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INTRODUCTION

Human rights abuses in the Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir are an ongoing issue. The abuses range from mass killings, forced disappearances, torture, rape and sexual abuse to political repression and suppression of freedom of speech.

Year 2015 was yet another year of repression in Indian occupied Kashmir. Puppet regime continues the policy of curbs and arrest of political leaders. Year 2015 witnessed 219 killings. This not only exposes as self – proclamations that Kashmir has become peaceful but also says about the naivety of New Delhi's views towards Kashmir. What is more worrying is that list has now new entrant known as Killing people , the members of village Defence committees (VDCs) . The village defence committees are the civilian militia consisting mostly of Hindu extremist elements, trained and armed by the government and enjoy impunity like Indian armed and Para-military forces under draconian laws like armed forces special powers act AFSPA. The current document will in detailed discuss the human rights situation of Indian , occupied Kashmir including the role of village defense committees which has got a very little attend in the past though these remained involved in human rights violations since 1995 when these committees came into existence

CUSTODIAL KILLING:

In year 2015, only one case of custodial killing has been reported in the newspapers. The killing reassured that the State actors have not completely given up on killing the people in custody. On February 11, Nazir Ahmad Mughal, R/O Gujjar Pati village of Zirhama, Kupwara was killed in police custody. The public outcry forced the police to file FIR No. 41/2015 at Police Station Kupwara and government ordered a probe into the killing, however, no headway was made.

Mudasir Sofi, son of Abdul Gani Sofi of Sofi Mohalla, Palhallan, was going to Gulmarg for a picnic with his friends was killed in a fake encounter. Police claimed that Mudasir was a militant who had killed himself with an assault rifle, snatched from a policeman in the preceding days of the incident. However, Mudasir's family rejected the police claim and accused state forces of killing him after taking him in custody.

Muneer Ahmad Manhas, a resident of Kamalkote, was found dead on April 4 in police station Ram Munshibagh. The family members did not know about his detention in police station and the reason why he was detained. They accused the police of killing Muneer while he was in their 'illegal' custody.

TORTURE:

Torture is another form of human rights violation, which continues to remain an institutionalized policy of the armed forces and police. The prime targets are the youth, and mostly were the students. The torture has been used on minors

and youth alike to suppress them more than to extract information. The torture not only ruins a person from physical strength but also dents his psychological wellbeing. While Nazir Ahmad Mughal of Kupwara died of torture in police custody, there are others who survived it .A case in point is of a boy Salim Beigh, 22, from Sopore who is facing continuous torture and arrests at the hands of the Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K Police. The SOG surveillance and torture has generated in him suicidal tendencies. Young Salim has lost his physical strength to bear any further torture; therefore, he was provoked to end his life, as there is no end to the harassment against him by SOG. Not only him, his father too was humiliated and beaten by the forces, due to which his father's left ear got damaged.

Name Area Incident of Torture

Nazir Ahmed Mughal Kupwara
Died by torture

Salim Beigh SoporeLost his physical
strength

Rais Ahmed Reshi North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

Firdous Ahmed Reshi North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

Abid Ahmed Rather North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

Younis Ahmed Butt North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

Hilal Ahmed wani North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

Mushtaq Ahmed Rather North
Kashmir Badly physically tortured

Muhammad Jamal Dar North
Kashmir Badly physically tortured

Umar Mushtaq Untoo North Kashmir
Badly physically tortured

In August, five of the seven persons who were picked up by SOG of police from Karhama village in Kunzer north Kashmir accused the forces of torturing them in the custody. The boys were identified as Raies Ahmad Reshi, a labourer; Firdous Ahmad Reshi a student; Abid Ahmad Rather, a shopkeeper; Younis Ahamd Bhat, an electrician; Hilal Ahmad Wani, a government employee; Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, a medical representative and an elderly farmer, Muhammad Jamal Dar. Another case of torture surfaced was of a minor Umar Mushtaq Untoo, a student of class 11th, from Sopore.

