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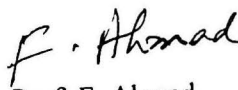
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THE MACHINERY OF REPRESSION MOVES ON IN HIGH GEAR.

It was in the middle of January, 1990, that the Indian offensive against the freedom fighters, some of whom had taken up arms on account of the continued stubborn denial of the promised right of self-determination, began with full might. Since the launching of this ruthless bloody offensive, more than 20,000 people of all denominations-males and females of various age groups have so far fallen to the bullets of the Indian forces-military and para military, whose strength in the disputed State is around five lac. Though the dead include not more than 18 % armed men yet all of them were described variously as militants, suspected militants, terrorists or subversives. Thus the small babies, infants, old men and women and even the insane and the handicapped were categorized as militants or terrorists. This abhorrent and highly immoral practice of labelling every victim of the Indian bullets as militant or terrorist continues with stereotyped regularity. The 'Government Spokesman' invariably labels almost all those killed by the Indian forces in reprisals as terrorists. The other callous way of shifting the blame from the shoulders of the forces is to describe the retaliatory killings of the non-militants as having occurred in cross-firing. Even the summary executions of the militants-suspected or real, in temporary custody, are put in the account of 'cross firing' or 'encounter'

The indiscriminate arrests during the very frequent crackdowns/search operations and in the course of patrolling of streets and other accessible places, caused to fill the torture-interrogation centres and the regular prisons of the State within a few months of the starting of the aforementioned offensive. The notorious Indian Governor, Jagmohan, amended the infamous Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act to facilitate the transfer of detainees to places outside the State in order to harass and intimidate them. In consequence of this unauthorized and immoral amendment hundreds of Kashmiri detainees are rotting in the Indian prisons facing the unfamiliarly oppressive heat of the plains in addition to deprivation of legitimate facilities.

The indiscriminate arrests like the indiscriminate firing continues. According to conservative estimates at least 20000 persons mostly boys in their early twenties are languishing in various torture centres and prisons within and outside the State. The detainees are kept deprived of some of the basic amenities. In order to persecute the accused and those connected with them, the former Governor Jagmohan wound up the 'Designated Court' set up at Srinagar under the TADAA and directed that there would be one single court with headquarters at Jammu to try all the cases whether pending or arising in future under the Act. This tantamounts to total denial of justice which even the Indian Constitution does not permit. It is not a smooth job for the

relatives and friends of the detainees to travel a long way to see them. In addition to the huge expenses they have to incur on travel, board and lodging, these hapless people are not always permitted to see their captive relations.

The Indian army and para-military forces continue to play havoc with the lives of the masses. They continue to derive absolute powers under the Disturbed Areas Act promulgated more than three years ago. This virtual licence to kill anybody, anywhere, anyway, and at anytime has so far caused the death and incapacitation of thousands of men, women and children. Not only have they got licence to kill but they have also got the licence to arrest anybody under any circumstance and to molest women of any age. All these and such other atrocities are being perpetrated obviously at the behest of the Indian authorities. The Indian forces are carrying out these 'instructions' with an added venom of communal hatred. No doubt these atrocities are used as weapons to force the Kashmiri Muslims to bow out of the ongoing resistance movement. But in spite of the horrible atrocities continuously perpetrated against them without discrimination at the behest of the Indian Government the morale of the common people is high.

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Part I

(MARCH 1993)

*Mr. Riyaz Ahmed Sheikh arrested by Indian forces
on 8.3.93 and killed on 8.3.93*



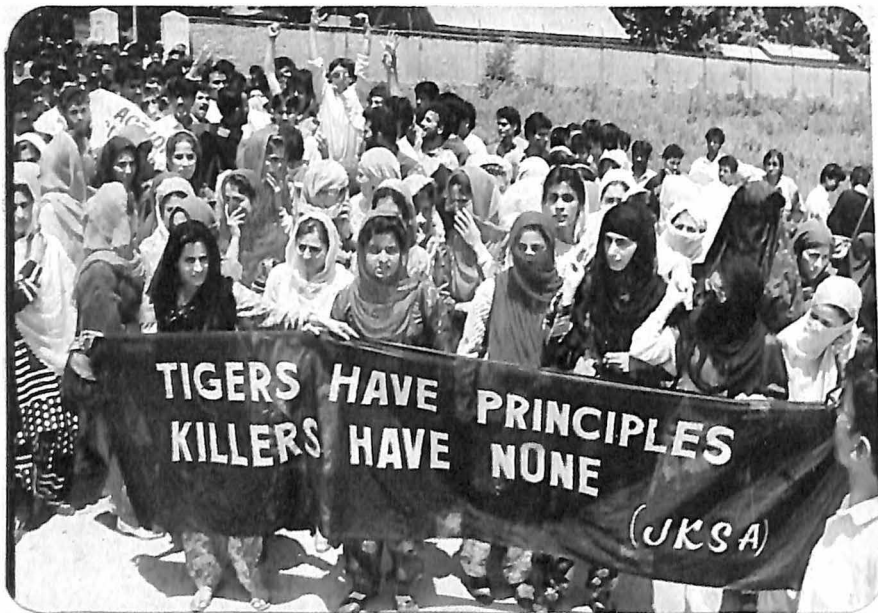
*Master Ab. Salam (Govt. Teacher) and Imam of a mosque arrested
by Indian forces on 7.3.93 and killed on 8.3.93*



Mr. Farooq Ahmed Ganai R/o Shankerpura arrested by Indian forces during a crack down "killed under custody" Dead body handed over after removing essential organs



Mr. Ab. Hamid Rather Arrested by India forces on 8.3.93 and killed by them



*Students Demonstrating against the killing of innocent persons
by Indian forces under "Operation Tiger"*



A Protest Rally against the custodial killings by Indian forces

Chapter I

CRITICAL ANALYSIS

The details for the month of March, 1993 show that there has been no let up in the excesses and atrocities which have been going on for the last 3 1/2 years. That the inhuman atrocities have been increasing in a systematic manner points to the tacit approval of New Delhi. Even if there had been no abetment from New Delhi the unbecoming unbroken silence over the heart-rending excesses being indiscriminately perpetrated on the Muslim masses would itself have been encouragement enough for the communally oriented, highly biased and largely indisciplined 'security' forces of India to go on doing what they have been dutifully doing ever since they got the virtual licence to kill under the Disturbed Areas Act.

The periodical sending of the Indian army generals and police officers to man the administrative machinery of the disputed State makes it obvious that the 45-year old struggle for freedom in its present militant form is being pretended to be viewed as a law and order problem created by a handful of economically disgruntled young men who are constantly being egged on by Pakistan to go on creating trouble for India. This deliberately and wilfully wrong tackling of a purely humanitarian problem concerning the promised restoration of the right of self-determination to millions of people has caused so much bloodshed and numerous atrocities including the extremely brutal summary custodial killing of young men, molestation of women, arson and large-scale indiscriminate arrests.

The scenario of March indicates that India still thinks she might hold on through the brutal suppression of the genuine aspirations of the people for the exercise of the right to self-determination. This explains the increased continuance of the State-sponsored terrorism characterized among other brutalities by custodial killings. The 35 reported custody murders of mostly the non-militant Muslim youth in a matter of one month leaves no doubt about the existence of the 'catch and kill' policy prepared by an extremely frustrated establishment at New Delhi composed of pseudo-secularists. The savage callousness with which these brutal cold-blooded killings are wrongly attributed to the results of fake encounters serve to rub salt over the wounds of the suffering masses. Although this cruel falsehood fails to convince anybody it unmistakeably brings out the cold-bloodedness with which these heinous crimes are committed.

The killing of Imam (prayer leader of Muslims) of the Mosque of Kanihama under torture is not the first murder of its kind. Several Imams have so far been killed by the Indian forces.

In the month of March, which saw as many as 35 summary deaths in temporary custody, after several months of interval there was a case of a torture death in long

custody. It related to one Mohammed yousuf Rather of Mattipora, Islamabad, whose dead body bearing torture marks was handed over to his parents after eleven months of sustained torture and interrogation in various interrogation centres and the notorious Kot Bhalwal Jail at Jammu.

The killing/arrest and torture of 15 Government employees including 6 policemen in the month under study proves the callous disregard of the administration for the rights and safety of its employees who work in what India has declared a 'disturbed area'. Even the employees of such essential services as Medical Services are subjected to atrocities.

The Pressmen continue to be hated by the Indian forces and are subjected to excesses. A notable instance of this is provided in the arrest and torture of Mohammed Ashraf Shah, the Manager of the local Urdu daily, Nida-e-Mashriq during a crackdown on 4th March. The production of identity card didn't help. The harassment of the press is illustrated by the cordoning of the press building and searching of the offices of the local dailies, namely, The Kashmir Times and the Aafaaq.

One of the shameful episodes of the month of March was that of charging the Six detained young men including a bridegroom, custodial expenses, by the B.S.F stationed at a camp in Ganderbal (Srinagar District). This singularly uncivilized act simply baffles the mind.

Yet another badge of dishonour for India during the month of March was the desecration of the mosque at Rawalpura Srinagar. It shows that this kind of shocking business too is being continued without any feeling of remorse.

Summary of killings, arrests, Injuries, material loss, Protests

for the month of March, 1993.

Source of information As per	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss		
	K	I	A	K	I	A	I	K	B	S	V
T.V :-	69		16	36	7	337	17	2	15		6
Radio :-	61		11	34	4	338	11	1	11		6
K.T :-	91		25	70	7	343	45	6	7		6
L.D :-	56		16	74	51	620	65	21	17/1		6
GHO :-	74		28	40	19	375	22	5	14		6

Custodial/catch and killings :- 35

Crackdowns :-

Arround 60% of the population subjected to agony through the process of crackdowns/search operations.

Protests :-

Almost a daily feature happening in one or the other parts of the Valley.

Abreviations :- 'K'-killed 'I'- Injured, A - Arrested, K.T- Daily Kashmir Times, L.D- Local Daily Papers in Urdu published from Srinagar, including the Daily Aftab, the Daily Srinagar Times, The Daily Alsafa, The Daily Mashriq, The Daily Wadi-Ki-Awaz, T.V.- Srinagar Door Darshan TV Station. Radio - Local Radio Station. 'B' - Building ; S- Shops; V- Govt Vehicls.

Chapter II**1-3-93.****Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.**

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		1			3	6	1	
Radio :-		1			3	6	1	
Kashmir Times :-		1			3	7	1	
Local Papers :-		3			3	13	1	
Official Handout :-		1			3	6	1	
Custodial deaths :-	One.							
Public Protests :-	Srinagar, Shopian, Budgam, Asham-Manasbal.							

*Basharat Ahmad Rather
R/o Newshahra arrested on
1-3-93 and killed on the same
day by Indian Forces.*



Crackdowns :-

Srinagar, Shopian, Manasbal, Anantnag, Rajwar-Handwara, Uri and Baramulla.

Custodial deaths :-

The B.S.F sealed off the areas of Lal Bazar, Bagwanpora and adjoining areas in the early morning today. During the identification parade in Lal Bazar Umer Colony they arrested one Basharat Ahmed Rather S/o Ghulam Rasool Rather of Vichar Nag, Newshehra, at 5.45 am. Three bullets were fired into his leg before taking him into a house for on-the-spot interrogation. When he confessed his association with militants, two more bullets were pumped into his head at 6.45 am. under the 'catch and kill' policy. The B.S.F took away his dead body with them and later on handed it over to the local police. When the local police handed over his dead body to his relatives in Vichar Nag a strong protest demonstration was held by the people against the killing. However, the official sources as usual asserted that he was killed during cross firing.

Crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar:- Lal Bazar, Bagwanpora and adjoining areas.

Shopian :-Tachlo, Kani Dalon, Arsheepora, Nadigam, Bamnipora, Kattipora, Kani-Hama, Check Nagisharan, Hajipora. At least 4 dozen persons were injured because of the violent interrogation by the B.S.F. 2 civilians were also killed by the B.S.F in retaliation to a militant attack on them.

Manasbal :- Asham, Safapora, Ganipora, Bonapora. As many as 5 persons were left half dead after they were inhumanly tortured by the B.S.F. They were tortured to get information about militants. 2 youths, namely, Sajjad Ahmed Shah and Ghulam Mahiuddin Shah were arrested and shifted to interrogation centre.

Islamabad- Khodwani and Pazalpora. 6 young men were arrested at these places.

Rajwar-Handwara :- Tarkipora, Kayipora, Kachipora, Wadipora, Gori-Aakar, Chalipora, Dohdipora, Balki Akar, Zachaldar, Dardapora and Battakoot.

5 persons, including Mohammad Ramzan Butt, Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Magrey, Abdul Rashid Khan and Abdul Ahad of Dhodipora, were arrested

Uri-Baramulla :- Talwadi, Thajal and Tarkanjan.

Public Protests :-

Public Protest was held in Lal Bazar and adjoining areas against the killing of Basharat Ahmed. students of Higher Secondary School, Budgam protested against the arrest of Riyaz Ahmed Najar, a student of 12th class.

Missing :-

An employee of JAKFED, Bilal Ahmed Bhat of Kursu Padshahi Bagh, was arrested on 3rd December, 1992.

2. Shafiq Ahmed Bhat of Bandipora, arrested 3 years ago, is still untraceable.

2-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2	1		3	5	1	
Radio :-		2			3	5	1	
Kashmir Times		2			3	5	1	
Local Papers :-		2	1		6	34		
Official Handout :-		2			3		1	

Public protests:- Lal Bazaar, Habbakadal, Chota Bazar, Anantnag (Islamabad)

Crackdowns :- Down-town in Srinagar, Shopian, Baramulla, Sopore and Islamabad.

Crackdowns :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown; Srinagar:- Nowhatta, Jamia Masjid, Pandan, Malarutta, Bhorikadal, Sarafkadal, Kamangarpora, Kadi Kadal, Rajveri Kadal, Gojwara, and Chundapora. Outside SMHS Hospital 2 youths were arrested.

Shopian :- Sangri and Pangah where 2 youths were arrested.

Sopore :- Ahadipora where one Nasir Ahmed Butt was arrested. Arampora where two young men, Bashir Ahmed Teli and Ghulam Ahmed were taken into custody.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Kokernag, Zilangam and Danigom where at least 2 dozen persons were arrested. In Bulbul Nowgam, 3 km away from Anantnag, 3 persons, namely, Mohammad Rafiq Dar R/o Bra Kupwara, Mushtaq Ahmed Dar, employee of Forest Department, and Ghulam Nabi Najar were arrested and shifted to interrogation centre for questioning.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in Lal Bazaar, Habbakadal and Chota Bazaar in

Srinagar and in Bulbul Nowgam in Anantnag. In Habbakadal and Chota Bazaar shopkeepers also protested against the excesses committed by the Indian forces and the arrest of innocent persons during the crackdown.

3-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		12				13		
Radio :-		12			13			
B.B.C. :-		13			1	13		
Kashmir Times :-		13			2			
Local Papers :-		12		2	1	16		
Handout :-		10		2	2	13		

Public Protests :- Srinagar and Safapora.

Crackdowns :- Kupwara, Baramulla, Safapora, Srinagar and Sopore.

Crackdowns :-

The Following areas remained under crackdown in the Valley:-

Srinagar :- Nowhatta, Bohrikadal, Jawahar Nagar, Jamia Masjid and Habbakadal. Outside the Lal Ded Hospital one shopkeeper was arrested by the Indian forces while he was in his shop. 4 persons were arrested from these areas. One of them, namely, Muzaffar Ahmed Beig was thrown on the road in the evening at Nowhatta.

Baramulla :- Nadihal, Hadipora, Aripora and Chankipora. Many persons were arrested. One of them was identified as Ashiq Hussain.

Kupwara :- Lolab, Sadd Ganga, Tekipora.

Safapora :- Five persons, namely, Abdul Khaliq ahat, Mohammed Jamal Butt, Farooq Ahmed Bhat, Abdul Rashid Butt and Abdul Rashid Kumar, were arrested and interrogated in on-the-spot interrogation centre. Later on three of them were released in a half dead condition while Abdul Rashid Bhat, Abdul Rashid Kumar were shifted to the regular interrogation centre for further questioning.

Sopore :- Rafi Abad, Achabal Arihama, Paraypora, Wuttermagam, etc.

These areas were sealed off by the B.S.F/Rugular Army and people were called out of their houses for identification parades. Many persons including old men, women and children were beaten up by the Indian forces.

Public Protests :-

Shops and business establishments in down-town remained closed in protest against the desecration of Jamia Masjid during search operations by the B.S.F. People also held demonstrations against desecration of the Mosque and against the excesses and arrests of innocent persons.

4-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.									
	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		3	1	2	2	10			3 houses one factory.
Radio :-		3	1	2	2	10			
Kashmir Times :-		4	2		2	9			
Local Papers :-		1		2	5	48			
Official Handout :-	3	3		2	2	8			

Custodial deaths :- Two.

Public Protests :- Downtown-Srinagar and Budgam.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Anantnag(Islamabad), Beerwah, Safapora, Shopian, Budgam and Baramulla.

Custodial deaths :-

The B.S.F sealed off many areas of Downtown Srinagar including Chinkral Muhalla, Habba Kakal at 10am. People were asked to gather at 4 different places. 40 youths were arrested and interrogated in on-the-spot torture centres. Of the arrested persons two youths, namely, Riyaz Ahmed Dar R/o Sathu Barbar Shah and Abdul Rashid Bangoo were shifted to a Kashmiri Hindu's house for 'interrogation' where both of them were shot dead by the B.S.F personnel.

However, the official release as usual asserted that they were killed in an encounter with the forces.

Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley:-

Srinagar:- Barbar Shah, Bagwanpora, Sheetalnath, Gudoodbagh, Brea Kujan, Habba Kadal, Cheenkral Mohalla, Mallapora, Narparistan, Bhana Mohalla and New Fateh Kadal. From these areas 40 persons were picked up by the B.S.F. Of these, 2 youths were shot dead on the spot.

Budgam:- Soyabugh, one Mohammad Ashraf Hajam was arrested and shifted to interrogation centre. Thinking that he had died (due to torture), the B.S.F. handed his 'dead' body over to the local police. But when his body was brought to his house, it was found that it was still living. He was immediately shifted to hospital. Other two youths, namely, Mulla Gafar and Abdul Ahad Beig were also arrested during the crackdown.

Beerwah :- Makkahama and Choudribagh. One youth man was arrested.

Baramulla .-Baneer, Nadihel, Dolipora, Dangi wacha. 5 youths were arrested from these places.

Shopian :- No details are available of the crackdown here.

Baramulla :- Safapora and Chewah, Pahlipora

These areas were sealed off by the B.S.F/Army and people were called out for identification parades. The residents of these areas reported that the forces harassed them and behaved very badly with them.

Public protests:-

Public protests were held in Downtown-Srinagar against the killing of 2 youths during crackdown.

In Soyabugh Budgam people held protest demonstrations in support of the demand for self-determination and against the excesses of the B.S.F during crackdown.

Charging Custodial Expenses from the detainees.

At Ganderbal in Srinagar District a strange practice of charging the daily expenses spent on detainees in the custody by the B.S.F, has been initiated. The B.S.F personnel of the area arrest the civilians, and ask the relatives of these detainees to pay those expenses which have been incurred on these detainees during the period of their detention. The following detainees after their release confirmed that the daily expenses charged by the B.S.F for the days of detention were paid by them on demand before they were allowed out of the temporary interrogation centre at the B.S.F Camp:

- (1). Abdul Rashid Hajam Ganderbal 10 days Rs.110/=
- (2). Son of Abdul Samad 3 days Rs.36.

- (3). Abdul Ahad Sheikh R/o Saloora, Ganderbal 12 days Rs.132/=
- (4). Bilal Ahmed 10 days. RS.70/=
- (5). A Bridegroom of Kengerhama 15 days: 65/=
- (6). Brother of Bridegroom of Kengerhama 15 days 165/=

سیکورٹی دستے عوام سے ٹسکس بھی وصول کرتے ہوئے

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News item "the Daily Afaaq Srinagar dt. 5-3-93 regarding charging of custodial expences by Indian forces.

5-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		3			3	31	1	1	
Radio :-		3			3	31	1	1	
Kashmir Times :-		4			3	31		2	
Local papers :-				24		42	4		One shop and 6 houses.
Official Handout :-	4				3	31		2	

Public Protests :- Srinagar.

Crackdowns:- Srinagar, Sopor, Budgam, Doda (Jammu) & Kupwara.

Crackdowns:-

In the valley and Jammu division the following areas were cordoned off for apprehending the militants :-

Srinagar :- Padshahi Bagh, Dalgate and Buchhwara. In Padshahi Bagh two persons, namely, Abdul salam Ahago and Abdul Majid Shagoo were arrested.

Sopore :- Rafi Abad, Nowpora, Reybun, Hadipora, Kajihama, Sarparah and Badan. Many persons were arrested here.

Budgam :- Sirangal and Batapora, where 24 persons were arrested.

Kupwara:- Dardapora and Mughalpora where one person was arrested.

Safapora:- Here one person was arrested.

Anantnag(Islamabad):- Posar, where one person was arrested during crackdown.

Doda(Jammu) :- Palogara and Gandoh. About a dozen persons were detained for questioning by the B.S.F personnel.

Public Protests:-

In Safa Kadal Chhatabal and dozens of localities lying between Khanqah-e-Mualla, Srinagar, public protests were held against the custodial deaths and other excesses of the Indian forces in the valley. These areas also observed complete strike.

