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JeM chief Qari Yasir killed in Lolab

Kashmir valley. "He was also involved in training locals, arranging infiltration and sending them to Sopore and other parts of Kashmir valley", he added.

"Mostly Yasir spent all these years in Lolab to strengthen his JeM outfit. He was also responsible for recruiting local youth into militancy. Yasir infiltrated from Pakistan in 2006 and was facilitating the infiltration of militants from Pakistan during these years", the GOC said.

According to sources, Yasir spent entire last winter in a house at village Harvan in Zaloor area of Lolab. "His deputy Sidique was arrested last month after he had serious differences with Yasir", they said.

A police spokesman said here that Qari Yasir alias Khalid Bhat was the resident of Nooristan Swat in Pakistan. "He had infiltrated in Kashmir in the year 2006. He quickly gained his order in the outfit from a platoon commander to Chief Commander of JeM. He was active in Rajwar, Lolab, Handwara, Vohdpora, Kandi, Chandigam areas of Kupwara District", the spokesman said.

The police spokesman said that besides being involved in 11 militancy cases in North Kashmir, Qari Yasir was active for facilitating infiltration of the new ranks of militants along the LoC. He was in touch with Seed Baba alias Mufti Sahab of JeM across in Pakistan who used to facilitate infiltration from Keran and Machil sector of Kupwara.

In the meantime, Army today foiled an infiltration bid in Uri sector of Line of Control (LoC). Sources said that the troops noticed movement of a group of 3-4 militants crossing the LoC and heading towards fence.

Sources said that Army challenged the militant group and fired at them leading to killing

2 held in cement scam, 350 bags seized

rates and selling it here on higher rates evading duty.

Police said 350 bags of spurious cement packed in Ambuja bags were seized from truck No. 1109 JK02T at Jewel Chowk by Nowabad police station teams headed by SHO Jai Pal Sharma during a naka laid at the spot.

Police arrested truck driver Altaf Hussain son of Nazir Hussain R/o Madantpur, Rajouri from the spot and later raided the cement depot at Jakh. The depot owner was also arrested.

Police said the spurious

3 Traffic officials attacked

Secretariat and SVO office and sought 'entry' from him. The auto driver refused to pay the bribe on the ground that he was not carrying any passengers.

The Traffic officials started beating-up the three-wheeler operator for his refusal to bribe them. In the process, the Rotary Chowk was jammed by the traffic and the vehicles crossing the Chowk got stuck. The people came out of their vehicles and took strong objection to naked display of barbarism by the uniformed men openly on the road.

The people sounded Traffic Police authorities. SSP Traffic, Jammu, Manmohan Singh reached the spot and ordered attachment of all three Traffic officials, who have been identified as Sub Inspector (Sector Officer) Mohan Lal, Head Constable Rakesh Kumar and

of one militant. Sources said that Army saw a militant falling from a ridge. "A search operation has been launched in the area. However, so far his body was not retrieved yet", they added.

A Srinagar based Defence spokesman said here that infiltration attempt by a group of three militants was foiled last night in the Uri Sector, when the alert troops deployed along the Line of Control, carried out effective engagement forcing them to run back towards the Pakistani side, leaving behind the warlike and administrative stores that they were carrying for initial sustenance.

The spokesman said that based on the intelligence inputs of likely attempt of infiltration by the militants waiting at the launch pads along the LoC in PoK, the troops deployed along LoC were put on high alert.

The spokesman said that last night suspicious movement was picked up by the surveillance devices of the units. Accordingly, the troops re-adjusted to cover the likely route expected to be followed by the infiltrating column.

As the militant group crossed over the LoC, the Indian troops engaged the infiltrating column, forcing them to return back to PoK. War like and administrative stores to include one AK Rifle, 4 magazines, 45 rounds, one bayonet, one wire cutter, three jackets, three ponchos, four shawls, nine pair of Socks, two Hand gloves, three mufflers, three knee pads, three caps, 18 pencil cells were recovered on search of the site.

The spokesman said that it expected that some of the militants could have sustained injuries. "Search operations are still in progress. Strict vigil is being maintained on LoC to thwart any such attempts in future", he added.

Police said the spurious

cement had been dispatched to Vinod Cement Store, Mendhar, whose owner, Vinod Kumar was also absconding.

Police said empty and filled bags of Ambuja, in which the depot owner had filled local made cement, have also been seized.

A case has been registered at Nowabad police station against the accused for further investigations. Police said efforts were on to ascertain the dealers, who were purchasing spurious cement from Raman Kumar.

