

### [6 LeT militants killed in J&K encounter](#)

**The Hindu, 1 April 2010**

Six Lashkar-e-Taiba militants of Pakistani origin, who had escaped from Triyath forest after a brief encounter three days ago, were killed by security forces after they tracked them down in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. Police and security forces tracked down the group of militants in Talli Dharaman-Sarothi belt (Triyath) of Kalakote tehsil of Rajouri district and trapped them around 2.30 pm IST, Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Shafkat Watalie told PTI, giving details of the anti-terrorist 'Operation Khoj'.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article364022.ece>

### [5 Pakistanis among 6 ultras eliminated](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 2 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 1: Army, police and CRPF today gunned down six dreaded militants including five Pakistanis and a local after a fierce exchange of gun-battle at Khabra forests near village Raa Bagla in Taryath area of Rajouri taking total number of militants killed in the district in less than a week to 12. With today's killing, two major groups of militants, who had infiltrated into Indian territory from Pallanwalla and Nowshera sectors during past fortnight, have almost been neutralised.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr02/news.htm#1>

### [4 more Pak militants, jawan killed in Rajouri](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 3 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 2: Four more Pakistani militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and an Army jawan were killed in another encounter with Army and police at Sadda Darkeri forests in Kalakote area of Rajouri district during day long gun-battle today. With this, a total of 16 fresh infiltrated group of militants has been eliminated in Rajouri district in a week. Five Army jawans have also sacrificed their lives. During continued search operations in Kalakote and Dharamshal areas of Rajouri district, troops of 63 RR, 61 RR and 54 RR joined by police and SOG intercepted the militants at Sadda Darkeri forests falling under the jurisdiction of Kalakote police station in Rajouri district at 8.30 am today.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr03/news.htm#1>

### [Terror infrastructure in Pak remains intact: Centre](#)

**The Hindu, 4 April 2010**

The government has said the terror infrastructure in Pakistan continues to remain intact and infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir remains unabated with a substantial increase in 2009. "There are reports to indicate that the infrastructure for training terrorist elements across the border continues to remain intact," the 2009-10 annual report of the Home Ministry said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article387591.ece>

### [AJK CJ booted out, finally](#)

**The News, 4 April 2010**

ISLAMABAD: After three and a half years, the Azad Jammu and Kashmir government has sent a reference to the Supreme Judicial Council of AJK against Chief Justice of AJK Supreme Court making Justice Riaz Akhtar Chaudhry dysfunctional. In a move

that cleans up some of the dirt of the Musharraf era, the senior most judge of AJK SC Justice Manzoor Hussain Gilani now heads the AJK SC.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28156](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28156)

### [Dysfunctional AJK chief justice reinstated](#)

**The News, 5 April 2010**

MIRPUR: Dysfunctional Chief Justice of Azad Jammu Kashmir Supreme Court Justice Riaz Akhtar Chaudhry has been reinstated with immediate effect, official sources said. The removed ad hoc judge of the AJK Supreme Court, Justice Muhammad Azam Khan, was also reinstated to his office with immediate effect, sources told The News here on Sunday afternoon.

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=28170](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=28170)

### [India takes up stapled visa issue with China](#)

**The Hindu, 7 April 2010**

India on Wednesday conveyed its serious concerns to the Chinese leadership here over Beijing's issuance of stapled visas to Kashmiris and plans to undertake projects in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Briefing the media on External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna's meetings here, Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao said he strongly conveyed India's concern over China stapling visas for residents of Jammu and Kashmir to the Chinese leadership.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article390928.ece>

### [Omar asks Pak to stop infiltration](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 7 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 6: Noting that better Indo-Pak ties are necessary in the larger interest of people in the State, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today asked Islamabad to take steps to stop infiltration from across the border. Omar said his Government will continue to work to improve relations between the two neighbours. "Conflicts never yield positive results but only add to human miseries and make the situation complex. The people in general and those living on borders have to bear the brunt of the conflicts," he told a gathering at Marh. The Chief Minister asked Pakistan to take measures to "stop infiltration from across the border and help in improvement of ties".

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr07/news.htm#1>

### [UK to provide £665m aid in four years: Miliband](#)

**The News, 9 April 2010**

LONDON: British Foreign Secretary David Miliband has said both his country and Pakistan enjoy a very positive and mutually supportive relationship, which would continue in future as well. Talking to the media during his visit to the Islamic Centre in Tooting, southwest London on Thursday to support the re-election of Labour MP Sadiq Khan, he said this relationship had burnished and nurtured under the Labour government. Responding to a question on Kashmir, he said that the UK's position on the issue had been absolutely clear. "We support strong and improved relations between Pakistan and India and it is up to them to decide the matter through bilateral dialogues."