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES:

In year 2015 there is a considerable drop in the cases of enforced disappearances in J&K, however, three cases of disappearances in Kupwara keep surfacing now and then. As of now, the actual fate of the trio identified as Ali Mohammad Sheikh of Trehgam, Mir Hussain Khatana and Gulam Jeelani Khatana of Dardpora, Kupwara is not known, however, their families suspect that they might have been killed in fake encounter by army.

The circumstances in which the trio disappeared refresh the specter of the Macchil Fake Encounter 2010. It appears there is a deep relation between killing of army's Colonel Santosh Mahadik of the army's elite para-commando force and commanding officer of 41 Rashtriya Rifles on November 17 and the disappearance

of the trio. However, FIR No. 100/2015 under Section 365 RPC has been filed against the disappearances in Trehgam police station and the accused Manzoor Ahmad Khwaja, son of Gulam Qadir Khwaja, a Territorial Army soldier is in police custody but no headway was made. The state was fully involved in disappearing as when the families of disappeared tired raise voice by organizing the press conference in local hotel of Srinagar at the same time the hotel owner was threatened for organizing this event. However the families managed to arranged talk with media at other place. The police, on December 8, claimed that the families were called to Police Station Kralpora, Kupwara and shown five photographs of people killed in encounters since 15/11/2015. However, there was no resemblance between the photographs and their missing family members.

Sexual Violence

This year there have been some cases reported in media about the rapes and molestations perpetrated by armed forces and police

On August 24, an SOG cop Babar Ahmad misbehaved with a college girl in the Main Town, Pulwama. The incident triggered fierce clashes between civilians and Police injuring at least seven people including four policemen. To contain the situation police filed a case against the accused cop. On October 8, an army man was arrested for allegedly raping a woman in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. The accused, Haq Nawaz, who is deployed with 6 Engineers Regiment and presently posted in Kashmir, was

on leave when he barge into the house of a lady in Mankote area of Mendhar tehsil and allegedly raped her when she was alone. The accused had threatened victim to not disclose the incident to anyone and escaped from her house.

KILLINGS DUE TO UNEXPLODED SHELLS AND IEDS:

It seems that the armed forces and Police are not paying any heed to the concerns expressed by the people and human rights group time and again over the littered explosions, which are turning playing fields into death traps. Mostly children died in the explosives scattered unchecked. While eight minors died in littered explosions three lost their lives when they accidentally stepped over army planted land mines in Nowshera area of Jammu divisions.

Journalists brutally tortured

Viewed as irritants by the state forces the media persons have to face the wrath of the state forces while performing their professional assignments. The revelation made by Indian Express editor Shekhar Gupta during a programme in Srinagar on October 15 that he would often receive threats from the Indian Army and other government establishments for covering Kashmir, was nothing new to the local journalists. In fact the locals are used to it.

On January 23, a police officer damaged the camera of a photojournalist associated with Kashmir Reader while he was discharging his professional duties in Reshi Bazar area of Islamabad (Anantnag). The journalist was also threatened by police official of Sub Inspector rank to

frame him in a false case.

In another incident, on June 21, some guards of a Minister allegedly beat a journalist Javid Malik, of Greater Kashmir. Malik had alleged that he was thrashed by the cops for objecting to lewd remarks passed at his wife by one of the guards. On November 2, a photojournalist Shuaib Masoodi associated with New Delhi-based, The Indian Express, was assaulted by the army and Special Operations Group at Bandipora. He was thrashed near Wullar Vantage Park at Gurura. Bandipora Journalist's Association protested against this incident.

On November 08, policemen in Bandipora ruthlessly beat up another Kashmir Reader reporter Owais Farooqi when he was covering a protest in the town. He was detained at Bandipora police station for nearly six hours despite the police was shown the professional I-card.