Treatment with Journalists:

The Manager of the daily NIDAI MASHRIQ, Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Shah, from Habba Kadal, Srinagar was arrested on 4th March during the crackdown of the area. The Kashmir Journalists Association and the Kashmir Editors Conference at a joint meeting demanded his immediate release. They also condemned the excesses of the B.S.F personnel

6-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

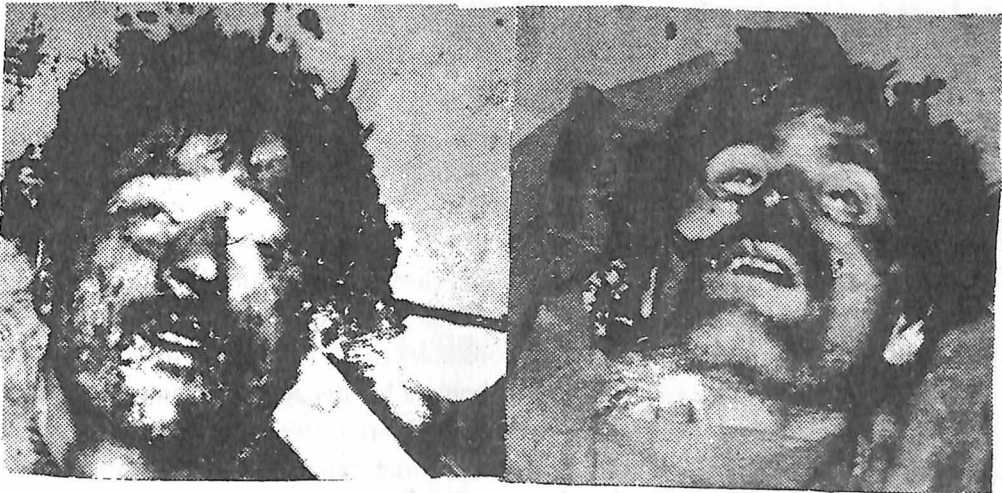
	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		4			2	19	6	
Radio :-		4			2	19	6	
Kashmir Times :-		1			11	15	8	
Local Papers :-					11	82	8	2
Official Handout :-	1		1		6	18	7	

Custodial deaths:- 2.

Public protests :- Sopore and Srinagar.

Crackdowns:- Sopore, Baramulla, Srinagar and Budgam.

Indiscriminate killings :- 9.



The Two youth were arrested by BSF in chhattabal Srinagar on 6-3-93 and were killed in custody by BSF.

Custodial deaths:-

The B.S.F sealed off the area of Chhatabal Srinagar early in the morning and called out the residents over the loud-speakers of the mosques to gather at Toto Ground and Chhatabal weir. On 'identification' by the informers two youths were arrested and taken into a nearby Kashmiri Hindu's house where they were 'interrogated' and shot dead at 6 pm. Their dead bodies bearing the torture and bullet marks were handed over to police control room. They were identified as Abdul Rashid Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Malik Sahib-Safa Kadal and Bashir Ahmad Dar R/o Malik Sahib-Safa Kadal.

The official sources, however, as usual claimed that they were killed during cross firing.

People of the Safa Kadal and the adjoining area held protest demonstrations against the killing of these youths in custody.

Indiscriminate Killings :-

Nine persons including two constables of the State police and a child were shot dead by the B.S.F/Army while they were crossing the Jehlum river in a boat after a grenade attack by the militants on a patrol party of the B.S.F.

According to the police when the regular army was assisting the B.S.F in cordon and search operations in Sopore, the militants fired upon them injuring at least 7 B.S.F personnel and one Army personnel.

The police and the eye-witnesses said that the forces retaliated at various places in Sopore by firing indiscriminately on the curtns. The berserk B.S.F personnel also fired upon the boats, ferrying across the river. The police said one of the boats, capsized when fired upon by the B.S.F. The people who were killed in the boat are:- Mohammad Ramzan Najar S/o Gulam Qadir Najar and his wife Fatima R/o Boteng. Gulam Ahmed Dar S/o Sana-u-llah Dar (Gassi) R/o Mohalla Teliya, Reyaz Ahmed Sheikh S/o Gulam Nabi Sheikh R/o Shahabad, Sopore, and Mir abdul Majid Shah S/o Jalal-u-din Shah R/o Khonibal Sonawari-Safapora. Two constables of the Kashmir Armed police who could not immediately be recognized. The body of Master Ali Mohammad of Boteng near Sopore was recovered from the river on 7th March, 1993. He was also travelling in the unfortunate boat. However, the official sources reported that the dead included 4 militants and a woman who provided cover to them as they were trying to escape in the boat.

Treatment with the Press:-

A party of the B.S.F today raided the offices of the Kashmir Times, an English Daily, the Afaaq, an Urdu Daily in the Partap-Park area Srinagar. The B.S.F personnel came in two separate vehicles and surrounded the building and searched the offices. They asked the staff members to fall in a line, asked their names and checked their identity cards. They also enquired about the residential quarters of a correspondent of 'The Pioneer'. The Kashmir Journalists Association and the Editors Conference in a joint meeting deplored the raid on the offices.

Crackdowns:-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown today:-

Srinagar:- Chhatabal, Zampakadal, Chhana Mohalla and the adjoining areas. At least 16 youths were taken into custody.

Sopore:- Ashipeer, Tawheedbagh, Batapora, Sangrampora, mumikak, Khowaja Gilgat, Khushal Matto, Baba yusuf, and Shahabad. At least 50 persons were arrested.

Baramullah :- Azora, Namblan, Gulistan, Takigee, Remawari, Naripora, Nariwari. At

least 16 persons were arrested. Bashir Ahmed Lone from Fatehgarh and Mohammad Ibrahim from Kajiham were arrested. In Fatehgarh the Imam of a mosque was arrested and after being severely beaten up was let off in a half-dead condition.

Budgam:- Budran, where one person was arrested.

Public Protests :-

Strong protest demonstrations were held in Sopore following the killing of innocent civilians. Shopkeepers downed the shutters and people took to streets shouting anti-India slogans. People participating in the funeral procession chanted slogans in favour of freedom. Protest demonstrations were also held in Dalgate and other parts of Srinagar against the continued excesses committed by the B.S.F/Army on the people of the valley.

7-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

Militants			Civilians			Forces	
I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K

TV :-

Radio :-

Official Handout :- 4 12 32 1

Kashmir Times:- 4 6 32

Local Papers:- 2 4 8 23 2

Public Protests :- Sopore.

Crackdowns:- Baramulla, Tral, Sopore and Chadura(Budgam).

Crackdowns:-

The following areas remained under crackdown:-

Baramulla :- Dankehwdh Rafi Abad where dozens of young men were 'interrogated' and severely beaten up during crackdown. Three youths were arrested. One of them was identified as Nisar Ahmed Butt.

Tral :- Nayibugh and adjoining areas where 4 persons were arrested. One person, namely, Mohammad Yaqub, was injured by the unprovoked firing of the B.S.F. Ladies were also called to parade in front of the female informers. This has happened for the

firsttime-probably in whole human history.

Sopore:- Shahabad, Batapora, Sangrampora, Khushal Pora, Waripora and Goripora, 10 km away from Sopore, where 4 persons were arrested and many were beaten up.

Chadura (Budgam) :- Dangarpora, Wanipora and Kanihama.

In Kanihama the Imam of a mosque, Mr. Abdul Salam Shah, was arrested from his house at the time of dawn while he was eating meals (sehri) in preparation for the day's fast. A teacher, Mohammed Yasin and a student of 12th class, Riyaz Ahmed Mir were also arrested.

Eight civilians were arrested at Amirabad during the checking of the passenger buses by the B.S.F personnel.

One Kashmiri youth Ashiq Hussain Kanth was arrested from New Dehli. His relatives said he was doing his business with his uncle and that he has no links with any militant organisation. But the official sources as usual claimed that he was a militant.

Treatment with medical employees:-

Gulam Mohammad Rather S/o Abdul Ahad rather was arrested by the B.S.F from Chhatabal on 5th March, 1993 during crackdown when he was ill. He is an employee of S.M.H.S Hospital Srinagar. He had been arrested once before this on 17th December, 1992 but was released on 9th January, 1993. His legs and a portion of his abdomen was burnt during 'interrogation'. Medical employees of SMHS Hospital protested against his arrest and demanded his immediate release.

Public Protest :-

In Sopore, protest demonstrations were held in Achabal and Rafi Abad, against the excesses by the B.S.F during the two-day crackdown. The B.S.F opened fire on them killing two persons and injuring three. The deceased were identified as the 80-year-old man Ahmed Bhat and a woman, namely, Taja.

8-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		4		2	1	12	1		
Radio :-		4				12			
Kashmir Times :-									
Local Papers :-		2		1	14		7	2	
Official Handout :-		4		1	12				3 buildings

Custodial deaths:- Four.

Public protests :- Rawalpura(Srinagar), Kanihama, Anantnag(Islamabad) Manasbal.

Crackdowns :- Anantnag(Islamabad) Ganderbal, Sopore and Srinagar.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) The 52-year-old Imam of a Mosque of Kanihama, namely, Abdul Salam Shah, who had been arrested on 7th March from his house in the predawn. He was brutally tortured during interrogation by the B.S.F. Today, early in the morning, his dead body was found lying at the village Lassipora. According to eye-witnesses torture and bullet marks were found on his body. He is survived by his widow and 5 children. Protest demonstrations were held in the entire Kanihama against the custodial death of the Imam.

(ii) On 25th April, 1992 the B.S.F arrested Mohammad Yusuf Rather of Mattipora Anantnag (Islamabad) during crackdown. He was shifted to the interrogation centre in Kot Balwal in Jammu, the winter capital of the State. Continued interrogation and torture at last resulted in his death in custody 11 months after his arrest. His dead body was handed over to his parents who were told that he had died of heart failure. But according to eye-witnesses and his parents, torture marks could be seen all over the body and that his neck was also broken due to torture.

(iii) The B.S.F arrested Riyaz Ahmed Sheikh of Kolipora, Srinagar, from Nawpora while he was crossing a bridge at 9 am. He was immediately shifted to the interrogation centre. When he confessed his association with the militants he was shot dead under the 'catch and kill' policy and his dead body was thrown at Malakhah-Nowhatta (Srinagar) at 1 pm. When his dead body reached his home his father also died of the shock at the sight of the dead body of his young son. People of the area protested against the killing of the youth in custody.

(iv) Abdul Hamid Rather of Athwajan (Srinagar) was walking on the road near Jamia-Masjid in Nowhatta when he was ordered by a B.S.F patrolling party to stop. Being afraid he began to run away and was shot in the leg. According to eye-witnesses he fell down on the road and was taken to the shopping complex of Jalaludin Gori Masjid where many more bullets were pumped into his body. He died on the spot. He was killed under the 'catch and kill' policy. He was not a militant. The official sources as usual claimed that he had been killed during crossfiring between the militants and the B.S.F personnel.

Indiscriminate Killings :-

A demented person of Bijebhara township was killed by the B.S.F at Sonawara

Srinagar while he was walking on the road. However, the official sources declared he was a militant and claimed that he was killed when he ignored the call to stop and started firing on the forces personnel. Only some time before this, a mad person of Batmaloo (Srinagar) had been killed by the B.S.F near Ram Bagh, Srinagar and labelled as a militant by the official sources. Quite a few insane persons have been killed so far during the ongoing movement.

Crackdown :- The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley.

Anantnag (Islamabad) :- Seer, Ashimuqam, Saliya, Katsoo, Dyalgam where people were mercilessly beaten up.

Ganderbal :- Markand and Tulumula, where a dozen persons were arrested, household things smashed and many persons were beaten up by the B.S.F.

Sopore :- Kreeri.

Kupwara:- Mughalpora : The B.S.F opened fire in sheer frustration over their failure to find any militant in the area. Many persons were injured. They are: Mohammad Yusuf Mir, Abdul Khalik Mir, Mohammad Afzal Mir, Gulam Ahmed Mir, Gulam Ahmed Dar, Sana-ul-lah Mir, Subhan Lone, Gulam Nabi Lone, and Sana-u-llah Mir S/o Subhan Mir.

Srinagar :- Iddgah and Safa Kadal.

Budgam :- Hayatpora-Chadura and adjoining areas.

Safapora :- Cheva, Pahlipora and Daripora. People who were severely beaten up are: Mumtaz Hussain Naqshbandi, Master Abdul Kareem, Gulam Mohammad, Abdul Aziz, Gulam Nabi and Gulam Rasool.

Two youths, namely, Manzoor Ahmed Rather and Tariq Ahmed Bhat. Both are Govt. employees. They were arrested from a bus in which they were travelling. When the women of the area protested against the arrests and demanded their immediate release they were baton- charged by the B.S.F. One woman and a child received injuries. The child's arm was broken.

Public Protests :- Public protests were held in different parts of the valley against the custodial deaths and arrest of innocent persons in the areas of Kanihama, Kangarpora, Wanibal, Satooh, Kralapora, Chhatragam, Anantnag (Islamabad), Manasbal and Rawalpora (Srinagar).

Indiscriminate killing :- One Master Abdul Majid Rather of Khonibal Manasbal was killed by the B.S.F in Sopore while he was crossing the river in a boat. Protest demonstrations were held and hartal (strike) was observed in Safapora against the killing. People also held demonstration against India and the B.S.F. Educational institutions in the area also remained closed.

9-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-			1			2			
Radio :-			1			2			
Kashmir Times :-			2		1	3	7		6 Vehicles.
Local Papers :-			3		2	6	8		6 Vehicles.
Official Handout :-			3	2	1	3	10		

Public Protests :- Ganderbal.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla, Sopore, Pattan, Srinagar and Kangan.

Crackdowns :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown.

Sopore :- Sadipora, where many persons were beaten up by the B.S.F.

Srinagar :- Haiderpora.

Baramulla :- 12 villages in Tangamarg.

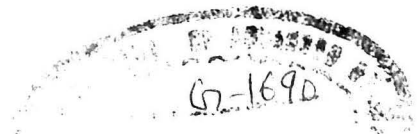
Anantnag :- Nanil.

Kangan :- Here 3 youths were arrested. In Ganderbal a shopkeeper, namely, Gulam Hassan Paray, was arrested by the B.S.F.

Pattan :- Here many students were beaten up, electric shocks were also given to them. The name of the victims are: Gulam Mohammad Dar, Gulam Mohi-ud-din Bhat, Gulam Mohammad, Abdul Qayum Bhat, Gulam Mohammad Teli. At least 6 persons were arrested.

Public Protest:-

A Protest strike was observed in Ganderbal for the second consecutive day today against the forces' excesses and the arrest of innocent civilians by the B.S.F. Schools and government offices also remained closed. People also held a protest demonstration.



Treatment with Govt. employees.

One Mushtaq Ahmed Banday S/o Gulam Mohammad Banday, a Junior Engineer, working in the Irrigation division was arrested by the B.S.F from Lal Chowk area on 8th March. His whereabouts are not being made known to his family members.

Riyaz Ahmed Bhat S/o Gulam Ahmed Bhat was today arrested by the B.S.F from the Lal Chowk area and shifted to some unknown place. He is an employee of the Fire Services Department.

10-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		2			2	17	1		6 Buses.
Radio :-		2			2	17	1		6 Buses.
Kashmir Times :-		2		2	2	17	7	1	
Local Papers :-		2			2	23	8	1	
Official Handout :-		2			2	17		1	

Custodial death :- One.

Public Protests :- Shopain, Tral, Budgam and Sopore.

Crackdowns:- Downtown, Baramulla, Tral and Shopian,

Killing in Vengeance :- One.

Costodial death :-

Mushtaq Ahmed Rather S/o Gulam Mohammad R/o Haiderpora-Gulwanpora in Srinagar was arrested by the B.S.F on 9th March from Noorbagh at 4 pm. He was shifted to some unknown interrogation centre where he was brutally tortured. According to eye-witnesses Jeeps carrying B.S.F personnel halted outside a mosque at Shankerpura-Nowgam Bye-pass road at 3 am and kicked a young man out of a vehicle and shot him dead. In the early morning the local police recovered the dead body from Ahankerpora and handed it over to his relatives.

However, the official sources true to their pattern claimed that he was killed in crossfire.

Killing in Vengeance:-

One Fayaz Ahmed Reshi S/o Abdul Gani Reshi of Tral was shot dead by the B.S.F personnel shortly after a mine exploded in the town killing one B.S.F personnel. According to eye-witnesses at the time of incident the young man was shot dead in his shop. A protest strike was observed in Tral against the killing of the shopkeeper.

Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley:-

Srinagar :- Hawal, Kralapora, Sazgaripora, Mureedpora, Mashaali Mohalla, Syeed Sahib, Yachipora, Kawdara, Dalipora, Dangarpora, Mallapora, Khaiwon, Kokar Masjid, Parimpora, Kili Masjid and Firdousabad.

Baramulla :- Heevan, Malpora, Dooabgah and Achhabai.

Tral :- Hajan, where many young men were arrested.

Shopian:- Talidorah. The Imam of a mosque, namely, Abdul Majid Dar, was arrested by the B.S.F.

These areas were sealed off by the B.S.F and people were ordered out of their houses for identification parades. House-to-house searches were also conducted. Many persons were beaten up during the crackdown. At least 23 persons were arrested from these areas.

Treatment Against Government Employees :-

Mohammad Ishaq Sofi of Ganderbal working in the Agriculture Department as Statistical Assistant was arrested at Rangar Stop Srinagar on his way back to his home. Employees of the Department protested against the arrest of their colleague demanding his immediate release.

Gulam Mohammad Magrey working as driver in the State Road Transport Corporation was arrested by the B.S.F and was shifted to some unknown place. His whereabouts are not given to his family members.

Employees of the Corporation protested against the arrest demanding his immediate release.

Treatment with religious figures.

In Tali Dorah Shopian the Imam of a mosque, namely, Abdul Majid Dar, was arrested by the B.S.F during the crackdown.

Public Protests:-

Public protest was held in Tral against the unprovoked killing of a youth. In Budgam protest strike was today observed against the custodial death of Mushtaq Ahmed. In Shopian protests were held against the inhuman excesses by the B.S.F and against the arrest of the Imam.

Bandh (strike) was observed on the third consecutive day today in Ganderbal against the arrest of shopkeepers.

In Sopore complete hartal was observed today to mourn the death of Farooq Ahmed Dohbi, a top activist of JKLF. Shops and business establishments also remained closed.

11-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-			1	1		25			Handicraft building.
Radio :-			1			25			
Kashmir Times :-		1	1	1		17			
Local Papers :-				10		26		1	
Official Handout :-		1	1	1		17			
Public protests :-				Kangan and Down-town Srinagar.					
Crackdowns :-				Gund-Kangan, Baramulla, Budgam and Anantnag (Islamabad)					

Details of crackdowns :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown.

Gund-Kangan, where three youths namely, Farooq Ahmed, Tariq Ahmed and Bilal Ahmed were arrested by the B.S.F. Another person, Bashir Ahmed Wani of Kulan, was arrested from his house.

Baramulla :- Ganthmulla, Kachihama, Balipora and Doabgah.

In Gantamulla 2 persons, namely, Abdul Rehman Bhat and Asad-ul-lah Sheikh, were severely beaten up by the B.S.F personnel. 7 persons were arrested from these areas.

Budgam :- Shawl Teng. Here 4 persons were arrested.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Beejbihara where one person was arrested . Heratum village. 8 persons were arrested .

Pulwama :- Ratnipora, where one person was arrested here.

Srinagar:- Sazgaripora. Here one person was arrested.

Public Protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in downtown Srinagar, ganderbal and Gund-Kangan against the arrest of innocent civilians during crackdown. The demonstrators were demanding their immediate release.

12-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2	1		2	5		
Radio :-		2	1		2	5		
Kashmir Times :-		2	1		3	5		
Local Papers :-		2			3	6		
Official Handout :-	2		1		3	4		

Public Protests :- Rawalpura Srinagar, Budgam and Chatosa in RafiAbad (Sopore).

Crackdowns :- Budgam, Baramulla and Kupwara.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley.

Budgam :- Wadwan, Parniya and Goripora, 4 persons were arrested during search operations.

Baramulla :- Doligunj where one person was arrested by the B.S.F personnel.

Manigam and other villages in Kupwara where one person was arrested.

Public Protests :-

Strong public protest demonstrations were held in Rawalpura Srinagar against the desecration of the local mosque by the B.S.F personnel. Protests were also held in Budgam, Chatosa in Rafiabab and Maharaj Gung in Srinagar against the arrests and excesses during crackdowns. People shouted slogans against the B.S.F.

راولپورہ جامع مسجد میں ترائیج بڑھنے والوں کی شناختی ریڈ

فورسز کو مسجد میں داخل ہوتے دیکھ کر باہر سے لوگوں نے آزادی کے حق میں نعرے لگائے !

میں لگا تاں چھاپے پڑ رہے ہیں جس سے لوگوں میں زبردست تشویش پائی جا رہی ہے حال ہی میں فورسز نے ایک سٹاؤن کے دوران راولپورہ میں دڑسکر دہ چنگچر نو جوانوں کو ایک خود پختہ مکان میں قتل کیا تھا۔ علاوہ ازیں بی ایس ایف اہلکاروں نے جماعت اسلامی کے ایک بزرگ لیڈر ڈاکٹر ترائی کو راولپورہ میں ان کے گھر سے گزرتا دیکھنے کے چند ہی لمحے بعد کسی نامعلوم مقام پر شہید کر ڈالا۔ کل دن بھر راولپورہ میں خواتین مسجد کی بے حرمتی اور ترائی چڑھنے والوں کا شناختی ریڈ کے خلاف مظاہرے کیستہ رہے۔

نتیجہ میں محلے والوں کو جو غم و غصہ آگیا تھا اور ترائی کی پرواہ کئے بغیر جو انہوں نے آزادی کے حق میں تلک شگاف نعرے لگائے اسے دیکھ کر غم و غصہ اہلکار بھر گئے اور وہ شناختی ریڈ پتہ میں ہی چھوڑ کر وہاں سے جاگ کر پڑے ہوئے۔ شناختی ریڈ کے دوران سٹاؤن سے ان کو چنگچروں کی فٹ مارچ کرنے کے لئے کہا جا رہا تھا۔ جو لیڈر فورسز اہلکار ہر شام مسجد میں ترائی چڑھتے آتے ہیں، مسجد جامع پر ترائی کے وقت فورسز کی بلنڈ سے علانہ میں غم و غصے کی لہر دوڑ گئی ہے، یہ بات قابل ذکر ہے کہ فورسز نے دن میں ایک دوری کی دکان پر بھی چھاپہ ڈالا تھا، پچھلے چند دنوں سے راولپورہ علاقے

سرنگم اسی پورہ میں گذشتہ رات کے پورے نو بجے چیل میں سولہ نم فوجی اہلکاروں نے راولپورہ کی جامع مسجد کا اس وقت محاصرہ کیا جب لوگ ترائی چڑھنے میں مصروف تھے۔ بہت سا ساہو فورسز اہلکار مسجد میں داخل ہو گئے اور ترائی چڑھنے والوں کو باہر آنے کا حکم دیدیا، یہ منظر دیکھ کر مسجد کے اندر سنی چل گئی۔ اس کے بعد سٹاؤن کو ایک ایک کر کے اس جیسپی کے آگے چلنے کا حکم دیدیا گیا جس میں خبر مینا ہوا تھا یہ خبر جب محلے میں پھیلی تو لوگ بھاگتے ہوئے جامع مسجد کی طرف آنا شروع ہوئے شناختی ریڈ چلی ہی رہی تھی کہ لوگوں نے آزادی کے حق میں نعرے لگائے، مسجد پر پٹیل سارے

News item "The Daily Wadi- Ki-Awaz Srinagar" dt. 13-3-93 the Indian forces have made it a practice to desecrate mosques during crackdowns and search operations.

