

## JAMMU & KASHMIR: SUICIDE & SUICIDAL ATTACKS A CHRONOLOGY (2004-2005)

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#### **2 January 2004**

Two fidayeens attacked the Jammu Railway Station killing four security force personnel and injuring nine personnel including six civilians. Both the fidayeens were killed in the attack.<sup>1</sup>

#### **3 March 2004**

A fidayeen attacked a police bus carrying 13 under-trials, mostly terrorists, from the district jail to the Court complex in Jammu. Seven persons, including four police personnel and two under-trial terrorists, were killed and six persons sustained injuries. The fidayeen was killed in the encounter.

#### **9 March 2004**

Two fidayeens belonging to the Al-Mansoorain attacked the Press Information Bureau (PIB) of the Government of India and the Directorate of Information of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, injuring three Special Service Bureau (SSB) guards. The two fidayeens were killed by the security forces.

#### **10 March 2004**

Fidayeens belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad and Hizbul Mujahideen attacked a military formation in the Khrew area of Pulwama district killing a soldier and two civilians. Two militants were also killed.

#### **17 April 2004**

Two fidayeens were killed when security forces foiled an attack on a polling station

at a Government Middle School, in Kreeri. However, one soldier was killed and two others were injured during the attack.

#### **27 July 2004**

Two fidayeens belonging to the Al-Mansoorain attacked a hotel in Dal Lake killing five CRPF personnel. Both the fidayeens were killed in the attack.

#### **4 August 2004**

Fidayeens belonging to Al-Mansoorain and Al-Madina attacked a CRPF camp in Rajbagh locality killing nine security personnel, including an Assistant Commandant and injuring seven others. One militant was killed in the attack.

#### **12 September 2004**

Two fidayeens attacked the headquarters of CRPF 94 Bn at Dalgate killing two Deputy Commandants of the CRPF and injuring five CRPF personnel. The second-in-command of CRPF 60 Bn, Anandan, and the second-in-command of CRPF 65 Bn, Chet Ram, got killed while fighting the militants. Both the fidayeens were killed by security forces.<sup>2</sup>

#### **6 November 2004**

Two fidayeens attacked the BSF camp in Sopore killing two army personnel, a BSF jawan and injuring six others.<sup>3</sup>

#### **8 November 2004**

A fidayeen was killed when paramilitary forces foiled his efforts to enter a Rashtriya Rifles (RR) camp in Sonarvani

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<sup>1</sup> The first six entries of this chronology is based on an earlier chronology on the same issue. See Rajeshwari.B and Radhakrishnan.R, "Suicidal and Suicide Attacks in Jammu and Kashmir," *I-POST* October 2004; Vol. 1, No. 3.

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<sup>2</sup> "Protest over student's killing in Lolab Two CRPF officers, 2 militants killed in Dalgate fidayeen," *Daily Excelsior*, 13 September 2004

<sup>3</sup> "Fidayeen attack on BSF camp in Sopore: 3 jawans among 10 killed," *Daily Excelsior*, 7 November 2004

village. However, four paratroopers were injured as he was blown apart.<sup>4</sup>

#### **17 November 2004**

A fidayeen attack was averted by the security forces, killing the two militants who had perched themselves on vantage positions in the foothills of Shankaracharya hillock overlooking the venue of the Prime Minister's public rally.<sup>5</sup>

#### **3 December 2004**

Two fidayeens attacked the CRPF camp in Sopore killing three jawans and injuring three others.<sup>6</sup>

#### **3 December 2004**

Two fidayeens belonging to the Al-Mansoorain attacked the joint camp of 16th battalion of the CRPF and Special Operations Group of the State police in Sopore killing five CRPF jawans.<sup>7</sup>

#### **15 December 2004**

Two fidayeens belonging to the Lashkar-e-Toiba and their motorcycle driver were killed in a suicide strike on a BSF formation in Sopore.<sup>8</sup>

#### **7 January 2005**

Two fidayeens attacked the Income Tax office in Barbar Shah locality killing a deputy commandant of the Border Security Force, a jawan and a policeman and injuring four persons, including a security officer. One of the militants was shot dead in the exchange of fire that followed.<sup>9</sup>

#### **31 March 2005**

Two militants and a paramilitary soldier were killed when two fidayeens tried to storm a Border Security Force (BSF) post in Sopore.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> "Suicide bomber killed trying to enter Kashmir camp," *New Indian Express*, 8 November 2004

<sup>5</sup> "Two fidayeen killed near Manmohan's rally venue," *Daily Excelsior*, 18 November 2004

<sup>6</sup> "Three CRPF jawans killed, two injured in fidayeen attack," *Daily Excelsior*, 3 December 2004

<sup>7</sup> "Five CRPF jawans killed in 'fidayeen' attack," *The Hindu*, 4 December 2004

<sup>8</sup> "Civilian, 2 militants killed in Sopore," *Daily Excelsior*, 16 December 2004

<sup>9</sup> "Three killed in 'fidayeen' attack," *The Hindu*, 8 January 2005

<sup>10</sup> "Fidayeen attack foiled; 2 militants, trooper killed," *The Daily Excelsior*, 31 March 2005