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### [Separatists term recruitment bill as anti-Muslim](#)

**The Hindu, 10 April 2010**

Separatists in Jammu and Kashmir opposed the passage of a bill in the state assembly banning inter-district recruitment and providing eight per cent quota to scheduled castes in government jobs, terming the move as anti-Muslim. "It is our obligation to oppose moves, which are against the development of people here (Kashmir valley). The assembly has passed a bill aimed against the Muslim majority of the state. It is a loss to the identity of this region", Chairman of moderate Hurriyat Conference Mirwaiz Umer Farooq said.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article393718.ece>

### [Crackdown on employees' on, no impact of ESMA](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 11 April 2010**

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, Apr 10: Top Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) leader Khursheed Alam along with at least 20 leaders and employees were arrested by police in Srinagar when employees took out a large rally towards Sher-e-Kashmir Park and Lal Chowk while dozens of employees were hurt in police lathicharge at several places in the city. Nearly 60 employees were arrested from different parts of State including half a dozen employees from Bhaderwah, Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar areas by police today. Intensifying crackdown on the striking employees and their leaders, the police today arrested many trade union leaders in Kashmir and Jammu regions while two EJAC leaders Ram Kumar and Pardeep Kumar who were arrested at police naka on Jammu-Akhnoor road last evening, were hospitalized today. While Ram Kumar who complained of chest pain during early hours, was removed to Cardiac unit of the GMC hospital, Pardeep was admitted to Sarwal hospital after some health problem. Several employees arrested in Jammu during last four days were removed to Central jail today.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr11/news.htm#1>

### [Banning of SMS service in J&K: Centre withdraws order within hours](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 17 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 16: In a piquant situation, the Centre today withdrew within hours a ban imposed on SMS service in Jammu and Kashmir following strong protest from the Chief Minister of the State, Omar Abdullah that the move was an "unnecessary harassment" and the specific issues were misunderstood. In a bid to address security concerns, the DoT today directed all the service providers in Jammu and Kashmir to

ban the SMS facility on post-paid connections and limit number of messages for pre-paid subscribers from mid-night.

<http://dailyexcelsior.com/>

### [Annual Amarnath yatra to start from July 1](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 17 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 16: Effecting change in the schedule of the annual Amarnath Yatra, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) has decided to start two month long pilgrimage to the cave shrine from July 1 this year by throwing open both the routes simultaneously. It has also decided to put some restrictions on the helicopter services in view of environmental concerns and to prevent melting of the ice-lingam. Authoritative sources told the EXCELSIOR that Shri Amarnath Shrine Board has decided to throw open traditional route of Pahalgam as well as shortest path of Baltal simultaneously on July 1 for pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath in the South Kashmir. The pilgrimage will continue till Raksha Bandhan which falls on August 24.

<http://dailyexcelsior.com/>

### [Two Hizb militants killed](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 17 April 2010**

Srinagar, Apr 16: Two militants of Hizbul Mujahideen outfit were killed today in an encounter with security forces in Keller area of Shopian district in South Kashmir while an explosion took place inside a residential compound in Sopore town of Baramulla district in North Kashmir, injuring one boy, official sources said here. Acting on specific information about presence of militants at Thairna village in Keller area, troops of 44 Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police launched a search operation, the sources said.

<http://dailyexcelsior.com/>

### [Govt's rehab policy hurting PaK refugees](#)

**Rising Kashmir, 18 April 2010**

Srinagar, April 17: With Chief Minister Omar Abdullah likely to announce, this May, the rehabilitation policy for youth willing to return from Pakistan administered Kashmir, the move has slit afresh old wounds of Jammu-based PaK refugees: the pain of unsettlement even after 63 years of their migration. Sources said the much-hyped rehabilitation policy was likely to be announced in May as the State Government was waiting New Delhi's nod on it. "The government has already forwarded the proposal to New Delhi. The GoI is studying pros and cons of the rehab policy and may give a go-ahead to it after making some changes in May," sources said.