Constable Rakesh Sharma

Injured driver Sanjay Kumar was taken to the Government Medical College, Jammu for treatment. Surprisingly, local police has not registered any case despite the eyewitness account that it was a fit case of attempt to murder, extortion and loot, which took place behind the Civil Secretariat and the Vigilance office.

However, to complete mere formality, Traffic Police attached the extortionist officials and ordered an inquiry against them. Later, IGP Traffic Muneer Khan ordered shifting of SI Mohan Lal to Kashmir.

The local people were of the view that Traffic Police officials instead of performing their duty of regulating traffic were engaged only in extortions from the vehicle operators.

Transport authorities draft policy for hiring buses by schools

which have no permission for being on school duty while condition of these buses vis-à-vis the SC guidelines for ensuring safety of school children is also wanting.

As per SC guidelines, the school buses should be painted yellow, fitted with a First Aid Box, fire extinguisher, horizontal grills, reliable door locks, speed governor of specified standard, space fitted under the seats for keeping school bags, etc.

Since, majority of schools are not in a position to have their own fleet of vehicles while limited number of contract carriages is reluctant to be formally engaged for school duty owing to strict norms laid down by the Apex Court and Motor Vehicle rules, the situation forces the parents and school managements to hire Stage carriages, which are not authorized for the

Cabinet meeting today

under various categories for these units.

The proposal regarding promulgation of ordinance to regulate the functioning of para-medical institutes has been mooted on the ground that at present there is no law in the State to regulate these institutes.

It is pertinent to mention here that J&K has 17 para-medical institutes in the Government sector and more than 70 in private sector.

The Cabinet will also take decision on the proposal of the Power Development

Leh Airport expansion from March; fixed airfare for Ladakhis, Govt employees

tourist season, the fare of flights from Delhi to Leh reaches even Rs 30,000, which is almost equivalent to the fare of Delhi-Singapore and Delhi-London flights.

Sources disclosed that Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary also considered the request of the LAHDC Leh regarding start of work on expansion of Leh airport, the funds for which have already been made available. "The Ministry has directed the Airport Authority of India to start work positively in March-April next year", sources said, adding "the AAI has also been asked to expand the airport strictly by using Ladakh architectural".

"The Ministry has also agreed to depute a high-level team to assess the feasibility for construction of another airport at Leh in view of the strategic importance of the district bordering China", sources said, adding "the team will also visit Zaskar area of Kargil, which remains cut off for months even within Ladakh region, in order to see the feasibility of construction of small airport there". For the alternate airport in Leh, the Hill Council has already identified huge chunk of land at Likir Thang.

Taking note of AAI posting Director for Leh Airport only for one year on the ground of inhospitable terrain, the Civil Aviation Ministry directed the Airport Authority of India to

Govt revises DA to 166 pc

new scales of pay are not applicable, shall be paid DA at revised rate of 166 per cent as against existing rate of 151 per cent. The DA arrears from January

same but point to point picking up of passengers.

The new policy, once implemented, is likely to solve the problem of schools besides ensuring implementation of SC guidelines.

Besides listing the provisions for hiring buses by the schools, the draft policy also suggests exclusive smart school bus private transport companies, which will enter into contract with the schools that can not afford to invest in having their own fleet.

This type of transportation will help the schools to build up other infrastructure and academics rather than diverting resources into acquiring vehicles. These companies can only ply those buses that are passed by the Empowered Standing Committee and comply all guidelines and rules which are amended from time to time.

Department regarding placement of six senior most Incharge Superintending Engineers as incharge Chief Engineers. These SEs are Girja Koul, Manmohan Singh, Ravi Kumar Chanyal, Khurshid Ahmed Budoo, B A Khan and Subash Chander.

Cabinet will also discuss regularization of incharge Directors/Managing Directors in the department of Animal and Sheep Husbandry. Those being regularized are Dr J P Sharma, Dr R L Kher, Dr M L Sharma, Dr Bashir Ahmed War, Dr G S Sudan, Dr B R Kotwal and Dr A K Koul.

take IAS or KAS officer of J&K on deputation for being posted as Director for the Leh Airport for a period of two years so that minor issues vis-à-vis flights and airport could be resolved within shortest possible time.

"The Ministry has also asked the Director General Civil Aviation to issue circular directing all the airlines to carry deputation bodies to and fro Leh and even fix penalty amount for non-adherence to the directive in this regard", sources said.

