

Massive hunt for 5-6 infiltrators JCO killed as Pak Army opens heavy firing on LoC in Poonch

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Troops on high alert at Sabjian, Mandi in Poonch sector on Friday. -Excelsior/Harbhajan

oath and promised to pursue peace with India. Pakistani troops today resorted to heavy firing and ceasefire violation on the Line of Control (LoC) at Sabjian, Mandi sub sector of Poonch district killing a

(RPGs), Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGLs) and resorted to heavy firing from automatic Pika guns on forward Indian positions at Sabjian, Mandi sub sector of Poonch district this afternoon giving covering fire to

own regarding purchase and distribution of levy sugar to its over one crore rationees in the State. This has invited a great trouble for the State to make arrangements including purchase, transportation and distribution in even the far flung blocks of the State. Nearly 8,40,000 quintal levy sugar is being procured by the State from FCI and the State CAPD has fixed the subsidized rate as Rs 13.50 per kg. The sugar at present costs to the millers/producers not less than Rs 32 to Rs 33 per kg while it is available in the market at the rate of nearly Rs 40 per kg.

Ultras held on Nepal border sent to Rehab Centre

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, June 7: The Shastra Seema Bal (SSB) today handed over custody of three Kashmiri militants to Delhi Police at Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh for keeping them in rehabilitation centre before handing them over to Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP), where they would be tried for illegal exfiltration and infiltration if they were not wanted in any other charges.

ident of Sopore, Baramulla and Manzoor Ahmad Jagsar son of Abdullah Fateh Jagsar R/o Tangmarg, Baramulla. Lone and Shaffi belonged to Hizbul Mujahideen outfit while Jagsar was affiliated with JKLF. Sources said the militants were not arrested in Bahraich as they had disclosed during their questioning that they had applied for surrender under Rehabilitation Policy of Jammu and Kashmir and were on way back to their houses.

CM takes up issue with Union Agriculture Minister Centre stops levy sugar to J&K, State to bear Rs 600 cr addl burden

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, June 7: The consumers under Public Distribution System in the State may go high and dry during June and even in July this year as the Centre has 'suddenly' stopped the supply of levy sugar through Food Corporation of India (FCI) to J&K besides other states.

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The militants of Hizbul Mujahideen outfit and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) were arrested by the SSB yesterday soon after they had infiltrated into Indian side from Nepal border through village Rupaideeha in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh. Official sources said the Delhi Police would keep the militants at Sarai Kale Khan rehabilitation centre before handing them over to Jammu and Kashmir Police. The militants were detained on Nepal border without any significant recoveries. They had reached Kathmandu in Pakistan Airlines Plane from Karachi and then entered into the Indian side from village Rupaideeha, bordering Nepal in UP's Bahraich district. The three arrested militants had been identified as Mohammad Akbar Lone son of Khazar Mohammad Lone R/o Karalkon, Kupwara, Mohammad Shaffi War son of Mohammad Siddiqui War, a res-

During interrogation, the arrested militants reportedly told the SSB and Bahraich police that they had joined militants in early nineties and proceeded to Pakistan for arms training. However, they admitted that they were now fed up with militancy, which was on wane, and wanted to live a peaceful life under Rehabilitation Policy of the J&K Government.

This decision of the Union Government may provide a big relief to the strong lobby of sugar producers/millers in the country but it has brought an additional burden on the states which will now purchase the sugar directly from the sugar producers/millers of UP, Maharashtra, Haryana and other states. The Centre after a cabinet decision in the third week of last month abruptly asked all the states including J&K to make arrangements at their own and also reduced the subsidy on the levy sugar. It is likely to withdraw subsidy on the stuff in next phase, most probably after elections.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Minister for CAPD, Ch Mohd Ramzan took up the issue strongly with the Union Agriculture Minister, Sharad Pawar and Secretary, Food Supplies but they reportedly have shown reluctance to review the decision.

Authoritative sources told the EXCELSIOR that on May 22, 2013 the Centre directed J&K to make arrangements at its

They claimed that the were unable to enter India through four routes prescribed under the Rehabilitation Policy due to threats by Pakistan Army and their Intelligence agencies, they opted for Nepal route. They disclosed that many more militants

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Army's coordinated efforts foil infiltration: GOC

Fayaz Bukhari

BARAMULLA, June 7: Army today said that the coordinated efforts by the security forces along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan and inside Kashmir valley have foiled the infiltration attempts of the militants from across the LoC.

are putting pressure on militants inside Kashmir valley and the militants are desperate for cross over to fill the void.

The General said that the troops along the LoC are on



The General Officer Commanding (GOC) Baramulla based 19-Division of Army; Major General V K Khandare told Excelsior that tight vigil along the LoC and continuous pressure by the army's Kilo Force and Victor Force on militants in the Kashmir valley has helped in curbing the infiltration.

heightened alert to prevent any attempt by the militants to infiltrate into Kashmir valley. He said that the fence along the LoC, the main part of the anti-infiltration, that gets damaged due to snow in winter has almost fully repaired now.

The Army Commander said that security forces have put pressure on the militants in the hinterland and the militants who are trying to cross the LoC don't get the receiving parties for infiltration. "They have been kept on toes by the troops in the hinterland by successful operations which is one of the hurdles infiltrators are facing", he added.