#### **7 April 2005**

Two fidayeens belonging to a forged alliance of four guerrilla outfits attacked the Tourist Reception Centre complex injuring seven government employees while authorities claimed that both the fidayeens had been killed.<sup>11</sup>

#### **5 June 2005**

Two militants were killed when security forces pre-empted bid by suicide attackers as they tried to sneak into the camp of 21 Rashtriya Rifles at Zachaldara-Handwara.<sup>12</sup>

#### **20 June 2005**

Militants attacked the Sub Divisional Police Office at Mendhar in Poonch killing three persons, including two cops where as six others were injured in a cross-fire that followed the fidayeen attack.<sup>13</sup>

#### **7 July 2005**

Senior PDP leader and Minister of State for PHE, Syed Bashir Ahmed had a narrow escape when he was rescued by Police officials while militants attacked him in Budshah Chowk. Officials believe that the militants had been given the task of conducting a suicide strike on Dashnami Akhara - a place of worship wherefrom the holy staff for Amarnathji pilgrimage sets off in August every year.<sup>14</sup>

#### **30 July 2005**

Two fidayeens belonging to Al-Mansoorain and Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen attacked the city of Budshah Chowk killing two security force personnel and injuring 24 people, including seven journalists. Both the fidayeens were killed.<sup>15</sup>

#### **8 September 2005**

Two fidayeens attacked a cinema hall in Srinagar and one militant was killed in the encounter when J-K Police and CRPF foiled the fidayeen attack. A joint spokesman of three militant outfits claimed that the attack was carried, jointly by the

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<sup>11</sup> "Srinagar TRC complex perishes in fidayeen strike," *The Daily Excelsior*, 7 April 2005

<sup>12</sup> "4 militants, 2 civilians killed," *The Daily Excelsior*, 5 June 2005

<sup>13</sup> "Fidayeen attack on SDPO at Mendhar," *The Indian Express*, 20 June 2005

<sup>14</sup> "Militants ambush Minister near Dashnami Akhara," *The Daily Excelsior*, 7 July 2005

<sup>15</sup> "Gunfight ends in Srinagar," *The Hindu*, 31 July 2005

militants of Al-Arifeen, Harkat-ul-Ansar and Al-Mansoorain.<sup>16</sup>

**8 October 2005**

One soldier got killed while 10 others sustained injuries when security forces foiled a fidayeen attempt on a BSF formation in Sopore by two fidayeens belonging to the Al-Mansoorain. The fidayeens were suspected to have died in the fierce gun battle.<sup>17</sup>

**14 October 2005**

A woman fidayeen blew herself up in the town of Awantipora, 50 yards away from the State Bank of India, which is frequented by army soldiers. Both the Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad claimed the bomb as their supporter. JeM claimed that the "human bomb" was their activist and belonged to a new group called Baantaen-e-Ayisha. Another report said that the woman belonged to Lashkar.<sup>18</sup>

**19 October 2005**

Two fidayeens belonging to the Al Mansoorain and Islamic Jihad Front attacked the VVIP residential colony in Srinagar and killed Kashmir's junior education minister Ghulam Nabi Lone along with three others, including a CRPF guard.<sup>19</sup>

**20 October 2005**

A fidayeen belonging to the Hamadania Brigade attacked a Police party in Pampore township on Srinagar-Jammu national highway killing two civilians and injuring the Sub Inspector of Police including 10 others.<sup>20</sup>

**2 November 2005**

A Jaish-e-Mohammad fidayeen detonated a bomb in Nowgam, killing at least 10 people and injuring 15 others. The explosion took place about 15 km from

Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC). A 10-year-old boy, a female pedestrian, three Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel, including a Sub Inspector, and the fidayeen were among the ten killed in the fidayeen attack.<sup>21</sup>

**15 November 2005**

Two fidayeens attacked the business hub of Lalchowk area killing two CRPF soldiers, two civilians and injuring 17 persons, including a Japanese journalist.<sup>22</sup>

**24 November 2005**

Two fidayeens attacked the CRPF company headquarters at Hawal killing three security personnel and injuring seven others. Both the fidayeens were killed.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>16</sup> "Gun fight ends, militant killed," *The Hindu*, 9 September 2005

<sup>17</sup> "Soldier killed, 10 injured; 2 militants may be dead," *The Daily Excelsior*, 8 October 2005

<sup>18</sup> "J&K's first woman fidayeen," *The Hindustan Times*, 14 October 2005

<sup>19</sup> "Terror tremor: Minister killed in living room," *The Indian Express*, 19 October 2005

<sup>20</sup> "2 civilians killed, 10 injured in Pampore," *The Daily Excelsior*, 20 October 2005

<sup>21</sup> "10 killed, 15 wounded in car blast," *The Daily Excelsior*, 3 November 2005

<sup>22</sup> "Japanese lens man among 17 injured in Srinagar fidayeen attack; 2 CRPF men, 2 civilians killed," *The Daily Excelsior*, 15 November 2005

<sup>23</sup> "2 militants, 3 CRPF jawans killed in fidayeen attack," *The Daily Excelsior* 24 November 2005