About the reduction in fare for other category of visitors, the Ministry, while pointing towards the report prepared for regional and remote area connectivity, said that unless the State Government reduces VAT on aviation fuel the Ministry would not be able to reduce its charges.

"At present, there is 21% VAT on the aviation fuel and if the same is reduced by the State to 4% the fare will come down considerably", sources said while disclosing that CEC has already requested the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah in this regard while as Deputy Commissioner has approached the Chief Secretary for the appropriate decision.

It is worthwhile to mention here that Jharkhand Government has reduced VAT on aviation fuel to 4% in order to promote Ranchi airport while as Punjab and Maharashtra Governments have taken similar decisions for Amritsar and Nasik airports.

2013 to June 2013 shall be paid in cash in the month of July while 15 per cent increase in DA shall form part of monthly salary there onwards.

Neha tops J&K CC Exams

KAS, Jammu and Kashmir Police and Accounts Services posts.

Of 65 selected candidates, only 14 were females.

The handout said this if the fourth consecutive year since 2009 when the PSC has conducted the State Civil Services Exams on yearly basis successfully.

Neha Sharma, a BDS from Indira Gandhi Government

Dental College, Jammu topped the exam in her first attempt. She is daughter of Surinder Sharma of Channi Himmat, a former official of Information Department.

First 10 toppers included Neha Sharma, Nissar Rasool, Nasir Ahmed Butt, Pulkit Dutta, Shokath Ahmad Shoketh, Tahir Mohi-ud-Din Wani, Akshi Gupta, Ishitayq Mohi-ud-Din, Mohammad Hussain Mir and Azeeta Seher Qureshi.

Narrow escape for Spice Jet passengers

10 am after the bird hit.

The flight was grounded and the Srinagar bound passengers were accommodated in GoAir and JetLight aircrafts, Mr Sharma said.

He added that the engineers

of Spice Jet reached Jammu Airport from New Delhi this afternoon and repaired the damage caused to the aircraft due to bird hit. The flight left for New Delhi at 4 pm without passengers.

Group of 10-15 ultras desperate to sneak-in

"We are maintaining a high alert on the situation on the LoC. Troops have been conducting regular night patrols in the area," they added.

This is the fourth ceasefire violation this month. On July 3, Pakistani troops fired at policemen, who had gone to LoC at Sabjian in Poonch to collect the body of a Pakistani intruder killed in IED blast.

The Pakistani troops had again fired at Indian soldiers on July 8 while they were trying to

evacuate injured porters along LoC in Poonch.

On July 12, Pakistani Rangers opened fire at Indian forward posts in Pindi belt in Arnia area of RS Pura sector along International Border (IB).

Sources said they were anticipating more infiltration attempts on the LoC in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch as there was heavy growth of vegetation and forest cover in the forward areas and weather was also adverse in the Monsoon.

25 KAS probationers posted

Department, Kritika Raina in the Planning and Development, Surbhi Raina in Agriculture Production, Arshi Rasool in Health and Medical Education, Neha Bakshi in Forest, Tahira Tabassum in HUDD, Sanam Mansoon in GAD and Irfan Manzoor in the Department of Technical Education, Youth Services and Sports.

Murtaza Rashid has been posted in CAPD, Saniya Malik in PWD (R&B), Amir Ayaz Rather in PHE, Irrigation and

Flood Control, Mamta Rajput in PDD, Kewal Krishan Sharma in Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Shafiqet Ali in Hospitality and Protocol, Bilal Ahmad Nazir in Industries and Commerce, Kanchan Bala in Ladakh Affairs, Abdul Rashid Raina in the Department of Tourism and Culture, Mohd Raiyaz in Social Welfare Department, Zeba Suleman in Transport Department, Rajani Bala in Social Welfare and Daljeet Singh in Public Works (R&B).

BJP to create atmosphere of mutual goodwill, trust: Rajnath

WASHINGTON, July 23:

The BJP, if voted to power, will create an atmosphere of "mutual goodwill and trust" with the US, party president Rajnath Singh said here, asking America to look at India as a long-term strategic partner and "not merely as a transactional" relationship.

Besides strongly raising India's concerns over H-1B visa issues as mentioned in the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill, Singh said the BJP-Government would give new impetus to Indo-US ties, which is not only in the interest of the largest democratic countries of the world, but also in interest of regional and global peace, stability and prosperity.

"If we come to power, we will create an atmosphere of mutual good will and trust between our two countries so that all the perceptual problems can be automatically overcome and substantive issues resolved through mutual dialogue," Singh said on the first day of his Washington trip.

