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JCO killed as Pak Army opens heavy firing on LoC in Poonch

Mandi sub sector, the Indian Army has launched a massive search operation along the Line of Control (LoC) to intercept and trap the militants," official sources said.

However, they didn't rule out the possibility of the militants having retreated to PoK.

JCO Subedar Bachan Singh, a resident of Porhi, Garhwal in Uttarakhand, belonging to 3 Garhwal, presently posted with 40 Rashtriya Rifles, was hit inside the bunker by a RPG fired by Pakistani troops at 1.10 pm today and killed on spot.

The RPG directly fell on the bunker of JCO Bachan Singh and penetrated inside killing him on spot at Khalsa-2 Post in forward area of Sabjan, Mandi sub sector of Poonch district.

Army spokesman SN Acharya said there was heavy firing from Pakistan side with RPGs, Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGLs) and Pika guns at Sabjan, Mandi, which amounted to ceasefire violation, at 1.10 pm in which Subedar JCO Bachan Singh was killed. He added that the Indian troops gave calibrated response to the firing.

Sources said the firing from Pakistan side continued till 2 pm. Troops evacuated Subedar Bachan Singh from the bunker amidst Pakistani firing and shifted him to hospital, where he was declared as dead. His body would be sent to his home town at Porhi, Garhwal in Uttarakhand tomorrow morning for cremation with full military honours.

Sources added that the firing by Pakistan Army was "sudden and unprovoked" and there were immediate Intelligence reports that a group of five to six militants had been launched into Indian side through the growth of thick vegetation by 657 and 644 Mujahid Regiment of Pakistan deployed across Sabjan, Mandi sector of Poonch district.

"Immediately after the reports, troops launched massive search operations all along Sabjan, Mandi sector for the

infiltrators. The infiltration routes leading to general areas have been sealed. Surveillance has been mounted all over," they said adding that there was no way the infiltrators could enter inside as entire area has been covered by the troops.

Pointing out that there was a shift in strategy of the militants as well as Pakistan Army to infiltrate during the day time as they had been unable to sneak into this side during night hours despite several attempts due to alertness of the Army, sources said the militants tried to take advantage of thick vegetation along the LoC to intrude.

"Pakistan Army gave covering fire to the militants with a view to divert attention of the Army and push the infiltrators into this side," sources said, adding the immediate retaliation by the troops from this side appeared to have thwarted the intrusion bid.

The Indian side was likely to launch a strong protest with Pakistan Army over the hotline tomorrow on unprovoked firing and facilitation of infiltration attempt by the militants, sources said.

This was fourth ceasefire violation on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during past two weeks, the previous three being reported from Uri and Nowgam sectors in the Kashmir Valley.

This was first intrusion bid by the militants and ceasefire violation by Pakistan Army on the LoC in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch this month.

Troops were already on high alert on the LoC in view of spurt anticipated in infiltration attempts during the summer. Army and Intelligence agencies had reports about the presence of 200 to 250 militants across the LoC, who were looking for every possible opportunity to cross over into this side. However, alertness displayed by the Army hasn't allowed the militants to succeed in their designs.

Deadlock over flyover construction

"We told the ADB team that either give us at least 60 per cent monetary compensation as per present market value or give us government land at Jahangir Chowk, which SDA has turned into a parking lot, or land plot of defunct DAV school at Magarmal Crossing," said Abdul Rouf, one of the shopkeeper.

The ERA told the shopkeepers that the department will spend more Rs 20 crore on the newly constructed shopping complex at Jahangir Chowk for its up gradation. But the shopkeepers rejected the ERA proposal and asked for SDA land or DAV school land and Rs 20 crore.

"We refused the concept of up gradation of the building because it looks like a store and it will remain so. We asked ERA to give this additional amount supposed to be spent for up gradation of complex to the shopkeepers so that they will construct the shopping complex of their own choice," the shopkeepers said.