13-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		6		1	16		2	
Radio :-		4		1	16			
Kashmir Times :-								
Local Papers :-		5		1			3	
Official Handout :-		5		1	16			

Custodial deaths :- 5.

Public Protests :- Budgam, Sazgaripora, and Batamaloo.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla, and Kupwara.



The Two Persons were arrested by the Indian forces in Natipora at 7 a.m. on 13-3-93 and were killed in custody on the same day in the afternoon.

Custodial deaths .

(i) Today Hilal Ahmed Mir alias Nasir-ul-Islam, Chief of Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen

and his associate, Abdul Majid Khan, were picked up from an auto-rickshaw at 7 A.M. in Natipora colony, Srinagar. Both of them were taken away to some unknown place where they were brutally tortured till 3 pm. After that they were taken in very bad shape to Palapora Noorbagh, and at 3.30 pm. both of them were shot dead. However, the official sources as usual asserted that they had been killed in an encounter.

(ii) A party of the B.S.F personnel raided the house of Farooq Ahmed Misgar in Sazgaripora after midnight. Besides Farooq Ahmed they caught Fayaz Ahmed Wani S/o Abdul Raheem Wani of Dabtal, Srinagar, and Nisar Ahmed Lone of Danderkhah, Batmaloo. They were taken into the adjacent room where they were interrogated under savage torture from 3 am and at last were shot dead in the same room in the broad day light. Even Farooq's wife and children were taken out to be shot dead but were let off when Mrs. Farooq told them that Farooq was her brother-in-law and that his family was not in the house. The official sources in their usual false version asserted that the raiding party was fired upon and that in the exchange of fire three militants were killed. However, the eye-witnesses said that when the three young men were caught they had no arms or ammunition with them.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley:-

Baramulla:- Nowpora, Muchipora, Khooor and Wuttermarg, where five persons were arrested.

Kupwara :- Awoora and Dragmulla where 2 persons were arrested. One of them was identified as Tariq Kashmiri.

Public Protests :-

Public protest demonstrations were held in Budgam, Sazgaripora, Batmaloo and other parts of the valley against the custodial deaths and arrests of innocent civilians.

14-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		3				6		
Radio :-		3				6		
Kashmir Times :-		4			1	8		
Local Papers :-		3			1	6		
Official Handout :-		2				6		

Custodial deaths :- 1.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla, Pulwama, Budgam, Kupwara and Sopore.

Public Protests :- Sopore.

Custodial death :-

The B.S.F today raided the house of one Maqsood Ahmed Dar in Noorpora Sopore and arrested him. Within hours his dead body was handed over to local police, who delivered it to his relatives. The official sources as usual asserted that he had been killed during crossfiring.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown:-

Baramulla :- Wuttermgam, Tathmulla, Machipora, Krehan-Nawpora, Koor and Nadihel. Five persons were arrested from these places.

Sopore :- Noorpora, where one youth was killed by the B.S.F in custody.

Budgam :- Goripora.

Kupwara :- Maidan-e-Chogal.

One person was arrested from Pulwama.

Public protests :-

A strong protest demonstration was held in Sopore against the custodial death of Maqsood Ahmed. The town also observed complete bandh (strike) against the continued killings in the valley.

15-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		1				10		
Radio :-		1				11		
Kashmir Times :-		1				10		
Local Papers :-						14		
Official Handout :-		1				11		

Public Protests :- Pulwama, Tral, HMT-Srinagar and Shaheedgunj.
Crackdowns:- Baramulla, Islamabad Shopian, Srinagar, Kupwara and Doda (Jammu).

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the valley:

Srinagar :- Parimpora, HMT and Karan Nagar.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Kulgam, Marahama and adjoining villages. Two youth were picked up from Kulgam.

Doda:- PulDoda, where one person was arrested.

Pulwama:- Pulwama town and Tral. Six persons were arrested from these places. One of them was whisked away by the B.S.F personnel while he was waiting for the bus.

Baramulla :- Wadwan, Nadihel, Nawpora and Watlab. From these areas many persons were picked up by the B.S.F.

Zainakoot and the adjoining areas where six persons, namely, Ali Mohammad Dar, Abdul Hamid Ganai, Farooq Ahmed Dar, Gulam Rasool Dar, Abdul Ahad Dar and Fayaz Ahmed Ilahi were arrested. They were interrogated in on-the-spot temporary interrogation centre. Four of them were released on the spot in a half-dead condition while 2 persons, namely, Abdul Ahad Dar and Ali Mohammad Dar are still in custody.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in Tral, Pulwama and HMT (Srinagar) against the arrest of innocent civilians during crackdowns.

Protest demonstration was also held in Shaheedgunj against the custodial death of Nasirul Islam and four others.

16-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-						22		1
Radio :-						22		
Kashmir Times :-			2			20	1	2
Local Papers :-			3			27	1	2
Official Handout :-			2			22		2

Public Protests :- Budgam.

Crackdowns :- Downtown, Budgam, Manasbal, Kangan, Anantnag, Baramulla and Doda (Jammu).

Details of crackdown :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown :-

Srinagar :- Sahampora, Baha-ud-din Sahib, Jabgaripora, Nowhatta, Makhdoom Sahib and adjoining areas in the down-town and Mahjoor Nagar in the uptown. From these areas 12 persons were arrested.

Manasbal :- Hamroy, where 7 youths were arrested.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Kukarnag.

Budgam :- Zainakoot and Mujgund areas. From these places 2 youths, namely, Abdul Majid Ganai and Ali Mohammad Dar were arrested. 15 other persons were also picked up but they were released on the spot in half-dead condition as they had been severely beaten up.

The injured persons are : Abdul Rashid, Muhammad Ayub, Nazir Ahmed, Abdul Ahad, Sula Sheikh, Gulam Rasool Dar, Hafiz-u-llah Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmed Ganai, Gulam Nabi Lone, Farooq Ahmed and Merajud-din.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Damhal-Khoshipora. 2 persons were arrested from here.

Pulwama :- Three persons were arrested from this place.

Theewan.

Doda (Jammu):- Thathri. Here Shamim Tak S/o Maqbool Tak of Bhaderwah was arrested and taken to some unknown place.

From Pul-Doda another youth was also arrested by the B.S.F personnel.

Baramulla :- Mamray.

Kupwara :- 2 persons were arrested during crackdown.

Public Protests:-

Public Protests were held in Budgam in the areas of Zainakoot against the custodial death of Mohammad Ramzan Sofi and against the Indian forces excesses during crackdown.

Treatment with the Govt. employees.

The two Government lawyers were arrested from Nowhatta-Shahampora.

They were identified as Javed Ahmed Kirmani and Altaf Hussain Kirmani.

In Kupwara 4 local policemen were also arrested without assigning any reason for their arrest.

17-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-			1		1	7		
Radio :-						8		
Kashmir Times :-		2			1	9		
Local Papers :-					1	20		
Official Handout :-			1					
Public Protests :-				Baramulla and Kangan.				
Crackdowns :-				Baramulla, Srinagar, Budgam, Sopore, Kangan and Islamabad.				

Custodial deaths :- 1.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Jawahar Nagar, Nishat and Rajbagh.

Baramulla :- Shimlan, Chandosa, Faqeerwani, Khudapora and Cheelah. 3 persons, namely, Muhammad Shafi, Mushtaq Ahmed Shah and Gulam Ahmed were arrested from Cheelah. In Chandosa, Abdul Rashid Khan was picked up by B.S.F personnel. In Shimlan two persons, namely, Maqbool Khan and Khaliq Tantrey were arrested and beaten up but were released on the spot in a half-dead condition. When the women protested against the excesses they were also beaten up injuring Mukhti, Ateeqa, Maala, Rahtee, Haleema, Zooni, Khalida and Sundree.

Kangan :- Theevan. Mohammad Shafi Mir R/o Bunabagh was arrested by the B.S.F from here.

Sopore :- Dangarpora, Tujer Sharif and Wadorah. Many youths were picked up for questioning by the B.S.F. When people protested against their arrest they were beaten up.

Anantnag (Islamabad) :- Burnag and Sarfshali. At least one dozen persons were arrested.

Budgam :- Wadwan - Many persons were arrested here & many persons were beaten up which include 60-year-old Muhammad Akbar Rather, 66-year-old Rajab Rather and Gulam Rasool Lone. Their condition is serious.

Pulwama :- One person was arrested from this place.

Custodial deaths :-

Mohammad Maqbool of Nathapora Anantnag was arrested by the B.S.F personnel some days ago during crackdown and was taken away for 'interrogation'. After the 'interrogation' he was shot dead. His dead body was handed over to his family members through the local police.

Treatment with Govt. employees :-

Hakeem Abdul Ahad working as Head Assistant in the State Education Department was arrested by the B.S.F during crackdown in Wadwan Budgam. Abdul Ahad, a policeman, was arrested from Krehan-Nawpora in Baramulla district.

Many employees of the Cattle Breeding Farm, Manasbal, including Gulam Hassan Bhat, Gulam Mahiuddin and many others were arrested by the forces. Their houses were also raided by the B.S.F.

People prevented from worshipping:-

The B.S.F cordoned off Arwani and Kangan in the early morning and started house-to-house searches. People reported that they were not allowed to worship.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in parts of Baramulla and Kangan against the excesses including the arrest of innocent civilians.

18-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2	1			23	1	
Radio :-		2	1			23		
Kashmir Times :-		2	3		3	27	1	
Local Papers :-		2			2	35	1	
Official Handout :-		2	3		3	27		

Custodial deaths :- 1

Public Protests :- Bandipora and Anantnag.

Crackdowns :- Sopore, Srinagar, Anantnag, Shopian and Bandipora.

Custodial death :-

One Bashir Ahmed Teli S/o Gulam Mohammad Teli of Pazalpora-Bandipora was arrested by the B.S.F personnel on 9th March during crackdown in Pazalpora along with his brother. He was shifted to the interrogation centre and was killed in custody. His dead body was thrown in a forest 18 kms away. The body which bore torture and bullet marks was recovered yesterday. The villagers described the deceased as innocent who had nothing to do with militancy. Bandipora observed complete bandh in protest against this custodial death. His brother is still in custody.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Rambagh, Natipora, Mahjoor Nagar, Nowgam and adjoining areas, and Baghat Barzulla from where 6 persons were arrested. Of those arrested, 4 persons were released on the spot in a half-dead condition following a strong protest by women against their arrest.

Sopore:- Zainageer, Duroo, Dangarpora, Dardapora, Qaziabad, Kralagund, Nagihama, Gundpora, Langate and Madar.

Kupwara :- In Manchoo 7 persons including Abdul Majid Bhat, Abdul Khalik Reshi, Farooq Ahmed Mir and Nazir Ahmed Mir were arrested.

Bandipora :- In Malangam Brar 2 brothers, Abdul Majid Sofi and Abdul Jabar Sofi were arrested. Abdul Jabar's 6 year-old son was also beaten up. In Checkla 3 persons were arrested.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Qazigund, Shillipora and Aang 2 youths were arrested from these areas.

Shopian :- Chitra, Sakoo, Zora, Naripora and Peerpora. Many persons were arrested including the principal of Shah Hamdan Institute.

In Pulwama 2 persons were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Complete bandh (strike) was observed in Bandipora against the custodial death of Bashir Ahmed. People also held protest demonstration against the B.S.F.

Protest demonstration was also held in Anantnag against the excesses by the B.S.F during the crackdown.

19-3-93.

Abstract of killings/injuries/arrests/agonies/and protests.

	Militants			Non-Militants			Forces		Employees		
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A
TV :-											
Radio :-											
Kashmir Times :-	3	15		3	15		6				
Official Handout :-	5	13		1			1	1			
Local Papers :-	3	1		3	4	21	1	1	2	1	

Summary custodial killings. 1

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara, Handwara, Islamabad and Shopian.

Public protest :- Shopian, Rafiabad, Bandipora and Sopore.

Custodial death of an employee :-

The B.S.F personnel arrested on Mohammed Yousuf, working in the Department of Agriculture, near the Nathpora Police Station in Bandipora. He was first seriously beaten up and then killed by pumping and at least 40 rounds in to his body. At the time of his arrest followed by the summary killing he was returning from his duty. When an employee of J & K armed police, Mohammed Shafi, protested against the brutal murder of Mohammad Yousuf, he was disarmed by the B.S.F and was beaten up. Five other persons were injured by the firing of the B.S.F. The injured persons include 2 employees of JKAP.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Bemina, due to crackdown in the locality people were not able to perform friday prayers.

Shopian :- Malliderah, Tarki Wanigam, Zainipora, Wadoorah, Zoorah, Nowey Poshwarey, Panjoorah, Mollo Chitragam, Logan, Cholipora, Achan, panjiran. This

crackdown was 7th crackdown by the B.S.F during last 20 days. Many youths were seriously beaten up. The injured persons include Bashir Ahmed Sheikh Mallo, Mohammad Shaban Mir, Abdul Rashid Wagey and Mohammad Yousuf Dar. Mohammad Yousuf Mir and Mohammed Ayub were seriously beaten up. They were admitted in the hospital in a half dead condition.

Bai amulla :- Achibal, Hadipora, Bahrampora, Corihama, Pattan where 5 persons were arrested by the B.S.F

Islamabad :- Parrigam and Tarigam, 4 youths were arrested by the B.S.F.

Ganderbal :- Where one youth was arrested by the B.S.F.

Handwara :- Ganaipora where 4 youths were arrested by the B.S.F.

Kupwara :- Dardpora where 2 persons were arrested by the B.S.F.

Public protests :-

Public protests were held in different parts of the valley. A complete bandh was observed in Bandipora against the killing of 2 militants and a civilian by the B.S.F. Protest also were held in Shopian against the excesses of the B.S.F during crackdown. Protests were also held in Rafi Abad during which pro-freedom slogans were raised. Many processions were taken out by the people in Sopore after Friday congregations against the killings and arrests in the valley by the B.S.F. The processionists raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans.

20-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2	1			13		
Radio :-		2				13		
Kashmir Times :-		3			6	14	11	
Local Papers :-		3			4	14	5	1
Official Handout :-		7				16	1	
Cusrodial deaths :-		2						
Public Protests :-								Sopore and Srinagar.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla, Srinagar, Sopore and Handwara.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) The B.S.F sealed off the village Muqam Shaheed Mear 8 km away from Sopore and arrested one Gulam Hussan Malla S/o Gulam Mohammad Malla. He was taken for 'interrogation' during which he confirmed his association with militants. He was shot dead within one hour of his arrest and his dead body was handed over to the local police. But the official sources as usual asserted that he had been killed in an encounter with the 'security' forces. Protest demonstrations were held against the killing in the area.



*Mr. Fayaz Ahmed Beigh R/o Botakadal
arrested by BSF and thereafter killed in custody.*

(ii) The B.S.F arrested Fayaz Ahmed Beig S/O Mohd Yusuf Beig in Bota Kadal, Srinagar. He was brutally tortured. After that he was taken away to a dilapidated shrine a short distance from the spot of arrest and was shot dead in the premises of the shrine the official sources as usual said that he was killed in an encounter. But local people and the eye-witness said that he was first arrested by B.S.F personnel and then shot dead.

Details of crackdowns :-

in the valley the following areas remained under crackdown

Srinagar :- Lal Bazar, Bota Kadal, Bota Shah Muhalla, Hawal, Mirza Kamil Sahib, Alamgari Bazar, Madeen Sahib, Nowshehra, Sadrabal, Nageen. 16 persons were arrested and 'interrogated' in on-the-spot interrogation centre. 14 persons were later

on released on the spot.

Baramulla :- From Mallapora to Baba Reeshi at least 30 villages came under crackdown by the regular Indian Army early this morning. These villages included Sultanpora Nowgam, Mallapora, Kawahar, Kawachek, Chandosa and Chandihara, Haripora, Sogam, Hamrey and other areas.

In Narwari 5 youths were arrested. The crackdown was still going on in these areas till the last reports came in.

Handwara :- Three youths were arrested.

Sopore :- Shaheed Mir, Qaziabad-Qazipora, Kralagund, Nakihama, Gundpora, Yawar, Langate etc. Many persons were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in Sopore and Srinagar against the custodial deaths in these areas.

21-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		4	1		7	18		
Radio :-		4	1		7	18	6	
Kashmir Times :-		4			8	19	6	
Local Papers :-		3		5	4	5	19	
Official Handout :-			1			12		

Public Protests :- Down-town Srinagar and Sopore.

Crackdowns :- Pulwama, Baramulla and Sopore.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown :-

Sopore :- Ladoora Rafi Abad. The following 9 persons were arrested. 70-year-old Ali Mohammad Mir, Bashir Ahmed, Gulam Rasool Dar, Abdul Rashid Dar, Bashir Ahmed Kaja, Khizar Mohammad and the two sons of a former MLA Gulam Mohammad Khan,

namely, Irshad Ahmed and Ali Mohammad Khan along with the watch-man Mohammad Ramzan.

Pulwama :- Furgund, Arwani, Haspora and Muran.

Baramulla :- 30 villages remained under crackdown for the second consecutive day today. These included among others Ladoora, Fangerpora, Rafi Abad, Harnar and Ajas. At least 36 persons were arrested. Some of the arrested persons were identified as Mohammad Ashraf Lone (forester), Gulam Nabi, Tafimulla, Mohammad Amin Bhat, Fayaz Ahmed Rather and Mohammad Amin.

Public Protests :-

Public protest demonstrations were held in Down-town Srinagar against the custodial death of Fayaz Ahmed. Protests were also held in Wadora Sopore against the arrest of innocent civilians.

22-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-			1			12		
Radio :-			1			12		
Kashmir Times :-			2			11		
Local Papers :-				5	44		2	
Official Handout :-			2			13		
Custodial deaths :-			Two.					
public Protests :-			Anantnag (Islamabad).					
Crackdowns :-			Anantnag (Islamabad) and Kupwara.					
Indiscriminate Killing :-			One.					

Custodial death at Pulwama.

The B.S.F personnel arrested Abdul-Hamid Ganayi of pulwama on Saturday the 20th March and shifted him to interrogation centre where he was tortured and was

at last shot dead just after 10 hours of his arrest. His dead body was handed over to his family members.

Custodial death at Watlab.

The B.S.F arrested Gulam Hassan from Watlab-Sopore and shifted him to interrogation centre where he was shot dead after inhuman torture. His dead body was handed over to his relatives.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown :-

Kupwara :- Notinosa, where men, women and children were beaten up by the B.S.F during the crackdown

Anantnag (Islamabad) :- In Qaymoo and Bemina villages where 14 persons were arrested and beaten up. However, all of them were released on the spot after the womenfolk protested against their arrest. In Mahend 14 persons including two teachers were picked up. In Khudwani 2 persons, namely, Gulam Ahmed Lone and Mohammad Yusuf Jan were arrested and tortured to such an extent that they had to be admitted in hospital where their condition is serious.

Pulwama :- In Hampora 8 persons were arrested.

Three persons were arrested from Bohri Kadal during checking of auto-rickshaws.

Indiscriminate killing :-

One youth was killed by the BSf personnel while he was crossing the river in a boat in Ang Mattipora in Anantnag. Local people said he had no links whatsoever with militants and that no arms or ammunition were found on his person at the time he was killed. But the official sources claimed that he was a militant and that he had been killed during crossfiring.

Public Protests :-

Strong protest demonstrations were held in many areas of Anantnag (Islamabad) district against the unjustifiable killings and arrest of innocent persons.

23-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
T.V :-		1				3		
Radio :-		1				3		
Kashmir Times :-		2	2	2	3	18		
Local Papers :-		2	1		4	3		
Official Handout :-		2	2	2	3			
Custodial deaths :-			One.					
Public Protests :-			Srinagar and Anantnag (Islamabad).					
Crackdowns :-			Pulwama, Anantnag (Islamabad), Baramulla, Manasbal, Kashmir University Campus (Srinagar).					

Custodial death

The B.S.F sealed off the area of Chidder-Kulgam in Anantnag (Islamabad) district and arrested Mohammad Rafiq Rather S/o Hassan Rather and shot him dead, according to the local people and eye-witnesses. But the official sources as usual asserted that the B.S.F personnel fired at him when he was trying to flee from the cordoned off area. Protest demonstrations were held in the area against his killing.

Crack Downs:-

In the Valley following areas remained under crackdown.

Pulwama :- Nayidpora, where one person was arrested.

Half a dozen youths were arrested during search operations in more than 40 villages in Baramulla since yesterday.

Five persons were arrested by the B.S.F during the day-long crackdown in the Kashmir University Campus.

Anantnag :- Chidder-Kulgam, where two persons were arrested.

Baramulla :- One person was arrested from here.

Manasbal :- Ajas, Nayidkhai, Hakpora, and other areas. Many persons were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in different parts of the Valley against the killings and arrests of innocent persons by B.S.F/ Army.

24-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-						4		
Radio :-						4		
Kashmir Times :-						4		
Local Papers :-						18		
Official Handout :-						4		
Custodials deaths :-			One.					
Public Protests :-			Kangan and Ganderbal.					
Crackdowns :-			Handwara, Baramulla, Pulwama, Shopian and Kangan.					

Custodial death :-

Mohammad Shafi Mir of Bonagam Kangan was arrested by the B.S.F from Theevan Kangan 2 days ago and was shifted to interrogation centre where he was tortured to death. His body bore torture marks. The deceased is survived by his widow, 4 daughters and a little son. Strong public protest demonstrations were held in Kangan against the B.S.F and in favour of the demand for self-determination.

Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown:

Kangan :- In Tangichatir 2 persons were arrested.

Handwara :- Ganaipora, Kralagund. Two persons were arrested.

Baramulla :- Dangarpura, Nadihel and Rafi Abad.

In Dangarpura 2 youths were arrested whereas in Rafi Abad two youths were arrested

Anantnag (Islamabad) :- In Qazigund 7 persons were arrested.

