

### **J-K infiltration sends tremors; high-level meeting tomorrow**

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NEW DELHI : Amid reports of large-scale infiltration by militants mainly belonging to Lashker-e-Taiba, a high-level meeting to be chaired by Union Home and Defence Secretaries will be held in Kashmir tomorrow to review the security situation. Home Secretary Madhukar Gupta and Defence Secretary Vijay Singh will discuss with the state government officials about the recent long encounter taking place along the Line of Control in North Kashmir and the preparedness in meeting the challenge ahead of general elections

### **Army Commander briefs Guv about security situation**

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JAMMU : General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Army Command Lt Gen P C Bhardwaj today met Governor N N Vohra and briefed him about the overall security situation in the State, an official spokesman said. The Army Commander and the Governor reviewed issues relating to the recent attempts of infiltration from across the Line of Control (LoC) and discussed other significant developments having a bearing on the overall security environment in the State, the spokesman said

### **Security being reviewed for Azad, Mufti, besides Abdullahs**

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JAMMU : Security was being reviewed for protection of Congress leader Gulam Nabi Azad, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and Farooq Abdullah, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said today. The review comes in the backdrop of the Centre writing to all states to ensure tight security for nearly 40 VIPs and asking these leaders not to conduct any surprise visits during the electioneering

### **Mumbai terror architect crafts infiltration surge**

**Hindu, 2 April 2009**

SRINAGAR: Ever since the massacre in Mumbai in November 2008, intelligence services across the world have searched, without success, for one of its architects: a Lashkar-e-Taiba commander known only by the twin aliases Muzammil and Yusuf. Now, highly-placed police and intelligence sources have told The Hindu, the man who had hands-on responsibility for the tactical training of the terrorists as well as pre-assault reconnaissance, has resurfaced in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir. And he has been commanding a surge in infiltration that has sparked off some of the most intense fighting seen along the Line of Control in years

### **400 terrorists waiting to sneak into J&K ahead of polls: Army**

**Daily Excelsior, 4 April 2009**

NEW DELHI: Amidst reports that 400 trained terrorists were waiting to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir to disrupt coming Lok Sabha polls, the Government has ordered stepping up of security in the border State to thwart any attempts to cause violence ahead of the elections. After a visit by Home Secretary Madhukar Gupta and Defence Secretary Vijay Singh to meet top State officials this week, the order for heightened vigil was issued, Army sources said here today. There are intelligence inputs that 400 trained terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba are waiting to infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir to disrupt the polls. We have stepped up our alertness to prevent both infiltration and attacks, the sources said

### **Intercepts suggest Taliban presence in Kashmir valley**

**Daily Excelsior, 5 April 2009**

NEW DELHI : The militancy scenario in Jammu and Kashmir may change as wireless and satellite intercepts suggest presence of a group of nearly 15 'Taliban' militants in higher

reaches of Kupwara in north Kashmir. While all central security forces and agencies and the Army are tight-lipped over the development, sources in the Home Ministry said wireless messages of a group of militants holed up in Chowkibal area of Trehgham in Kupwara were intercepted. Another such communication was heard in Lolab area, also in Kupwara, they said. The intercepts, the sources claimed, were enough to "shock" the security agencies as one group identified itself as being part of the Taliban which had crossed the Line of Control using the Global Positioning System (GPS)-enabled maps

**Alertness along J&K will neutralise infiltrators**  
**Daily Excelsior, 7 April 2009**

NEW DELHI : Terror groups aided by Pakistan's state agencies are making determined efforts for infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir and security forces are maintaining a "heightened sense of vigil" to thwart those attempts, Home Minister P Chidambaram said here today. "There is a determined effort to infiltrate across the international border and the Line of Control ... But our security forces are on alert and have been able to neutralise these infiltrators in the last three or four weeks," he said at a press conference at the AICC headquarters here

**No information about presence of Taliban in Kashmir: Army spokesman**  
**Daily Excelsior, 8 April 2009**

SRINAGAR: There was no information about the presence of Taliban in any part of the Kashmir Valley, including frontier district of Kupwara, a Defence Ministry spokesman said here today. He told UNI that so far there was no information that any Taliban militant had infiltrated into this side from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK)

**Militant plan to blow up railway track foiled, IED defused**  
**Daily Excelsior, 8 April 2009**

SRINAGAR: Security forces today thwarted militants plan to blow up railway track in south Kashmir when they detected and defused a powerful 25 kg liquid Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Official sources told UNI a security force party on routine patrolling noticed a cylindrical shell near the track at village Khelan in Pulwama district several hours before a train was to pass the area.