The shopkeepers said that they appealed ADB team not to release funds for the project until they are not properly rehabilitated. "We are not against the development and construction of fly-

over but not at a cost of bread and butter of our families," they said. After tough stand by the shopkeepers, the ERA officials said it is the court that will decide the future course of action. "Shopkeepers don't want to shift to the shopping complex and let court decide about their rehabilitation," ERA officials said.

Shopkeepers also said that ADB team head A Koneka has assured them every possible support and assured them that they will wait for their proper rehabilitation. Meanwhile, top officials of ERA said that they are hopeful to start further work on the Rs 352-crore project, as the shopkeepers and ADB would come up with a proper solution.

The Asian Development Bank funded flyover was approved in October 2009. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had set three-year deadline to get the project completed, but the work on the flyover is yet to start as almost 387 shopkeepers and commercial establishments are demanding proper rehabilitation instead of their proposed rehabilitation in two complexes constructed at Rambagh and Jahangir Chowk.

DC initiates criminal proceedings against BRO's CO/OC

and Chassana area, removal of boulders and stones on the entire stretch of road from Reasi to Mahore, which are causing obstruction to traffic and also blockade of roads even in case of minor rains, prevention of sinking of area in Mahore, removal of all debris and muck disposed off at the places other than approved points, paying compensation in respect of losses to civic amenities/public/private property, which has been ordered to be inspected and verified by a joint team including representative of BRO within one week.

The BRO has also been directed for erection of sign boards on every curve and after every kilometer indicating the nature of curve, dangerous areas, shooting stone or slide prone areas and construction of breast/retaining walls at all the points where slippage has taken place on the roadside and posing threat to the commuters.

Through the notice, the district administration has made it clear to the BRO that if it fails to carry out the identified works within stipulated time-frame the Commanding Officer/OC will have to appear in person before the District Magistrate to

explain as to why the order may not be made permanent. Moreover, the Commanding Officer/OC have also been conveyed that any failure to comply with the orders issued in this regard shall render them liable to be proceeded against under Section 188 of Code of Criminal Procedure, which includes fine and/or imprisonment.

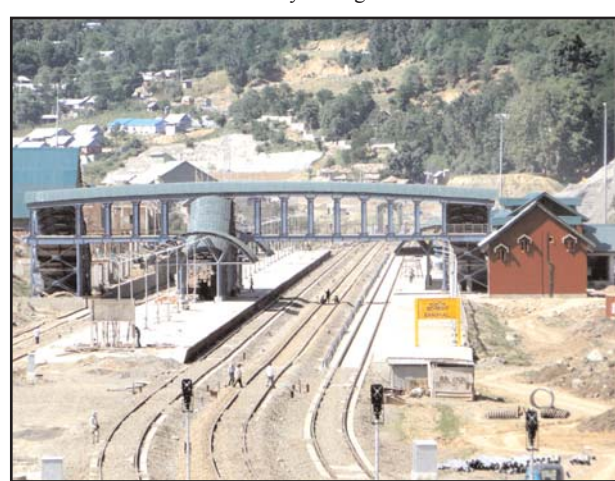
According to the sources, Deputy Commissioner has also taken seriously the report of the Additional District Development Commissioner, who is also Collector Land Acquisition, that BRO has delayed the payment of land compensation in most of the cases leading to inconvenience to public. He has directed the BRO to ensure that compensation amount is placed at the disposal of Collector Land Acquisition without any further delay.

Keeping in view the reports regarding encroachment of land acquired by the BRO, the Deputy Commissioner has directed that all such encroachments should be removed forthwith and it will be personal responsibility of the officer(s) of BRO if any encroachment is reported in future.

CRS to inspect Banihal rail link

"The inspection of CRS is scheduled for the next week and we are expecting the line to open in the last of this month," a senior Northern Railway official said.

The opening of Banihal-Qazigund railway section will connect J&K with the Valley.



A view of Banihal railway station yard.

This section will have two main railway stations - Banihal in Jammu division and Qazigund in Kashmir division. In addition to these stations, a halt station is also being provided at Hillar village in Anantnag district for the convenience of local public.

