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2 LeT fidayeen killed in 32-hr gun battle in Srinagar

shelter in the under-construction structure in Karan Nagar locality that has both commercial and residential buildings", he said. "Since the operation was in a very congested locality and a lot of civilian population were around all the civilian population was first removed from the area. We thank the citizens of Srinagar city as they cooperated with us and it's because of their help the entire area was vacated. Subsequently, a "The paramilitary force could have suffered huge losses had it not been for the alert sentry who thwarted the fidayeen attack", he said. Asked if there could be more militants hiding in the area, Sahi said the sentry saw only two militants. "The sentry has done a commendable job and once the dust settles, we will surely award him," he said. Asked if there were reports of more militants in the city or inputs of more attacks, the CRPF officer



New armored vehicle used by the Army for first time at Karan Nagar, Srinagar encounter on Tuesday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

deliberate assault was planned jointly by SOG and CRPF. The operation was clean as we ensured that there was no collateral damage other than the location the terrorists were hiding", he said. IG CRPF Ravideep Sahi said security forces conducted a comprehensive recce of the area and devised a strategy before launching the operation. "We rescued five families of CRPF personnel as well as a few civilians and once the sanitisation of the area was done, the operation was launched," he said.

HC directs removal of encroachments along Jhelum

removal of encroachments from their respective districts in coordination with I&FC department. Court earlier had directed for removing of encroachments from all the canals existing in Kashmir Province and in this regard Deputy Commissioners of the concerned Districts were directed to monitor and to ensure removal of encroachment through concerned authorities. "The Deputy Commissioners in their respective districts shall mobilize all concerned, in particular Irrigation and Flood Control Department in coordination with concerned Chief Engineer for ensuring complete removal of encroachment from the canals in their respective districts", DB directed. Court during the proceedings of the matter observed that to avoid any further devastating floods like that of 2014, all canals which, in fact, are tributaries leading to rival Jhelum are required to be restored to their original position by removing all encroachments and the river Jhelum is also required to be restored to its original position. "By or before next date, all the Deputy Commissioners shall ensure filing of latest status regarding removal of encroachment from the canals existing in their respective jurisdictions. The present progress of dredging and removal of encroachment from the banks of rival Jhelum shall also be reported", read the order. Court in view of the recent breach on embankment of river near Lasjan outskirts of Srinagar city directed the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar to file the inquiry report within eight days, in default to remain personally present. In reference to the original width of the canal ranging from 17 feet to 27 feet which by afflux of time has squeezed to the mere 3 feet to 5 feet. Shrinking of the width of the canal was taken serious note of. The Chief Engineer concerned was directed to file an affidavit



Commanders and India and China Armies at Eastern Ladakh on Tuesday.

Sino-Indian troops meet in Ladakh

mutual desire of maintaining and improving relations at functional level at the border," sources said. A programme showcasing Chinese culture and tradition was organised, they said. Both the delegations interacted in a free, congenial and cordial environment. Sources said both the sides sought to build on the mutual feeling to uphold the treaties and agreements signed between the Governments of the two countries to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Clear evidence of local support emerges as death toll rises to 10

up to Sunjuwan Military Station and escaped before the attack. Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Dr SD Singh Jamwal told Excelsior that all angles of "local support" are being investigated. "Definitely, there was some kind of local support to the militants, which was evident from the fact that the militants were not carrying any GPS or mobile with them," he said, adding efforts were on to track down the militant sympathizers, who might have helped the terrorists carry out the fidayeen attack. Generally, the militants carry GPS or phone with them to reach the target assigned to them. In Sunjuwan attack, no such devices have been recovered from the militants, which indicated that militants might have been given shelter and then guided up to the Military Station to launch the attack by their local sympathizers. "The militants had shaved their faces before carrying out the attack," sources said, adding this indicated that the militants had stayed in a house before setting out on the mission. The militants were high on drugs and had most probably been injected Amphetamine, also known as 'Jihadi drugs', which most of the fidayeens use before brutal killings. According to sources, the militants had planned to prolong the gunbattle as they were carrying with them energy drinks, eye drops, candies, dry fruits and syringes. The eye drops are used to avert sleep in the prolonged fights. The militants, sources said, were wearing CRPF uniforms, which showed they initially might have planned an attack on the CRPF camp but changed the decision sometime back or they might have been unable to get Army dresses. Though identity of the militants was yet to be ascertained, they were believed to be Pakistanis. However, security agencies were trying to find out whether they had come from Kashmir or from the border. The strong possibility was that the militants might have come from the Valley though all possibilities are being looked into. Meanwhile, during sanitization operation, Army today recovered body of another soldier, who had been killed in the fidayeen attack inside Sunjuwan Military Station. He was identified as Havaladar Rakesh Chandra of 6 Mahar, a resident of village Sankar in Pauri Garhwal area of Uttarakhand. He had probably been killed during initial phase of attack by the militants on Saturday morn-

