

Dozen new ultras reach Doda
Daily Excelsior, 2 February 2010

JAMMU, Feb 1: Despite majority of failed infiltration attempts on the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB), over a dozen new militants are reported to have managed to reach Doda belt safely during past few days. Most of the militants were Pakistanis, police sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb02/news.htm#3>

70 injured in protests over teenager's killing
Daily Excelsior, 3 February 2010

SRINAGAR, Feb 2: Kashmir valley observed near total shut down over the killing of a teenager in police action over the weekend even as 70 persons including 28 security forces personnel sustained injuries in violent clashes at many places, which entered the second day today. Angry protestors, shouting pro-freedom slogans, took to streets at various parts of the Valley and pelted stones at security forces against the killing of a seventh class student, Wamiq Farooq Wani, in tear smoke shelling by police on January 31.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb03/news.htm#3>

Three militants killed in J&K encounter
The Hindu, 4 February 2010

Three Harkat-ul-Jehadi militants, including a self-styled divisional commander "Dawood", were on Thursday killed in a gun battle with army troops in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. Acting on a tip off, troops of 26 Rashtriya Rifle launched a search and cordon operation in Chicha-Nagsaini forest area of the district, 260 km from here, an army officer said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article100556.ece>

Cop, civilian killed in militant attack at Sopore
Daily Excelsior, 6 February 2010

Srinagar, Feb 5: The bloodbath continued in Kashmir valley today as two persons including a policeman were killed in a militant attack in Sopore town of Baramulla district while another teenager was allegedly shot dead by security forces in the summer capital under mysterious circumstances. Militants ambushed a patrol party of police near main chowk at Sopore town at around 2.35 pm, resulting in death of two persons and injuries to two others, official sources said here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb06/news.htm#1>

World pressure forced India to hold talks: PM

The News, 6 February 2010

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani on Friday said world pressure has forced India to sit on the negotiating table as the international community now realises the importance of resolution of the Kashmir dispute. "Pakistan stands by the Kashmiri people and will never compromise on its principled stance on the Kashmir issue," the prime minister said while addressing the Azad Kashmir cabinet on the occasion of the Kashmir Solidarity Day here at the Kashmir House.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=27094

**Pakistan-based terror groups will be defeated: Chidambaram
The Hindu, 7 February 2010**

India today described Pakistan-based terrorist groups as "dark forces" which are "implacably" opposed to the country, and asserted that they would be defeated whenever confronted. Home Minister P. Chidambaram said militant groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen, responsible for innumerable deadly terror strikes in India, held a meeting at Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir on Thursday and it was clear that these groups were "implacably" opposed to India.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/article102361.ece>

**Centre to formulate surrender plan for J&K youth in PoK
terror camps****The Hindu, 8 February 2010**

For the first time, the Centre has agreed to formulate a general amnesty plan for the Kashmiri youth undergoing training in terrorist camps in Pak-occupied Kashmir (POK). The broader contours of the package to facilitate their return to their homes would be worked out in consultation with Jammu and Kashmir Government, highly placed government sources said here on Monday. Also, it formed part of a recommendation made by one of the five working groups, set up by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to address various dimensions of Kashmir problem. One of the groups, asked to suggest internal confidence building measures, had recommended safe passage for Kashmiri youth based in PoK.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article103146.ece>

**15 army men killed, 17 injured in an avalanche-hit in Kashmir
Daily Star, 8 February 2010**

SRINAGAR : Tragedy today struck a group of army men when 15 of them were killed and 17 others were seriously injured in a massive avalanche that hit them during winter warfare training on the steep slopes of a ski resort, 70 kms from here. The avalanche came down on a 60-strong group as they were going up the sheer ice walls in Khilanmarg with near zero visibility hampering any evasive action

by them.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb08/newsupdate.htm#1>

AJK PPP leader killed in by-polls violence

The News, 8 February 2010

ISLAMABAD: A leader of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Azad Kashmir, was killed at a polling station at the FG Model School in F-6/2 during the by-elections on a vacant seat of legislative assembly when activists of a rival political party opened fire on their opponents on Sunday evening, police said. The victim, Captain (ret'd) Tariq Mehmood, son of Abdul Aziz, of Protha, Khoi Ratta, Azad Kashmir, was the administration officer of the Jammu Kashmir Housing Society in Islamabad and was the chief supporter of the PPP candidate.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?id=27133

