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Govt rules out 3rd party mediation

fora during the past three years, the Minister said the neighbouring country was continuing its hostile propaganda unabated and repeatedly raising the issues in fora like United Nations.

India's position was that J&K is an integral part of the Union and part of the State -- Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) was under illegal occupation of Pakistan, Ms Kaur said.

India will take all necessary steps to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Minister asserted.

Regarding the incidents of incursions by Chinese Army in Ladakh region of J&K, the

Minister replied that there was no common delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Due to different perception of the LAC, situations had arisen on the ground. If the country were to have common perception of the LAC, such a situation would not take place, she said.

The issue was regularly taken up with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings and meetings of working mechanism for consultation and coordination on border affairs and diplomatic channels, she said. (UNI)

Army chief directs Commanders to give effective response to Pak

at Technical Airport here at about 10 am, laid wreaths on the bodies of five martyr jawans along with Lt Gen Chachra, Lt Gen Hooda, GOC Tiger Division, Maj Gen Ashwani Kumar and Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore P E Patagia.

venture and thwart their nefarious designs.

The Army Commanders briefed the Army chief about the incident including the involvement of Pakistan Army, which was directly or indirectly involved in the killings. Though there was no official version of

have increased number of soldiers now onwards so that they were in a position to counter the attack either by the militants or by Pakistan Army, sources said.

They added that the BAT members comprising top commanders of LeT and JeM, members of Special Service Group

behind the killings," they added.

Instead, Pakistan lodged a strong protest during hotline talk for "LoC violation by Indian troops in Pandu sector in Uri area today in which two Pakistan soldiers were seriously wounded."

An agreement to maintain ceasefire along the LoC was signed in November 2003 but its violations by Pakistan Army have increased in recent months. Tension rose in January and February and again in July after a series of border incidents.

On January 8, Pakistan Army had intruded deep inside the Indian territory and killed two jawans. They had taken away head of one of the jawan with them.

Meanwhile, at Technical Airport here, the Army Chief and other officers stood in silence for sometime as a mark of respect to the soldiers after laying wreaths on their bodies, kept in the coffins draped with tricolor.

The bugle played the last post and a contingent of the Army presented salute on the occasion.



Army jawans maintaining high alert in LoC on Poonch on Wednesday.

As weather was not clear in Poonch, the Army chief had a halt at 16 Corps Headquarters at Nagrota. In the afternoon, the helicopter carrying the Army chief and other senior officers to Poonch had to return from Nagrota due to adverse weather conditions. Gen Singh and other senior officers then reached Akhnoor where they held high-level inter-action.

In the evening, the Army chief flew back to New Delhi from the Technical Airport, where he would brief Defence Minister AK Antony about the situation.

the high level meeting, sources said the Army officers were of the view that such a major incident was not possible without direct involvement of the Pakistan Army. Some of them were of the view that Pakistani regulars could be part of 20 members BAT comprising LeT and JeM militants, which carried out the "hit and run attack" in Sarla battalion area of Chakan-Da-Bagh sub sector in Poonch early yesterday killing five Army soldiers and injuring another.

(SSG) and Pakistan Army appeared to have conducted reeve of the area two days back before launching the attack.

"The attack was pre-planned and well planned. The BAT had taken full view of the area, watched the movement of Army patrol and carried out the attack at isolated place from where the distance to Army posts was quite far. The BAT had used silencer fitted weapons in the attack," sources said.

Meanwhile, top military officials of Pakistan and India today spoke to each other on hotline to lower tension after the killing of five Indian soldiers.

Sources said the two Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) established a "special hotline contact this morning" to discuss the situation "arising out of the killings."

"Pakistan Army DGMO, as usual had no answer but to deny the hand of their troops

Major embarrassment for Govt as Deptts fail to file replies in HC

the concerned Department in Court and failure to inform the High Court about the status of information pertaining to their cases", sources said.

"The Law Officials had become habitual of filing delayed replies and the High Court Registry often refused to entertain the same. Some of the replies were filed on the day of listing of the case and few others were filed only a day before. This led to adjournment of several important cases even for petty reasons", sources said.

Regretting the attitude of law officials of various Government Departments, sources said, "most of the law officials were absent during the hearing of their respective cases. They were required to share the status of all reports with the Advocate General before the case came up for hearing, but that didn't happen".

Sources further empha-

sized, "several High Court Judges were irked to see that the Department officials had not even furnished the status reports, when their cases came up for hearing".

Advocate General, M I Qadri, when contacted confirmed, "the failure of the Departments to file response before High Court in various cases on time had led to various adverse orders. Several top functionaries had been put to embarrassing situations in the Court as their Departments failed to file reports in time".

Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), M A Bukhari while confirming issuance of the order said, "the objective of the order is to avoid delays in filing of replies in the Court in time. This had become necessary as a number of PILs are pending in the High Court and reply affidavits hadn't been filed by several Government Departments".

Legal issues in Haryana may delay extension of gas pipeline to J&K

ject, sources said, adding "besides notification of the department will also issue rules, which would be followed by the Collectors while acquiring land and conferring right of use on GSP".

The Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department, which is the Nodal Department for the gas pipeline project, has also approached the Union Petroleum Ministry with the request to take decision about the city guide distribution system in advance so that there would not be any problem in having laterals, sources said.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the gas pipeline will cover eight districts-Kathua, Samba,

Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar. Besides main gas trunk from Bhatinda to Srinagar there will be hundreds of sub-lines.

As per the ordinance enacted by the State Government, "it will be the prime responsibility of the M/s Gujarat State Petronet Ltd to maintain the pipelines for gas so that there is no threat to safety and security of human life", adding "in case of any failure to perform its duty, the company will be solely and exclusively liable to pay damages for such loss or damage".

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Political storm in Parliament over Antony's statement

weaker sections in West Bengal by ruling Trinamool Congress.

The protests by members of Seemadhra region continued in both Houses with TDP members storming the Well and Rajya Sabha even witnessing the spectacle of a TDP member, CM Ramesh, wearing a black band over his mouth.

Swaraj said while an earlier statement by the Army and the Defence Ministry blamed terrorists and Pakistan Army regulars for the attack, Antony had said those involved in the incident were terrorists and people wearing Pakistan Army uniforms.

demanding an apology from the Minister.

"Defence Minister has to clarify and tender an apology to the country. Government has let down the moral of the country and demoralised the Armed Forces. What is the response...The Minister should offer an apology," Venkaiah Naidu (BJP) said.

Accusing Government of "putting pressure on the Army", he said, "Why is he doing this? He should tender an apology... What compelled the Government to supersede an earlier statement...Government wants to be silent. Why Antony, a person of sincerity honesty and integrity, is doing this?"

Naidu said, "The second statement gives an escape route to Pakistan. Please understand our agony. It's not a Congress or BJP issue. It's a national issue. Two contradictory statements. One statement gives an escape route to Pakistan."

Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP) said, "It impinges upon national security. We would like the Defence Minister to explain after all the first statement is issued from Jammu, from the field, from the Armed forces."

Naidu questioned why there was change in statement by the Defence Minister. "Is it something to do with Prime Minister Dr Manmohan

Singh's proposed visit to United Nations and hold talks with Pakistan there?"

Dissatisfied with Antony's statements, BJP members disallowed Deputy Chairman P J Kurien to carry out further legislative business when he sought to take up the Companies Bill.

BJP leader Yashwant Sinha today moved a breach of privilege notice against Antony, accusing him of misleading Parliament on the killing of five Indian jawans along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It was a most laughable statement that the Defence Minister of India made. I have already sent my notice of breach of privilege to the Speaker. I'm going to Parliament, and I'm going to raise this issue in Parliament," Sinha said.

"Mr Antony is not only guilty of misleading the House with his statement, but he has further compounded his guilt by getting the Army's statement, which was issued before his statement, changed," he claimed.

Sinha said that the Army had clearly stated that Pakistani soldiers were involved and now they have been made to retract.

"The Army is on the ground, the Army knows better than the Prime Minister and

the Defence Minister. And the Army has been forced to change its statement, it's a very serious issue. The Defence Minister and the Government are speaking in a language which is more acceptable to Pakistan than to us," the BJP leader said.

Amid the raging controversy over his statement on the Poonch killings, Antony briefed Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on the situation on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir where five troops were killed in an ambush.

Antony met Singh against the backdrop of controversy over his statement that the soldiers were killed by "terrorists along with persons dressed in Pakistan Army uniform".

Making a suo motu statement in both the Houses of Parliament yesterday, Antony had said an Indian Army patrol, comprising one junior commissioned officer and five other ranks, was "ambushed on our side" of the LoC in Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The ambush was carried out by approximately 20 heavily-armed terrorists along with persons dressed in Pakistan Army uniform," he said.

"In the ensuing firefight, five Indian soldiers were martyred and one soldier was injured," he said.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Rajiv Shukla then said Pakistan was not given any alibi and it cannot violate the Line of Control (LoC).

Meanwhile, gunning for Defence Minister A K Antony, BJP today escalated the stand-off over his statement on the killing of five soldiers.

NDA Parliamentary Party chief L K Advani, who demanded an apology from Antony, led a party delegation to Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and made it clear that they will not relent on their position when Parliament meets tomorrow.

At the meeting, the Government gave an assurance that Antony will make a statement tomorrow clarifying the position. Antony was present at the meeting.

The BJP leaders, who included party chief Rajnath Singh, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj and her counterpart in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley, also told the Prime Minister that he should not meet his Pakistan counterpart Nawaz Sharif in New York next month in the current situation.(PTI)

11 killed in Karachi blast

KARACHI, Aug 7: Eleven people, including several children, were killed and around 30 injured when a bomb went off outside a football ground in the Pakistani port city of Karachi today, police said.

The apparent target of the attack was provincial minister Javed Nagori, who escaped unhurt. The bomb was detonated near Nagori's vehicle as he leaving after witnessing a match, a police officer said.

