

Major success for security forces

Hizb comdr among 5 militants killed in Ganderbal

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Aug 30: Security forces achieved a major success in Kashmir today by eliminating 5 militants of Hizbul Mujahideen including their top commander in Central Kashmir district of Ganderbal.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) counter insurgency Victor Force, Major General R R Nimborkar today told a press conference at 24 Rashtriya Rifles Battalion Headquarters at Wusan Kangan in district Ganderbal that the troops of 3 sector RR and Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint operation at Palang area of Najawan Forest of Kangan on the basis of specific information about the presence of a group of militants in the area.

The GOC said that contact with the militants was established at 1:30 a.m. "On being challenged by the troops, they fired back. A heavy firefight ensued, lasting for over two hours. Despite difficult terrain and poor visibility conditions, accurate fire was brought down leading to the killing of five mil-

itants of Hizbul Mujahideen. The operation was surgically conducted without any collateral damage or casualty to own forces", he said.

Five AK-47 Rifles, 11 magazines, seven grenades and war



Army soldiers displaying arms and ammunition recovered from slain militants at Wusan, Kangan on Friday.

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Nimborkar said that these militants were mostly avoiding populated areas and preferring to live in forest areas. "We had inputs that militants want to change their hide out from Sindh range forests to Mansbal range for which they

had started moving from Najawan forests in Kangan area to cross other side of the Srinagar-Leh highway. We trapped them near a bridge over Nallah and killed five militants including their com-

mander Asadullah Bhaia", he added. The GOC said that Army had already cautioned that Amarnath yatra was on the target of militants and the area where these militants were moving since last one year is close to Srinagar-Leh highway through where yatra is

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PM warns of short term shocks to economy, accuses BJP

* BJP stages walk-out over remarks

NEW DELHI, Aug 30:

Warning of "short term shocks" to the economy, Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh today squarely blamed the BJP for the current economic woes, accusing it of stalling crucial reforms bills by disruption of Parliament and hurting investor sentiments.

Breaking his silence on the state of economy and the rapid slide in the rupee value, he made an elaborate statement in Parliament ruling out rollback of reforms and bringing in capital controls while appealing for a political consensus to put the economy back on path of high growth.

However, his efforts to weave a consensus did not meet with any success after he and the BJP got into a slug-fest over who was responsible for the current situation.

Responding to Leader of the Opposition Arun Jaitley, who talked about investors having lost confidence in the country, Singh told Rajya Sabha that he would be the last person to deny certain events and happenings in India which were a source of concern to domestic and foreign investors.

"What are those conditions. Parliament is the supreme body in our country. If Parliament is not allowed to function session after session," he said to strong rebuttals from the BJP benches.

Asserting that the Government would act to reduce the current account deficit and fiscal deficit to bring improvement in the economy, the Prime Minister said they would make every effort to maintain a macro economic framework friendly to foreign capital inflows to enable orderly financing of the CAD.

The sudden dip in the exchange rate is "certainly a shock" but the Government would address it through other measures and not through capital controls or reversing economic reforms.

done but the country has more difficult reforms to do such as reduction of subsidies, insurance and pension sector reforms, eliminating bureaucratic red tape and implementing GST.

"These are not low hanging fruits and need political consensus. It is here that I urge Members across the political spectrum to reflect on the need of the hour.

"Many laws that are necessary are held up for lack of political consensus. Reforms such as



Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh speaks on the current economic situation in Rajya Sabha on Friday. (UNI)

Some officers, who were posted in other departments, are holding the same room by just removing the department board as they have not been provided accommodation for the new postings", sources said while disclosing that an officer, who was recently transferred from a department and posted in a Corporation, preferred to remove the board outside his room fearing that leaving this room would deprive him of the proper accommodation.

No focus on rationalization of transfers; Induction Manual dumped

Accommodation chaos in Civil Sectt, numerous officers sharing rooms

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Aug 30: An accommodation chaos has gripped the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar during the past more than one month with numerous officers mainly of the rank of Additional Secretaries and Under Secretaries clamoring for the proper place to smoothly perform their duties. The prevailing situation under which several officers are compelled to share rooms clearly indicates that there is no focus on rationalization of transfers, which is otherwise one of the important subjects of the Secretariat Induction Manual.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that during the past two months the Government has ordered transfers of the officers without any serious attention towards the rationalization aspect due to

which no balance could be struck between the officers inducted in the Civil Secretariat and shifted from the seat of the governance resulting into accommodation chaos.

The deployment of large number of KAS Probationers in the different departments further increased the strength of the officers posted in the Civil Secretariat and compounded the situation vis-a-vis shortage of accommodation, sources said.

They disclosed that at present more than 20 officers of the rank of Additional Secretary and Under Secretary have been performing their duties without proper office/room. "They have been compelled to share rooms with each other despite the fact that a proper working atmosphere and space is required for proper working of any department or its wing", sources regretted.

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Though some of these officers approached the Estates Department for making allotment of accommodation but they were told that Estates makes allotment of rooms to the departments and not to the individual officers, sources said.

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Consumers to get subsidized sugar by mid Sept

Govt signs agreement with miller after okay report of samples

Nishikant Khajuria

JAMMU, Aug 30: Consumers in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to get subsidized sugar in next two weeks as the State Government has finalized all modalities for procurement of the commodity from Maharashtra-based miller, which won tender for the supply.

According to authoritative sources, the State Government today signed the agreement with the successful bidder after samples of the sugar were okayed by some reputed laboratories of the country.

Following the signing of agreement, both the Directors of

Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CAPD) will now place orders of supply for their respective provinces and the subsidized sugar is likely to be made available for distribution among the consumer by mid of September next, sources told the Excelsior.

