

Jaitley, Khanna sent back; BJP to raise issue in Parliament today

8 districts under curfew but protests on with stray incidents of violence

3 major pilgrimages suspended, yatis stranded at various places

Another killed in Kishtwar, 4 injured; death toll rises to 3

Sanjeev Pargal
JAMMU, Aug 11: As backlash of Kishtwar vandalism against minorities continued, eight out of 10 districts in Jammu region were brought under curfew and Army called out to maintain law and order even as another civilian was killed and four others were injured in Gulabgarh area of Kishtwar last night taking death toll in the trouble torn district to three. Army was airdropped at Paddar, Atholi and Kajai in Gulabgarh areas after yesterday's violence to maintain law and order.

While Kishtwar was under curfew for past three days ever since worst ever riots against minorities took place on Friday, Jammu and Rajouri were put under curfew last night. Curfew was imposed in Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi and parts of Doda district early this morning.

Army has been called out in all had virtually gone out of control curfew bound areas for mainte- yesterday.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley and RP

Airport this morning soon after they landed here from New Delhi and preventing from going to Kishtwar to assess the situation. They were sent back to New Delhi at 4 pm in the Indian Airlines flight. PDP president Mehbooba Mufti and PCC (I) chief Prof Saif-ud-Din Soz were also not allowed to visit Kishtwar. BJP MP and Incharge Jammu and Kashmir, Avinash Rai Khanna was detained at Lakhampur when he was trying to enter Jammu from Punjab to visit Kishtwar. BJP leaders Jitender Singh, Chander Mohan Sharma and Manish Sharma along with party workers were detained at Kud while trying to head towards the troubled town.

Mr Jaitley told the Excelsior on his return to New Delhi from Jammu tonight that his detention at Jammu Airport was undemocratic and an Order served upon him to leave Jammu was illegal. He said the Government was



An Army soldier guards Jammu city during curfew on Sunday. More pics on page 3 and 4. -Excelsior/Rakesh

**Heavy Pak firing at dozen posts on LoC
BSF jawan succumbs at AIIMS, another injured in Kanachak**

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 11: Repeatedly violating the ceasefire in the last 36 hours, Pakistani troops opened fire at forward posts along the international border and Line of Control (LoC) in Kanachak and Mendhar sectors respectively today causing injuries to a jawan of the Border Security Force (BSF).

"There was sniper firing from the Pakistan side this morning along the IB on three posts, including Alfa Machail Border Out Post (BOP) area in Kanachak sector," official sources said.

The BSF jawans responded effectively, leading to heavy exchanges, which lasted till 1400 hours, he said.

BSF jawan Pawan Kumar received a bullet in his chest and his legs have been paralysed due to the injury to his spinal cord, doctors at GMC Hospital said. He has been referred to AIIMS

in New Delhi, they added.

Two BSF jawans were injured in Pakistani firing at Hiranagar and Ramgarh sectors few days back.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Army resorted to heavy firing at about dozen forward Army posts at Balakote, Mendhar and Mankote sectors in Poonch district between 10.30 am to 2 pm today.

Sources said Pakistan Army used heavy fire arms in targeting forward Indian pickets. Troops effectively retaliated to silence Pakistani guns. The firing stopped around 2 pm. Sources said at least eight



Troops take positions during firing at LoC in Balakote sector. Another pic on page 4. Pakistani forward posts were involved in the firing. No casualties or damage was reported on Indian side in the (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

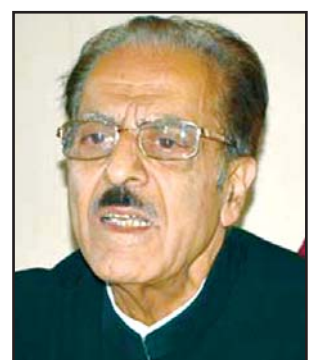
**'Victims must be paid adequate compensation in record time'
Soz wants credible enquiry to unravel facts behind arson, carnage in Kishtwar**

Mohinder Verma
JAMMU, Aug 11: As confusion over the exact reasons behind the blatant arson and carnage in Kishtwar district and failure on the part of the State Government to react promptly continued to prevail, the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president, Prof Saif-ud-Din today asked the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah to hold credible enquiry into the incident to unravel the facts and ensure that such incidents don't recur in future. He, however, avoided clear reply as to whether he was not expecting fair probe from the Divisional Commissioner, who has already been directed by the Government to conduct the investigation.