Avalanche warning in Kashmir, NH remains closed on 2nd day

authorities today issued avalanche warning. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) issued high danger avalanche warning for Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts including Gulmarg, Kupwara-Chowkibal-Tangdhar sector, Furkian-Z-Gali and Bandipora-Kanzalwan-Gurez sector. They issued Medium danger avalanche warning for Kargil district and Low danger warning for Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Udhampur, Kulgam, Budgam and Leh districts and Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. The people living in avalanche prone areas have been advised to take precautionary measures while moving out.



A view of snowfall at Patnitop.

shooting stones at Anokhi Fal and Panthyal areas. Efforts are on to clear the high-way of the blockades at various places including Anookhi fall, Panthyal, Ramsoo, Karol, Mehar and Nashri. The Jammu-Poonch highway was also closed during early morning today due to snowfall at Bhimber Gali. The GREF authorities cleared the snow and the highway could be restored at a round 12.30 pm. Rajouri-Thannamandi-Bafliaz-Suankore and Budhal-Chasana-Mahore roads were also closed. Several link roads in Udhampur and Reasi, besides Doda and Kishtwar have been blocked due to fresh snow fall and power supply to majority of the areas could not be restored even by this evening. Mahore-Gool, Chenani-Lati-Dudu-Basantgarh-Ramnagar Road was also blocked. However, the traffic on Batote-Doda-Kishtwar road remained smooth today.

Reports from Kathua said that during thunder storm and lightning a villager at Patoli in Lohai Malhar area of Billawar/Bani was killed late last evening. He was returning home when a strong beam of flash light from the sky hit him causing his death on the spot. His body could be traced this morning. The deceased has been identified as Surjeet Singh (32), son of Ramulu Ram, resident of Patoli (Malhar). In yet another similar incident during thunder storm late last evening one Shamim Akhtar (35), wife of Mohd Sharief, resident of village Bariyari Badaal in Kandi (Budhal) area of district Rajouri, was killed. She was at her home when the incident took place. Meanwhile, a MET department official said there could be light rain or snow in some areas in the next 24 hours. "Light rain/snow would occur at isolated places over the higher reaches of

J&K in next 24-hours," the official said. The official said that Srinagar recorded a low of -minus 0.6 degree Celsius and maximum of 5.7 degree Celsius. He said Gulmarg settled at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius. The ski resort had a low of minus 10.5 degrees Celsius.

Kargil and Leh townships in Ladakh region recorded a minimum of minus 14 degree Celsius and minus 5.4 degrees Celsius and a maximum of minus 5.0 degree Celsius and minus 1.0 degree Celsius respectively.

The Pahalgam South Kashmir recorded a low of minus 7.9 degree Celsius and a maximum of 4.7degrees Celsius. The winter capital city- Jammu, rescored a maximum temperature of 19.5 degree Celsius and minimum 8.7 degree C today; Holy township of Katra maximum 16.5 degree C and minimum 5.0 degree C; tourist resort Bhandarwah maximum 8.7 degree C and minimum minus 1.6 degree C while Batote maximum 8.4 degree C and minimum minus 1.7 degree C temperature.