Pulwama :- One person was arrested from the town.

In Awantipora two persons were arrested during the surprise checking of vehicles. They were shifted to interrogation centre.

Public Protests :-

Public protest demonstrations were held in Ganderbal and Kangan against the killings in custody and other excesses by the B.S.F during crackdown at these places.

25-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-			1			2		
Radio :-								
Kashmir Times :-			3					
Official Handout :-			3		1			
Crackdown :-	Ganderbal and Anantnag.							

Crackdowns:-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown :

Ganderbal :- Barsu, where one youth was arrested.

Anantnag (Islamabad):- Marhama where 2 youths were arrested.

26-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-						1		
Radio :-						1		
Kashmir Times :-			Nil.					
Official Handout :-			Nil.					

27-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-			1			8		
Radio :-			1			8		
Kashmir Times :-		6	1			8		
Local Papers :-			1					
Official Handout :-			1			7		

Summary Custodial Executions :- Seven.

Crackdowns :- Anantnag (Islamabad), Srinagar, Kupwara and Baramulla.

Custodial deaths :-

(1) The B.S.F personnel launched a massive crackdown/search operation in Marhama area near Kulgam in Islamabad district for apprehending militants on the night falling between 23rd and 24th March. All the people were called out of their houses in the darkness of the night and in the early morning they were ordered to parade in front of informers. On 'identification' by the informers 9 youths were arrested and the B.S.F personnel started their interrogation right in front of all the people who had been brought there. When the people protested against this action the arrested youths were taken into a nearby house where they were tortured to death. Their dead bodies were thrown into the River Vishnu. Among the murdered were Mohammad Yaqub Khan, Suhail Mukhtar, Jameel Ahmed, Aqib Javed, Latif Ahmed and Zaid. However, the official sources claimed that all of them were drowned while they were trying to flee across the river in order to get away from the dragnet cast by the Indian forces.

(ii) A young boy Tariq Ahmed was arrested on 26th March and was shot dead in Hadipora Akingam.

Crackdowns :-

Barsu (Ganderbal), Marhama (Islamabad), Srinagar, Kupwara and Baramulla. 9 persons were arrested from these places.

28-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		1	1		1	6		
Radio :-		1			1	7		
Kashmir Times :-		7	1			6		
Local Papers :-				1	2	3		
Official Handout :-	7	1		1	5			
Custodial deaths :-			Two.					
Public Protests :-			Baramulla.					
Crackdowns :-			Manasbal, Sumbal and Anantnag (Islamabad)					

Custodial deaths :-

(i) The B.S.F cordoned off the village Haripora in Islamabad district and arrested Showkat Ahmed Lone along with his father Aziz Lone and brother-in-law. They were shifted to an on-the-spot interrogation centre where Showkat Ahmed Lone was shot dead. His dead body was then handed over to his relatives through the local police. His father and brother are still in custody.

Protest demonstrations were held in the area. Shops were also closed in protest against the custodial death. However, the official sources said that while the militant was being brought out from the hideout, he tried to snatch the rifle of a B.S.F man and was injured in the scuffle that followed. Afterwards, these sources said, he succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

(ii) The B.S.F sealed off the area of the village Bandipora in Budgam district and started search operations. In the course of the search they entered the house of Mohammad Ahsan Dar working as a Bank cashier in the Jammu and Kashmir Bank and arrested him. They brought him out of his house and shot him dead straight away. Strong protest demonstrations were held in the area against the killing. However, the official sources as usual asserted that he was killed during crossfiring.

Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown:-

Manasbal :- Barsu and Wayil Bagh. One Mohammad Afzal Butt was arrested.

Islamabad :- Haripora and Achhabal where two persons were arrested

Public protests :-

Public protests were held in Haripora Islamabad and in Bandipora Budgam against the custodial deaths in these areas. Protest strike was also observed in Rafi Abadin Baramulla district against the excesses of the B.S.F during crackdown. The protestors were also demanding the release of a youth, namely, Ashiq Hussain, who was arrested during crackdown and whose whereabouts are not made known to his family.

29-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2		2	2	6	2	
Radio :-		2		2		6	1	
Kashmir Times :-		3		2	3		2	
Local Papers :-		3	1	1	2	34	2	

Custodial deaths :- Three.

Public protests :- Ganderbal, Kangan, Budgam, Safapora.

Crackdowns :- Manasbal, Srinagar, Baramulla and Shopian.

Custodial deaths.

(i) The B.S.F personnel arrested Bashir Ahmed Raina of Maimera-Kangan from Nuner Ganderbal during a raid on his hideout on 25th March and took him away for interrogation where he was tortured to death. His dead body was recovered from the Sindh river near Maimera-Kangan last night. People strongly protested against the brutal killing as they saw his body in chains.

(ii) The B.S.F personnel sealed off the area of Gratabal-Safapora and arrested Farooq Ahmed Hajam. He was severely beaten up in front of people and when the people started protesting he was taken into a hut of the Water Works Department where he was inhumanly tortured and finally shot dead. The people of the area protested against the killing. However, the official sources as usual claim that he was

killed in crossfiring.

(iii) The B.S.F arrested Nazir Ahmed Bhat in Tulmulla Ganderbal while he was walking on the road. According to eye-witnesses he was taken into a bunker and shot dead there. A protest strike was observed in the area against the custodial death.



Mr. Bashir Ahmed Raina R/o Kangan arrested by BSF on 25-3-93 His deadbody was found on 29-3-93.

Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Aali Kadal, Rajveri Kadal, Wazapora and Maharaj Gunj. 7 persons were arrested.

Budgam :- Machhoo and Kralapora. At least 26 youths were arrested. In Lawaypora 10 youths were arrested. They were interrogated under torture on the spot. Of these 9, were released in a half-dead condition. They included Merajuddin, Abdul Gani paray, Habib Paray, Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Mohammad Rafiq, Shamim Ahmed Sheikh and Bilal Ahmed Sofi.

Manasbal :- Gratabal Safapora where two youths, namely, Mohammad Yusuf Zargar and Zahoor Ahmed Reshi were arrested. Zahoor Ahmed was later released in the evening.

Baramulla :- Singapora and Puran.

Shopian :- Saidhue, Chatuspora, Saidpora, Reeshi Nagar and other areas. Household things were broken by the B.S.F personnel.

Public protests :-

Public protests were held in Kangan, Ganderbal-Tulmulla, Bandipora, Budgam Achhabal-Islamabad and Safapora against the custodial deaths in these areas. Protest demonstrations were also held in many areas of Shopian against the excesses of the B.S.F. The demonstrators were demanding the right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir

30-3-93.

Abstract of killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		1	1			23	1	
Radio :-		1	1			23		
Kashmir Times :-		5			3	24	1	1
Local Papers :-		5	7			34	1	3
Official Handout :-	1	1			3	23	1	1

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Tral, Pattan, Baramulla and Handwara.

Public Protests :- Kangan, Budgam and Srinagar.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Gaw Kadal, Basantbagh, Kakasari, Badiyarbala, Kawdara, Gratabal, Nawa Kadal, Safa Kadal, Zanpa Kadal, Chhatabal, Khanqah-e-mulla, Rajveri Kadal, Nawpora Khayam. 17 persons were arrested from these localities.

Handwara:- Qazipora and Kichloo.

Baramulla :- Narwaw, Katshoo, Chatoon. 18 persons were arrested from these areas.

Pattan :- Nihalpora where 2 persons were arrested.

Tral :- A 12-year-old boy was arrested.

Budgam :- Balipora, where 2 persons were arrested.

Bandipora :- Nadihal and Tawheedgunj where one person was arrested by the B.S.F.

Public Protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in Kangan against the custodial death of Bashir Ahmed Raina. Protest bandh and demonstrations were also held in parts of Srinagar, Sopore and Budgam against the killings, arrests and other excesses of the Indian troops.

31-3-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

Militants			Civilians			Forces	
I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K

TV :-

Radio :-

Kashmir Times :- 9 2 6 24

Local Papers :- 1 6 36 1 1

Official Handout :- 7 2 6 12

Public protests :- Sopore, Budgam and Ganderbal.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Pulwama, Uri and Sopore.

Details of crackdown :-

In the valley the following areas remained under Srinagar :- Rambagh, Natipora, Chhanapora, Mahjoor Nagar, Gulshan Nagar, Chanderpora, Haiderpora, Machoo and adjoining areas. At least 2 dozen people were arrested.

Pulwama :- Parigam. Details are not known.

Uri :- Tathola, Pangal, Potyari and many othe areas. 12 persons were arrested.

Sopore :- Wadora and Sahipora.

Public Protests :-

There were protest demonstrations in different parts of the valley including Ganderbal, Sopore, Budgam Chhatragam, Niwah, Parigam, Chhanapora, Wathora, Kanipora, Kralapora, Dangarpore and Machoo. Protest strike was also observed in Sopore and Budgam against the killings and atrocities.

PART II

(APRIL 1993)

Chapter I

CRITICAL SUMMARY

The month of April was marked by several major events of far-reaching consequences. These events are characteristic of the Indian response to the steadfast support provided by the common people to the resistance movement. Such response is indicative of the frustration of both the New Delhi establishment and the Indian forces engaged in suppressing the armed struggle with extreme use of power. These tragic events have been described as part of the State-sponsored terrorism being carried out against the common people which, in spite of whatever India might say, are the backbone of the Movement for the restoration of the right of self-determination.

We know the masses turned out in lacs during the last week of February 1990 and as many as one million Kashmiris marched in processions towards the UN observer's Head Quarters in Srinagar. Chanting slogans in favour of freedom and against the reign of terror let loose by India through her forces against the people. We also know that these processions and rallies which included thousands of women and children remained peaceful until on March 1, 1990, in frustration the Indian troops opened indiscriminate fire on these processions at Zakura crossing, Tengpora by-pass and Shalimar killing more than 60 peaceful and defenceless participants. This was the beginning of the manifestation of the frustration the Indian establishment and its agents in Kashmir. Their propaganda that the armed movement was being run by a handful of misled youth was falsified by the literal participation of the whole population in the week-long peaceful rallies. The massive turn out and the plethora of memoranda presented by the representatives of innumerable processions converging in front of the UN Observers' Head Quarters proved beyond doubt that the resistance movement was in fact the movement for the restoration of the right of self-determination supported by the entire population of Kashmir. The continuance of these massive demonstrations, expressive of the Kashmiris universal urge to exercise their inalienable birth right of self-determination, was made impossible by the deliberate use of brute force which took more than 60 human lives on what turned out to be the last day of week-long mass rallies. Since then no such demonstration has been allowed. All attempts to peacefully voice the decades old popular urge for final settlement of the internationally recognized problem of Kashmir have so far been foiled by the Indian forces through the savage use

of force.

The sense of frustration has been manifested in the horrendous atrocities indiscriminately inflicted on the masses for the past 3 1/2 years. The carnages and massacre of people every now and then, the wholesale arrests of young and old men, the acts of arson, loot and molestation, the horrible inhuman torture inflicted as a matter of routine on whosoever is caught, the custodial murders, the summary executions of both militants and non-militants, the selective raids on individual houses or localities at any time of the day and the instant crackdowns/search operations conducted at odd times of the day in different parts of the Valley and Muslim belts of Jammu province, of all these savage measures to suppress the voice of people speak of the all-pervading sense of frustration having got better of the Indian establishment and its various agencies engaged in the efforts to somehow maintain their hold on Kashmir. The tragic events which took place in the month of April must be viewed in this perspective. By that token all the enquiries ordered so far will seem nothing but farce. Our point is fortified by fact that till the end of April as many as 82 enquiries were ordered by the Administration but the results of these have not been made public. The fact that during the month under study about 50 % of the population in Kashmir and parts of Jammu province was subjected to the agony of crackdowns/search operations shows the revengeful attitude of the Indian authorities towards the general public. One wonders why for a 'handful of misled youth' should the administration subject the whole of population to agony, intimidation, terror, humiliation and various hardships including the economic hardship.

Who knows the ground realities in India better than the Indian leaders. Yet the disinformation campaign against the essentially people's movement is being carried on unrelentingly. All along, the movement has been sought to be projected as a law and order problem born of economic disgruntlement of the youth. The fact that the problem is patently political is being dealt with as a law and order problem created by 'the Pakistani support to the misled youth'. This they have been obviously doing to create justification for fiding rough shod over the militants as well as the masses which form their support-base.

Repression as a matter of policy has been going on now since the State was brought under the direct rule of New Delhi following the near paralysis of the so-called elected Administration in the wake of the popular resistance against the disputed presence of india in the State. The repressive measures are numerous various and mental torture of the Kashmiri Muslims irrespective of their involvement in the freedom struggle. Suspending upside down from the ceiling or the branch of a tree by a rope sometimes after administering some intoxicant with tea and burning parts of the body including the beard with a candle, beating in this position with clulas or bamboo sticks

for a considerable time, giving electric shocks to different parts of body, giving electric shocks to the genitals after forcing the victims to take in so much quantity of water that the stomach bulges out, branding parts of body with hot iron rods, beating at joints and bones severely that after sometime the victims become unrecognizable due to swelling of the whole body, molesting the womenfolk in the presence of their family members, forcing the inmates in torture centres to indulge in sodomy, making the detainees to eat and drink gutter water during crackdowns, forcing people to shout Ram Ram (the name of a Hindu god) and Bharat mata ki jai (Hail Mother India!), talking blasphemously about god, the prophet of Islam and the holy Quran, lodging the newly detained persons in crowded and unsanitary facilities denying them adequate food and medical care, forcing some detainee to put his penis into the mouths of some of the other detainees, forcing some detainees to drink their own urine, keeping some detainees naked and pulling their arms and legs to sides before some soldiers sit on each leg and arm, keeping the detainees naked and giving them long dips in ice-cold water, making people to stand long in the ice-cold water of ponds and rivulets in sub-zero temperatures, forcing the residents and the passers-by to erect new bunkers or re-erect those demolished during some militant action, making people creep or crawl on their hands and knees, forcing the residents of the area under crackdown/search operation to walk considerable distances in a line with each man holding the one hand each of the two men, in front of and behind him, severely reprimanding people including elderly persons and men of some status in their society gathered at open places for identification parades-not allowing them like hard task masters, to converse loudly with one another, forcing people to scrub with their tongues the anti-India slogans and the slogans of freedom etc. painted on the tarred roads and the walls of buildings until their tongues bleed, pressing iron rollers on the stretched out legs of the naked victims with a soldier sitting on either side to increase the weight on the legs, keeping the detainees, before sending them to prisons or releasing them blind-folded and hand-cuffed for days on end and in the meantime beating them black and blue at intervals, jumping repeatedly on the chest and stomach of the victims with heavy boots. These and many other horrible methods of inhuman torture have been in vogue right from the start of the armed resistance. Many lives have been taken through these barbaric methods of torture. A number of young men have been rendered invalid for life.

Systematic killing through indiscriminate firing is another brutal measure of repression which has been continuing without any let up. In the month under study the number of civilians (non-militants) killed or injured is in hundreds. The number of the arrested also is in hundreds. Compared to the month of March, the graph of casualties has risen and that of the summary custodial killings has shot up from 35 (in March) to 58 which is very alarming. These killings which include 35 non-militant civilians caught at random, have been termed as naked barbarism by the frustrated forces engaged in

carrying out State-sponsored terrorism against the Muslim masses of the State. The stepping up of repressive measures indicates the added frustration of the efforts of New Delhi to initiate the so-called political process in the State. No response has come either from the militant organizations or from the political parties actively supporting the resistance movement. On the contrary they have all along been opposing such a move ever since it was mooted by New Delhi following the virtual collapse of the State Administration due to the large-scale involvement of people in the resistance movement. For the third time during the past 3 1/2 years the ex-chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah, was goaded from self-exile, by the Indian leaders into playing his politics as part of the plan of political process but he had to face a miserable failure this time also due to no response from the common people and also due to the opposition of some of his own partymen who want the government to hold talks with the militants and as a sign of sincerity and good will release all the jailed militants. The first of the five major events of the month was the kidnapping and subsequent killing of the eminent heart surgeon and a human rights activist, Dr. A.A. Guru, on 1st of April which sparked off a series of protest strikes and demonstrations. The murder of Dr. Guru is believed by a large-section of people to have been the handiwork of the agents of the government of India. The efforts of Farooq Abdullah and his mentor, Rajesh Pilot, did not take off and if there had been any hope in this regard, it got a serious set-back by the anti-India feelings reinforced by the murder of Dr. Guru, who was a member of the Supreme Command Council of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front. Consequently, Dr. Farooq Abdullah had to beat a humiliating retreat for third time and return into his shell again.

Following close on the heels of Dr. Guru's assassination, the ugly episode involving the Border Security Force took place on 10th of April in the historical Lal Chowk area of Srinagar. According to the eye-witnesses which include the local policemen and the residents of the area, the BSF started the arson following a massive public demonstration mourning the death in encounter of Mohammad Maqbool Ilahi, the top-ranking member of the Pro-Pak Hizbul Mujahideen. The demonstrators also raised slogans against the random arrest and subsequent summary killings of 23 youths during the previous days instant crackdown/search operation of Saraibala and Amira Kadal area. The dead bodies of many of these arrested youth were found lying in different parts of the city. During the demonstrations, the BSF which had mysteriously abandoned their bunkers in the area on the previous night, came back and started firing in the course of cordoning off the area. They are said to have started setting the buildings in the area on fire by sprinkling gunpowder on them. The arson left 50 families homeless and destroyed more than 250 residential houses, shops and hotels. On account of this the chances of the initiation of the so-called political process receded further the image of India touched a new low because of this barbaric act by the BSF.

The third episode which exposed India's unsure position in Kashmir and seriously damaged the credibility of her claims in connection with the current situation in Kashmir, was the summary killing of a Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police constable, Riaz Ahmed, in the custody of the Indian Army which had picked him up along with several other persons during a crackdown/search operation in Hazratbal. The colleagues of the murdered policeman struck work and took to streets. They presented a memorandum at the Un Observers' Head Quarters accusing India of State-sponsored terrorism and appealing the world body to intervene. A committee which was set up to enquire into the circumstances of the death of Riaz Ahmed was to submit its report in 15 days. But in spite of more than one month having passed no report has come to light. Instead, prompt action was shown by the authorities concerned in having summarily dismissed as many as 80 of Riaz's colleagues for having taken an active part in the agitation demanding chiefly the suspension and arrest of the SSP Rajendran who is believed to have got the constable arrested and killed in spite of his having produced his identity card.

The important episode of the month was the alleged highjacking of an Indian Airlines plane on flight from Delhi to Srinagar on 24th of April. The whole drama evoked suspicious which remain uncleared so far several names were attributed to the so-called hijacker. It has not been clear whether he was killed or not that if was killed, was it in the cockpit of the plane, or during a scuffle outside the plane or after his interrogation. Statements about the episode vary from minister to minister and from official to official. The journalists and the passengers have the different story to tell. The Hizbul Mujahideen spokesman instantly denied the claim that the hijacker belonged to his Organisation and accused India of having master-minded the drama to malign Pakistan and to get it declared as a terrorist country.

The fifth significant episode took place in April in the notorious Kot Bhalwal Jail in Jammu. Allegedly the Kashmir inmates of the prison in a bid to kill the armed ITBP guards assaulted them with stones and other things. This sounds unconvincing for how can unarmed men kill fully trained armed policemen in the confines of the prison? To keep the agitating inmates at a distance, tear-gas shelling could be resorted to in the graver situation aerial shots could be fired. There was no justification at all to straightaway shooting which left four of the unfortunate inmates dead and at least 21 injured. The cause of this tragedy is said to be the callous refusal of the jail authorities to allow some more time to a woman visitor who had come a long way after a long time to see her relation. Some of the inmates in sympathy pleaded for more time to be given to the women. When refused. They were agitated and demonstrated against the authorities.

On the whole the month of April may be said to be the epitome of the eventful period of 39 months of systematic repression characterized by indiscriminate firing results in number of casualties random arrests, frequent harsh crackdowns/search operations, custodial killings, inhuman torture, selective raids of individual houses and localities, inhuman

treatment with prisoners, mysterious killings of public personalities, curfews, general strikes, protest demonstrations and real and fake encounters. The wave of oppression and suppression sweeping the unfortunate land of Kashmir for the past several years is increasing in strength from day to day.

Summary of Killings, Arrests, Injuries, Material losses and Protests for the month of April 1993

Source of information	Militants			Men			Forces		Women		Children		Govt Emp		Property dam	
As per	K	I	A	I	K	A	K	I	K	I	K	I	K	I	B	V
T.V :-	11		12	86	21	296	13	21	4	1					10	5
Radio :-	95	2	9	55	19	332	8	11	2		3	1			7	3
K.T :-	134	2	22	215	63	344	39	61	7	1	3	1	5	15	115	13
Official Handout :-	165	2	25	109	58	302	22	59	5	1	4					9
Local Papers:-	86		16	81	90	512	135	72	13	1	5	1	16	7	154	29

Custodial/"catch kill" killings :- Militants: 23, Civilians: 35

Number of Enquiries ordered by the Govt: 3 making the Total of Enquires so far as 82.

Crackdown :- Arrond 50% of the population subjected to agony through the process of crackdown/ search operation.

(Details in the following pages)

Protests :- Almost a daily feature happening in different parts of the Valley.

Abbreviations :- 'K'- Killed; 'I'- Injured; 'A'- Arrested; 'K.T'- Daily Kashmir Times; Local Papers- Daily Aaftaab, Srinagar Times, Alsafa, Mashriq, Wadi-Ki-Awaz, published from Srinagar. 'B'-Buildings 'V'-Govt. Vehicles, 'S'- Shops; T.V- Srinagar Doordarshan; Govt.Handout- The daily Govt. press notes; Radio - Srinagar Radio Station.

Abstract of killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Children		Men			Women		Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	I	K
TV :-		4	1		1				5	18		
Radio :-		4	1						5	18		
Local Papers :-		2		1	1	7	8	2	1		6	1
Handout :-		4	1						5	18		

Public Protests :- various places in the Valley.

Crackdown :- Srinagar.