**Number of militants up in Doda zone ahead of polls**  
**Daily Excelsior, 10 April 2009**

JAMMU, Apr 9: Already faced by shortage of para-military forces for Lok Sabha elections, the problems of authorities in Doda belt comprising three districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban have been further compounded by the confirmed inputs that 20 fresh and dreaded infiltrators of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) have reached the upper reaches and could disturb the Lok Sabha elections. Three districts of Doda belt are part of Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary seat which will go to polls in second phase on April 23. Three other districts, which are part of the same constituency, include Udhampur, Reasi and Kathua.

**Kashmir's 'Kasab' story casts light on NWFP threat**  
**Hindu, 11 April 2009**

NEW DELHI: For the past week, prime-time television news has been saturated with lurid speculation on the prospect of an invasion by the Taliban, fuelled by an early spring surge in infiltration across the Line of Control. Now, the Jammu and Kashmir police have found one of the hundreds of jihadists who have made up that surge: a 15-year-old boy with only the beginnings of a beard, hiding, paralysed by fear, behind a clump of rocks in the north Kashmir mountains.

### **Infiltration to rise due to polls; women trained across LoC:Gen Kapoor**

**Daily Excelsior, 14 April 2009**

NEW DELHI : Cautioning that infiltration attempts from across the border were expected to rise before the general elections, Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor today said there were reports of women being trained on the other side of the Line of Control. However, a three-tier defence system had been put in place on the Line of Control (LoC) to deal with any situation as the Army was aware of plans to escalate infiltration bids in the run-up to the polls, Gen Kapoor told on the sidelines of an international seminar here

### **Terror camps still 'existing' on other side of LoC: Army**

**Daily Excelsior, 17 April 2009**

NEW DELHI : The Army today said that terror training camps are still "existing" on the other side of the Line of Control and Pakistan is continuing its "support" for infiltration into India. "The camps, which were there on the other side are still existing ... There is definite support for infiltration from the other side," Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor said

### **Top LeT commander among two militants killed in Doda**

**Daily Excelsior, 18 April 2009**

Jammu : Two militants, including a self-styled commander of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), were killed by Army in Doda district today, an official source said. The slain militants, identified as Shabaz, a self-styled battalion commander of LeT, and Kuber, were shot dead by Rashtriya Rifles in Bharat area of mountainous Doda district, the sources said

### **Lashker militants abduct two persons**

**Daily Excelsior, 19 April 2009**

JAMMU : Lashker-e-Toiba militants today abducted a man and his son from the forest area in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. Prem Nath (35) along with his son Suresh Kumar (10) had gone to the forest early this morning in Pakkharkote Tanga area of the district when militants intercepted and abducted them, a police officer said. On getting the information, police and army troops jointly launched a search operation, the officer said

### **Centre admits around 50 militants infiltrate into J and K**

**Daily Excelsior, 22 April 2009**

NEW DELHI : The Centre today admitted that around 50 terrorists had infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir through the Gurez sector and said the entire security apparatus was alert to ensure peaceful Lok Sabha elections in the border state. The extent of the infiltration was given by the Home Ministry while dismissing as "grossly exaggerated" reports that 158 terrorists had sneaked into the state through the Gurez sector in North Kashmir

### **Voters defy militants' threat**

**Daily Excelsior, 23 April 2009**

NAWAPACHI (Kishtwar, J-K) : Posters by Lashker-e-Toiba and other militant outfits warning people against voting today failed to deter residents of Nawapachi, dubbed as a hotbed of foreign mercenaries, with people exercising their franchise in the hope of bringing "peace and development" to this remote area. "I voted again today. I do not care about the militants' threat. My vote is for peace and construction of road communication to this area," 90-year-old Ashiya Begum told

### **Two militants killed in an encounter in Baramulla**

**Daily Excelsior, 24 April 2009**

SRINAGAR: Two militants were killed in an encounter with the security forces at Wakanpora-Sopore, 55 kms from here, in Baramulla district of north Kashmir today, police said. The encounter broke out between the ultras and the security forces in the wee hours today, when a team of 29 Rashtria Rifles and special operations group of local police has launched a search operation after getting specific information that the militants were holed up in a house

**40 infiltrators killed in Kupwara, Gurez: Army Hindu, 26 April 2009**

SRINAGAR: Forty militants, who infiltrated the Line of Control, have been killed in the Kupwara and Gurez sectors in the past few days. But more are waiting to cross over, Army authorities said on Saturday. Two major infiltration bids had taken place in the two areas. A massive combing operation was on in the Gurez sector. "You will soon come to know of the details," Brig. Gurmeet Singh, Brigadier-General Staff at the Srinagar-based 15 Corps headquarters, told a press conference.

**Foreign LeT militant killed in Poonch Daily Excelsior, 27 April 2009**

JAMMU : A foreign militant of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit was today killed by Rashtriya Rifles (RR) in an encounter near the Line of Control (LoC) at Mendhar in Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir. The LeT militant, identified as self-styled 'divisional commander' Abu Babar, was killed in an encounter with the troops of 37 RR at Dorimal in Mendhar, official sources said