

ISI tells LeT, Hizb: Send 1,500 to J&K

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March 7: Islamabad appears to have learnt no lessons even after almost the entire world put it on the mat following the 26/11 outrage in Mumbai and even after the terror attack in Lahore on Tuesday in which visiting Sri Lankan cricketers were targeted. Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, in its latest instructions to "area commanders" of the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Hizbul Mujahideen, has directed them to send at least 1,500 militants from 26 camps located in Pakistan-occupied Kash-mir to carry out disruptive activities in Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in India by the end of March. Intelligence sources here said the ISI's orders were: "Start fresh recruitment at camps at Rawalakot, Muzaffar-abad, Kotli and Mirpur. Arrange huge funds from rich people of Mirpur settled abroad." It made it clear that operations in Kashmir and India should not stop after 26/11 or Lahore.

Two Foreign militants of LeT killed in encounter

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BARAMULLA: Two foreign militants of Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) were killed in a fierce encounter in the frontier district of Kupwara, official sources said today. They said the security forces conducted a search operation at village Wathersar, Handwara, following a tip-off about the presence of militants. During the search operation, militants attacked the search party with automatic weapons. The security forces retaliated the fire and in the encounter two foreign militants of LeT were killed. Two AK rifles and other arms and ammunition were recovered from them. The search operation was still going on, sources said.

Three militants killed, another holed up in Kishtwar mosque

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JAMMU: Three militants holed up in a mosque in Sarawan-Keshwan area of Kishtwar district were today gunned down by security forces. Another militant believed to be a self-styled commander was still holed up in the mosque. The encounter started this morning after troops of 11 Rashtriya Rifle (RR) laid cordon of the area where some militants had taken shelter in the mosque. The militants had entered the mosque and started intermittent firing on troops who retaliated, police sources said, adding in the gunbattle three militants have been killed so far. The identity of the militants could not be ascertained so far as the operation was still on.

Pak infiltrators killed in Kashmir

Daily Excelsior, 20 March 2009

BARAMULLA: Alert troops foiled a major infiltration bid, first this year, when they gunned down two heavily armed militants in the frontier district of Kupwara, official sources said. They said a group of infiltrators was intercepted by troops at Chowkibal, Handwara, in north Kashmir this morning. When challenged and asked to surrender, militants opened fire with automatic weapons and also hurled grenades.

5 IEDs, 4 AK-74 rifles recovered from Pak-made cylinders

Daily Excelsior, 21 March 2009

JAMMU: Security forces today recovered a huge cache of arms and explosives hidden in Pakistan-made cooking gas cylinders from the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar sector of

Poonch district , averting a major possible militant attack in light of forthcoming Parliamentary Elections in the State.According to official sources, Army troops manning Dobbi forward out post, facing Goba post of Pakistan forces, in the Balakote area of Mendhar sector, recovered two gas cylinders and a bag filled with arms and explosives from the other side of the barbed fence.

3 more ultras and a soldier killed, toll in 3 days risen to 14

Daily Excelsior, 23 March 2009

SRINAGAR : soldier and three militants were today killed in the three- day fierce encounter going on since March 20 in the woods in the frontier district of Kupwara in north Kashmir, where the army had launched a massive offensive in the vast forest area.With this, a total of nine militants and five soldiers, including a Major, were killed and a jawan was injured so far, a Defence Ministry spokesman told.He said a soldier was killed when he was hit by a bullet during a search operation in the forest."We killed a militant, who had taken shelter in a house this morning while two others were killed this afternoon," he said.

Five more militants killed in Kupwara encounter

Daily Excelsior, 24 March 2009

SRINAGAR: Security forces today gunned down five more militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district as the fierce gunbattles between security forces and militants continued for the fifth day today.With this, the death toll of militants in the operation, which commenced on March 20, has reached 16. Eight army personnel, including a major, have so far been killed in the encounter that raged on in the dense forests.The five militants were killed in Shamshabari ranges in Hafrada forest today, a defence spokesman said.Combing operation was on when last reports came in, the spokesman said

LT warns of fresh attacks on Indian Army

Daily Times, 26 March 2009

SRINAGAR: Banned militant organisation Lashkar-e-Tayyaba on Wednesday warned of fresh attacks against Indian troops, as the Indian Army said a "large number" of guerrillas were poised to infiltrate Indian-held Kashmir (IHK).Eight soldiers and 17 militants were killed in protracted gun battles that started Saturday in IHK's Kupwara district, close to the Line of Control (LOC).Lashkar said its men were involved in the clashes, some of the fiercest in recent years."The gun battles should serve as a message to India that the struggle for Kashmir's freedom is on with full vigour," Lashkar spokesman Abdullah Ghaznavi said.

Top LeT militant among two killed

Daily Excelsior, 26 March 2009

SRINAGAR: A top Lashkar-e-Toiba militant was among two ultras killed in separate encounter with security forces in Kashmir Valley, a defence spokesman said today.Self-styled district commander of LeT Abdullah Uni was killed in an encounter with troops of 28 Rashtriya Rifles, nine Para and special operation group of local police at Dorusa-Lolab last night, the spokesman said

Reducing vigil in J&K is premature: Army

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SRINAGAR: Warning that separatists and other like-minded political parties trigger anti-security force protests to gain political mileage in view of decrease in violence in Jammu and Kashmir, the army today said reducing vigil will invite an increase in the presence of terrorists."A let down in the vigil will invite an increase in the presence of terrorists who are simply waiting for an opportunity of this nature. Thus, any talk of reducing vigil in J and K is premature to say the least," a senior army officer said. The army has also prepared a security assessment analysis after the Bomia (Sopore) incident, which has detailed information on militancy, violence, separatists machinations and terrorists' strategy in the state

Top militant killed

Daily Excelsior, 29 March 2009

SRINAGAR: Three militants including a self-styled commander of Lashker-e-Toiba (LET) outfit were killed in two separate operations in Jammu and Kashmir. Abu Baker, a self-styled commander of the LeT was today killed in a gunfight with security forces during search operations at Hangulul-Putshaie in Lolab area of Kupwara district, a defence spokesman said. The encounter took place during a search operation by security forces in the area following information about presence of militants.

'Plans to disrupt polls from across the border will be foiled'

Daily Excelsior, 30 March 2009

SRINAGAR : Jammu and Kashmir Government today warned that attempts could be made to disrupt Lok Sabha polls in the state from across the border, but those will be foiled."We are well aware of the threat that is posed to elections. I am reviewing the situation on a regular basis with my two security advisors and taking whatever steps are necessary," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah told reporters here."We do understand that attempts would be made to disrupt the elections and we will do everything possible to render those attempts unsuccessful," he added