Killing of a Human Rights activist:-

Dr.A.H.Guru, who was the Chief Heart Surgeon of the Medical Institute Srinagar and one of the renowned heart specialist of Asia, was killed within hours of his kidnapping by some unknown gunmen on the 1st of April, 1993. He was the third human rights activist to have been killed during the past eight months. The other two committed activists killed before Dr.Guru were: Mr.H.N.Wanchoo and Dr.Ashai. All of the three activists were in contact with the Amnesty International and, as the Amnesty sources stated, would regularly inform this Organization about the human rights abuses committed by the Indian Army and Para-military forces in Kashmir. The Amnesty sources further said that it could be the handiwork of the Indian security forces or their agents. The murder of Dr.Guru was widely condemned in the State and outside. In Britain the Kashmiri doctors and nurses took out a protest rally and submitted a memorandum to the British Premier, John Major, at the 12-Downing Street, in which they urged him to get the continued gross human rights violations stopped. Dr.Guru's relatives and friends have in no uncertain terms blamed the agents of the BSF for his killing. The State administration has denied the allegation. But this denial does not sound convincing to people who point out the fact that the large number of his friends colleagues and well-wishers were treated with violence by the police when they were leaving the Institute premises with the body of Dr.Guru. They also point out the dastardly and brutal killing of his brother-in-law, Ashiq Hussain, by a police commando when the funeral procession was heading towards the graveyard. This bizarre episode is painfully reminiscent of the savage firing on the funeral procession of Mirwaiz Farooq back in 1990, in which about 60 mourners were killed. Another reason that intrigues the general public is the plainly mischievous and provocative tinge

sought to be given by the Government-controlled media to the killing of Dr. Guru by unknown kidnappers and that of his brother-in-law by a member of the state's armed police.

Details of crackdowns.

Throughout the Valley the only area to remain under crackdown today was the KMD Bus stand area in Srinagar where 2 persons were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Public Protests were held at different places in the Valley against the killing of Dr. Guru allegedly by the Indian agents. Protest strike was observed all over the Valley against the killing.

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Dr Abdul Ahad Guru
Ashiq Hussain

Dr. Abdul Ahad Guru, a surgeon at the Institute of Medical Sciences in Soura, Srinagar, and an ardent supporter of the Kashmir independence cause, was found shot dead on 1 April 1993. He had been abducted the previous day by two unidentified gunmen. The killing of Dr. Guru is one in a series of recent killings of people who have been vocal in raising concern about reported grave and persistent human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Guru was deeply concerned and often spoke about the many victims of brutal torture treated in his hospital and there is a distinct possibility that he may be one more victim of an extrajudicial execution by the security forces or their agents for his political or human rights activities. Dr. Guru often met journalists and members of human rights organizations, including, last November, a delegation from Amnesty International to whom he described methods of apparently routine torture used by the security forces which often resulted in acute renal failure.

Asniq Hussain, Dr. Guru's brother-in-law, was killed on 1 April when police opened fire on mourners in Dr. Guru's funeral procession who argued with members of the security forces about the maximum number of people allowed to participate in the procession. Police say Mr. Hussain was accidentally killed.

Dr. Guru was travelling in a car on 31 March 1993 with another passenger who was allowed to go free when they were seized by two armed young men. His body was found the following day close to his hospital with three gunshot wounds, one in the head, apparently shot at close range. According to the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), the main armed opposition group in Jammu and Kashmir advocating independence for the state, Dr. Guru was seized on his way to a meeting of one of the JKLF's ruling bodies. Although senior police officials are reported to suspect armed opposition groups of killing him, and although that possibility certainly cannot be excluded, several such groups maintain that persons described as "Indian agents" were responsible. The government has announced an inquiry into his death but the nature of the inquiry is not known. Three years ago, Dr. Guru was detained for four months under preventive detention laws and was released in December 1990 without being charged.

Prominent human rights activist H.N. Wanchoo was killed on 6 December 1992, also after abduction by unidentified gunmen. Although the government has denied responsibility for his death, suspicion that government forces may in fact have been responsible has not been laid to rest by the government's unwillingness to order an impartial and independent inquiry into his death, as human rights organizations had urged it to do. On 18 February 1993 Dr. Farooq Ahmad Ashai, an orthopaedic surgeon at the Bone and Joint Hospital in Srinagar, who had documented many cases of torture, was shot dead at night when travelling in his car by a picket of the security forces, possibly the Central Reserve Police Force. Official reports that he died "in cross-fire" are not known to have been substantiated.

Copy of letter of Amnesty International dated 2nd April 1993

2-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2		1	6	12		5
Radio :-								
Kashmir Times :-		2		2	6	12		5
Local Papers :-		2			9	12		
Official Handout:-		2		2	6	12		5

Public Protests :- Sopore and Kupwara.

Crackdowns :- Kupwara, Baramulla and Pulwama.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown :-

Kupwara :- Tragapora, Wuttermgam, Aaloot and Patan where 9 persons were arrested.

Pulwama :- Here two persons were arrested

Islamabad :-Here one youth was arrested

Public Protests :-

Complete protest bandh (strike) was observed throughout the Valley against the killing of the State's eminent cardiologist and a human rights activist, Dr. Guru. Shops and business establishments remained closed, while the traffic remained off the roads. Protest rallies were also held in many parts of Srinagar, Sopore and Baramulla against the killing of Dr. Guru.

3-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Men			Women		Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	I	K
		3			4	7				
TV :-		3			4	7				
Radio :-		3			4	7				
Kashmit Times :-		5			6	7				
Local Papers :-		2			10	23		2		
Official Handout:-		5			6	7				

Public Protest :- Strike throughout the Valley.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla and Srinagar.

Details of crackdowns : The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown:-

Baramulla :- Mir Sahib, Jalal Sahib, Azadgunj, Bunglabagh, Khojabagh, Kanthbagh, Gatyar, Fatehpura, Boniyar. Seven persons including **Peer** Gayasuddin, Gulam Hassan and Mohammad Yousuf Gojri were **picked up** from these places.

Srinagar :- Vast areas of Shalimar, Harvan and Telbal. 12 persons were arrested.

Downtown :- Ali Kadal, Wazapora, Maharajgunj and Saraf Kadal

Sopore :- Jamia Qadeem where 2 persons were arrested.

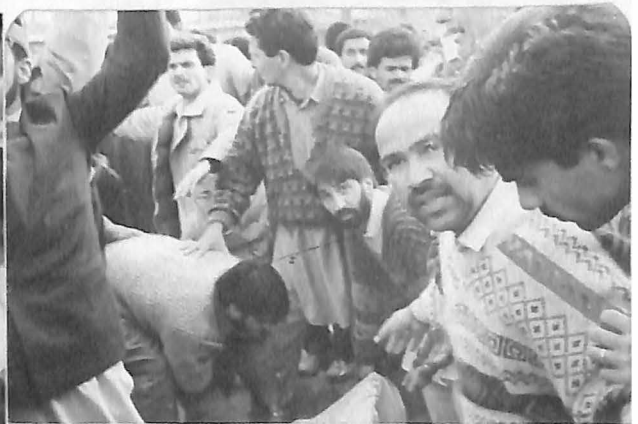
Pulwama :- Kayigam and Check Sangrama, where 2 persons were arrested.

Public Protest :-

Protest bandh (strike) all over the Valley was observed on the second consecutive day today against the killing of Dr. Guru.



Dr. A.A. Guru (Heart Surgeon) and a Human Rights activist killed on 1.4.93



Mr. Ashiq Hussain Brother in Law of Dr. Guru shot dead by Indian forces while attending the Funeral Procession of Dr. Guru



Two passengers of a matador were whisked away by Indian forces on 9.4.93 at Nowhatta and their dead bodies were thrown by the forces on the same day



A Victim of custodial killings. Mr. Sajad Ahmed Chowdry arrested on 9.4.93 in Sarai Bala Srinagar and killed on the same day by Indian forces



Mr. Ab. Majeed Bhat arrested on 22.4.93 and killed on the same day by Indian forces



A scene of "Crackdown" at Lalchowk Srinagar the people are treated like animals during the crackdowns



Students demonstrating against custodial killings and Rape by Indian forces

4-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Men			Women		Children		Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	I	K
TV :-		1		2	34		1	1				
Radio :-		2			34							
Kashmir Times :-	2			2	35		2					
Local Papers :-					21		1	1				
Official Handout:-	2			2	35		2					
Custodial deaths :-	Two (Civilians) and one militant.											
Public Protests :-	Shalimar and Telbal.											
Crackdowns:-	Srinagar and Baramulla.											
Custodial deaths.												

(i) On 3rd April the BSF sealed off the areas of Shalimar, Harvan, Arabal and Gund-Telbal. During 'Identification' parades 45 youths including one Gulam Mohi-ud-din Wani and Mohammad Ramzan a household servant working in the house of Abdul Majid Bhat were arrested. They were taken away to interrogation centre where Gulam Mahi-ud-din Wani of Gund-Telbal was shot dead within a short period of time and his dead body was handed over to the local police on the same day. The dead body of Mohammad Ramzan of Lar Ganderbal was recovered from Telbal in the early morning of 4th April.

The official sources as usual asserted that they were killed in exchange of fire and declared them to have been militants. But according to local people both of them were non-militant civilians.

(ii) The BSF personnel arrested Mehrajud-din Shah S/O Hayat Shah of Sopore on 3rd April during a raid on his house. He was whisked away to Amar Gadh interrogation centre, and when he did not give any clue about his colleagues he was brought to his house on the night of 3rd and 4th April, and was shot dead in front of his house. In the early morning when the people saw blood on the ground they went to Amar Garh Camp where they were told that they could meet the youth on the next

day. But on the same day his dead body was handed over to the local police who delivered it to his relatives. People protested against the Indian security forces when the dead body reached Hathi Shah locality in Sopore.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Palapora, Bemina, Shalimar, Harvan and areas of Telbal. From Telbal and Shalimar 45 youths were arrested. Of these, 38 were released on the spot in half-dead condition where 7 persons, namely, Gulam Mohammad Wani, Gulzar Ahmed, Ali Mohammad, Tariq Ahmed, Fayaz Ahmed, Mohammad Amin and the Imam of a mosque- Gulam Mahiud-din Wani were taken away.

Baramulla :- Bandipora, Jamrey and Zalloora where 5 persons were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Public protest demonstrations were held in Shalimar, Telbal and adjoining areas against the three custodial deaths and arrest of 7 innocent civilians and also against the excesses by the BSF during crackdown.

Desecration of Mosque.

The BSF personnel arrested Gulam Mohi-ud-din Wani from Telbal during crackdown on 3rd April. He is the Imam (prayer leader) of a mosque. The ceiling of the mosque in Pazalpora was also damaged by the BSF. When people protested against this action they were beaten up.

5-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Men			Women		Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	I	K
TV :-		2		4	2	6		1	3	2
Radio :-		2		4	2	6		1	3	2
Kashmir Times :-		3		4	2	6	1	1		5
Local Papers :-		2		4	2	37	1	1		5
Official Handout :-		3		4	2	6	1	1	3	2

Custodial deaths :- One (Civilian)

Public Protests :- Sopore, Shalimar, Harvan and Telbal.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar and Tral.

Custodial death :-

The BSF personnel arrested Riyaz Ahmed Dar of Katersoo Anantnag after the land mine explosion on Frisal road in Pulwama. According to eye-witnesses he was hung from a tree and was atrociously beaten up before being shot dead at close range on the same spot. According to reliable sources he was mentally retarded. (Srinagar

Details of crackdown :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Qamarwari, Kralapora, Shankarpora, Bagh-e-Mehtab, Iddgah, Safa Kadal, Khanqa-he-Sokhta and Chhattabal. From these areas at least 20 persons were arrested.

Three youths were arrested from Aalamgeer Bazaar during a raid on a house.

Baramulla :- Uri, Salamabad, Asham, Dharamkot, Lal-pul, Kamal-Kot and Tongmarg where 2 youths were arrested.

Tral :- Mandora, Reshpora and Hayina. At least 20 persons were arrested and interrogated in an on-the-spot interrogation centre. Although all were released on the spot but most of them who had been severely beaten up were admitted into hospital. In Pingleish Tral the family members each of Abdul Gafar Shah and Gulam Nabi Nayik were beaten up and the household things were broken up. Gulam Nabi's house was damaged. The ceiling of his house was also broken.

Ganderbal :- At Rawalpura Lar, nine persons, including Mohammad Amin Mir S/O Sana-ullah Mir, Abdul Ahad Magrey, Gulam Mahi-ud-din Magrey, Mohd Ashraf Sheikh, Gulam Qadir Mir, Abdul Ahad Mir, Hilal Ahmed Shah, Abdul Majid Ganai and Farooq Ahmed Bhat were arrested during identification parade.

Anantnag :- Chiterapora and Khodwani. 3 persons were arrested from these places.

Public Protests :-

Sopore, Shalimar and Telbal observed complete bandh (strike) today in protest against the custodial deaths. Transport was off the roads in these areas as demonstra-

tions continued throughout the day.

6-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		2				20		
Radio :-		2				20		
Kashmir Times :-		2		2	3	20		
Local Papers :-		2		2	3	31		
Official Handout:-		2			3	20		
Custodial deaths :-	Two (Militants)							
Public Protests :-	Frisal-Kulgam and parts of DOWNTOWN Srinagar.							
Crackdowns :-	Srinagar, Baramulla, Kupwara, Baramulla and Pulwama.							
Custodial deaths :-								

(i) The BSF personnel arrested Ahmed-Ullah Lone of Kulgam a few days back during crackdown and took him to interrogation centre where he was tortured to death. This dead body was handed over to the local police on 5th April and the local police delivered his body to his relatives. According to his relatives his body bore torture and bullet marks.

(ii) Another person arrested by the BSF from Pholoo Kulgam was identified as Manzoor Ahmed Malik of Ramban. He was shot dead soon after his arrest under the 'catch and kill policy'. When the people protested against the killing they were lathicharged by the BSF personnel.

However official sources as usual asserted that he was killed in an exchange of fire.

(iii) The BSF personnel cordoned off Marhama village in Kulgam on 24th March and arrested Ikhtlaq Ahmed, a Platoon Commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen. He was taken away to interrogation centre where he was first shot dead and then his head was cut off from his body. His headless body was recovered from Frisal Kulgam on 5th April. Wide-Spread demonstrations were held in Frisal and adjoining areas against the killings.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley following areas remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar:- Qamarwari, Chhattabal, Noorbagh, Safa Kadal, Malik Sahib, Luttar Masjid, Zadi Masjid, Jamalata, Nawabazar, Dalal Muhalla, Pather Masjid, Urdu Bazaar, Qalamdanpora, Kachgari Masjid, Syed Ali Akbar, Fateh Kadal and Qarfalimuhalla, Ganzkhud, Aali Kadal and Maharaj Gunj. 6 persons were arrested from Maharaj Gung whereas 9 persons were arrested. The names of the arrested are: Irshad Ahmed Khosa S/o Abdul Gafar Khosa, R/o SarafKadal; Manzoor Ahmed Bhat S/o Gulam Mohammad Butt, R/o Zaina Kadal; Mushtaq Ahmed Rah S/o Abdul Ahad Rah, R/o Dubtal; Gulam Hassan Khan S/o Gulam Mohammad Khan, R/o Urdu Bazaar; Javed Ahmed Pandit S/o Gulam Mohammad Pandit, R/o Rafiqi Kocha; Gulam Ahmed Rah S/o Gulam Mohammad R/o Yaribal; Jan Mohammad Wani S/o Mohammad Maqbool Wani R/o Urdu Bazaar, and Shakeel Ahmed Butt S/o Mohammad Butt, R/o Jamalata. All of them were taken to some interrogation centre.

Baramulla :- Khojabagh, where one Mohammad Sultan was arrested by the BSF and Wagub, where also one person was picked up.

Kupwara-Aloosa, where 2 persons were arrested.

Pulwama :- Takroo, Gaberpora and Kayigam. People were called out of their houses and, at least 12 persons were arrested during identification parades.

Public Protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in Frisal Kulgam against the custodial deaths in the area. Protest demonstrations were also held against the excesses of the BSF during the crackdown itself in different besieged parts of Srinagar.

Missing :- Ashiq Hussain Ganai S/o Gulam Rasool Ganai arrested on 3rd March, 1993 from Kangiwach in Sopore tehsil is still untraceable.

Treatment with the Government Employees:-

A BSF party raided the Fire Services Station in Kupwara, and all the employees were ordered to parade in front of the informer. The incharge of the Fire Services

Station, Mr. Abdul Jabar Zargar was arrested by the raiding party and all papers / records present in the station were taken away by it.

7-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-			1		1			8		
Radio :-		1	1		1			7		
Kashmir Times :-		1	1			6	4	15	8	5
Local Papers :-			1	1	1	23	4	28	10	4
Official Handout:-	1	1				5	3	8	9	4

Public Protests :- Shalimar (Srinagar).

Crackdowns:- Srinagar, Baramullah and Kupwara.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Bhana Muhalla, Chinkral Muhalla, Narparistan, Mallapora, Fateh Kadal, Malik-Aangan, Namchabal, Batamaloo, Lal Bazaar, Umer Colony and Sadrabal where 2 youths were arrested. 4 persons including the Imam of a mosque were arrested from Dar Building in Maisuma.

Baramulla :- From Sopore to Bandipora. Wular-Nigli Bala, Gund Jahangeer, Adipora, Aloosa, Kayunsa-Nowpora, Saidapora, and Zainageer etc. At least 20 youths were arrested. One young man, identified as Jamal Sheikh, was shot dead when he tried to escape from the besieged area.

Kupwawa :- Batapora, where one person was arrested by the BSF.

Treatment with Government Employees :-

A constable of Fire Service Station was arrested by the BSF during a raid on the station.

Treatment with press employees :-

Irshad Ahmed working in the office of the Urdu daily Zamindar was arrested by the BSF during a raid on Dar Building in Maisuma.

Public Protests :-

Shalimar and its adjacent areas observed bandh (strike) for the third consecutive day today against the custodial deaths and the arrest of the Imam of Shalimar mosque.

8-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		6	1		2		8	5		2
Radio :-		6	1				8	5		2
Kashmir Times :-		11	1				24	5		4
Local Papers :-		5	2				28	30		3
Official Handout:-		6	1				8	5		2

Custodial deaths :- 8 (3 militants and 5 civilians)

Public Protests :- Batmaloo and Budgam.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Budgam, Shopian (Pulwama district) and Baramulla.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) The BSF men arrested Gulzar Ahmed Lala S/o Noor-ud-din Lala R/o Lal Bazaar-Umer Colony and Mohammad Maqbool Wani S/o Habib-u-llah Wani R/o Shalteng during crackdown on 7th April 1993. They were taken to interrogation centre where they were shot dead after extreme torture. Their dead bodies were recovered from Bemina today. But the official sources as usual assert that they were killed in an encounter with the BSF

Mr. Gowhar Ahmed and
Javed Ahmed arrested
by Indian forces on
8-4-93 and killed
on the same day.



(ii) Today in the early morning the BSF cordoned off the whole area of Batamaloo and during identification parades at least 2 dozen youths were arrested. They were taken away to interrogation centre where 2 youths were shot dead. They were identified as Gowher Ahmed Kachroo an activist of JKLF, who had recently been released, after 2 1/2 years detention, and Javed Ahmed Bhat. Gowhar had told his captors that he had recently been released but that did not save him from death at the hands of the heartless killers. Protest demonstrations were held in the Batamaloo area when the news reached there. However, the official sources as usual asserted that they were killed during cross firing.



The Four persons were arrested by forces during the crack down of Shaheed Gunj and weree killed on the sameday.

(iii) The BSF personnel sealed off the area of Tankipora, Shaheed Gunj and Zaindar Mohalla and launched the search operation. Men, Women and children were beaten up, many youths were arrested and taken into a Kashmiri Hindu's empty house for 'interrogation'. Of these the bullet-riddled bodies of four youths, namely, Ashiq Hussain and Bilal Ahmed R/o Tankipora, Mushtaq Ahmed Shoora and his brother Bashir Ahmed Shoora R/o Zaindar Mohalla, were recovered when the BSF lifted the

siege of the area. However, the official sources expectedly asserted that they were killed in crossfiring. All the four persons killed in custody were non-militant civilians.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown :-

Srinagar :- In Uptown including Batamaloo, Kani Kadal, Chotabazaar, Habba Kadal, Zaindar Mohalla, Tankipora, Shaheed-Gunj Suthrashahi, Solina and Rambagh. From these areas at least 30 persons were arrested and in Batamaloo 4 buildings were burned by the BSF personnel after an attack by militants in which 4 BSF personnel were killed. At least 20 persons were injured due to beating with gun butts.

Baramulla :- Sripara, Hariyaran, Budal, Charipora, Barbadan, Harameeran, Gund, Nagibath-4 km away from Baramulla. Nowpora, Rangpeth and Kruhan.

Shopian :- Gaberpora, Yaydooch and Gabren. Many persons including women were beaten up and injured by the BSF personnel. The injured persons are : Nisar Ahmed Wachkoo, Lathpankoo, Javed Ahmed, Mohammad yousuf Lone, Sarah W/o Nazir Ahmed Lone and Sakeena W/O Mohammad Amin. The household things were also broken by the troops.

Public Protests :-

Vigorous public protests were made against the increasing cases of custodial deaths, large-scale indiscriminate arrests and other kinds of atrocities in Batamaloo, Shaheed Gunj and adjoining areas. Protests were also held in Budgam and in the Kashmir University Campus. The protesting students of Kashmir University were lathi-charged by the BSF. Tear-gas shells were also used by the BSF to disperse the demonstrators. Many students were injured.

9-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		8			6	20		
Radio :-		8			6	20		
Kashmir Times :-		5	2		31	20		
Local Papers :-		5			25	24		
Official Handout :-		5			6	20		

Custodial deaths :- 10 (nine civilians, 1 militant)
Public Protests :- Batamaloo, Zaindar Mohalla and Saraibala.
Crackdowns :- Srinagar.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) In the afternoon today three passengers of a mini-bus were asked to get down from the vehicle by the BSF personnel in Nowhatta locality in Srinagar while the area was being cordoned off for instant search operations. According to eye-witnesses they were whisked away in a forces' vehicle and after some time their bullet-riddled bodies were found near a local higher secondary school. Soon after they had been taken away sound of gun shots fired in the vicinity were heard by the besieged people. Two of the deceased were identified as Muneer Ahmed, a Jammu and Kashmir Bank employee from Buchpora and Bashir Ahmed, Senior Assistant in the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education. The official sources, true to their tradition, labelled them as militants and claimed that the three had died during an exchange of fire with the BSF personnel.