Civilian Arrests

In year 2015 the state continued the policy of detaining and arresting people involved in political protests and mobilization across Jammu and Kashmir. This policy of detaining the voices of dissent is being applied far and wide to curb space for any pro-freedom activities. The government's claim of granting amnesty to 118 stone palters appears to be a gimmick keeping in view the continuo harassment and illegal detentions of youth. According to the newspapers 1000 peoples were taken into jails by the state forces to thwart the pro freedom million marches on the visit

of Prime Minister Modi in Srinagar.

Mostly, youth were arrested in nocturnal raids many of whom were booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) for expressing their dissent by means of stone pelting, as a reaction to police action during protest demonstrations. There are disturbing reports from Shopian and Palhallan areas where youth were taken into custody during night raids. These detained youth complained of humiliation and torture in police lockups. In Shopian district alone 67 youth were arrested in one go during a protest. Even the ruling coalition People Democratic Party (PDP) spokesman while admitting the large- scale arrest said, people have never been arrested on this scale in a single incident but the state government has no choice to deal with people.

In another disturbing incident, five minor boys, who have been charged under the Unlawful Activities Act, were brought handcuffed in full public view by uniformed policemen to a court in Srinagar in violation of the Juvenile Justice Act 2013. Even people were arrested for observing their religious duties as the case of a Cleric from Kulgam, who was booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) for offering Nimaz Jinaza (funeral prayer) of a civilian. Two more boys from Palhallan area of Baramulla district were booked under controversial PSA in December for taking part in protests. According to Government figure 17 persons were detained under Public Safety Act (PSA).

There are also allegations of illegal detention and harassment of youth in Sopore area, which remained in focus in May and June this year for being

center of attacks by unidentified gun men According to a young boy, SOG personnel are detaining and torturing him regularly on one or the other pretext. He also accused the forces of coercing him to work as their informer.

HIGHWAY ASSAULTS:

Total Harassment

A total of 1400 young Kashmir's Students were badly harassed on different occasion in year 2015.

In view of the controversy erupted after the Beef ban judgment, Kashmiris faced attacks from Hindu right wing goons on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, particularly around Udhampur. The highway assaults against Kashmiris resurfaced leaving one person dead and many injured, which is a chilling reminder of year 2008 economic blockade imposed by rightwing Hindu groups of Jammu region. Pertinently, in September, the state chief of the VHP Leela Karan Sharma threatened economic blocked if the ban on cow slaughter was not imposed in J&K .On October 9, Hindu goons using petrol bomb on Udhampur highway attacked a truck driven by Kashmiri driver. In the attack carried by over a dozen goons, two persons including the truck conductor Zahid Rasool were seriously injured. A week later on October 18, Zahid Rasool succumbed to his burn injuries. The method in which the attack was carried was not a random but a planned one. In another attack, on November 22, a Kashmiri driver of an oil tanker was beaten up by a mob in Nandni area on the Jammu-Srinagar highway during night.

The driver was accused of smuggling cows by the attackers. This assault also appeared pre-planned as the two cars halted in the middle of the road a few meters ahead of the tanker.

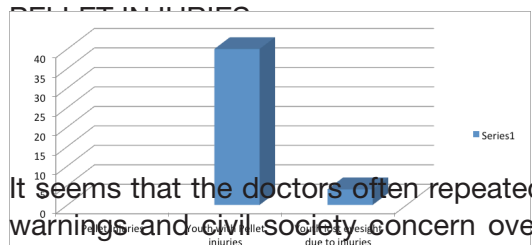
The Swift car in which the assailants were travelling was without a number plate. At least six of assailants came down and surrounded the tanker and brought the onboard down and started beating them. On December 03, in another incident of highway attacks, a mob demonstrating against the rise of “anti-India activities in the Jammu and Kashmir” set ablaze a Kashmir-bound vehicle in Kalakote area of Rajouri district after beating up six passengers. The vehicle was on its way to Kashmir valley via Mughal road. These incidents have unnerved the transporters and Jammu bound drivers, who reluctantly ply their vehicles on Srinagar-Jammu highway, the only route connects valley with India. According to a driver, if there would not be bread-earning compulsion, nobody would take Jammu highway. There is no security whatsoever to Kashmiri drivers.