"The US should not look its relationship with India as merely transactional relations, but as a long-term strategic partnership," Singh said in a series of

close door meetings attended by experts from various think-tanks, key Congressional staff, policy-makers, officials, academicians and those from the corporate world.

Participants of these meetings, according to sources, shared their frustration with India, in particular in the trade and business sector, to which Singh is believed to have said that the BJP is in favour of taking reform process forward.

"We are very much in favour of taking forward the economic reform process. It was under the NDA regime that the Indo-US relations both at the trade and commerce level as well as the strategic partnership level received further boost."

Noting that the BJP Government gave new impetus to the economic reform process, Singh said the BJP welcomes FDI in many key sectors of the economy.

"However, we have certain constraints with regard to allowing FDI in multi-brand retail... Because it will affect the livelihood of 50 million Indians adversely," he said.

The US should appreciate our concerns just as we appreciate the concerns of the United

Bomb call turns out to be hoax

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 23: A bomb hoax outside the office of DIG Doda-Ramban range Ashkoor Wani at Batote in Ramban district on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway alerted security agencies till it turned out to be a hoax.

Mr Wani told the Excelsior that a transistor was found near his office this afternoon after which police became alert and cordoned off the area. Traffic was stopped on the Highway for few minutes.

A Bomb Disposal Squad reached the spot and found that it was an old transistor, which had been abandoned by a civilian.

"There was no bomb. It was only an old radio transistor," Mr Wani said, adding that traffic was immediately restored on the highway.

Democratic Teachers Forum delegation calls on DSE

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 23: A delegation of Democratic Teachers Forum led by its president Kapil Bakshi called on Director School Education Jammu P K Pole and submitted a memorandum of demands.

In the memorandum, the Teachers Forum highlighted demands, which included repatriation of Masters working in Chenab Valley, Reasi and Rajouri to their home districts, as their term of stay completes, adjustment of newly promotee of various cadre, DPC of other cadres, release of waiting list of newly selected teachers of Kathua and clearance of permission cases belonging to non-State universities.

The Director gave a patient hearing to the deputation and assured a positive response over all the demands very soon.

NC misguided Centre on Doda quake: Saroori

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, July 23: Former Minister and senior Congress leader Ghulam Mohd Saroori (MLA Inderwal) has alleged that National Conference leadership has misguided the Centre on the issue of package for earthquake victims in Doda and Kishtwar area.

Addressing a press conference today, Mr Saroori alleged that due to non-seriousness on the part of NC leadership and misguidance to the Centre, the earthquake-hit people of the erstwhile Doda district have been deprived of the relief. He pointed out that despite several reminders by the Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, the package could not be delivered to the quake affected people as the NC leadership did not take

any interest and misguided the Centre.

Mr Saroori alleged that rejection of special package the Centre, is major set back to the affected people of Doda and Kishtwar and NC leadership was mainly responsible for it. He also referred to the recent tremors in the area and said that there was great terror among the people of the area. Over 90 % houses have been damaged and people were still under shock and terror. They even today are spending nights outside their houses. He alleged that NC leadership kept the Centre leadership in dark and misguided them, causing massive damage to the people of these districts. The innocent people have been befooled and bereft of such much needed aid, he maintained.

Tax Bar members observe strike

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 23: Tax Bar Association observed one day strike and suspended work in various Commercial Taxes offices here today.

Members of the Tax Bar, under the leadership of R A Buchh (president) lodged their protest against the authorities for imposing tax on advocates as consultants by virtue of levy of the same by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Finance Department vide its notification dated March 28, 2013. All the Tax Bar members abstained from the regular appearances before various Commercial Taxes authorities. The J&K High Court Bar also supported the cause.

DDC finalises arrangements for Kouser Nag Yatra

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, July 23: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary finalized arrangements for Kouser Nag Yatra in a meeting held here today.

SDM Mahore and BMO were directed to ensure that medical fitness of pilgrims is certified before moving to the lake situated at 14,500 feet above MSL.

DDC directed all the officers assigned Yatra related duties for close maintenance, coordination and readiness for any kind of emergency.