Currently, problems are being faced by passengers travelling between Banihal and Qazigund due to closure of Jawahar Tunnel in winter months due to heavy snowfall.

Last winter, one-way vehicular movement was resorted to between Jammu and Srinagar on national highway. There were sudden closures for almost four months from December 2012 to March this year due to heavy snowfall and slippery conditions.

"All these problems will be reduced to a large extent by running of train services between Banihal-Qazigund, the official said, adding that "it will be a cheaper, faster and dependable mode of transport for the people."

With the operation of the line, the distance between Banihal and Qazigund will be reduced from 35 km to 17 kms. The 18 km-long Banihal-

Qazigund section passing through a 11 km long tunnel has been constructed with a total expenditure of Rs 1,691 crore.

Known as Pir Panjal tunnel, it is the longest transportation tunnel in India and third longest in Asia. The tunnel has been covered by the

been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,300 crore and taken almost seven years to complete. The tunnel has been constructed using New Austrian Tunnelling Method, which was for the first time used on such largescale in India. This method optimises the tunnel design by mobilising the inherent ground strength in adopting a curved section, providing primary support system immediately after excavation and monitoring the ground behaviour while permitting it to develop its inherent strength. A three-meter wide road has been provided inside the tunnel for maintenance, emergency rescue and relief operations. The tunnel has been made water-proof by providing continuous PVC membrane between primary and secondary lining.

The tunnel has been equipped with the state-of-the-art air quality monitoring system, ventilation system, communication system, fire fighting system and emergency rescue system in case of emergency.

Centre stops levy sugar to J&K, State to bear Rs 600 cr addl burden

arrangements of supplies for over 22 lakh ration card holders. He said the Centre used to transfer subsidy component to the FCI and this agency has network through out the country. It has stores, suppliers and arrangement of supplies through trains and transport companies as well.

"We have to start afresh and a team of officers including both CAPD directors from Kashmir and Jammu besides Financial Advisor were sent to UP, Haryana and other states to have assessment and study the market and give suggestions to the state Government. They have submitted a report and the department would go for national level e-tendering shortly. The State would bear additional burden of over Rs 50 crore per month which may roughly come out to be Rs 600 crore annually and it may go high. The Centre has assured to provide some subsidy component directly and rest we have to manage from our own resources and big exercise has begun on the matter," Mr Ramzan added.

Commissioner/Secretary, CAPD, Mohd Abbas Dar when contacted said that there is just shift in the old mechanism now and as being projected in the public that levy sugar supply will be stopped, is not true. He said the people will get sugar at the same rate but it may take some time as the State has started its exercise to make arrangements. The department has decided to go for tendering process at the national level. He said the Centre will provide subsidy directly but State has to bear some additional burden. The FCI has been excluded now and State will make all arrangements at its own and make purchases directly. The J&K being non-sugar producing State will face more problems as compared to other states. The transportation component is also an additional burden and State has to make this all from its own resources, Mr Dar maintained.

Director CAPD Jammu, G S Chib said that he was also part of 4-member committee sent by State out side. He said the team visited Lucknow, Haryana and other areas and

found that as per millers' claims, sugar costs them between Rs 33 to Rs 34 per kg, while the market rate of sugar is between Rs 38 to Rs 40 per kg at present. He said the committee after all assessment and findings has submitted a detailed report to Govt.

The State Government at high level has reviewed it and a collective decision has been taken to go for e-tendering to maintain transparency in the system of purchase. The process has been set in motion. He said nearly 7000 MT sugar is the requirement of the State and nearly 3200 MT is the quota of Jammu region. The district wise quota has also been fixed as per the strength of the rationees.

The CAPD is providing 700 gm sugar per soul as per the 2001 census while after this the population has increased to 1.25 crore now. He said the consumers are unlikely to get the sugar during this month and most of the sugar stores were also lying dry.