HARASSMENT OUTSIDE JAMMU AND KASHMIR:

Kashmiris pursuing studies or involved in professional activities in different parts of India are facing differential treatment and physical assaults. The phenomenon continued this year as well. It seems like previous regimes, the new dispensation failed to exert any pressure to bring down attacks, at times fatal, on Kashmiris professionally engaged across India .In the beginning of this year, two young Kashmiris, pursuing their winter internships with different media and

public relations (PR) organizations, were assaulted. However, the internees avoid naming themselves for fear of reprisals.

In a shocking incident, which serves as a reminder of Meerut University episode of 2014, in February this year, a college in Haryana has served expulsion notice to 60 Kashmiri students after the students who are fully covered by Prime Minister’s Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) were unable to pay ‘unjustified’ extra fee. In another incident, on March 23, dozens of Kashmiri students studying at Maharana Pratap group of institutions, Kanpur were beaten up by a group of local students at a private college in Kanpur for protesting against targeting their classmate for spotting beard. In August, media reported, Delhi police served notices to the hoteliers not to accommodate Kashmiris in their hotels. In September, in the backdrop of the protest against an unclean plate at the mess of the Udaipur University by a Kashmiri student, the mess in-charge slapped the student, which was later challenged by other Kashmiri students. In response to this protest, around 1200 students were asked to leave Pacific University in Udaipur.



It seems that the doctors often repeated warnings and civil society concern over the rampant use of pellet guns failed to make any impact on the Government

policy. The new government is no different. This year as well, the use of pellet was widespread to counter the pro-freedom protests. The continuous use of pellet guns has increased the number of injured youth, majority of who are students, with serious eye injuries. The doctors at Srinagar's Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital stated that this year alone 40 youth with pellet injuries were treated in this hospital.

There are scores of youth, with some financial strength, who moved to places like Amritsar, Jalandhar and Indore for advanced treatment but many due to lack of financial support continue to suffer. The government's admission that only two persons, this year, lost eyesight due to pellets is far from the truth and with the aim to play-down the use of it. Alone from Palhalan, Pattan two cases of eye injuries were reported. In both the cases the chances of their eyesight recovery is bleak. In the case of a youth, Tanveer Ahmed Dar, 19, from Palhalan Pattan, doctors opined he might lose his vision in one of his eyes due to pellet injury. Another youth, 16-year-old Manzoor Ahmed Bhat from Aglar Pattan was injured by the use of pellet gun by armed forces and Police in right eye and the chances of his proper eyesight recovery are austere. Another case which came to fore was of Hamid Nazir, minor aged 16, who underwent eye operation. Several pellets, despite operation, are still stuck in his eyes.

PROBES AND INQUIRIES:

This year, in nine cases of human rights violations, the government ordered probes. The perception that probes are ordered to deflate the public anger has

been proved yet again as findings are still withheld in 8 out of 9 probes. This year, only in one case the government probe was concluded.

In the case of Farooq Ahmad Bhat of Palhallan, Pattan the enquiry report finds police involvement and declared the youth innocent. However, it could not be ascertained whether any action was initiated against the guilty or not. The victims, who were assured action against the guilty by the government in so-called time bound inquiry at the time of the incident, have to suffer and face harassment from the perpetrators and State. Take the case of Suhail Ahmad Sofi of Narbal who was killed by police on April 18 this year, his family has accused the police of trying to force them into a compromise to prevent two of their men accused in the killing from being tried in a court of law and to subvert the investigations.