One killed as militants attack police station in J&K

The Hindu, 9 February 2010

A policeman was killed when ultras attacked Sopore police station in Baramulla district of north Kashmir on Tuesday. Head constable Mohammad Yousuf was entering the police station at 10:45 AM when militants opened fire, Deputy Inspector General of Police (north Kashmir) Abdul Qayoom Manhas told PTI. The policeman died instantly in the firing, he said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article103613.ece>

Surrender policy may end up as infiltration: Azad

Daily Excelsior, 9 February 2010

JAMMU: Union Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad today expressed fears over the new surrender policy for youths in PoK proposed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, saying the initiative may end up as another way of infiltration. "Who will give guarantee for them (youths) and should we trust Pakistan on this. Could it not be another way of infiltrating armed youth inside?" he remarked about the possible danger involved in the proposal.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb09/newsupdate.htm#3>

Kashmiris wanting to return from PoK welcome: Govt.

The Hindu, 11 February 2010

In a significant gesture, the government on Thursday said it was ready to "welcome" Kashmiris who had gone to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) if they were ready to return after giving up militancy. "The idea that any Indian who had crossed over to PoK and wishes to return India is certainly welcome," Home Minister P. Chidambaram told reporters backing the proposal mooted by

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article104853.ece>

Omar defends proposed surrender

Daily Excelsior, 11 February 2010

JAMMU, Feb 10: In the backdrop of Union Health Minister and former Chief Minister of the State Ghulam Nabi Azad expressing fear that amnesty to Kashmir youth in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) would pose grave security threat, Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today defended his proposal of a new surrender policy for the militants willing to return and said "this is the need of hour as it would help check infiltration from across the border".

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb11/news.htm#1>

Kashmir, water to top talks agenda: Qureshi

The News, 11 February 2010

ISLAMABAD: Unfazed by earlier Indian pressure tactics including abrupt ending of composite dialogue in the wake of Mumbai attacks, Pakistan on Wednesday sent out a clear signal that if future engagements came with 'conditions', then these talks would only prove a non-starter and would serve neither Pakistan nor India's interests. And Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi's body language complemented it all as well. Appearing relaxed at the conclusion of the inter-ministerial meeting at the Foreign Office it was apparent that there had been a consensus among all the stakeholders at the meeting, which formulated a reply to India's offer to once again meet at the table.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=27188

Omar meets FM, seeks NE-2007 package for J&K

Daily Excelsior, 14 February 2010

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today called on Union Finance Minister, Pranab Mukherjee here and presented case of J&K for extension of North-East Package-2007 to the State as well, apart from already operational package of 2002. He said it is the concern of entire country to bring out the State from all such industrial ailments which were caused as a result of two decade turmoil. The Chief Minister said it is the endeavor of his Government to ensure massive investment in the sectors of Industry and Commerce in the State so that better and respectable employment opportunities are created for the youth.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb14/news.htm#1>

Two HuJI militants convicted of waging war against country

The Hindu, 16 February 2010

A Delhi court on Tuesday convicted two HuJI militants, including a Bangladeshi national, of possessing explosives, hawala money and waging war against the country, charges which envisage death penalty as the maximum punishment. Additional Sessions Judge Nivedita Anil Sharma held Mohd Amin Wani, a Jammu and Kashmir resident, and Lutfur Rahman, the Bangladeshi national, who is alleged to have received training at the instance of Pakistan-based Jamaat-Ud Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed, guilty in the case.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article107643.ece>

India cannot be deterred by HuJI's threat: Chidambaram
The Hindu, 17 February 2010

Asserting that the Harkat-ul-Jehadi Islami (HuJI) operational chief Ilyas Kashmiri cannot dictate terms to the country, Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram said India is not deterred by his threats. "Ilyas Kashmir cannot dictate our course of action. We cannot be deterred and we are not deterred by what he says," he told reporters here.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article108094.ece>

Pune blasts: Four taken into custody in Hampi
The Hindu, 17 February 2010

Four Kashmiri youths have been taken into custody from nearby Hampi in connection with the bomb blast in Pune that claimed 11 lives. A police team from Pune detained the youths, engaged in selling artefacts, at Virapura Gadde locality on Wednesday, police sources said. The sources said a search was on for three more persons in connection with the blast, but refused to give details.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article108077.ece>

Chidambaram chairs meeting of Unified Command
The Hindu, 17 February 2010

Union Home Minister P Chidambaram on Wednesday chaired the meeting of the Unified Command to discuss the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Tight security arrangements have been made for the Home Minister's visit in view of the State BJP's plan to gherao him to protest his approval of the policy to allow surrender of militants mooted by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article108000.ece>

Pak continues to push militants from across the border: Gen Kapoor
The Hindu, 19 February 2010

Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor on Friday said Pakistan was continuing to push in militants from across the border into Jammu

and Kashmir but the Armed Forces deployed there were capable of tackling it. "Our neighbour is continuing infiltration of militants from across the border into Jammu and Kashmir. It (infiltration) will continue. Forces are deployed in the border and they will make all efforts to stop the infiltrators there. If some militants do come in, our forces will tackle them," he told reporters on the sidelines of an Army function.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article109469.ece>

Curfew-like situation in Srinagar

The Hindu, 20 February 2010

Life was disrupted today across Kashmir valley, including the state capital, where curfew-like situation prevailed following a general strike called by hardline faction of Hurriyat Conference against alleged human rights violations in the state. The call for strike has been given by the Hurriyat Conference led by Syed Ali Shah Geelani against "human rights violations, increasing arrests and atrocities on civilians".

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/other-states/article110100.ece>

Boy killed by shell was miscreant: Police

Daily Excelsior, 21 February 2010

SRINAGAR, Feb 20: Dismissing the allegations that 13-year-old boy killed at Gojwara last month was innocent, police have informed a local court here that Wamiq Farooq Wani was part of the 'unlawful assembly' of stone-pelters on the day of the incident and was injured when police fired tear smoke shells in self-defence and to restore peace in the area. The police claim came in a two-page report filed by the SSP Srinagar in the court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Srinagar submitted through the Chief Prosecuting Officer (CPO).

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb21/news.htm#2>

Lashkar's Kashmir chief escapes for 5th time

Daily Excelsior, 21 February 2010

SRINAGAR, Feb 20: The most wanted militant commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) in North Kashmir Abdullah Yuni today gave a slip to security forces for the fifth time in past four months as he managed to escape from a cordon laid by the security forces in Sopore area of Baramulla district. Security forces laid cordon around Warpora village in Sopore area this morning following credible intelligence inputs about presence of some top Lashkar militants in the village including Abdullah Yuni, official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb21/news.htm#3>

**JK coming back to normalcy: Governor
Daily Excelsior, 22 February 2010**

JAMMU : Welcoming the Foreign Secretary-level dialogue between India and Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir Governor N N Vohra today said the State is slowly coming back to peace and normalcy. "To restore complete peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir, it is essential that process of (Indo-Pak) dialogue be resumed...The state Government welcomes the projected discussions between the Foreign Secretaries of Indian and Pakistan," Vohra told a joint session of the State Assembly ahead of the budget session.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb22/newsupdate.htm#5>

**Capt, 2 jawans, 3 LeT militants killed in Sopore
Daily Excelsior, 24 February 2010**

SRINAGAR, Feb 23: Three Army personnel including an officer and four militants, two of them top commanders of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) were killed in a fierce encounter with militants holed up in Sopore town of Baramulla district in North Kashmir today. The Armymen killed in the operation have been identified as Captain Devinder Singh Jass, Naik Selva Kumar and paratrooper Imtiyaz Ahmad Thokar, official sources said.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10feb24/news.htm#1>

**Clinton says peace in Pakistan, India's interest
The News, 26 February 2010**

WASHINGTON: As Pakistan and India held on Thursday their first official-level talks since 2008, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has expressed the view that proceeding on peace path is in the interest of both South Asian nations. She noted that before the suspension of talks about 15 months ago, the peace process between Pakistan and Indian leaders "had actually been quite productive, particularly in producing results on the ground in Kashmir." Clinton was referring to the composite dialogue process between the two nuclear neighbours. "We've encouraged both countries to begin a dialogue," Clinton told a Senate Appropriations panel, while testifying on the Obama administration's State Department foreign operations budget request for 2011.

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=27518

**Curfew continues in J&K's Pattan town
The Hindu, 27 February 2010**

Curfew continued for the second day today in two villages of north Kashmir's Pattan town which witnessed clashes between two sects of Muslims leaving 20 people injured. Curfew was imposed in Hagarpora and Kangandora villages of Pattan when clashes broke out over erection of a hoarding of a spiritual leader in the town on

Thursday in which 20 people were injured and scores of houses and shops damaged.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article114505.ece>

LeT militant arrested in Baramulla
The Hindu, 28 February 2010

A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was arrested in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, police said. Identified as Fayaz Ahmad Gojri alias Yasser, he was nabbed by security forces in Khawajabagh area, some 55 km from here, they said. An under barrel grenade launcher with two grenades were recovered from him, police said, adding he was a resident of Mohalla Kadeem in Baramulla.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/states/other-states/article123821.ece>