As reported earlier, in view of sudden stoppage of levy sugar supply by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the State Government had constituted a high-level Purchase Committee for procurement of PDS sugar from open market.

Headed by Administrative Secretary of CAPD, the six-member committee comprising Directors CAPD Jammu/

Kashmir, a representative of the Finance Department, Joint Director (Planning) CAPD and Financial Advisor CAPD, financial and technical bid for supply of 84000 metric tones of sugar every year to J&K were floated in the month of June, this year.

After a Maharashtra-based miller was shortlisted through the bidding, samples of sugar were sent to reputed labs for analysis testing. These samples were declared passed by the testing labs and the report in this connection was received recently, sources said.

Thereafter, sources added, a detailed memorandum on the basis of NIT conditions was draft-

ed by the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department, which was approved by the Law Department, this week.

Following approval of the Law Department, the State Government entered into final agreement with the Maharashtra based miller today thus paving way for much awaited supply of sugar to J&K, sources informed.

"We have signed agreement with the Maharashtra based miller and the Director Jammu as well as Director Kashmir will soon place orders for supply of sugar, which is likely to reach here in next few days for further distribution among the con-

Firing at 3 places, jawan hurt

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 30: An Army jawan was injured as Pakistan Army violated ceasefire at three places on the Line of Control (LoC) at Pallanwalla in Akhnour sector and Sabjan and Hamirpur in Poonch since last night even as Army and police continued searches for suspected militants in Manjakote sector of Rajouri district.

Official sources said Pakistan Army resumed firing at forward village Bhadwal in Pallanwalla sector at 3.30 am in the wee hours of today. Prior to this, Pakistan had opened firing at the same from 10.30 pm to 11.40 pm last night.

Indian Army retaliated. Fresh exchange of firing at Pallanwalla this morning lasted about an hour.

An Army jawan Amit Singh of 28 Rajput Rifles was injured in the firing. He was evacuated from the spot and admitted to hospital.

It was after a long gap that Pakistan Army has opened firing in Pallanwalla sector. The firing by Pakistani troops in Pallanwalla has spread panic among the border villagers as they feared fresh migration from the area.

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35 new posts along China border

NEW DELHI, Aug 30:

35 new border posts will be created and additional ITBP personnel deployed in a phased manner to bolster security on Sino-India frontier, which has seen a spate of incursions from the Chinese recently.

Outgoing Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) force Ajay Chadha said while 98 border posts along the frontier, many of them in high altitudes, will see an increase in troop numbers, 35 new posts will be created.

"This is a comprehensive plan and we will be completing this task in a phased manner by the year 2017," Chadha said.

The new border posts will require additional personnel which will be done by drawing manpower from new recruitments.

At present, India has over 150 border posts along this icy frontier and the paramilitary personnel guard 3,488 kms of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The DG said the force is also enhancing the communication and other operational requirements of the personnel at these posts, a number of which face heavy snow and blizzard conditions year

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IT surveys yield Rs 1.5 cr

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 30: Following the Income Tax surveys in their premises, the owners of Akash Institute's franchise and Jammu Oncology Clinic today surrendered Rs 1.50 crore undisclosed income.

According to the official sources, Jammu Oncology Clinic being operated on the name of Dr Ashutosh Gupta's father has surrendered Rs 1 crore undisclosed income while as Dr Bharat Raj Gupta has coughed-up Rs 50 lakh concealed income.

Jammu Oncology Clinic is situated at Krishna Nagar while as Dr Bharat Raj Gupta is running three branches of Akash Institute's franchise--two at Gandhi Nagar and one at Kachi Chawani.

"Though the Jammu Oncology Clinic and Dr Bharat Raj Gupta have surrendered Rs 1.50 crore yet the documents impounded during the surveys would be put to scrutiny", sources said while not ruling out the possibility of figure of undisclosed income rising following complete scrutiny of the documents.

Bhatkal readied 100 hardcore associates

PATNA/NEW DELHI, Aug 30:

Arrested terrorist Yasin Bhatkal is reported to have told his interrogators that he was living in Nepal for the past six months and had readied around 100 hardcore associates who could do anything at his bidding.

Bhatkal and his close associate Asadullah Akhtar were today remanded in 12-day police custody by a Delhi court after the National Investigation Agency brought them from Bihar where they were arrested yesterday at the Indo-Nepal border.

As Indian Intelligence Agencies mounted their surveillance in the hunt for Bhatkal, sending Rs one lakh home as an 'eid' (gift) to his wife before the Eid festival early this month perhaps proved to be his undoing and gave away the Nepal hideout of one of India's most wanted terrorists.

The transfer of money done through normal banking channels alerted sleuths of Intelligence Bureau (IB) whose suspicions were aroused on the possible plans by the co-founder of the banned

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HC issues notice on CBI probe in Kishtwar riots

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 30: In a petition filed by Des Raj Bhagat, father of Arvind Raj, who was killed in rioting in Kishtwar, seeking CBI probe, High Court today issued notice to the then Minister of State for Home, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, Principal Secretary Home Department, present and the then Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, DIG Ramban-Doda-Kishtwar Range, the then SSP Kishtwar and SHO Police Station Kishtwar.

After hearing Senior Advocate Sunil Sethi with Advocate Parimoksh Sethi appearing for the petitioner, Justice Virender Singh directed Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar to file status report regarding investigation conducted till date and also his personal affidavit within two weeks. The order was dictated in the open court.

In the petition, it has been submitted that the petitioner is a retired Subedar from Indian Army. His son Arvind Raj was killed by pumping 17 bullets in his body on August 9, 2013 at Kuleed Chowk, Kishtwar during the communal riots.

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The Union Government promulgated the National Food Security Ordinance on 5th July, 2013. The bill is under the consideration of the Parliament.