Meanwhile, the rationees in the region are complaining that ration dealers have projected that the supply of levy sugar has been stopped by the CAPD department and it will not be available to the public from June inward. In view of the coming festivals and Shri Amarnath Yatra, the decision of the Government and delay being caused has created strong resentment among the general public. The Government ration dealers alleged that concerned Tehsil Supply Officers (TSOs) were not accepting the payment for the supply of sugar on the plea that no final decision has been taken in this regard so far. As per the past practice, the sugar is made available to the public mostly after 15th of every month by the CAPD officials.

The consumers continue to make several rounds of the depots during first half of the month and hardly fifty per cent of them turn up for taking the quota with little hope of getting it. This 'designed strategy' is needed to be discouraged and kept under vigil by the senior officers connected with the distribution to check possible pilferage, the consumers said.

Ultras held on Nepal border sent to Rehab Centre

wanted to come through Nepal route and surrender.

Four routes prescribed under the Rehabilitation Policy included Uri-Muzaffarabad in Kashmir, Poonch-Rawlakote in Jammu, both falling on the Line of Control (LoC), Wagah border in Punjab on the International Border (IB) and Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi.

They were reported to have disclosed before the SSB, which has been deployed on Nepal border, that they were not married to Pakistani girls like other militants, who had married in Pakistan or PoK

Advani skips BJP meet

the Lok Sabha elections. Right from the morning, news that Advani was skipping today's meeting of office bearers because of "ill health" triggered speculation that it could be linked to his reservations over the Gujarat Chief Minister's nomination as campaign committee chief.

Party sources said there is no clarity on whether Advani will attend the two-day conclave starting tomorrow and this may force the party to give up plans of announcing Modi's name as head of the campaign committee.

However, late night reports said Advani may make it to the parleys here tomorrow.

Modi arrived here to a rousing reception from party workers and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar said the party should quickly project the Gujarat Chief Minister as its Prime Ministerial candidate.

Party Vice President Uma Bharati, who has already favoured Advani as BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate, has announced she is not attending the Goa meeting. There are reports that there could be some other abstentions including Shatrughan Sinha and Jaswant Singh.

A senior BJP leader said if Advani skips the conclave altogether, there would be little sanctity in declaring Modi's name. Moreover, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj, who is perceived to be close to Advani and is said to be equally opposed to Modi, will use the absence of the senior leader as an opportunity to seek postponement of the decision on the issue.

While Advani has cited ill-health as the reason for keeping away from the office-bearers meeting, most party leaders accept privately that his opposition to Modi is the real reason.

BJP sources said Swaraj delayed the start of today's office-bearers' meeting here by more than an hour as she is said to be unhappy with the developments.

A couple of other leaders like Jaswant Singh and Shatrughan Sinha also stayed away from the Goa meeting on health grounds, which detractors exploited to taunt BJP saying "Modi was making leaders sick".

due to their prolonged stay in the country, where they had gone for arms training in nineties.

Sources said Special Cell of Delhi Police had sought the custody of Manzoor Ahmad Jasar of JKLF as his activities were doubtful. The militant could be quizzed at the Rehabilitation Centre before being handed over to Jammu and Kashmir Police.

About 270 militants and their Pakistani wives and children have reached their houses in Jammu and Kashmir after the announcement of Rehabilitation Policy by the State Government.

While Vice President Uma Bharati, an Advani supporter, has decided not to attend the meeting, another MP Yogi Adityanath openly demanded that Advani be made the Prime Ministerial candidate by BJP and NDA.

BJP President Rajnath Singh reportedly talked to Advani on phone and requested him to attend the conclave tomorrow.

However, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi denied that party is unhappy and this had led to the delay in the office bearers meeting.

"These are very peculiar reasons which are being given. I am not aware of this," he said.

Modi supporters in the BJP National Executive are of the view that he should be appointed head of the campaign committee as this will enthuse the party cadre and give a boost to its electoral prospects in the 2014 polls.

Rajnath Singh, who wants to evolve a consensus and take all leaders along on Modi, is not likely to go ahead if Advani is not on board.

He declared today that he had himself asked Advani to take rest as he is indisposed. "Today's meeting was not so crucial and so Singh asked Advani to take rest and come here tomorrow," a party leader close to Singh said.