Talking to media-persons here this evening after holding meeting with the party Ministers, MP and other leaders, Prof Soz said, "most unfortunate incident has taken place in Kishtwar. There was some loss of life and very great loss of property. This incident as a whole is not acceptable", adding

"Congress party appeals to all the segments of the society irrespective of caste, creed and color to contribute in restoring sustainable peace in Jammu and Kashmir particularly in Kishtwar district".

"I also appeal to the leadership of various parties to help in restoration of peace and harmo-



ny because in Jammu and Kashmir there is a consensus that all the three regions will have to live together", he said, adding "we constitute mini-India in Jammu and Kashmir and integrity of the State is paramount to us".

Urging the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah to hold credible

enquiry into the incident in a time bound manner, Prof Soz said, "this is imperative to bring facts to fore about the arson and carnage in Kishtwar because there is a situation of acrimony in other parts of Jammu region also". "Only on the basis of credible enquiry some steps could be taken to ensure that such incidents don't recur in future", he added.

He, however, avoided clear reply on his expectations from the enquiry already ordered by the Government to be conducted by the Divisional Commissioner. "I will get to know from the Chief Minister whether enquiry by Divisional Commissioner will unravel the truth", he added.

Prof Soz also avoided explicit answers to the questions about why there was inordinate delay on the part of the Government in enforcing the curfew in Kishtwar and why the situation was allowed to turn worse despite the fact that Minister of State for Home, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo was present in Kishtwar town at that time. He also avoided to

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**Jaitley's visit politically motivated
Omar blames political parties for communal clashes, appeals for calm**

Fayaz Bukhari
SRINAGAR, Aug 11: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Arun Jaitley's visit to Jammu was politically motivated and blamed that some political parties are trying to create 2008 like situation ahead of Parliament and Assembly elections for vote bank politics.

and togetherness in the past and they have to live like brothers in future.

Without naming Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he said some political parties want to polarize the situation, and create 2008 and 2010 like situations for their

fuel the fire for vested interests", Omar said.

The Chief Minister said though he does not blame any political party for initial clashes between two groups of people at Kishtwar but some parties always want to take advantage of these interests for vote bank politics. He questioned the BJP leader Arun Jaitley's visit to Jammu at this point in time and said that this is politically motivated and not to help the administration to restore situation.



Omar said there are numerous examples of clashes between Hindus and Muslims elsewhere in the country where BJP did not send their leadership. He questioned the strategy of BJP of sending their leaders only Jammu and Kashmir and particularly to the Jammu belt in such situations. "This is only aimed at polarizing the situation for political reasons. Why didn't send its leaders to the areas of Budgam when there was clash between two groups of Muslims?"

Omar said that no leader of any political party would be allowed to visit Kishtwar or any other troubled areas as it

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vested interest and vote bank politics.

"The role of these political parties in 2008 tension is before you. They want to create similar situation by exploiting the sentiments of the people and dividing them on communal grounds now also. Instead of extending helping hand to the Government to restore calm and tranquillity, they try to

J&K Govt hiding truth: Modi

NEW DELHI, Aug 11:
Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi today slammed the Jammu and Kashmir Government for not allowing senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley to go to violence-hit Kishtwar district.

"Landed in Hyderabad. Heard that Arun Jaitley & other Opposition leaders are not allowed to go to Kishtwar. This is undemocratic," Mr Modi said on Twitter.

"Stopping Opposition leaders in this manner shows that the Government does not want the truth about the Kishtwar violence to come out," Mr Modi said.(UNI)

Govt restrictions on media

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 11: The Government has imposed restrictions on media personnel, who were performing their professional duties under extreme tough circumstances in the aftermath of Kishtwar incident.

The Government has indirectly restricted movement of media personnel to cover the events by denying them curfew passes.

Though the media personnel took up the matter with several officials, the media houses were issued very few passes, which

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India, China defence pact on anvil

NEW DELHI, Aug 11:
Against the backdrop of recent incursions by Chinese troops into India, the two countries are working to conclude a new border defence agreement with an aim of signing it when Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh travels to Beijing possibly in October.

The Border Defence Cooperation Agreement (BDCA) proposes prevention of face-offs between the troops of the two countries

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Katra among unapproved helipads

NEW DELHI, Aug 11:
Jeopardising aviation safety, State-owned Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has been operating chopper services at important pilgrim and tourist destinations from unapproved helipads, the CAG has said.