(ii) The BSF sealed off the area of Saraibala locality of Srinagar city in the early morning and started search operation. During the 'identification' parades 25 persons were arrested and 'interrogated' in on-the-spot temporary interrogation centre. 13 persons were released and the remaining 12 persons were shifted to a regular interrogation centre for further questioning. The dead bodies of two youths identified as Mohammad Ishaq Rafiqi of Fateh Kadal and Mohammad Aslam Darzi of Saraibala were recovered on the same day from Lasjan about 9 km. away from the site of crackdown and the next morning the dead bodies of three other youths were recovered from Malabagh-Habbak about 10 km. north of Srinagar away from the site where they had been picked up. They were identified as Tahir Parveez Mughloo S/o Gulam Nabi Mughloo R/o Saraibala, Sajad Ahmed Chowdhari S/o Gulam Nabi Chowdhari R/o Saraibala and Ishtiyak Ahmed Khan of Saraibala. But the official sources as usual said that they were killed in an encounter with the BSF. But according to the residents of the localities where these dead bodies were thrown in the dead of night no encounter took place. Only a few shots were heard by them which definitely did not suggest any encounter. The relatives and the people of the locality to which the murdered youths belonged emphatically deny that they (the youth) had any links whatsoever with militants.

(iii) 2 youths were arrested from Qamarwari area during crackdown and shot dead in on-the-spot temporary interrogation centre. They were identified as Farooq Ahmed of Qamarwari and Saleem Jahangeer of Sopore. According to the local police officials they were arrested and shot dead but the Army spokesman claimed that they had been killed during crossfiring.

Details of crackdown :-

The following areas remained under crackdown :

Srinagar :- Qamarwari, Nowhatta, Saraibala, Saraipayeen, Shaheed Gunj. 24 youths were arrested from these areas.

10-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV:-		24	3		3	19			
Radio :-		24				22			
Kashmir Times :-		24			26		1		165 Shops and 67 buildings.
Local Papers :-									
Official Handout :-	21	3		15	19		1		165 Shops and 67 Buildings

iPublic protests :- Srinagar and Budgam.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar (in the localities near Central Jail)

Curfew:- Srinagar

Arson and violence in Lal Chowk.

Thick clouds of smoke billowed over Lal Chowk and its adjacent localities as the BSF torched residential houses and the buildings housing hotels, shops and other business establishments resulting in the death of at least 9 persons.

According to eye-witnesses a large number of people started gathering in the Lal Chowk area at 7.30 am. after the word spread that the BSF had abandoned their camp housed in the Sanatan Dharam building and several bunkers around Lal Chowk. The BSF had mysteriously done so during the preceding night. Small boys pulled down the sand bag bunkers and the not-so-big crowd raised anti-India slogans. The

protesters appeared incensed over increasing incidence of indiscriminate shooting by the Indian forces and the alarming rate of custodial killings. They appeared particularly agitated over the killing of the Hizbul Mujahideen Deputy Chief Commander, Mohammed Maqbool Illahi and his associates in an encounter with Indian forces in Budgam on 9th April.

According to the local people the BSF reappeared and fired in air to disperse the protesters. After getting dispersed they regrouped one and-a-half hours later to take out a massive procession of the strength of about 30000 men. The BSF again opened fire to disperse the procession and with the help of reinforcement cordoned off the area and the adjacent localities. People said that some inflammable material, probably the gunpowder, was used by the forces at different places so that within minutes two portions of the area separated by about 200 feet width of the road became virtual infernos. The anxious shop-keepers who could have taken out (salvaged) some of their merchandise were not allowed into the cordoned area where their shops were located. The Journalists were relieved of their cameras. They watched helplessly from a distance their sources of sustenance perishing. The press men were not allowed to go to their respective offices located in curfew-bound area. The eye-witnesses said that the BSF party first torched the New Standard Hotel on the fringe of the Maisuma locality. Other parties torched the residential houses and the Gujarat Hotel at Koker Bazaar about 200 metres away from Maisuma. The residents were not allowed to leave their houses for safety. Whoever tried to escape was shot dead. The residents of Koker Bazaar said that while the houses were burning the arsonists viz the BSF offered to allow females and children to leave their homes. Obviously they intended to burn alive all the grown-up male members. In the lanes of Maisuma the frenzied BSF personnel were roaming and firing at the houses. The bullet marks on many houses facing the lanes and on several shutters of the shops are enough to show how wild they must have gone. The local police was instrumental in saving the residents from being roasted alive. According to them a young man identified as Bashir Ahmed Tantray and another as Mudassir Ahmed were shot dead by the BSF. Some children who managed to give the slip to the BSF men were weeping as they told the reporters that they were not allowed to come out of their homes. The team of the reporters was denied permission by the BSF to enter the area. Even the fire tenders were stopped for a long while until the fire started raging in full fury. For hours together horror and terror unleashed by the BSF reigned in the whole besieged area.

Curfew was promulgated within the municipal limits of Srinagar in the morning. At least 260 residential buildings, shops and hotels were gutted in Srinagar's busiest and main commercial centre today. The 'official' sources expectedly laid the blame on the militants. The sources said that when the BSF personnel were readjusting their

deployment and were moving from the top to the ground floor of the Sanatan Dharam Bhawan used as their camp in Lal Chowk in Srinagar, the militants entered and set the building on fire which spread to the adjoining building and five blocks housing commercial and residential houses.

At least 10 persons died. Several of them were burnt alive as they dared not move out for fear of being shot dead as were at least six persons. The death toll may rise as several people were believed to have been trapped in the buildings which were gutted.

Srinagar youth survives 'fake encounter'

SRINAGAR, April 9:-A 19-year old student, Masrood Sultan, miraculously escaped a bid on his life in an alleged fake encounter at Solina here late last evening. He was, however, seriously injured with seven bullets pumped into his body.

Hailing from Batamaloo area and a student of SP College, he is being treated in SMHS hospital. Doctors attending on him describe his condition as unstable.

Masrood told this correspondent in the hospital that he was travelling in a mini bus on his way to Nowgam where his aunt resides. Security forces who were conducting search operations in Solina area intercepted the vehicle around 10 am. Five youths were brought down and taken to Hari Niwas interrogation centre.

The family members of the student were informed about the arrest by a neighbour. His parents reached Solina and pleaded with the BSF officers that their son was not even remotely connected with militancy and was studying in B.Sc part I. They requested for his release at the earliest. The officers assured the couple that their son would be released if proved innocent during interrogation.

Masrood said that during the interrogation nothing could be proved against him. In the evening he was asked to board a security vehicle in which some security men were already present.

The vehicle left the interrogation centre and Masrood was told that he was going to be released as his parents were worried about him. But after covering some distance, he was told that they were about to kill him as he belonged to an area where four securitymen were killed in mine blast.

On reaching a deserted place at Solina, the vehicle halted and the student was allegedly tied to a tree by the securitymen with his face covered with his own sweater. The securitymen then allegedly fired indiscriminately at him. He was left untied,

believing him to be dead.

According to state police officials, they were informed by the security forces at around 8.30 in the evening that a dead body of a militant killed in exchange of fire was lying at Solina. The police vehicles immediately rushed to the spot.

The policemen were surprised to see that the youth, lying in a pool of blood was still alive. They immediately removed him to Bones and Joints Hospital at Barzulla. After preliminary treatment, he was shifted to SMHS hospital where he regained consciousness late last night. He had received bullet injuries on the left side of his chest just below the heart, right side of the neck, left hip and in both the legs.

His family members came to know about the incident this morning. They were informed by the state police. Two persons were also allegedly killed in custody in the same area during searches yesterday. One of the deceased has been identified as Abdul Qayoom Rather, a bus conductor of Shivpura.

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11-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		4	1					
Radio :-		4	1	3	18	13		
Kashmir Times :-		4			34		2	
Official Handout:-	4	3		3	18	11	2	
Public Protests :-	Complete protest bandh (strike) was observed all over the valley.							
Crackdown :-	Baramulla.							

Details of crackdown :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown.

Baramulla :- Lawaypora, Rabban and Malingam.

Unprovoked barbaric killings:

Yesterday seven persons were killed when they were ferrying across the river Jehlum in a boat to escape from the fire-ravaged area of Lal Chowk where simultaneously arson and indiscriminate firing was going on. According to eye-witnesses which include the local residents one Farooq Ahmad Ghousha was killed by the BSF at the bank of the river and his body was thrown into the water. The other three, whose bodies were recovered from the river were among the seven killed while in the boat when they were fired upon by the BSF deployed on the bank of the river near Abi Guzar. They were identified as Imtiyaz Ahmed, Ali Mohammad Malik and Manzoor Ahmed Koka. The bodies of the remaining persons have not been recovered till late this evening.

Public Protests :-

The Valley witnessed a complete general strike for the second consecutive day today in connection with the martyrdom of Mohammad Maqbool Illahi and his colleagues. People at various places held demonstrations raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans and denouncing the ever-increasing wave of State terrorism in which during the past three days alone as many as ninety young men including several Government and Semi-Government employees were shot dead within hours of their arrest.

12-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Mililitants			Women		Men			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	
TV:-		10	2					7	1		1
Radio:-		10				1					1
Kashmir Times:-		10	2			3	1	7	11		1 Vehicle
5 buildings.											
Local Papers:-		9		1		1	2	12	4		5
Official Handout:-		10	2			3	1	7	6		1 Vehicle
											5 buildings.

Public Protests:- All over the valley.

Custodial deaths:- 4 (2 militants, 2 civilians)

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Manasbal and Baramulla.

Custodial deaths:-

(i) A student named Aashiq Hussain S/o Gulam Rasool Gani R/o Dangiwach, Rafiabad (Baramulla) was arrested by the Indian Army on the 3rd of March from his house during the crackdown of the area. According to his parents his release had been recommended by the screening committee along with that of 11 other persons of the same district. But only 11 detainees except Aashiq were released. When his father approached the army authorities, they assured him that they would look into the matter. But on the 11th April his dead body was recovered by the local people near Doo-aab-gah from the river Jehlum. The official sources went on with their tradition of lying. They asserted that he was killed when he tried to escape from custody.

(ii) Syed Ajmal of Takyibal-Mansbal and Mohammad Akbar Lone of Asham-Mansbal were arrested by the BSF some days back during crackdown. They were shifted to interrogation centre where they were shot dead. Their dead bodies were thrown on the road in Asham.

(iii) Mohammad Yousuf Khan was arrested in Lar Ganderbal by the BSF during a raid. He was shifted to the nearby interrogation centre. When he confirmed his association with militants he was tortured to death.

Details of Crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the Valley:-

Budgam :- Pohroo and Bogam, where many people were arrested by the BSF.

Srinagar :- Safa Kadal, Sonar Kol, Watal Kadal and Rawalpura where at least 12 persons were arrested.

Baramulla :- Beehama.

Public Protests:-

The Valley witnessed a complete bandh (general strike) for the third consecutive day today to mourn the death (mostly under 'catch and kill' policy) of over 120 persons killed during the last few days and to show their outrage at the destruction of residential houses, shops and business establishments at that chowk caused by the large-scale arson and indiscriminate firing by the B.S.F.

13-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		4		3	6			
Radio :-		4		3	6			
Kashmir Times :-		5	5	9	50			
Official Handout:-		4		3	6			
Local Papers :-		1	2	4	8	54		
Custodial deaths :-		8 (5 militants 3 civilians)						
Public Protests :-		Gaw Kadal and Jahangeer Chowk.						
Details of crackdowns :-	Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag, Budgam and (Jammu).							Doda



The Four persons were arrested by the Indian forces on 13-4-93 and were killed on the sameday.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) On 12th of April the regular Indian Army arrested four youths during raids. Identified as Nazir Ahmed Hakak S/o Mohammad Maqbool of Nawabazar, Fayaz Ahmed Wani of Fateh Kadal and Gulam Mohammad Sofi, three young men were arrested from Bemina and the fourth one identified as Meraj-ud-din Sheikh S/o Ali

Mohammad of Habba Kadal was picked up from Bagyas. They were whisked off to some interrogation centre. Consequent upon their admission of being associated with militants they were summarily shot dead. Their dead bodies were thrown at the by-pass near the local police, collecting the dead bodies on 13 March in the morning handed over to the families concerned.

According to the eye-witnesses some parts of the bodies had been cut, while some had been burnt during interrogation. The eyes of Fayaz Ahmed were found gouged out. This crying proof of brutality called forth furious protest from people who raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans. True to their style the official sources as usual asserted that they had been killed during crossfiring.

(ii) The dead body of Bilal Ahmed, who was arrested during a fierce encounter at pahroo on Friday the 9th April, was handed over to state police today who delevered it to his family members. Protests were held in the area when the dead body reached there.

At the village Dangiwachha in Baramulla the body of Gulam Hassan Ganai was handed over to his family members. He had been arrested by the BSF from his village on 3rd of April. An FIR was lodged by the family members of the deceased with the local police.

Another youth was killed in identical circumstances at village Yaroo in Langate. Identified as Mohammad Amin, he had been arrested by the BSF during crackdown a few days back.

(iii) Javed Ahmed Bakshi S/o Gulam Nabi Bakshi of Batmaloo was arrested by the BSF on 8th April during crackdown. The following day his dead body was thrown on the road. According to local residents he had no links with militants. He was the only earning hand in the family and had four sisters. He was working in PDD.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the valley remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :-Safa Kadal, Bemina and Nawabazaar.

Anantnag:- Frisal, where two youths were arrested.

From Sheeva Baramulla, Budgam and other places three youths were arrested during crackdown.

Doda (Jammu):- Here 51 youths were arrested by the BSF.

Public Protests:-

Public protest demonstrations were held in Miasuma, Jahangeer Chowk and Budshah Chowk against the unending chain of custodial killings. A bandh (strike) was

also observed on the 5th consecutive day in Kashmir valley.

14-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		1	2			4		
Radio :-		1	2			4		
Kashmir Times :-		1				2		1
Local Papers :-		1	2		2	4		1
Official Handout :-		1	2			4		
Crackdowns :-	Baramulla, Srinagar, Anantnag and Shopian.							
Public Protests :-	Down-town area of Srinagar.							

Details of crackdown :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the Valley.

Baramulla :- Main Chowk of the town and Uri.

From Islamabad and Shopian 6 youths were arrested.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in different parts of the Down-town (Srinagar) and in Anantnag against the killings and against the burning down of a mosque by the BSF in Islamabad town.

15-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	
TV:-								25	6	2	1 Vehicle 1 Building
Radio:-	2		2					25	3	2	
Kashmir Times:-	2	6	3			9	4	24	6	6	
Local Papers:-		1	3	2		20	5	31	7	7	1 Vehicle 1 Building
Handout :-	2	6	5			9	3	23	6	5	

Custodial death:- 1 (Civilian)
Public Protests :- Srinagar.
Crackdowns :- Sopore, Patan and Srinagar.
Custodial death :-

The BSF personnel arrested Manzoor Ahmed S/o Atta Mohammad Khan of Devi-Angan, Srinagar from his house during crackdown some days back and yesterday his dead body was recovered from Lal Bazaar area. However, the official sources as usual claimed that he was killed during crossfiring.



*Mr. Manzoor Ahmed arrested a few days back
his deadbody was recovered yesterday*

Details of crackdown :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown :-

Sopore :- Arampora, Shawlapora, Muslimpeer, Kralteng and Shahabad.

Srinagar :- Basant Bagh, Mandir Bagh, Sathu Barbar Shah, Kral Khud, Gaw Kadal, Maisuma, Habba Kadal, Qamarwari and Noor Bagh. From these areas 27 persons were arrested by the BSF.

Budgam :- Yachigam and Lattur where 2 youths were arrested.

In Pulwama one person was arrested.

In Anantnag 3 youths were arrested.

Kupwara :- Batapora and Gund-Reeshi here one person was arrested.

Public Protests :Public protest demonstrations were held in many parts of the Down-town Srinagar against the arrests of innocent civilians and the excesses by the BSF during crackdown.

16-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men		Children		Forces		Property		
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	loss	
TV :-		10	1		1			11	8			1	4	(1 Buil)
Radio :-														
Kashmir Times:-	11		1				19	9	8		1	4	4	1 Vehcile 1 Building
Local Papers:-		14	2		2		19	11	7		1	5	4	4 Vehcile 1 Building
Handout :-		11	2		1		19	11	7		1	4	1	1 Vehcile 1 Building

Custodials deaths :- 3 (2 militants and one civilian)

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Pulwama, Islamabad and Kupwara.

Public Protests :- Lasjan, Sopore, Srinagar and Budgam.

Mr. Abdul Majeed Koka

R/o Doniwari Khand

arrested on 16-4-93

and killed on the same day.





*Mr. Gulam Mohd malik and Gulam Hassan Mir
R/o Lasjan arrested on 16-4-93 and killed on the same day.*

Custodial deaths :-

The BSF arrested 2 youths from Lasjan and one from Khanda while they were walking on the road. Two youths, namely, Gulam Hassan Mir S/o Sana-ul-lah Mir and Gulam Mohammed Malik S/o Gulam Ahmed Malik of Lasjan were arrested from Lasjan when they were going on a scooter to visit their relatives in Kanipora whereas Abdul Majid Koka from Doniwari-Khand who worked as an orderly in the high school of Khanda, was arrested from Kunzur. The three were taken away to interrogation centre where they were inhumanly torured. During the night of 15-16 April at 3 .am they were brought near the by-pass bridge in Chhanapora where they were shot dead. Today in the morning when the three dead bodied were found lying near the bridge, tension gripped the Chhanapora locality. The local police picked the dead bodies. According to the family members of Abdul Majid he was arrested when he was returning home from his duty. They said that he had no links with militants.

The deceased is survived by a widow and four little children. The official spokesman as uasual,came out with the stereotyped claim that they had been killed during an encounter with the 'security' forces.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown.

Srinagar:- Bemina, Athwajan, Lasjan and Basantbagh. In Athwajan one person was arrested. In Basantbagh 2 youths were arrested.

Pulwama :- Gulbagh, where four youths were arrested.

Kupwara :- Rangroo.

Islamabad :- 2 persons were arrested here.

Public Protests :-

Public protest demonstration were held in Lasjan, Chhanapora, Sopore, Hazratbal and Budgam against the custodial deaths in the Valley. Raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans they demanded the right of self-determination for the Kashmiris according to the UN resolutions. A massive congregation was held at Hazratbal. After Friday prayers, thousands of people took out a protest march which dispersed at the Regional Engineering Collage. They shouted anti-India slogans and demanded the grant of the right of self-determination. A similar protest gathering was held at Jamia Masjid Srinagar.

17-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilinas			Forces		Property
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		2				7			3 building & 1 vehcile.
Radio :-		2				7			1 Vehcile
Kashmir Times :-		3			2	7	1		3 building & 10 vehcile.
Local Papers :-		1			3	19	3	2	1 building 1 vehcile.
Official Handout :-		2			11	7	3	1	1 building.
Custodial deaths :-									2 (Militant 1 Civilian 1)
Public Protests :-									Srinagar (Alamgeer Bazaar) and Pulwama.
Crackdowns :-									Srinagar, Baramulla, Pulwama, Islamabad, Budgam and Kulgam.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) One Bashir Ahmed Ganai was arrested by the BSF on 16th April from Wathoor and was shifted to some interrogation centre. When he confessed his association with militants he was tortured to death by the BSF and his dead body was

thrown in Kralapora. According to eye-witnesses his body bore torture marks. However, the official sources as usual claimed that he had been killed during crossfiring.

(ii) Mohammed Yaqub Dar was arrested by the BSF during the identification parade in Wachi-Pulwama during crackdown. According to the local people he was brutally tortured during the 'identification' parade itself and was shot dead on the spot. When the people present there protested against the barbaric act they were mercilessly beaten up. Many persons including women were injured. But the official sources as usual came out with the stock explanation that he had been killed during crossfiring. The local people are emphatic about his having had no links with militants.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- From Habba Kadal to Fateh Kadal. During this Details of crackdown 13 youths were picked up. During The crackdown at Soura people were unduly harassed.

Kulgam :- Tengbam-Noorabad. No important details are available.

Baramulla :- Kaleyhun, Rafi Abad, Patan

Islamabad :- 6 youths were arrested here)

Budgam :- Chadoora. Searches were conducted but no further details are available.

Pulwama :- Wachi and surrounding areas. Besides harassment of the residents in the course of searches no other details are available.

Public Protests :-

Public protests were held in Alamgeer Bazaar, Rainawari, Wathora and Wachi-Pulwama against the custodial deaths and excesses by the BSF. The students of S.P.College and Women's College, Srinagar, also held protest demonstration against the killings in and arson of Lal Chowk area. They were lathi-charged when they reached near the Regal Chowk. Many students received injuries. Quite a few students were arrested by the BSF.

18-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		4		1	2	9			Vehcile 1
Radio :-		4		1	2	8			Vehcile 1
Kashmir Times :-		5		2	2	20			Vehcile 3
Local Papers :-		5			5	28			Vehcile 6
									Building 1
Official Handout:-	4	4		2	5				Vehcile 3

Public Protests :- Srinagar, Kupwara and Budgam.

crackdowns :- Srinagar, Kupwara and Baramulla

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown in the Valley:-

Srinagar :- Batamaloo and Hawal, where 8 and 20 youths respectively were picked up by the BSF.

Kupwara :- Gooshipora, Gilgam, Pazipora, Goteng, Mughalpora, Trehgam and Delgam.

Baramulla :- Khooroo near Patan, where one person was picked up.

Public protests :-

Public protests were held in Batamaloo against the excesses of the BSF during the crackdown. Protests were also held in Kupwara against the killing of 5 militants. Protest demonstration was also held in Budgam against the killing by the BSF of a child reading in 4th primary.

19-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Men			Women		Forces		Property
	I	K	A	I	K	A	K	I	I	K	Loss
TV :-		4				6					
Radio :-		4				6					
Kashmir Times :-		4			8	6	1				4 (Veh) 2 (Buil)
Local Papers :-		5	2		8	27	2	2		4	10 (Veh) 3 (Buil)
Official Handout:-		4				6					1 (Veh) 2 (Buil)

Public protests :- Srinagar, Sopore, Bandipora and Manasbal.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Kupwara, Bandipora and Manasbal.