Pathetic conditions of Kashmir prisoner in Indian Jails

Kashmir arrested and detained in different Indian jails live in pathetic conditions. Detunes and under trials in these jails are denied facilities as enshrined in law. They are discriminated in law and practice.

Recently a team of five members of Kashmir Bar Association led by Bar president Main Abdul Qayoom visited New Delhi, s Tihar Jail and its report establishes the fact. The Bar association team was granted permission by the High court of Jammu Kashmir to visit in order to provide legal assistance to detunes and under trails.

According to report the team was made to

wait for three hours and three hours and then allowed to meet only five under trail prisoners lodged in jail No 1, 3, 4 8 and 9 while as the number of political prisoners in the jail is 30. Quoting the prisoners, the report said they are taken to the courts in the cases pending against them but their cases are delayed by two months.

“They also stated that in cases where final arguments have been heard, prosecution has been allowed to lead evidence to prolong the agony of the prisoners. They stated that they have filed bail applications before the trial courts but no orders have been passed on those applications and even their request for release on furlough and parole had been turned down,” the report said.

“Muzaffar Ahmad Dar who is lodged in jail No 4 and was on hunger strike on told the bar team that his family members had come to meet him but for the past 8 days they have not been allowed a meeting with him,” the report said.

“From the aforesaid facts and circumstances it is quite evident that the condition of Kashmiri prisoners lodged in different jails of Tihar is very bad as they have been deprived of all the facilities by the jail authorities. Inside the jail also they are subjected to discrimination also while as all other prisoners are free to talk to their families 7 times in a week, Kashmiri prisoners are allowed to talk only twice in a week and that too for 5 minutes only and are made to pay heavy amount as the cost of such taking on phone,”

VILLAGE DEFENCE COMMITTEE:

The Village Defence Committees (VDC) militia continues to indulge in

unaccounted human rights violations. This year, May 22 statement by Indian Defence Minister to “neutralize terrorist through terrorists” has embolden such a force. The VDC member’s actions now and then come into limelight when they kill civilians; otherwise, there other crimes like harassment and intimidation to common people escape the media watch. Several times in 2015, now particularly after the killing of mother and son by VDCs in Rajouri, the demand to disband the militia grew louder but at the same time the rightwing Hindu organisations in Jammu, have been threatening the government against banning of VDCs. These right wing groups feel emboldened by the support expressed by the statement of the Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, who happens to be from BJP. It is pertinent to mention, that in the 10 districts of Jammu province the 26000 VDCs have more than 90% members from Hindu community, which has led to communal polarization and also increase in the militarization.

On June 30 a Territorial Army soldier Liyaqat Ali and VDC member Tariq were arrested for firing and creating panic among people in Targie area of Kotranka belt of district Rajouri. On June 30 a Territorial Army soldier Liyaqat Ali and VDC member Tariq were arrested for firing and creating panic among people in Targie area of Kotranka belt of district Rajouri.

On August 12, Ramban police arrested a Village Defence Committee (VDC) member Beer Singh for shooting dead his colleague Tirath Chand in the mountainous district of Ramban. This killing served a

pointer that how dangerous this group could be to unarmed civilians.

Four months later, in December, two gruesome incidents took place in the same district. On December 20, a youth leader of National Conference (NC) Ishtyaq Ahmad was killed by the VDC member Kewal Sharma in Potha village. Merely five days later, on December 25, in another gruesome incident a woman and her four-year-old son were killed in cold blood by this unbridled force.

The firing and killing incidents inject deep fear particularly in Muslim community of

Jammu who find themselves highly vulnerable to this force. The statement made by the Deputy Chief Minister ruling out disbanding of the VDC while responding to the December killings was deplorable. The continuation of this force poses a disturbing question, as to how the government is comfortable with such a force having a long track record of human rights violations like rapes, killings, abductions etc. It appears the group was created to infuse terror and curb the Muslims populace of the Jammu province on the name of countering militancy

The name and addresses details of few of the killed civilian are given below and rest of the data is still in compilation phase.