As on June 30 last year, PHHL was operating helicopters from helipads or airfields at Phata (Amarnath), Katra, Port Blair, Gangtok, Patna, Koraput and Gadchiroli, "without any licence or

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Education institutions to remain closed

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 11: In the wake of curfew and prevailing situation, all education institutions across Jammu region shall remain closed on August 12.

A formal order in this regard was issued late this evening by the Divisional administration.

The J&K Board of School Education (BOSE) has already ordered postponement of class 11 exams, which were scheduled to be held on August 12, 14 and 16. Similarly, the Jammu University has also postponed the exams scheduled on August 12 and 13.

India wants Pak to take responsibility for LoC killings

NEW DELHI, Aug 11:
India today said it wants the Pakistan Government to take responsibility for killing of five of its soldiers on the LoC and asserted that all issues will be factored in

"objectively" in dealing with the neighbouring country.

Noting that Pakistan Government will remain responsible for any such incidents, External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said India has

done a "lot more" to contribute to the peace process and insisted that the neighbouring country must take responsibility for the LoC incident.

"The responsibility must rest with the Government. Our meeting point is the civilian elected Government of Pakistan, not the Pakistan Army or any other agency," he said.

Referring to Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's statement on killing of five Indian soldiers, Khurshid rued that there was no indication of acceptance of responsibility for the attack.

"One element is that the regret about what has happened, which has certainly been mentioned. But, there is no indication of acceptance of responsibility.

**PDP president under house arrest
Govt silent spectator, fails to stop unrest: Mehbooba**

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 11: Democratic Party (PDP) president, Mehbooba Mufti today criticized the State Government for being unable to bring the communal unrest within the State under control, saying that Government was sleeping at a crucial moment of crisis in the State.

was unhappy with the State Government's decision to impose a curfew in the affected areas as it prohibited her to visit Kishtwar and appeal to all communities for maintaining calm in Kashmir valley.

Mehbooba said that she was prevented from leaving her residence to visit communal violence hit Kishtwar district in Jammu region by the Government. "A police team has been deployed outside the main gate of my residence and we are not being allowed to leave the premises. Even my motorcade has been withdrawn and only my personal security officer has been allowed to come inside my residence", she added.

Mehbooba while addressing a press conference said here at her residence. "The two communities are at war with each other. What is the Government doing? Nobody seems to be in control of the situation, which is very unfortunate for a place like Jammu and Kashmir where Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs have been living in peace and harmony in the worst kinds of situations."

The PDP president said that violence is spreading to more areas of the State and accused the State Government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of being apathetic at a crucial time.

"The Government has been a silent spectator to the whole thing. They have been watching the whole situation and doing nothing, which is one of the reasons why this has flared up," Mehbooba said.

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was prevented from leaving her residence to visit communal violence hit Kishtwar district in Jammu region by the Government. "A police team has been deployed outside the main gate of my residence and we are not being allowed to leave the premises. Even my motorcade has been withdrawn and only my personal security officer has been allowed to come inside my residence", she added.



which is very unfortunate. I want to go to Kishtwar. We would like to go and meet people and interact with them and appeal to both the communities for peace," Mehbooba said.

The PDP president said that today any kind of situation is dealt with by the police. "State is run by police and not by the Government. It is people versus the police now and not people ver-

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WEATHER

JAMMU
Possibility of light rain/thunder shower

TEMPERATURE
Max: 31.2 Degree C
Min: 25.5 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Highest: 78.0 per cent
Lowest: 75.0 per cent
Sunset on Monday: 07.20 p.m.
Sunrise on Tuesday: 05.55 a.m.

KASHMIR
Partially cloudy sky.

TEMPERATURE
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Min: 20.6 Degree C

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"Whether I can expect or not, we have said that we expect responsibility. That hasn't happened, one. Two, the other concern of what we have been expecting...Culpability for what happened in Mumbai. There is no indication of that. And, finally, the statement doesn't take into account, the outreach and the extra mile that India has periodically gone to overcome great difficulties posed," Khurshid told Karan Thapar on Devi's Advocate programme of CNN-IBN.

Asked whether he was looking forward for a meeting between Prime Ministers of the two countries on the sidelines

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Mehbooba said that Chief Minister as usual is accusing everybody except himself for the mess he has created in the (Contd on page 9 Col 4)