Firing on student marchers in Sopore:-

At least 6 youths and a woman including a school girl were killed in Sopore this afternoon when the BSF personnel opened indiscriminate fire on a procession taken out by students in protest against the custodial deaths. Arrests and the continued of the controversial TV serial "Bible-Ki-Kahaniyaan"

The eye-witnesses said that the procession participated by the boys and girls began to take shape immediately after the students abandoned their classes demanding immediate ban on the blasphemous serial. They also chanted pro-freedom and anti-India slogans, alleging that the "Bible-Ki-Kahaniyaan" hurt the religious sentiments of the Muslims. As the procession reached the main chowk of the town the BSF personnel came out of their sand-bag bunkers and started indiscriminate firing without any warning. A teenaged school girl, Naseema, and two others died on the spot whereas three others succumbed to their injuries while being taken to hospital. The condition of 10 others injured in the shoot-out was reported to be serious. The deceased have been identified as Zahoor Ahmed Dar of Seeloo Sopore, Aijaz Bashir of Waripora Sopore, Farooq Ahmed Dar of Sopore, Sanaullah Baba S/o Abdul Khaliq Baba of Sopore, Muzaffar Ahmed Bhat S/o Ali Mohammed Bhat of Seeloo Sopore, Abdul Majid Shah S/o Mohammed Yousuf Shah of Dangarpore and Hajira Begam R/o

Arampora. Injured persons were identified as Zoon Begum, Abdul Ahad Chopan S/o Ahmed Chopan of Majhipora, Gulam Ahmed Dar S/o Abdul Samad Dar of Botengo, Abdul Khaliq Shah, Mohammed Ashraf Wani S/o Ali Mohammed Wani of Dooroo, Parveez Ahmed Dar, Abdullah Dar and Firdous Ahmed Dar S/o Ali Mohammed Dar of Muslim Peer.

Treatment with the Journalists :-

The visiting AFP Deputy Bureau Chief, AFP, Mr. Chris, his lensman Mr. Douglas and their Srinagar-based colleagues Mr. Izhar Ahmed Wani and Mr. Oberoi had a miraculous escape in Sopore while they had taken refuge in a shop amidst indiscriminate shooting by the Indian forces because the bullets came in the direction of the shop as well. Three members of the visiting team, Mr. Ishara, Mr. Douglas and Surinder Singh were arrested by the BSF but released on the spot. Mr. Douglas was quick in raising his hands when a BSF man trained his gun at him. As someone from among the BSF men shouted: "Gora Hai Chhod Do (leave him, he is a white), he was spared but the film rolls of his camera were exposed. However, as the visiting newsmen boarded their vehicle the BSF men could not resist firing at the car whose side-screen was pierced by bullets.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the valley remained under crackdown :-

Srinagar :- Gojwara, Nayid Kadal, Fateh Kadal, Khanqah-e-Mualla, Kalashpora, Babademb, Bohri Kadal, Pathar Masjid, Urdu Bazaar, Dalal Muhalla, Qaiamdanpora, Zaina Kadal, Shamaswari, Khanawari and New Fateh Kadal. At least 24 youths were arrested. From Khanqah-e-Mualla alone 17 youths were arrested.

Manasbal :- Khonibal, Yatermulla Manasbal Park and Barsu from where one person, namely, Abdul Rashid Dar, S/o Mohammed Ramzan Dar was shot dead by the BSF when he was running away in terror of the BSF. He was a tailor-master.

Bandipora :- Kaloosa- 3 youths were arrested from here while they were walking on a road. According to the local people one person, namely, Abdul Majid is not mentally fit, whereas Maqsood is a shopkeeper and Mohammed Akbar is working in the Department of Food and Supplies.

Kupwara :- Choki-Bal, Dergoola and Mawer.

Shopian :- Zainapora and Dangarpore where 2 youths were arrested.

Public protests :-

Strong Protest demonstrations were held in many parts of the downtown in Srinagar, Sopore, Manasbal and Bandipora against the ever-increasing killings and arrests in the Valley.

20-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		1		6	6	8	1		
Radio :-		1		6	6	8	1		
Kashmir Times :-		1			11	13	2		
Local Papers :-		1		6	11	13	2		
Official Handout :-	1			3	13	2			

Public protests :- Lal Chowk.

Crackdowns : Doda, Srinagar, Islamabad, Sopore and Bandipora.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the State remained under crackdown :-

Doda (Jammu) :- Bhalla and adjoining areas. (Kashmir Times)

Srinagar :- The Down-town, Batamaloo, Theed-Harvan and Bemina.

Islamabad :- Anchidoorah and Qureshiabad.

Sopore :- Tujar Sharif, Zainageer, Targipora, Rafi Abad and Chatoosa. Many persons were picked up from these areas.

Lawaypora in Bandipora where one youth was arrested by the BSF during the 'identification' parade.

Baramulla :- Gorigund and Pangoor where one person was arrested by the BSF.

Pulwama :- Sogam where one person was arrested by the BSF.

Public protests :-

Protests demonstrations were held in many parts of the Valley by the students against yesterday's killing of students in Sopore. In Lal Chowk police burst teargas and fired in the air to disperse students. Dozens of the students were injured in the firing.

21-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss	
I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K		
Local TV :-									
Local Radio :-			4		5				
Kashmir Times :-		6	4		4	12	8	3	
Local Papers :-		9	6	4	5	31	6	3	
Official Handout :-		5	4		4	12	6	2	
Public protests :-		Srinagar.							
Crackdowns :-		Srinagar, Baramulla and Shopian.							

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley were brought under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Saraibala, where four youths, namely, Hilal Ahmed R/o Qamarwari; Javed Ahmed Hakeem R/o Sariabal; Nazir Ahmed Hakeem of Saraibala and Mohammed Abdullah Jaral of Saraibala were arrested by the BSF. Nawa Kadal, Iddgah, Sekidaafar, Dooba Kadal and adjoining areas from where 18 persons were picked up some of them were released in half-dead condition. The Indian Army-men assisted by the BSF besieged the shrine of Hazaratbal and its adjoining localities this morning following a tip off that a large number of militants were present in the area. They asked the militants to surrender but they did not pay any heed. Later and started firing on them from their hide out. One BSF-man and one JKAP man were killed. During the identification parade 6 youths were arrested by the BSF. The army lifted the seige after receiving instructions to that effect from their authorities and did not attack the hideout. This development was the result of the hot rumours which were floating across the city that the shrine had been desecrated by the army and damaged by the firing. In Jawahar Nagar 4 militants were arrested by the BSF. In Bemina 3 persons were arrested

Baramulla :- Rafi Abad, Panzala, Salfipora, Syed Nava and Bahkipora. Two civilians were shot dead by the BSF without any cause. 6 persons, namely, Mohammed Ashraf Dar, Gulam Hassan Shah, Farooq Ahmed Shah, Javed Ahmed Dar and 60-year-old Mohammed Yousuf Khan were arrested. According to the local people these persons

had no links with the militants.

Shopian :- Narooni, Imam Sahib, Chitragam and Zainapora. Many persons were beaten up. In Zainapora a student, Nazir Ahmed Naykoo, was arrested by the BSF. In Chitragam 2 militants were arrested.

Treatment with the Govt. Employees :-

One Mushtaq Ahmed, working in the Department of Food and Supplies, was arrested by the BSF during the crackdown of the Govt. Quarters in Bemina. (Wadi-KI-Awaz)

Public protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in the Downtown Srinagar and in the high security zone of Sonawar against the arrest of innocent civilians in these areas during crackdowns.

22-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
Local TV :-		4	1		2	27		1	
Local Radio :-		4			2	28		1	
Kashmir Times :-		7	1		6	27		1	
Official Handout :-		5	1		5	25		2	
Local papers :-		4			8	28		3	

Custodial deaths :- 6 (4 militants, 1 auto driver 1 constable)

Public protests :- Srinagar and Budgam.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama and Islamabad.

Custodial deaths :-

(i) The dead body of one Abdul Majid Ganai was fished out from Sindh Nallah at Ganderbal today. According to local people Abdul Majid Ganai was arrested by the BSF three days back in Srinagar. They allege that after torturing him to death the BSF threw his body into the power canal. But the official sources in their usual lying way said that as the youth was being taken by the BSF for the recovery of arms and ammunition, he tried to escape from their custody and jumped into the power canal near Prang in Ganderbal. Strong protests were held by the people when the body was recovered from the canal.

(ii) In Nowshehra one auto-rickshaw JKo1-618 was stopped by the BSF personnel of 107 battalion. The occupants were asked to come out and were shot dead

on the spot. The deceased were identified as Gulam Jeelani Malik S/o Abdul Ahad Malik, R/o Khanyar and the auto driver Manzoor Ahmed Mir, S/o Ali Mohammed Mir, R/o Fateh Kadal. The 'official' spokesman faithfully attributed these killings to some crossfiring in the downtown Srinagar. (News item "The Daily Wadi Ki - Awaz Srinagar")

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(iii) The dead bodies of three persons including JKAP constable were handed over to the police control room in Batamaloo late last evening. According to the eye-witnesses, Abdul Majid Bhat Hazratbal, Irshad Ahmed Sofi R/o Zukoor and constable Riaz Ahmed were arrested by the Army in Hazratbal area yesterday during crackdown. Riaz Ahmed, who had injured his right leg while playing football in Jammu a few days back, was on medical leave. At the time of his arrest by the Army authorities he was in civil dress and was returning after meeting the local hakim at Telbal, Srinagar. He showed his identity card to the Army. The DSP Bashir Ahmed Gilkar, approached the Army officers for his release. He was assured that Riaz would be released after one hour, but at that juncture the Special Superintendent of Police, K. Rajindaran appeared on the scene. The SSP told the Army men to "take him and teach him a lesson" In the evening the dead body of Riaz was handed over to the police control room. Jawans of the JKAP revolted against their superiors and demanded immediate suspension and arrest of the SSP Srinagar, K. Rajinderan whom they held responsible for the custodial death of Riaz Ahmed.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Kashmir valley remained under crackdown:-

Tral :- Here both men and women were beaten up by the BSF during the crackdown. House-hold things were also broken up.

Srinagar :- Qazi Masjid Fateh Kadal and other areas. One Shabir Ahmed Bhat was arrested by the Indian forces. He had been released after 8 months of captivity on 25th March.

Islamabad, Pulwama and Budgam :- From these areas 27 persons were picked up by the BSF during crackdown.

Public protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in Hazratbal, Khan-Sahib Budgam, Achhabal-

Islamabad, Qazi Masjid Fateh Kadal and Tarabal Srinagar against the continued arrests and custodial deaths of the youths in the Valley. Protesters raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans demanded immediate release of the arrested persons, and an end to the brutal practice of custodial killings.

Treatment with semi-govt.employees :-

Sheikh Zahid Hussain of Nallah Mar Road was arrested by the BSF along with his brother, Bilal Ahmed Sheikh, on 21st April during crackdown. Zahid Hussain is working in Jammu and Kashmir Bank. The J & K Bank employees Union has demanded immediate release of the employee.

23-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	
Local TV :-											
Local Radio :-											
Kashmir Times:-						5	7	1			3 Buildings. 1 Vehicle.
Local papers :-				1		7	9	7	1	3	3 Buildings. 1 Vehicle.
Official Handout :-						5	7	1			3 Buildings. 1 Vehicle.

Public protests:- Sopore.

Crackdown :- Shopian, Budgam and Check Sheeri Patan.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown :-

Shopian road and the adjoining areas.

Check Sheeri Patan, where 5 persons were arrested by the BSF.

Budgam :- Here 2 youths were arrested by the BSF.

Public Protests :-

Demonstrations were held by the students' in Sopore against the unabated killings by the Indian forces. The JKAP Jawans also held protest demonstration against the custodial death of their colleague, Riaz Ahmed. They also submitted a memorandum to the UN Observers' Head Quarters in Srinagar urging the world body to intervene and get the death of Riyaz investigated. The memorandum invited the

attention of the UNO towards 'the State-terrorism' resorted to by India.

24-4-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-		6				8	3	3	1	
Radio :-										
Kashmir Times :-		6				8	2	3	1	
Local Papers :-		1			1		2	3	2	
Official Handout :-		6				8	3	3	1	

Public Protests :- Srinagar, Islamabad and Sopore.

Crackdowns :- Islamabad, Pampora, Srinagar and Baramulla.

Details of crackdowns :-

In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown :-

Srinagar :- Fateh Kadal, Nawa Bazar, Zaldagar, Dalal Muhalla and adjoining areas.

Pampora :- In Khrew several persons were arrested.

Islamabad :- In Kulgam-Maisuma one girl was shot dead soon after the BSF was attacked by the militants. Two youths were also arrested by the BSF

Baramulla :- Here one person was arrested by the BSF.

Protests :-

A general strike was observed in Srinagar and other major towns of Kashmir on a call given by the striking policemen. The call was given to demonstrate the general public's solidarity with their cause. All shops and commercial establishments remained closed and movement of vehicular traffic was very thin. Even the Government offices did not function as the Employees Coordination Committee representing the Government and the Semi-Government employees Unions extended its support to the strike call.

The Kashmir policemen who have risen in revolt against the "State terrorism being patronised and encouraged" by the Governor's administration" continued their defiance for the third consecutive day today by marching on the capital's streets amidst

chanting of such slogans as we “want justice” and “down with state terrorism “

25-04-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Other			Forces		Employees		
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A
TV :-						7	2	2			
Radio :-						7	2	2			
Kashmir Times :-		1			1	7	5	7		6	
Local Papers :-						7	5	7			
Official Handout :-						7	5	3			
Custodial deaths :-			1	(non-militant)							
Crackdowns :-				Srinagar and Bijbehara (Islamabad).							
Public protest :-				Srinagar.							

Custodial death :-

The dead body of one Bilal Ahmed Sheikh S/o Mohammed Amin was today handed over to his family members. The 15-year old Bilal Ahmed had been arrested by the BSF on 21st April from Tarabal (Srinagar) during crackdown alongwith his 18-year old elder brother Zahid Hussain. They were taken away to interrogation centre where after the usual brutal torture, Bilal Ahmed was shot dead. His bullet-riddled body bearing torture marks was later handed over to his family through the local police. The whereabouts of Zahid Hussain are still not known to his parents. According to their parents their sons had no links whatsoever with militants.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas In the Valley remained under crackdown :-

Srinagar :- Lone Mohalla Chhanapora and RainaWari. 7 persons were arrested by the BSF.

Bijbehara (Islamabad) :- No particular details available except that it was a routine kind of crackdown in the nature of harassment.

Public Protests :- Massive protest demonstrations were held in Tarabal against the custodial death of the young man, namely. Bilal Ahmed Sheikh. The agitation of JKAP entered the fourth day today with thousands of Jawans going in a caravan of police vehicles to attend the fourth-day-ceremony of their colleague, Riyaz Ahmed, Who, the police-men allege was killed in Army custody four days back.

26-04-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces	
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K
TV :-					1					2
Radio :-					1					2
Kashmir Times :-								1		4
Local Papers :-		1			1		6	1		4
Official Handout :-								1		4
										8

Crackdowns :- Shopian, Pulwama and Bijbehara.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas remained under crackdown:-

Shopian :- Hil Cheek Saidipora, Shermal, Reeshi Nagar and Narwah etc.

Pulwama :- Kulgam and Gaberpora-several persons were arrested by the BSF

Bijbehara (Islamabad) :- Here four persons were arrested by the BSF

Treatment with the Journalists :-

Mr. Ashraf Shaban, Chief Editor of the daily Alsafa, along with a member of the Press News Information (PNI), was arrested and put in custody for 2 hours by the army near Narabal. The Editor's camera was snatched and the film was removed from it. Twice before this also the said editor had been stopped by the army for hours without any reasonable excuse. The Kashmir Editors Conference had sharply reacted to the said action.

27-04-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Children		Men			Forces		Property
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	Loss
TV :-		8					2				
Radio :-		9			3		2	59			
Kashmir Times :-		8			3		5	6			1 V. 1 B.
Local papers :-		8			3		1	28			1 V. 1 B.
Official Handout:-		8			3		1	6			

Public protests :- Kupwara.
Crackdowns :- Kupwara and Sopore.
Curfew :- In Srinagar and other towns of the Valley.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following areas in the Valley were put under crackdown :-

Kupwara :- Reeshi Gund- Here 28 youths were arrested by the BSF during crackdown.

Sopore :- Zainageer remained under crackdown for the second consecutive day today.

Manasbal :- Sanik School Bangorah and Badampora. Several persons were picked up by the BSF.

Public protests :-

A protest bandh (strike) was observed in Kupwara, Handwara and Qaziabad against the inhuman killing of three militants by the BSF.

Treatment with the press employees.

News hawker, Gulam Mohammed Gani was arrested by the BSF and was beaten up. He was released after severe torture.

28-04-93

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Women		Men			Forces		Property
	I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K	Loss
TV :-								8			
Radio :-								8			
Kashmir Times :-				1		6	8				1 V. 1 B
Local Papers :-		1		1		9	8				1 V. 1 B
Official Handout :-				1		1	8				

Custodial deaths :- 4 Civilians.

Public protests :- Sopore.

Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Kupwara, Budgam and Pulwama.

Custodial deaths :-

The BSF personnel raided the house of one Lala Kumhar in Sogam village late last evening and took four persons sitting there in custody. After interrogating them under brutal torture for a few hours they shot them dead in the same house. Their dead bodies were later collected by the local police. The deceased have been identified as Mohammed Ashraf Wani of Tarzoo (Sopore) who was an employee of the Department of Irrigation, Ali Mohammed Lone of Panzaripora (Sopore) who was a Government School Teacher, Gulam Qadir Wani of Amargarh (Sopore) who also worked in the Department of Irrigation and Gulam Hassan Lone of Krankshoo (Sopore) who was a business-man. The local residents said that they were innocent civilians who had no connection with militancy. They further said that they had gone there in connection with the purchase of an orchard. They had rupees four lac with them when they were caught and killed. However, the BSF authorities as usual labelled the unfortunate persons as "hardcore militants".

Details of crackdowns :-

The following places in the Valley were brought under crackdown:-

Kupwara :- Reshigund and Chatwari

Srinagar :- Kalwal Muhalla Rainawari where many persons were beaten up by the BSF

Pulwama :- Here 7 persons were arrested by the BSF.

Budgam :- Here one person was arrested by the BSF.

Public protests :- A protest hartal was observed in Sopore. As the bodies of the four persons murdered by the BSF after a raid on a house in Sogam village were brought to Sopore town this morning for burial a large number of people joined their funeral procession. They raised slogans against the BSF.

29-04-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

Militants			Women		Men			Forces	
I	K	A	I	K	I	K	A	I	K

TV :-

Radio :-

Kashmir Times :-	2		2	1	8	9	1
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Local Papers :-	2		3	1	16	9	1
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Official Handout :-				1	8	7	
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Crackdowns :- Srinagar, Kupwarah, Handwarah, Pulwama, Shopian and Budgam.

Public protests :- Baramullah and Islamabad.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following places in the Valley were brought under crackdown:-

Srinagar :- Lal Bazaar, Where 6 youths were arrested by the BSF.

Kupwarah :- Braripora.

Handwarah :- Kalingam.

Pulwama :- Rang Mullah, where nine youths were picked up by the BSF.

Shopian :- Nazneenpora, Furqanabad, Saidpora etc. In Nazneenpora an old man, namely, Gulam Mohammed Shah was arrested by the BSF.

Budgam :- Here many youths were picked up and taken away by the BSF.

Public Protests :- Students held protest demonstrations in Baramullah and Islamabad against the increased killings and the telecast of the blasphemous serial 'Bible-Ki-Kahaniyaan'.

30-04-93.

Abstract of Killings/Arrests/Injuries.

	Militants			Civilians			Forces		Property loss
	I	K	A	I	K	A	I	K	
TV :-		1			1	2			
Radio :-		1			1	2			
Kashmir Times :-		1			1				1 V. 1 B.
Local Papers :-		2			2	4	3	3	1 V. 1 B.
Official Handout :-		1			1	2	2	1	1 V. 1 B.

Public protests :- Srinagar and Baramullah.

Crackdowns :- Baramulla and Handwarah.

Details of crackdowns :-

The following places in the Valley remained under crackdown:-

Baramulla :- Qazihamam and Khanpora, where two youths were arrested by the BSF
Handwara :- Langate, where 2 youths were arrested by the BSF.

Public Protests :-

Protest demonstrations were held in Baramulla, Maisuma, Chhanapora and some other parts of the city after Friday congregations, against the alarming increase in custodial deaths and the harassment of the innocent people by the Indian forces. A protest bandh (strike) was also observed all over the Valley following the call given by the Kashmir Transport Welfare Association in protest against the telecast of the blasphemous serial Bible-Ki-Kahaniyaan and also against the harassment of the commuters and transporters by the Indian forces.

PART III

Chapter I

THE CUSTODIAL DEATH THAT DAMAGED THE CREDIBILITY OF INDIAN CLAIMS REGARDING KASHMIR.

April was one of the most brutal months for Kashmiris. Some events which took place during this month were important inasmuch as they exposed the terrible face of India with added emphasis. Those who hesitated to concede the fact of India being constantly guilty of State-sponsored terrorism in the disputed State of Jammu and Kashmir must have been convinced by these events about the veracity of sustained complaints being made by the terribly suffering masses. Whereas in the case of Dr.A.A.Guru's kidnapping and subsequent murder on 1st of April the Amnesty International pointed an accusing finger at the security forces of India, which in effect amounted to alleging India of carrying out State-sponsored terrorism, in the case of the custodial death of constable Riaz Ahmed of 11th battalion Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police (JKAP) it was the thousands of his shocked and enraged colleagues whose extraordinary action of far reaching consequences and tremendous importance in having presented a memorandum at the UN Observors' Head Quarters in Srinagar proved beyond doubt the truth of the complaints of the State-sponsored terrorism continuously being made by the Kashmiri masses since the day the disputed State came under the direct rule of New Delhi.