2015 CIVILIAN KILLING LIST

NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	OF
KILLING	ALLEGED AGENCY			
CAUSES	NATURE			
1.	Toshi Rani Manga	Chak, Samba, Jammu border	January 3-2015	Mortar Shell
2.	Umar Ishaq Mir	S/o: Mohammad Ishaq Mir (son of Sarpanch) Tujjar Unknown	January 3-2015	He was found dead
3.	Manzoor Ahmad	S/o: Shams Din Unknown	January 9-2015	Thanamang, Rajouri Littered Explosion
4.	Farooq Ahmad Bhat	S/o: Gh. Mohammad Bhat Palhalan, Pattan Police	February 09-2015	Shot dead
5.	Nazir Ahmad Mugal	GujjarPati, Zirhama, Kupwara Police Custodial	February 11-2015	Killing
6.	Not ascertained	Kathua	March 20-2015	Cross firing
7.	Javaid Ahmad Waza	S/o: Mohammad Har Mohalla, Bijbehara Unknown Gunmen	March 22-2015	Shot Dead Ismaiel Waza
8.	Ramni Raebareli, Nowshera, Jammu	4-2015 Army	April	Army planted Landmine Explosion
9.	Moni	Raebareli, Nowshera, Jammu	April 4-2015	Army
		Army planted Landmine		Explosion
10.	Vijay Kumar	Raebareli, Nowshera, Jammu	April 4-2015	Army
		Army planted Landmine		Explosion
11.	Khalid Muzaffar		April 13-2015	Hurdu, Tral Army

Fake Encounter		June 09-2015	Army
12.Parvez Ahmad Khan	Pattan, Baramulla	Shot Dead	
April 15-2015	Not Known	20.Khursheed	Ahmad
Fiddling with abandoned grenade		Bhat	Sopore
13.Suhail Ahmad Sofi	Narbal	June 12-2015	Army
April 18-2015	Police	Shot Dead	
Shot Dead		21.Mehraj-ud-Din	
14.Abdul Ahad Dar	Astan		
Mohalla			
Hazratbal, Srinagar	May 4-2015	S/o:	Mohammad
Unknown		Ahsan Dar	Badami
Gunmen	Shot Dead	Bagh, Sopore	June 14-2015
		Army	Shot Dead
15.Mohammad Rafiq Dar		22.Aijaz Ahmad Reshi	Mundiji, Sopore
S/o:	Mohammad	June 15-2015	Army
Akbar Dar	Pohru,Handwara	Shot Dead	
May 25-2015		S/o: Abdul Rahim	
Army Shot Dead (He was killed when he was at the telecommunication outlet where he was working as an employee)			
16.Ghulam Hassan Dar		23.Asif	
(surrendered militant)		June 22-2015	Army
		Shot Dead	
S/o: Abdul Khaliq Dar	Dooru,	24.Mohammad	Yousuf
Sopore, Baramulla	May 26-2015	Bhat	Wagun, Pulwama
Army Shot Dead (Killed for having mobile tower in his house lawn)		July 1-2015	Unknown gunmen
		Shot Dead	
17.Not Ascertained		25.Poli Devi	Bhalwal,
June 01-2015	Cross Firing	Bharth, Jammu	July 15-2015
Cross	Firing	Cross	LOC
at		shelling	Shelling
Tangdar Kupwara			
18.Jagjit SinghChawla	village of RS Pura, Jammu	26.Mohammad	Jabbar
June 04-2015	Police	Wagay	
Shot	dead	S/o:	Mohammad
during protests		Sultan	Batpora, Dialgam
19.Altaf-ur-Rehman		July 25-2015	Task force
Sheikh	Sopore	Grenade Explosion	

