiers, narcotics and arms traffickers, and logistics providers. – [ANI News](#), [India Today](#), [News18](#)

POK YOUTH FORCED TO JOIN TERROR GROUPS: UN TOLD

BANNED TERROR GROUPS ABDUCT TEENAGERS, POK ACTIVIST INFORMS UNHCR



Political activist from POK Nasir Aziz Khan (left) addressed the 54th Session of UN Human Rights Council in which he stated that Pakistani deep state allows internationally proscribed terrorist groups (rights) to act with impunity. — pic from Janam TV

Nasir Aziz Khan, a political activist from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and President of the United Kashmir People's National Party, disclosed in the 54th Session of the UN Human Rights Council how the youth from that region are being forced into joining terrorist groups and committing attacks.

He explained, 'Despite Pakistan's claims of controlling extremist groups, ongoing atrocities persist, such as the recent abduction of more than 20 teenage boys in Bagh. These boys have been forcibly taken by internationally banned extremist groups for armed training and so-called jihad. This incident reveals the deep-rooted problem of extremist influence in the region, leaving families and loved ones in anguish due to the unknown whereabouts of their children.'

Khan elaborated on additional issues confronting people living in PoK. He added, 'Radical jirgas and extremist groups operate with impunity. The deep state acts like a state above the state, making arbitrary decisions and denying justice. Extremist groups disrupt daily life, targeting weddings, funerals, and burials, particularly affecting women's mobility and freedom. Violence against religious minorities and Kashmiris is on the rise.'

Pro-independence Kashmiris and rights activists are facing severe threats, harassment, and violence. Pakistan's military and law enforcement's land-grabbing activities are harming the environment, endangering local biodiversity, and undermining climate resilience.' Another activist, Professor Sajjad Raja, explained that Pakistan's federal government has completely neglected people's demands and concerns. — [The Print](#)

MUMBAI POLICE FILES 405-PAGE CHARGESHEET AGAINST 26/11 ACCUSED



TAHAWWUR RANA

On 25 September 2023, Mumbai Police's Crime Branch filed the fourth supplementary 405-page chargesheet against the 26/11 attacks accused Tahawwur Rana.

Rana has been accused of working for Lashkar-e-Taiba and ISI and providing support to David Coleman Hedley, who conducted reconnaissance before the 2008 terrorist attacks.

At the moment, Rana is imprisoned in an American prison after being detained at India's request to the United States. Earlier, Hedley testified against him after pleading guilty.

Recently, a US court denied his habeas corpus writ, paving the way for his extradition to India, which awaits Secretary Antony Blinken's certification. — [Organiser](#)

COCAINE WORTH Rs. 300 CR. SEIZED IN J&K NARCO-TERROR BUST

Jammu and Kashmir police have recovered 30kg of cocaine worth Rs300 crore in international market from a vehicle in the Ramban district, a senior police officer said on 1 October 2023, claiming to have busted a narco-terror module.

According to the official, two Punjab residents were arrested following the recovery of one of the biggest narcotic hauls this year from Banihal area along Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

Earlier, the recovered narcotics was believed to be heroin but after investigation it turned out to be cocaine. “At about 10:30pm on Saturday (30 September 2023), Ramban police led by senior superintendent of police, Mohita Sharma intercepted one vehicle at Railway Chowk Banihal coming from Kashmir towards Jammu and recovered about 30kg cocaine, having an approximate value of Rs 300 crore in international black market and apprehended two persons,” additional director general of police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said. — [PTI](#)

Absconding J&K Terrorists Held after 3 Decades

On 2 September 2023, J&K’s State Investigation Agency (SIA) announced the arrest of Firdous Ahmad Wani and Khurshid Ahmad Malik from Doda District.

They had been absconding for more than three decades, were involved in militancy during the 1990s, and received training in Pakistan.

According to officials, the arrests are part of the agency’s broader strategy of fulfilling its mandate of ensuring ‘zero terrorism’ in the Union Territory.

The SIA has verified and identified 369 terrorists (154 from Kashmir and 215 from Jammu) who are wanted in connection to their activities under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

A total of 45 of them are based in Pakistan or Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and other countries, 80 have died, 127 are untraced, and four have been imprisoned. — [Deccan Herald](#)

Khalistanis help radicals get Canadian job visas

Khalistani terrorists based in Canada, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar (now dead), Moninder Singh Bual and Bhagat Singh Brar, facilitate visa sponsorship for radical youth from Punjab state into recruitment for ‘medium-skilled jobs’ in Canada, such as truck drivers and plumbers, This is done to train them as foot soldiers of violent extremism. — [India Today](#)

Interpol notice for Pak-based Khalistan terrorist

Interpol has issued a Red Corner Notice for Karanvir Singh, a Khalistani terrorist based in Pakistan. He is associated with Babbar Khalsa International and belongs to Kapurthala District (Punjab). Some of the charges include terror financing, membership of a terrorist group. — [WION](#)

Jihadists kill 10, injure 13 Malian Soldiers

On 12 September 2023, Mali’s armed forces announced that 10 soldiers were killed and 13 were wounded in armed clashes in the country’s south-east region.

The ‘complex attack used a car bomb by terrorists on vehicles and motorbikes in the town of Bourem.’

In retaliation, the Malian army destroyed 20 vehicles and eliminated 46 terrorists.

This attack came on the heels of a deadly incident the week before when approximately 15 soldiers and 49 civilians died in two separate attacks.

GSIM, present name for Al-Qaeda in Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), claimed responsibility for these attacks. — [Anadolu Agency](#)

Surging drugs and terror threats in Tajikistan

The President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, has expressed his profound concerns about surging narcotics trafficking and terrorism-related threats from Afghanistan.

He said that these threats were gradually spilling over into his country from Afghanistan at the 5th Summit of Central Asian leaders in Dushanbe.

In September 2023, three Jamiat Ansarullah terrorists were neutralised by Tajik forces after launching an attack from Afghanistan’s Badakshan province. — [The Print](#)

ISIS propagandist from Oxford jailed

Roma Iqbal, a 23-year-old woman from Oxford, after pleading guilty to the distribution of ISIS propaganda in December 2021, was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison in September 2023.

The documents shared by Iqbal also glorified the 9/11 attacks. — [BBC News](#)