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

Commander Works Engineer, Mamun (Pathankot) on behalf of the President of India invites applications from eligible and enlisted contractors of MES and contractors working with other Govt. departments meeting eligibility criteria for selection of contractors in MES for issue of tender document of the under mentioned works:-

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost Rs (in Lakhs)	Period of Completion	EMD for Contractor not enlisted with MES	Date of receipt of application	Date of issue of tender on or after	Date of Receipt of tender	Eligibility Criteria
1	Special repair to Internal Roads of Dhauladhar Enclave and Shivalik Enclave at Military Station Mamun.	Rs. 28.00 Lakhs	06 (Six) Months	* Rs.56,000/-	27 Jul 13	29 Jul 13	02 Aug 13	Class 'D' Category 'a'(i)

* (In shape of Call Deposit Receipt from any Scheduled/ Nationalized Bank. BGB not acceptable)

** In the shape of DD/Bankers Cheque from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank for Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) in favour of Garrison Engineer (North) Mamun payable at Pathankot.

Notes:

- Applications not accompanied by requisite value of DD/Banker cheque from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in favour of GE towards cost of tender shall not be considered for issue of the particular tender.
- Contractor not enlisted with MES shall meet enlistment criteria of MES with regard to having satisfactorily completed requisite value works, Annual turnover, Working Capital, Fixed Assets, no recovery outstanding in any Govt. Deptt, security clearance etc. Contractors not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including Affidavit for no recovery outstanding from any Govt. Department.
- In case of rejection of application for issue of tender, the applicant shall be refunded the cost of tender. Contractor may appeal to next higher engineer authority i.e. HQ CEPZ Pathankot (Pb) for rejection of his application for issue of tender whose decision shall be final and binding. However contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever for non issue of tender documents.
- Full Notice of tender IAFW-2162 and Enlistment Criteria is available in all Offices of MES and also on MES website. www.mes.gov.in.

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MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICE

1 Headquarters 138 Works Engineers, C/o 56 APO on behalf of President of India invites applications from eligible enlisted contractors of MES and enlisted/unlisted Contractors working with other Government Departments meeting eligibility criteria for selection of contractors for issue of tender of under mentioned work as per Appx 'A' attached:-

2 The eligibility criteria for contractors not enlisted with MES are as under:-

(a) Meeting enlistment criteria of MES with regard to having satisfactorily, completed requisite value works ,annual turn over, working capital, fixed assets etc.

(b) No recovery outstanding in Government Department.

3 Earnest Money to be provided along with the tender documents as mentioned above payable by the contractors who have not deposited security with the MES.

NOTES:-

(a) Application not accompanied by requisite value DD/Bankers Cheque towards cost of tender shall not be considered for issue of tender.

(b) Contractors not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including affidavit for no recovery outstanding.

(c) In case of rejection of application for issue of tender, the applicant shall be refunded the cost of tender. However Contractor may appeal to next higher Engineer Authority i.e. Headquarters Chief Engineer 31 Zone, Pin-914631, C/o 56 APO for rejection of his application for issue of tender whose decision shall be final and binding and contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation what so ever for non issue of tender.

(Appx 'A' HQ 138 Works Engineer Letter No. 8200/138 WE/L-53/2013-14/02/EB Dt. 22 Jul 2013)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated cost of work	Completion period	Amount of Earnest money/ standing security deposit for Contractors not enlisted with MES	Eligibility Class and category	Cost of tender	Last date of receipt of applications	Date of issue of Tender	Date of Receipt of Tender
1	Certain repair to airfield at R&O fit and Helipad at Base Camp under AGE (I) Partapur	Rs. 9.90 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.19,800.00 Rs. 50,000.00	Class 'E' Category a(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013
2	Repair to roads at various locations of Hunder, Base Camp & Partapur under AGE (I) Partapur	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.20,000.00 Rs. 50,000.00	Class 'E' Category a(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013
3	Repair/ Maintenance of DG sets of various capacity at R&O Fit under AGE (I) Partapur	Rs. 12.00 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.24,000.00 Rs. 50,000.00	Class 'E' Category b(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013
4	Repair/ Maintenance of DG Sets & Misc works at Partapur under AGE (I) Partapur	Rs. 12.50 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.25,000.00 Rs.50,000.00	Class 'E' Category a(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013
5	Repair/Maintenance of DG Sets & allied works at Base Camp under AGE (I) Partapur.	Rs. 5.50 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.11,000.00 Rs.50,000.00	Class 'E' Category b(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013
6	Repair/ Maint. of external electrification & LT Panel boards network at various locations under AGE (I) Partapur	Rs. 13.55 Lakhs	06 Months	Rs.27,100.00 Rs.50,000.00	Class 'E' Category b(i)	Demand draft of Rs. 500/- in favour AGE (I) Partapur	17 Aug 2013	19 Aug 2013	19 Sep 2013

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For Commander