27. Not Ascertained August 04-2015 Cross LOC Shelling	Kanachak, Jammu	CROSS FIRE	Cross LOC Firing
28. Bilal Ahmad Reshi S/o Ghulam Hassan Reshi	Baba	37. Abdur Rahim Lone son of Jamal ud-Din Lone Sopore Army	August 18-2015 Firing
Sualin Manasbal, Ganderbal	August 05-2015 Littered shell	38. Javaid Ahmad Khan S/o: Muhammad Rajab August 25-2015	Khandipora, Awantipora Unknown
29. Shakir Ahmad Reshi August 05-2015 Littered shell	Ganderbal	Gunmen	Shot Dead
30. Bilal Ahmad Bhat August 11-2015 Shot Dead	Pulwama BSF	NO. ADDRESS ALLEGED AGENCY / CAUSES	NAME DATE OF KILLING NATURE
31. Haji Hussain S/o: Waliyat Hussain of Balakote Poonch CROSS FIRE	Karamatulla Balakote, August 15-2015 Cross LOC Firing	39. Junaid Tanveer S/o: Tanveer Ahmad Ladoora, Baramulla Littered explosion	September 4-2015
32. Master Abdul Rehman son of Khadim Hussain August 15-2015 Cross LOC Firing	Poonch CROSS FIRE	40. Abdul Hamid S/o: Kamal Din Kerni Saujiyan, Jammu Cross border shelling	September 7-2015
33. Sheeraz, S/o: Guldad August 15-2015 Cross LOC Firing	Poonch CROSS FIRE	41. Manzoor Ahmad Reshi S/o: Mohammad Sultan Gonipori village of Tangmarg SOG September 15-2015	Task Force Shot Dead
34. Not Ascertained August 15-2015 Cross LOC Firing	Poonch CROSS FIRE	42. Bashir Ahmad Bhat Sagipora village of Sopore September 18-2015	Task force Shot Dead
35. Not Ascertained August 15-2015 Cross LOC Firing	Poonch CROSS FIRE	43. Burhan S/o: Bashir Ahmad Sagipora village of Sopore Task Force September 19-2015	Shot Dead
36. Masarat Kousar W/o: Hallem Khan Balkote Poonch.	Behrote, August 16-2015	44. Muzamil Dar September 22- 2015 Fake Encounter	Shopian Army
		45. Zahid Rasool Bhat October 18-2015	Ghulam Rasool Bhat Hindu Rightwing Goons Petrol Bomb explosion
		46. Gowhar Nazir Dar November 07-2015 Fired	Zainakote, Srinagar CRPF

47 Tanveer Ahmad November 25-2015 Crossfire	Name of Victim ; Abdul Hamid Sofi Place of Incident ; Nowpora Adroora , Lassipora Pulwama
48 Rashid Ahmad Khan December 13-2015 Unknown	Date of Incident; 19th of January, 2016 Agency Involved; Indian army and Jammu Kashmir Police
49 Ishtyaq Ahmed December 20-2015 VDC	19th of January, 2016, Dead Body of Abdul Hamid Sofi was found in Nowpora Adoor area of Lassipora, in Pulwama district. According to family sources Abdul Hamid Saif had gone missing during a siege and search operation on Dec, 23, 2015.
50 Shah Nawaz Ahmed December 20-2015 Crossfire	Cross LOC shelling
Recent Killings	Name of Victim ; Sajad Ahmed Butt Place of Incident; Zewan Pampora , District Pulwama
Name of Victim ; 1 Sharik Ahmed	Date of Incident; 11th of January, 2016
2. Riyaz Ahmed	Agency Involved; 55 Rastriya Rifles and Jammu Kashmir Police
Place of Incident ; Naina Batpora District Pulwama	January 11, 2016, Indian troops in their fresh act of state terrorism killed a youth at Gusoo, area of Zakura in district Srinagar. Youth identified as Sajad Ahmad Butt of Zewan, was killed by Indian troops in a fake encounter. Accordingly to eyewitness Sajad was taken into custody during a search operation and later killed in a fake encounter.
Date of Incident ; 19th of January , 2016	Name of Victim ; Ghulam Mohammad Hajam (55)
Agency Involved; 55 Rastriya Rifles and 182 and 183 Battalion of CRPF	Place of Incident ; Tengpura District Pulwama
Testimony	Date of Incident ‘ 17TH January
On the of January 19 2016 , troops of 55 Rastriya Rifles, 182 and 183 Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) laid a siege and search operation of village Naina Batpora distrct Pulwama and killed innocent civilians , Sharik Ahmed and Riyaz Ahmed of the same village. Thousands of people staged anti India protests against the killings. Indian forces used force to quell the protest, causing serious injuries to dozens of people.	Agency Involved ; Jammu Kashmir police and 55 RR

