

Militant returns to Valley for politics

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Feb. 9: In a significant development, Zahoor Ahmed Butt, the younger brother of JKLF co-founder Maqbool Butt, has returned to the Valley after spending about 18 years in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Accompanied by his Pakistani wife and their four children, the former militant commander has decided to pursue his separatist agenda as a politician. The homecoming comes days after chief minister Omar Abdullah announced here that the National Conference-Congress government was pursuing with the Centre the matter of seeking the return of Kashmiri youth stuck in PoK. The main Opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP) strongly supports the idea but the BJP and some like-minded groups have their reservations

Hizbul chief arrested in Kashmir

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Srinagar: J-K Police on Monday achieved a major success when they arrested the Chief operational commander of Kashmir largest militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen- Muzaffar Ahmed Dar- in Srinagar. 39 year old militant commander of Hizb was one among the most wanted militants in J-K. Inspector General of Police Kashmir, S Srinivas said that Muzaffar Ahmad Dar was arrested at 3:30 pm from Saderbal near Kashmir University

CRPF not to be shifted out of Srinagar city

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SRINAGAR, Feb 17: CRPF will not be shifted out from its positions in the city but Jammu and Kashmir Police will take the lead in maintaining peace and dealing with the law and order situations, senior police officials said here today. The officials said there was some misconception about the role of the paramilitary force in the city and that at no point was moving out of CRPF discussed. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had recently said he would like police to be at the forefront of dealing with the law and order problems and maintaining peace in the city