[http://www.risingkashmir.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=22566&Itemid=1](http://www.risingkashmir.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22566&Itemid=1)

### [Governor's assent to Bills passed by Legislature likely before Darbar Move](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 18 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 17: All the 13 Bills passed by the State Legislature during the recently concluded Budget Session, are likely to receive Governor's assent before Darbar Move, which is scheduled to begin on April 31, and new laws will come into force from next month after their notification in the Government Gazette. Authoritative sources told the EXCELSIOR that out of total 13 Bills passed by the State Legislature,

seven have so far been submitted to the Governor, N N Vohra, for his assent while the remaining will be sent within next few days. "All the Bills could not be submitted to the Governor simultaneously because of the delay in printing due to the strike of State Government employees", they said, adding "the printing of remaining bills will be completed within next few days following which the Assembly Secretariat will handover the Bills to the Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department for onward submission to the Governor for his approval".

### [Two more Lashkar women militants identified in Doda](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 18 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 17: There has been no let up in number of the women joining militancy, or working for the militants, in Doda district. Inputs by the Intelligence agencies have revealed that two more women have been identified as active workers of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) working for two top commanders of the outfit. The women were reported to have even married the commanders and were pursuing the Lashkar agenda very actively..

### [Infiltrators take Punjab route to reach Kathua](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 20 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 19: In another successful infiltration attempt in less than a month, a group of militants is reported to have intruded into this side, taking probably for the first time Gurdaspur route last night, but two of them were trapped by police and security personnel at Chabe Chak Nursery along Ujh river under the jurisdiction of Rajbagh police station, about eight kilometers from Jammu-Pathankot national highway, in Kathua district this evening. The militants opened firing on police personnel before taking shelter inside the Nursery, about 400 meters away from the populated area of village Chabe Chak.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr20/index.htm>

### [Army chief to review security situation in J&K](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 20 April 2010**

UDHAMPUR, Apr 19: Chief of Army Staff General VK Singh is visiting sensitive Jammu and Kashmir State to review security situation from April 20 to 22. This will be the maiden visit of General Singh to the Northern Command after taking over as Army chief on April 1, 2010. He will be accompanied by wife, Bharti Singh, president Family Welfare Organisation (FWO). Defence sources said that during his three -day visit, the Army chief will visit Ladakh, Kashmir and several forward locations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch and Rajouri, under Nagrota based 16 Corps.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr20/index.htm>

### [Not a single visitor on cross-LoC bus](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 20 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 19: There was no civilian from this part of the divided State on board cross-LoC Poonch-Rawlakote weekly bus today due to delay in mandatory clearance from Pakistan's Ministry of Home Affairs to issue permits to them. Nearly 2000 people in Jammu region, mostly hailing from twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri were waiting for their turn to get permits to travel to Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) to meet divided families and relatives. However, according to official sources, the Regional Passport Officer (RPO), J&K, was unable to issue permits to the applicants in the absence of mandatory clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Pakistan.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr20/index.htm>

### [Army chief in J&K](#)

**Tribune, 22 April 2010**

Time for better rapport with people

THE maiden Jammu and Kashmir visit of the new army chief, Gen V.K. Singh, comes at a time when some quarters are clamouring for reducing the strength of the army in the state and withdrawing the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). On the other hand, the Army wants that it should have a free hand to tackle the problems of infiltration and insurgency efficiently.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100422/edit.htm#1>

### [Col, Lt Col face court martial for Rs 10-crore milk scam](#)

**Tribune, 22 April 2010**

A milk powder scam of nearly Rs 10 crore in Army's Northern Command has put two senior officers in the dock. A Colonel earlier posted as the Director Military Farms, Headquarters, Northern Command, and a Lieutenant Colonel, who was the Officer Commanding, Military Farm, Jammu, are facing trial by General Court Martial (GCM) for their alleged acts of omission and commission.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100422/main6.htm>

### [Trade worth Rs 2.88 cr](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 22 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Trade worth Rs 2.88 crore took place on Poonch-Rawlakote route today between two parts of the divided State. Reports said 43 trucks exchanged sides at Chakan-Da-Bagh on second day of cross-LoC trade this week. Twenty trucks left Poonch for PoK carrying onion, illayachi, red chilly, coconut and bananas worth Rs 85.39 lakh while 23 trucks reached Poonch from PoK with almonds, malathi, dry fruits, shawls and dupattas to the tune of Rs 2.03 crore.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr22/index.htm>

### [Committees being set up to implement MHA's Plan](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 22 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 21: As a total of 149 Government buildings were still under the occupation of the Army and para-military forces across the Jammu region, the State Government has issued directions to all the District Development Commissioners (DDCs) to set up joint committees with the concerned security agencies for finding out suitable land and creation of alternate accommodation as per the Action Plan of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/10apr22/index.htm>