Heavy rush of local tourists was witnessed at Patnitop and Natha Top which experienced heavy snowfall over night. It was Sunny day today and large number of people from Jammu, Udhampur and other destinations reached Kud, Patnitop and Natha Top to enjoy snowfall along with their families. An official spokesman said that

DM clears mega purchase of weapons for Army

Kashmir as well as China's aggressive posturing in several sectors along the nearly 4,000-km-long Sino-India border. The Defence Ministry said the DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cleared capital acquisition proposals which were valued at Rs 15,935 crore. It said the DAC accorded approval for procurement of 7.4 lakh assault rifles for the three services at an estimated cost of Rs 12,280 crore. The rifles will be produced in India under the 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category through both state-run Ordnance Factory Board and private sector. In a statement, the Ministry said "essential quantity" of Light Machine Guns (LMGs) will be through the "fast track" route at an estimated cost of over Rs 1,819 crore, primarily to meet the operational requirement of the troops deployed on the borders. "A concurrent proposal is being processed for the balance quantity to be procured under the 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category", the Ministry said. In the last one month, the DAC has fast tracked procurement of rifles, carbines and LMGs to equip the soldiers on the border with modern and more effective equipment. The DAC also approved procurement of 5,719 sniper rifles for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force at an estimated cost of Rs 982 crore, the Ministry said. The sniper rifles will be bought under the 'Buy Global' category, the ammunition for these weapons will be initially procured and subsequently manufactured in India. The Ministry said to enhance the anti-submarine warfare capabilities of Indian Navy, the DAC also approved the procurement of Advanced Torpedo Decoy Systems (ATDS) for the Indian Navy at a cost of Rs 850 crore. The 'Mareech' system has been developed indigenously by Defence Research and Development Organisation and has successfully completed extensive trial evaluations. "The 'Mareech' systems will be produced by Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru at an estimated cost of Rs 850 crore", the Ministry said. (PTI)

Govt depts treating directions of Committee on Environment as 'trash'

lack of solid waste mechanism in Jammu province, the Committee said, "all the waste is being directly flown into water bodies particularly River Tawi thereby endangering the existence of famous river, which is also called as Surya Putri". It is worthwhile to mention here that not only Committee on Environment of the Legislative Assembly, a Parliamentary Committee few years back had criticized all the concerned agencies of the State Government for maintaining blind eye towards the deteriorating condition of River Tawi due to continuous flow of waste. The same concern by the Committee on Environment of State Legislative Assembly has clearly established that no serious efforts have so far been made to restore the purity of sacred River Tawi. About the tourist resort of Patnitop and holy town of Katra, the House Panel said, "solid waste in Patnitop is not being taken care of properly thereby leading to pollution of the environment". Similarly tons of garbage being generated every day in Katra is not being handled properly, the report added. "It is a matter of serious concern that the area was historical-

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Thousands attend last rites of soldiers killed in Sunjuwan

Thousands of people, who had been waiting to receive the bodies since Saturday, gathered in the village as the bodies of soldier Muhammad Iqbal Sheikh and his father Ghulam Mohiudin Sheikh arrived in Reshpora village today. Thousands of people attended their last rites at native villages. Mohammad Irshad, relative of Mohamamd Iqbal said that he was the lone bread winner for the family. "He has four sisters and one son. The family is very poor", he said. He appealed the Government to help the family of deceased soldier. "Government should look after his family and they should be given compensation. From both sides, Kashmiris are being killed. The entire village became sad when the news about his death was heard as he was very young", he said. Thousands of people also gathered at Kewer in Qazigund area of Kulgam to attend the last rites of Manzoor Deva. One of his relatives said that Manzoor was a very good person and very sincere to everyone. "He was an asset for the nation who left us today. He sacrificed his life for the nation. The entire village is in a state of mourning.

Strengthen nakas to trap militants before they strike targets: MHA

are deployed to thwart entry of the terrorists, as has happened in attack on Sunjuwan Military Station. Finding Sentries always alert at Sunjuwan, the militants had entered the camp from an isolated 'Nullah' by scaling wall and cutting fence, where they managed to inflict seven casualties including six Army personnel and a civilian before being eliminated by the troops. Sources said the Home Ministry has directed all CAPFs to further enhance security of not only the vital installations but all other camps and rely on "credible Intelligence inputs" to go after the militants, before they could target the camps, civilians, crowded places or any other intended target. Sources said the Home Minister stressed the need for immediate action to check infiltration attempts from across the border. Singh was briefed about the steps taken for strengthening the perimeter security of camps and bases of security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, sources said. The Home Minister was informed that the highest level of security had been put in place in the entire State and steps were being taken to foil attempts by terrorists to attack security forces. Yesterday, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had visited Jammu and reviewed the situation in the wake of terror attack on Sunjuwan Military Station. She had voiced concern over local support as well as civilian constructions that have come up close to Military installations and warned that Pakistan will have to pay for the misadventure.

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