The blast occurred early this morning outside the ground in the impoverished and densely populated Lyari area, which has a tradition of holding soccer matches in the holy month of Ramzan. The bomb was planted in a motorcycle.

Pakistan People's Party leader Sania Naz said at least 11 people, including children aged between six and 15, were killed. However, senior police officer Tariq Dharejo put the death toll at eight.

"It was a six-kilogram explosive device set off by remote control and the target was apparently the minister," Dharejo said.

"The blast took place just as

the Minister came out of the ground after watching the football match around the time of "sehri" but he escaped unhurt," he said, referring to the pre-dawn meal before a day of fasting.

The blast hit people, including children, who were leaving the ground. It also damaged the minister's car, police said.

International footballer and referee Ahmed Jan, who lives in Lyari and organises football matches during Ramzan every year, said this was the first time terrorists had targeted such an event.

"It is very sad. This event is held every year because the children love football and want to be the Maradona or Ronaldo despite the conditions in Lyari," he said.

Parents will now be reluctant to send their children to the football ground, he said.

With Eid-ul-Fitr set to be celebrated later this week, security has been tightened across Karachi. However, four blasts outside liquor shops in Defence and Gulshan-e-Iqbal areas last night brought into focus the poor security situation in the city. (PTI)

Govt introduces food bill in LS; discussion to start next week

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: The Government today introduced the landmark Food Security Bill in Lok Sabha which, when passed, will replace an Ordinance and will give the country's two-third population right to highly subsidised foodgrains.

Food Minister K V Thomas said the bill is likely to be passed in the current session and once it becomes an Act, states will get 6-12 months to implement it.

The discussion on the bill will start next week and after Lok Sabha approves it, the legislation will be introduced in Rajya Sabha. On approval of the Upper House, the Government will commit to give 67 per cent of the nation's population 5 kg foodgrain per month at Rs 1-3 per kg.

The households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) would be entitled to get 35 kg of foodgrains per month.

"Discussion on the bill will begin on Monday. Once it is passed in the Lower House, it will go the Rajya Sabha. Once it is cleared, the states will get six

months to one year to implement the Act," Thomas told reporters.

Asked if the UPA Government is confident of getting the support of its allies and the Opposition, he said, "All democratic forces want the right to food to be given to poor. I don't think they will oppose. They will support and the bill will be passed in this session."

The minister said the Centre is in touch with all states. States like Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Kerala are ready to roll out this new programme.

He said even non-congress ruled states could implement. "They have apprehensions. We will sort it out."

Stressing that the success of this new programme would depend on leakage-proof PDS and setting of godowns by states, the minister said, "Some states have taken measures to strengthen PDS. We want all of them take urgent steps."

The subsidy burden would be Rs 1.30 lakh crore and foodgrains requirement would be 62 million tonnes annually.(PTI)

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'Statement not changed at PMO's behest'

carried out by "terrorists along with persons dressed in Pakistan Army uniform".

Sources today said the statement made by Antony was vetted by several senior officials including National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon, Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh, the DGMO and some Defence Ministry officers. (PTI)

Young girl raped, murdered

body.

"It was being investigated as to whether the girl had been raped and murdered," police said. The body has been sent to the GMC Jammu for identification and post-mortem.

Police also recovered the dead body of a police constable

Rail traffic disrupted for 2nd day

thousand cubic meter debris has so far been removed from the track and 40 per cent work is completed, sources said adding that the train traffic is expected to resume tomorrow.

However, the engine of Malwa Express, which was partially damaged yesterday after the train rammed into debris despite applying emergency brakes, has not yet been shifted from the site. Efforts were made to remove boulders under the engine with the help of a hydraulic vibratory but no success could be achieved today.

Officials said the landslide occurred due to continuous seepage and obstruction to flow of water by the dumped garbage along the road-side.

LoC flare up cause of concern: Mirwaiz

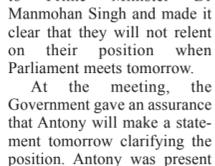
the safety of Kashmiris living along the LoC on both sides of the divided Kashmir.

"A conducive atmosphere is needed to solve the Kashmir issue," he said adding "Till basic issue of Kashmir is not solved, all other steps to stabilise the relations will prove to be a futile exercise."

The Hurriyat Chairman said improving trade relations, water, Sir Creek and Siachen issues cannot be solved till creation of a favourable atmosphere.

Lasting solution of Kashmir issue would create a conducive atmosphere for addressing other problems existing between the two countries, he said.(PTI)

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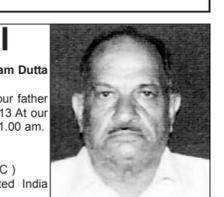


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In the loving memory of Late Sh. Parshotam Dutta S/o Late Sh. Bholu Nath Dutta It is to inform you all that Choubarsi of our father will be held on Thursday 8th of August 2013 At our residence 35/10 Nanak Nagar Jammu at 11.00 am.

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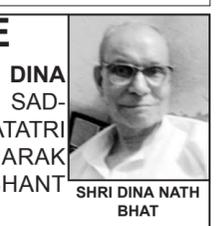


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