A section within the BJP feels Advani may agree to attend the two-day executive only if the top brass gives him an assurance that Modi's name as head of the campaign committee will not be announced at the conclave.

Meanwhile, BJP denied all reports of Advani's unhappiness or there being a divide in the party over Modi.

"The reasons for Advani's absence are not those that the media is thinking... There are no camps or groupism in BJP," Trivedi said.

Senior leader M Venkaiah Naidu also asked the media not to read too much into Advani's absence today. He said Advani would attend the meeting tomorrow.

But the likelihood of Modi's name being announced as head of the BJP campaign committee for the 2014 Lok Sabha polls at this conclave seems to have run into a roadblock. (PTI)

Explosives haul in Mahore

in the fields at village Jamsalan. The explosive material was detected with the help of Deep Search Metal Detector, an Army handout said.

When contacted, SSP Reasi Raghbir Singh said the Army and police conducted joint search operation at Jamsalan and made the recoveries.

The recoveries included 10 kg explosive material, five hand grenades, five UBGL grenades, 40 rounds of AK ammunition and one

Meraj-e-Aalam celebrated with fervour

nessed at Hazratbal shrine, where thousands of people offered special prayers throughout the night.

Devotees from all parts of Kashmir thronged the Hazratbal Shrine to offer the congregational prayers in the day and waited to pay the glimpse of holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) after every prayer of the day.

Despite the hot weather, the rush of the devotees continued throughout the day with nearly 20,000 people offering congregational prayers early in the morning while over 50, 000 offered Friday prayers.

At the time of displaying holy relic, people burst into tears. Special prayers were held for the peace and prosperity of people.

On the occasion special service played on the roads leading

country made rifle. The Army handout quoting local sources said the consignment had been buried in the field by the militants operating in the area during 2004-05 for use against security forces but the ultras were killed in the gun battles with Army and police.

A Bomb Disposal Squad of Army destroyed the explosive material including grenades by blowing off them.

towards Hazratbal Shrine. The administration had allowed only one-way traffic throughout the day to ensure smooth movement of traffic.

From Lal Chowk, buses were allowed to Hazratbal through Nalamar, Hawal, and Lal Bazaar routes while those coming from Hazratbal to the Lal Chowk were allowed from Sadaikadal and Rainawari route.

Various departments as well as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) had made arrangements for devotees. Some of the organizations had erected stalls where juices and beverages were offered to the devotees during the course of the day.

People also visited local Masjids and shrines to offer night long prayers.

JU employees strike enters 27th day

Boarders protest for food, cleanliness in hostels

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 7: Infuriated over no availability of food in the Mess and prevailing unhygienic conditions in the hostels due to ongoing strike of Jammu University class IV employees, the hostel boarders held a strong protest demonstration in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence, late this evening.

The protesting boarders from Nehru Hostel and Vivekananda Hostel, raised slogans against the Jammu University as well as the Vice-Chancellor for their failure to make alternative arrangements in view of the ongoing strike.

Led by JURSEA president Rakesh Chib, the protesting students and scholars assembled near the hostel premises and then marched towards the VC residence in form of a procession.

The protesters dispersed off only after the Vice-Chancellor Prof

M P S Ishar personally assured to make arrangement of packed food to the boarders and cleanliness of the hostels.

Pertinent to mention that the JU Safai Karamcharis and hostel staff, including Mess boys and cooks have also joined the ongoing strike by the University Non-Gazetted Employees Union, which is demanding regularization of Casual Labourers.

Meanwhile, the ongoing strike by NGEU entered into 27th day today. The protesting employees suspended their official work and took out a rally on the campus.

Raising slogans against the JU administration, they threatened to further intensify the ongoing stir if their demands are not conceded.

The protesting employees were also addressed by Krishan Chand and Vijay Kumar who urged the Governor for his intervention to redress their grievances.

Ambani brothers sign Rs 12,000 cr deal to share telecom towers

NEW DELHI, June 7:

In the biggest deal since their reconciliation, Ambani brothers today announced a Rs 12,000-crore deal, wherein Mukesh will use towers owned by a firm run by his younger sibling Anil for launch of his telecom venture.