### [Delhi blasts: Death for 3](#)

**Tribune, 23 April 2010**

A Delhi court today awarded death penalty to three of the six terrorists of the Jammu Kashmir Islamic Front (JKIF) convicted for Lajpat Nagar blasts in 1996. Thirteen persons were killed in the incident, while 38 were injured. One convict was awarded life imprisonment by District and Sessions Judge SP Garg while two others, including

a woman, who were convicted for milder charges, were set free as the court said they had already served required period of imprisonment during the trial.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100423/main4.htm>

### **Balochistan is no Kashmir**

**Asian Age, 23 April 2010**

April 23 : The India-Pakistan joint statement at Sharm el-Sheikh mentioned Balochistan. India is now committed to discuss Balochistan with Pakistan. Let us now make a comparison between Balochistan and Kashmir. Both have been in turmoil due to militancy for decades. They are mountainous regions suited for guerrilla warfare. Pakistan calls Kashmir the core issue. But Kashmir is more a symptom than the disease.

[http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=9855:balochistan-is-no-kashmir&catid=42:op-ed&Itemid=67](http://www.asianage.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9855:balochistan-is-no-kashmir&catid=42:op-ed&Itemid=67)

### **Top HM commander shot dead in Doda**

**Daily Excelsior, 24 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 23: A top commander of Hizbul Mujahideen was gunned down by police while his associate was holed-up in an encounter at Manoi forests in Gandoh area of Doda district this evening. Exchange of firing between police and militants was going on till late tonight when the reports last came in. SSP Doda Parbhat Singh said a joint team of police, Special Operations Group (SOG) and security forces launched a joint search operation at Manoi forests after police developed a specific input about presence of two hardcore Hizbul Mujahideen militants in the area last night.

### **Militants kill cable operator in Kashmir**

**Hindustan Times, 24 April 2010**

Separatist militants shot dead a cable operator in Sopore town of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said on Saturday. The guerrillas barged into a house in Khawaja Gilgit locality of Sopore, 54 km from Srinagar, late Friday and opened fire. Ashiq Hussain Khan, a local cable operator, was critically injured, a senior police officer said. "Ashiq was immediately taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries," the police officer told IANS. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the killing.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/srinagar/Militants-kill-cable-operator-in-Kashmir/Article1-535123.aspx>

### **One killed, 3 injured in Army firing**

**Daily Excelsior, 25 April 2010**

SRINAGAR, Apr 24: Massive protests were held in Shopian district of South Kashmir today following killing of a civilian in Army firing in the wee hours, mistaking him and two of his companions as militants. Ghulam Mohammad Kalas, son of Peer Baksh Kalas, was shot dead and Manzoor Ahmad Lone, son of Ghulam Mohammad Lone, was injured by the troops of 53 Rashtriya Rifles near village Chawan in Shopian district at around 4.00 am, official sources said here. Two horses were also killed in the Army firing.

### **'Take Power, Pay Revenue' plan for Panchayats**

**Daily Excelsior, 25 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 24: With power purchase bill jumping to an all time high at Rs 2500

crore in the last financial year, leading to a deficit of nearly Rs 1600 crore between purchase and revenue generation, the Power Development Department (PDD) has decided to step-up the process of achieving the target of 100 per cent metering across the State by 2012-13. Finance Minister Abdul Rahim Rather told the Excelsior that power purchase bill was virtually becoming unbearable for the Government as it has surpassed the budgetary provision of Rs 2000 crore by over Rs 500 crore during just ended financial year.

#### **Holed-up militant killed in Doda**

**Daily Excelsior, 25 April 2010**

JAMMU, Apr 24: A top Hizbul Mujahideen militant, holed-up in Manoi forests in Gandoh area of Doda district, was gunned down by Army and police early this morning. His associate was killed last night. Both slain militants were top commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen and their killing has delivered a major setback to the outfit, official sources said. While Tanveer Ahmed Bhat son of Shamasdin Bhatt, a resident of Tirthalu, Gandoh was killed last night in Manoi forests, his absconding associate Mohammad Zunga Yarwar alias Ujjawar son of Aziz Faraz R/o Jhakyas, Gandoh was eliminated in wee hours of this morning by Army and police.

#### **Pak to move WB on Kishenganga**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 April 2010**

NEW DELHI, Apr 25: Pakistan has issued a fresh threat to move the World Bank for arbitration over Kishenganga power project in Jammu and Kashmir, which it alleges violates the 1960 Indus Water Treaty. Pakistan has issued the threat in a recent letter to India, the third such communication in last one year, official sources said. In the letter, Pakistan has said the Indus Water Treaty, which governs sharing of six common river waters, is being violated by the Kishenganga project and it has the "right" to move the World Bank for arbitration, they said.