Ghulam Mohammad Hajam (55) son of Ghulam Qadir Hajam, a barber from Tengenpuna village of Pulwama went missing on January 3, 2016 and the family alleged that he was arrested by police during their action against the agitating people who have been demanding to erect a memorial, in memory of slain civilians killed by the armed forces. Ghulam Mohammad disappeared from his shop. One of Hajam's neighbouring shopkeepers, a baker, told the family that he had seen Hajam in the morning of January 3 working in his shop. Thereafter, his family received information from some reliable source that Hajam was taken to Police Line Pulwama. On contacting the police, the family was told that few boys were taken into custody and later released. On January 17, 2016, the dead body of the disappeared Ghulam Mohammad Hajam was recovered from the banks of river Jehlum at Charoosa Awantipora, in Pulwama district .

Victim; IRSHAD Ahmed Lone;12

Place of Incident ; phagwada Punjab

Date of Incident ; 6th January , 2016

Agency Involved ; RSS Goons

The 12 year old Irshad, son of Javed Ahmad Lone, resident of Waisa Handwara district Kupwara was stabbed to death by criminals at Phagwada at Punjab.

Arrests ‘

On 17th of January police arrested Mukhtar Ahmed Wani son of Noor Muhammad, Ashiq Hussain Sheikh son of Abdul Rashid, Ghulam Hassan Ganaie son of Abdul Aziz, Adil Ahmed Ganaie son of Bashir Ahmed , two brothers Omar and

Ashiq sons of Nazir Ahmed and Muzaffar Ahmed The locals identified the arrested persons as Reports said that police have also arrested a People's Democratic Party ardent activist Muzaffar Ahmed from chhatopra locality .

Panic gripped in the dead of the night in Chhatpora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district after Government Forces raided all but twenty residential houses and bundled six persons including two brothers into police vehicles.

A 28-year old youth, who hails from Sumbal area of north Kashmir Bandipora district, has been 'arrested' by police in Delhi while his family has sought his whereabouts.

The youth, Yasir Zahoor Malla of Shilvat village of Sumbal, has been working in private telecom company, Vodafone from last five to six years in Delhi, his father Zahoor Ahmad Malla told Srinagar-based news agency Global News Service (GNS).

“Until January 1, he was in regular touch with us but then we didn't receive any call from him. We had no information about his condition and last Friday on January 16, I received a call from Police Station Sumbal who informed me that my son has been arrested by police in Delhi. But gave no further details,” visibly worried Zahoor said.

He said that the Kashmiri youth are not safe in any part of India and they are arrested without any justification and then framed in false cases. “You have seen many cases particular after beef controversy how Kashmiris were targeted outside Valley,” he said.

“There were people dying everywhere getting massacred in every town and village, there were people being picked up and thrown into dark jails in unknown parts, there were dungeons in the city where hundreds of young men were kept in heavy chains and from where many never emerged alive, there were thousands who had disappeared leaving behind women with photographs and perennial waiting ,there were multitudes of dead bodies on the roads, in hospital beds, in fresh martyrs’ graveyards and scattered casually on the snow of mindless borders.”

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