Reliance Industries' telecom arm will lease up to 45,000 mobile masts from Anil Ambani-led Reliance Communications in a deal val-

ued at more than Rs 12,000 crore over the lifetime of the contract, the two groups announced today.

Hiring of phone towers will help accelerate fourth-generation (4G) broadband service by Reliance Jio Infocomm, a unit of elder brother Mukesh's RIL.

The second deal between the brothers in as many months will give an estimated Rs 800 crore per annum additional revenue to Anil's Reliance Communications assuming a 15 year tenure of the deal.

The deal comes a day after Mukesh told shareholders in Mumbai that workforce at Reliance Jio will be more than tripled to 10,000 as the company prepares to start the services.

"Under the terms of the agreement, Reliance Jio Infocomm will utilise up to 45,000 ground and rooftop based towers across RCom's nationwide network for accelerated roll-out of its state-of-the-art 4G services," the two groups said in separate but identical statements.

Reliance Jio Infocomm is the only company which in 2010 won a pan-India spectrum for 4G services but is yet to start commercial services.

The deal comes two months after the Ambani brothers had struck their first commercial deal when Mukesh agreed to hire Anil's optic fibre network for launch of his telecom venture. The pact was valued at Rs 1,200 crore.

The latest agreement also allows the two companies to jointly build more towers at new locations, they said. RCom has been staggering under a debt of more than USD 6 billion and the pact with Reliance Jio will help cut its debt.

The agreement announced today provides for "joint working arrangements to configure the scope of additional towers to be built at new locations to ensure deep penetration and seamless delivery of next generation services," the statements said. (PTI)

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT SDRF 2ND BN JAMMU FINAL NOTICE

Vide PHQ J&K-Jammu's order No.1281 of 2012 dated 02-04-2012 and ADGP HG/CD & SDRF J&K-Jammu's office order No.267 of 2012 dated 03-04-2012, the following candidates come to selected as constable in SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu.

Whereas during completion of departmental formalities required under rule for issuance of their formal appointment orders as constables in SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu, the candidates either not reported for joining or for completing the formalities as indicated against each:-

S.No.	Name of the candidate with parentage & address	Reasons for not issuance formal appointment order	Notice latest issued under No. & date.
1.	Sh. Khalid Ahmed S/O Sh. Mohd Nazir Khan R/O Vill: Cheaka Tehsil Bhaderwah Distt. Doda	Despite completion of all formalities, the candidate has not reported for joining	No.OHC/3107 dated 27-04-2013.
2.	Sh. Charanjev Singh S/O Sh. Gurdev Singh R/O H.No. 160 sec-7 Nanak Nagar Jammu	Despite completion of all formalities, the candidate has not reported for joining	No.3160 dated 29-04-2013
3.	Sh. Roshan Singh S/O Sh. Rajinder Singh R/O Vill. Bharora P/S Khour Tehsil Akhnor, Distt. Jammu	Despite completion of all formalities, the candidate has not reported for joining	No.3155 dated 29-04-2013
4.	Sh. Bhadr Singh S/O Sh. Ragbir Singh R/O Vill:Khanetar Tehsil Haveli Distt. Poonch	The following verifications are still pending and you have not clear the same till date. 1. CID verification. 2.Verification of certificate from JKBOSE.	No.3158 dated 29-04-2013.
5.	Sh. Mohd Akhter S/O Sh. Abdul Rashid R/O Vill:shajroo Tehsil Mahore Distt. Reasi.	The following verifications are still pending and you have not clear the same till date. 1. CID verification. 2.Verification of certificate from JKBOSE.	No.3156 dated 29-04-2013.

Now, therefore, by the medium of this notice they are finally asked to report at Headquarters SDRF 2nd Bn Gulshan Ground Jammu with in a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which they shall have no claim for their appointment in SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu.

DIP/J-1663 Dt: 6-6-13

Sd/-
Commandant
SDRF 2nd Bn., Jammu