On the recent infiltration bid that was foiled in Kayan Bowd of Tootmari Gali (TMG) sector, the Army Commander said that it was a group of 5 militants and two of them fled back while three of them were killed near

the fence. The General while sharing the details of the tight vigil along the LoC said that the group that was killed in TMG sector this month had done reconnaissance of the sector on April 29 and it took them over a month for the attempt to cross the LoC and were killed near the fence by the troops who were waiting for them.

On infiltrators targeting the TMG sector for infiltration over the years, the Army Commander said that there is a militant camp, Sharifa, in Leppa valley on the other side of the TMG sector where around 4-5 militant groups have camps. He said that the targeting of any sector for infiltration depends of the availability of the guides.

The General, however, said that the militants are now making use of the GPS for infiltration. "We have plugged in all the routes that were possible targets of the militants for infiltration", he added.

The Army Commander said that militants are constantly conducting reconnaissance of the various sectors along the LoC for infiltration but army is not allowing them to get in.

Deadlock over flyover construction

Mir Iqbal

SRINAGAR, June 7: The meeting between shopkeepers and Asian Development Bank (ADB) team today ended in a dead lock as the shopkeepers refused to shift to newly constructed shopping complex after much persuasion by the ADB. The shopkeepers' delegation that met ADB team at Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) office at Dalgate said that they put an alternative proposal for their rehabilitation. The delegation demanded Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) parking lot or land of defunct DAV School at Jahangir Chowk along with permission to construct a shopping complex as per their choice.

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A head priest displaying a crystal jar containing the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) before devotees at the Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar on the occasion of Meraj-e-Aalam on Friday. (UNI)

Meraj-e-Aalam celebrated with fervour

SRINAGAR, June 7: Meraj-e-Aalam was celebrated with religious fervour across the Kashmir valley today. Thousands of Muslims thronged the Shrines and Masjids and held nightlong prayers. The largest gathering of devotees was witnessed on Friday.

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Advani skips BJP meet

PANAJI, June 7: BJP patriarch L K Advani's absence here today cast a shadow on the National Executive meeting beginning tomorrow raising doubts whether the party would go ahead with its plans to announce Narendra Modi as head of the campaign committee for

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Explosives haul in Mahore

JAMMU, June 7: Army and police today recovered a large quantity of explosive devices and ammunition during a search operation at village Jamsalan in Mahore area of Reasi district. The consignment of explosives and ammunition had been wrapped in a polythene sheet and buried one feet under the ground

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CRS to inspect Banihal rail link

NEW DELHI, June 7: The Banihal-Qazigund section of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramullah rail link is likely to be commissioned by the end of this month after the statutory inspection by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) for running passenger trains.

Trial run on this section was successfully done on December 28 last year, and since then ballast trains are running on regular basis.

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Frequent accidents, deaths due to terrible condition of Reasi-Mahore road

DC initiates criminal proceedings against BRO's CO/OC

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, June 7: Taking serious note of the criminal negligence towards the terrible condition of the Reasi-Mahore road, which led to death of 15 persons in different accidents during the past some time, and non-compliance of various directions aimed at preventing danger to the life and property of people due to unprofessional work, Deputy Commissioner Reasi today initiated criminal proceedings against the Border Roads Organization (BRO) under Section 133 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

guidance of vehicle operators. However, no step was taken by the BRO to improve the condition of the road during the past one month. Moreover, it has been brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioner that even debris was not removed from the road and drains were not constructed leading to sinking of many places in Mahore town, sources said, adding a number of utilities including houses and bridal paths have also been damaged in Mahore, Arnas and Chassana where no restoration work has been undertaken by the BRO during the past quite long time.

that Reasi-Mahore road falls under the jurisdiction of CO 110 RCC Budhal.

"The Sub-Divisional Magistrate in an emergency report submitted to the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate vide communication dated June 4, 2013 has raised grave concern over the loss of human lives and threat/danger to the life and property because of unprofessional working of BRO", the notice reads.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that keeping in view the death of 15 persons on Reasi-Mahore road due to the failure of Border Roads Organization to initiate protection measures on several vulnerable stretches, the Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary last month issued directions to the BRO's officer incharge of the road for construction of breast and retaining walls at all accident prone areas besides installing proper signal boards for the

Taking serious note of non-adherence to the directions, which were otherwise aimed at checking road accidents and saving the precious lives of the commuters besides protecting life and property of the people, Additional District Magistrate Reasi on the directions of District Magistrate today served notice to Commanding Officer/OC of 110 RCC Budhal for putting to danger the human life due to careless and irresponsible working. It is pertinent to mention here

"This irresponsible way of construction of road for a long period now, wherein life and property of inhabitants of this area has been risked, has created a public nuisance of highest order which need to be removed", Additional District Magistrate has remarked in the notice, adding this serious public nuisance is a criminal act on the part of BRO and needs to be proceeded under Code of Criminal Procedure.

Exercising powers vested under Section 133 of Code of Criminal Procedure, the District Administration has given time till June 30 to the BRO for construction of drains in Mahore

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