It was on 21st April at around 11-30 a.m that the men of the Garhwal Rifles (10th battalion) began a cordon-and-search operation of the Hazratbal shrine. The Commanding Officer of the battalion, Col.Eranna was supported in this operation by the BSF and CRPF personnel who provided out-cover. The residents of the surrounding localities and the men present in the premises of the shrine were called out and herded into open places for identification parades. According to eye-witnesses which included the two Srinagar-based cameramen accompanying Mr.Madhusudan Srinivas of the Frontline, several young men 'identified' by the 'spotter' were taken away in an Army Jeep. Contrary to the general practice, the names of these men were simultaneously taken down by the Army and the police personnel and the SDM (the custodial deaths and the cases of disappearance of those picked up during crackdowns and special raids have been recurring with alarming frequency simply because their names, as a matter

of policy, are not recorded by the Indian forces conducting the operations without any help of the local police) The presence of the civilian officers and the Governor's advisor, Lt. General (retd.) Saklani probably compelled the incharge of the operation, Col. Eranna, to get the names of the arrested persons recorded. This contention is borne out by the fact of another lot of young men having been picked up and taken away from the other side of the shrine with their names as usual not recorded. Of this unfortunate lot the dead bodies of three were deposited at 7.30 p.m. on 21st April (the day of operation) by the Army men of Garhwal Rifles at the Police Control Room Srinagar 9 km away from where they had been picked up alive. The bodies according to the eye-witnesses, including the aforementioned correspondent of the Frontline, bore torture marks. The dead body of constable Riaz was among the three bodies. In the presence of the special S.P. Srinagar, K. Rajendran, the S.P. Control Room, Niyaz Mahmood, is reported to have said that the Army had ascribed the deaths to the encounter with the Security forces at Hazratbal earlier that day.

It is not clear, however, whether Riaz was picked up with the lot whose names were recorded or with that which was taken away as usual without informing the local police. It is most probable that Riaz was picked up with the persons whose names were recorded by the Army as well as by the police. The report filed by the SHO at the Nageen Police Station mentions Riaz Ahmed among those picked up by the Army whose name were recorded. But intriguingly the Army and the Police did not admit having taken away Riaz till his dead body was delivered to the Police Control Room.

A keen footballer, Riaz was reported to have been on medical leave following the fracture in the right leg which he had broken while participating in the Police Games held at Jammu in the current month of April. He was returning from Telbal after consulting a physician there when, while he was passing through Hazratbal, the area was suddenly cordoned off by the Army reportedly on a tip off about the armed militants' presence in the premises of the shrine. Riaz, who was wearing a thick beard, was on suspicion rounded up along with seven others. He produced his identity card. A Deputy Superintendent of police on duty intervened for his release. It is said that his captors had in principle agreed to let him off as soon as the operation finished. But unfortunately for poor Riaz, there appeared on the scene the Special Superintendent of Police Srinagar, K. Rajendran who, according to eye-witnesses, got furious when told about Riaz and asked the Army men present to "take him away and teach him a lesson".

In the official bulletin released in the evening there was no mention of anyone having been killed or detained at Hazratbal. The Army and the police did not comment on the whereabouts of the arrested men including those of Riaz or on the correctness of their identification or any other detail, despite repeated requests by some journalists.

Even at the local base of Garhwal Rifles the Journalists failed to eke out any information about the whereabouts of the said persons. The news-paper reports appearing on the subsequent days made it clear that a large number of policemen and junior officers were willing to swear that Riaz Ahmed had been picked up by Eranna's men despite the pleading of many senior officials and packed off with others rounded up, because Rajendran had signalled to Eranna that Riaz be picked up. In any case there seems no doubt whatsoever that Riaz, along with two others, was killed in custody by the Army due to brutal Physical torture. The two cameramen accompanying the Frontline correspondent are believed to have said that they had seen and filmed (on video) Riaz Ahmed being taken away in an Army Jeep. Reliable sources were quoted as saying that the Army officer said to be responsible for killing Riyaz had, during questioning by top security officers, revealed that he had issued the orders to kill Riaz Ahmed at the behest of the SSP Rajendran.

The Director General Police, Mr. Bedi, admitted that the constable Riaz Ahmed had been murdered. At a press conference in the Police Control Room on 26th April he assured to punish the official involved in the murder of the constable. Asked why the official spokesman termed the death of Riaz as death in encounter, Mr. Bedi replied that it had been done during his absence.

News of the alleged death in custody of constable Riaz Ahmed spread across the Valley and sparked off violent protests by his colleagues in the JKAP. The JKAP personnel, joined by other sister concerns of the Police Department struck work and took to streets in condemnation of what they called State terrorism. Shaken by the tragic death in Army custody, of their colleague, several hundred policemen marched to the UN Observers' Head Quarters where they submitted a memorandum urging the world body to intervene and get the death of Riaz investigated. The agitating policemen's main demand was to arrest the SSP Rajendran on the basis of the FIR lodged at the Nageen Police Station and put him on trial for causing the murder of Riaz Ahmed. The DG Police at the press conference of 26th April announced the transfer of Rajendran to Jammu and told the reporters that the orders to that effect had already been issued in view of the serious allegation that he was involved in the killing of constable Riaz Ahmed while in Army custody. At the same press conference the Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. Mahmoodur Rehman, told the reporters that an enquiry into the death of Riaz Ahmed would be completed within 15 days by the IGP Kashmir, A.K. Suri and an Army officer of the rank of Brigadier.

After a week-long protest demonstrations the 1500 odd defiantly agitating policemen thought it wiser to surrender to the Army and the paramilitary forces which far outnumbered them and were equipped with sophisticated weapons. The agitating policemen were rounded up after they had surrendered and were herded like the civilian

masses into the open grounds of the Control Room and were paraded before the spotters. Twenty police men were 'identified' and taken away to the Joint Interrogation Centre where they were subjected to merciless torture. About as many as 80 personnel were summarily dismissed from service for having taken active part in the agitation. In any case the episode of the custodial death of Riaz and its immediate repercussions with politically far-reaching ramifications focussed the increased attention of the outside world on the Kashmir scene.

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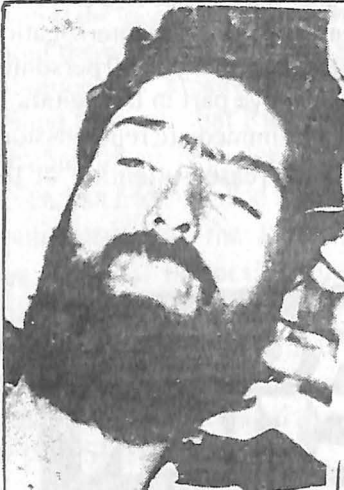
INDIA: Constable Riaz Ahmed

Amnesty International is concerned at continuing reports of deaths in custody in Jammu and Kashmir, the most recent of which reportedly occurred on 21 April 1993 when police constable Riaz Ahmed died in the custody of the army. Policemen in the state, who have gone on strike after his death demanding action against those responsible, have said they suspect Riaz Ahmed was tortured and killed in custody. The government, however, says he was killed in crossfire between the army and the militants.

Constable Riaz Ahmed was picked up by the army on 21 April 1993 on suspicion of aiding militants in their fight to end Indian rule in Kashmir. He was dressed in civilian clothes when arrested and was detained despite showing his identity card. His dead body was brought to the police headquarters late on 21 April.

Since June 1992, reports of deaths in custody following torture have increased substantially. Recent reports indicate that there have been around 100 deaths in custody in Jammu and Kashmir in the first three months of 1993, 36 of those deaths are alleged to have occurred in April 1993. Amnesty International does not have detailed information on these cases.

Copy of letter of Amnesty International regarding the
custodial killing of Constable Riaz Ahmed.



Riyaz Ahmed
JKAP Constable
Killed by Indian
Forces after arrest.

کانٹیل ریاض احمد کو قتل کر دیا گیا ہے ڈائریکٹر جنرل پولیس کا اعتراف

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“Constable Riyaz Ahmed
Killed by Forces” News item
The Daily Afaaq, Srinagar
dated 24-4-1993

79 policemen dismissed, 50 suspended

SRINAGAR, May 5: The authorities today dismissed 79 policemen of the Jammu and Kashmir armed Police and suspended 50 more policemen, including commandant and a deputy commandant, report PTI & UNI. Official sources said the dismissed police personnel included some non-gazetted officers of the armed police and fire service and traffic officers who were found guilty of fomenting trouble during the recent police strike.

They said transfers and postings of many middle level officers have also been issued. It is reported that a major component of the J and K armed police is likely to be deputed outside the state for law and order duty.

BANDH CALL: The police

coordination committee has given a call for a Kashmir bandh tomorrow against “harassment and victimisation” of police personnel.

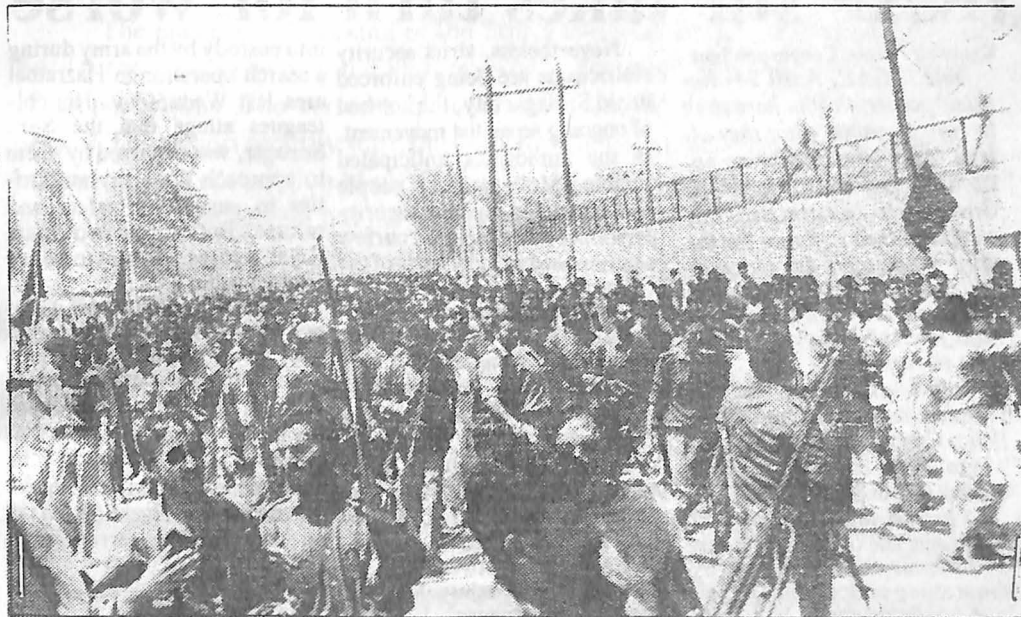
The police coordination committee which spearheaded the police strike, has urged government employees, transporters, business community and general public to express solidarity with the striking policemen, who, it said, were fighting for a “just and genuine cause”.

SSP TRANSFERRED: In another move, the state authorities have deputed Mr K. Rajinderan Kumar, former SSP, Srinagar, to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as commandant.

Mr Rajinderan was earlier transferred to Jammu to take up charge as SP crime (Jammu), following allegations levelled against him by the striking policemen that he was behind the murder of their colleague, Riyaz Ahmad.

News item “The Times of India”
dated 6-5-1993

J-K police stir spreads



Armed J-K police personnel holding a rally in Srinagar on Friday.—PTI

The Times of India News Service

SRINAGAR, April 24.

MORE policemen, including non-gazetted government officers, today joined the agitation by state police personnel against the killing of a constable in Army's custody.

The state police chief, Mr B.S. Bedi, who flew in here from Lucknow in a special aircraft, held consultations with senior officers till late this evening on ways to defuse the situation.

Earlier, during the day, the authorities made a bid to open a dialogue with the agitating policemen but failed.

A general strike was observed in the Valley in support of the agitat-

ing policemen. Shops and other commercial establishments remained closed while government employees stayed away from work. Transport, however, plied as usual.

This morning, policemen, many of them armed, arrived here in processions from police stations and barracks from different parts of the Valley. A gathering of about 10,000 policemen was seen at the police headquarters here. Demanding the arrest of the senior superintendent of police, Mr K. Rajender Kumar, they chanted slogans about the unity of all religious faiths. They also vowed to avenge the death of their colleague, Riyaz Ahmed which sparked off the agitation.

TALKS OFFER: The state's additional chief secretary (home), Mr Mehmood-ur-Rehman, who visited the police headquarters, sent word to the agitating policemen that he wanted speak to them, but they refused the offer. Later, they formed an ad hoc consultative committee to chalk out their course of action.

While the policemen were holding the demonstration at the police headquarters, a number of their colleagues were guarding the armouries at the barracks of the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police and at the district police lines here. They feared that the Army or the BSF might make an attempt to capture the armouries.

News item "The Times of India"

dated 24-4-1993

General strike in Valley

JKAP stir takes turn for worse

Kashmir Times Correspondent
SRINAGAR, April 24--*Kashmir policemen who have risen in revolt against what they allege "state terrorism being patronised and encouraged" by Governor's administration, continued their defiance for the third consecutive day today by marching on Srinagar streets amidst shouts of slogans. "We want justice" and "down with state terrorism"*

Brandishing their service weapons they converged at the Police Control Room (PCR) here where they staged day long dharna and demonstration.

A general strike was observed in Srinagar and other major towns of Kashmir on a call given by the striking policemen. The call was to demonstrate solidarity with their cause. All shops and commercial establishments remained closed and movement of vehicular transport was very thin. Even the government offices did not function as the employees coordination committee, representing government and semi government employees unions extended its support to the strike call.

In order to avoid open confrontation with the agitating policemen the paramilitary forces and the regular army, though deployed in full strength at almost all strategic places, had been asked not to stop the street protests, being taken out by the striking policemen in total defiance of prohibitory orders imposed in capital Srinagar.

Nevertheless, strict security restrictions are being enforced in old Srinagar city, the hot-bed of ongoing separatist movement, as the authorities anticipated trouble. Movement of people was restricted by the security personnel as undeclared curfew was imposed in most parts of the old city.

As reported earlier the policemen joined by fire brigade personnel and members of several other sister organisations are protesting against the death in alleged custody of regular army of a colleague, Riyaz Ahmed, on Wednesday last. The government which had earlier said he was killed in an exchange of fire between separatist guerrillas and the soldiers in "an area of Srinagar", last evening announced probe into the incident jointly by officers, one each from the regular army and the local police force. The probe will be completed with in a fortnight. Cash compensation of Rs 1,90,000 will be paid to the bereaved family and also a male member of it recruited as a constable.

Apparently this has not satisfied the policemen whose main demand is that the Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar, K Rajendran, be stripped, arrested and then tried under law along with the army men responsible for the murder of Riyaz Ahmed. The policeman who was on a 10-day leave after having fractured his arm in a football match in Jammu recently was taken

into custody by the army during a search operation in Hazratbal area last Wednesday. His colleagues allege that the SSP, Srinagar, was requested by them to approach the army authorities to ensure his safety and release. But within two hours Riyaz's corps was sent to police control room here.

His death sparked off widespread protests by policemen who struck work indefinitely, took to the streets and even chose to walk upto the office of the United Nations Military Observers Group at Sonawar here to present a memorandum seeking for international intervention "to put an end to state terrorism in Kashmir

The striking policemen also decided to take out a procession from the police control room to Sumbal, the home village of constable Riaz Ahmed.

A procession was taken out by the striking policemen, in defiance of the prohibitory orders, through the main streets of civil line this morning.

Traffic jams were reported from many parts of the city as the traffic police personnel are also on strike for the second day. The agitation has so far remained peaceful barring a firing incident by the security forces on the striking employees on April 20 at police control room.

Reports reaching here said that police officials from different parts of the Valley are also proceeding towards the police control room here to join the striking colleagues.

News item The Kashmir Times
dated 25-4-1993

Chapter II

Story of Hijacking-a mess of conflicting evidence.

The episode of hijacking of the Srinagar-bound Indian Airlines plane on 24th April turned out to be pure but ill-conceived and wrongly-directed drama. It was full of contradictions. The versions of the episode and its details vary from person to person. The airport security staff, the Director-General Punjab Police, the Indian Home Minister, the Civil Aviation Minister, the journalists and the passengers-all have stated something on the subject but hardly one statement corroborates another.

In the first place, the name of the 'hijacker' was stated to be Syed Jaluluddin. The Kashmir Times of 25th April carrying PTI and UNI reports wrote: According to Airlines sources in New Delhi, the name Syed Jalaluddin did not figure in the passengers list. However, the manifest did show the name Mohammad Yunus Shah, they added. The same report says: The hijacker, who took control of the plane over Pathankot 50 minutes after it took off from Delhi at 1345 hours was the third in the hierarchy of the separatist outfit, Hizbul Mujahideen. In this same report Mohammad Yusuf Shah becomes Mohammad Yunus Shah and as Mohammad Yusuf Shah he is placed third in the hierarchy of Hizbul Mujahideen. All this sounds a careless concoction. The claim of being the Supremo of the H.M. said to have been made by Jalaluddin or Mohammad Yunus Shah or Mohammad Yusuf Shah or whoever he was, viewed in retrospect, heightens the ludicrous effect of the drama. When the passengers reached Srinagar yet another name was added to the several names attached to the hijacker. Reporting this, the Kashmir Times of 26th April said one Javed Ahmed, a student of Srinagar Medical college said that the 'hijacker' spoke in broken Kashmiri with Punjabi accent. He identified himself as Commander Ghulam Hassan of Hizbul Mujahideen. Several other passengers also said that he did not appear to be a Kashmiri and that only his right leg was plastered.

A.K.Pandey, stated to be a former officer with the Central Reserve Police (CRPF) now attached to Punjab Director General Police's personal staff identified him as Mohammad Yusuf Shah, a militant he had interrogated in Srinagar in 1990. The question is: Who identified him as Jalaluddin? And, if he was really the militant Pandey had interrogated in Srinagar, how come that he had been at large? The 'hijacker' was 'officially' identified as H.M.Hizbi alias Mohammad Yusuf Shah. It means that Mohammad Yusuf Shah was his assumed name and that his real name was H.M. Hizbi. This is simply ludicrous, absurd and mind-boggling because H.M. is the abbreviation of Hizbul Mujahideen i.e. the formidable Pro-Pak militant organization. Hizbi means one who belongs to the Hizbul Mujahideen. Taken together, H.M. Hizbi would mean nonsense. This shows the name was invented by someone, who was in a great haste

or was rather possessed with Hizbul Mujahideen (H.M). One is convinced of the ludicrousness of the whole drama when one knows that Mohammad Yusuf Shah is the real name of the Hizbul Mujahideen Supremo whose assumed name is Syed Salahuddin. Just think for a moment that the name Syed Jalaluddin was incorrectly conveyed instead of Syed Salahuddin. Affix the alias to the 'correct' name. Then reverse it. The result: Mohammad Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin. Isn't it funny?

Two commandos posing as waiters went into the aircraft to survey the situation. The question is: Did the 'hijacker' frisk them before allowing them in? It sounds unconvincing that the 'hijacker' carried not one but two loaded pistols under the plaster cast on his legs. If he had skilfully concealed the weapons how was he able to take them out? To cut the plaster cast open a is needed. The question is how did he manage to carry it with him inside the aircraft without being detected by the metal detector? Surely, it must not and could not have been hidden under a plaster cast unless it was loosely made.

The aircraft doors had been quietly opened before the NSG commandos burst in through them. The question is: How did the hijacker allow the door to be opened? Was he so naive as not to understand its consequences? Or was he so careless that he did not keep a strict vigil on so vital a spot on which the whole success of his attempt depended. The NSG commandos burst into the aircraft and cornered 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah' in the cockpit. The question that has been baffling the minds of even people of ordinary intelligence. The question is: What happened there in the cockpit? Gill told that night to reporters that 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah' had been killed by the NSG commandos during a scuffle in the cockpit. Reporters had, however, already heard otherwise. Some like Ajay Bhardwaj of the Times of India, had sent in a report stating that the hijacker was "whisked away by the commandos and was being interrogated". Here Gill's account is contradicted. Several other reporters too had based their initial reports on what NSG commandos returning from the aircraft had told them. Gill's account is not also corroborated by the accounts given by the aviation sources in Delhi. The Telegraph correspondent was, for instance, told that 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah' was shot when he reached for the release pin on his grenade. But Gill told reporters that, contrary to earlier speculation, no hand grenades were recovered from the 'hijacker'.

What is more important in confirming the suspicions about the whole affair is the eye-witness accounts of the passengers. All of them emphatically stated that they had seen 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah' being dragged off by his feet, alive. The reports of several other journalists also substantiated this.

The other telling evidence exposing the fallacy of the official claims is the passengers' assertion that they had heard no gunfire during the NSG operation. Gill

unsuccessfully tried to answer the charge by saying that the weapons used by the troopers were fitted with silencers. But this claim was challenged by the Hindustan Times correspondent Harpreet Singh. In a report filed on April 26, he stated that no bloodstains were found in the cockpit. The I.G. Police (Border) D.R. Bhatti had quite different story to tell. According to him the 'hijacker' hit by weapon butts during the scuffle in the cockpit had been dragged out "half alive, and had died on the way to hospital"

The journalists were not allowed to see the dead body of the supposedly-killed hijacker. Just the photograph was later released to the press. But whose photograph? Was it really that of 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah'? If it was not, then who had been killed and where? There are people who saw something fishy about the whole drama right from the moment it was said that the 'hijacker' was a Kashmiri militant belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen. It is suspected that the man who was probably killed in 'Shah's' place might have been some unfortunate Sikh captive detainee. Much credence is given, and reasonably so, to the passengers' emphatic witness that the 'hijacker' had been dragged out alive.

The grenade theory gets contradicted by the Indian Minister of State for Home, Rajesh Pilot's statement in Parliament in which he said that the hijacker was shot when he tried to reach for his gun (not grenade). It is asked how could he have reached for his guns or grenade, which were reportedly on a chair in the cockpit, while grappling with NSG personnel? And how did NSG personnel, who were trying to pin him down, manage to open fire? Moreover, while Gill categorically stated that the 'hijacker' had died in the cockpit, Pilot admitted he had been brought out alive, albeit injured. How could a man shot at least 12 times through the head and chest remain alive, and how, as the passengers stated, could he have walked? There is still other version given by senior officials in Chandigarh according to which 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah', was brought off the plane alive, interrogated by officials from Delhi, Kashmir and Military Intelligence for about 15 minutes and then shot dead. Here another question that is pertinently asked is: Why was he shot dead?

That 'Mohammad Yusuf Shah' was brought off the plane alive is corroborated by the passengers but the fact is that the questioning business if at all indulged in, must have been in the nature of a farce.

All the contradictions point to the probability that those who conceived the plot had aimed at involving the formidable Hizbul Mujahideen which represents the pro-Pak stand on Kashmir and creating the impression that the 'abortive attempt' had the blessings of Pakistan. But the suspected plot was not only a miserable failure but it had the reverse effect of damaging the credibility of the Indian allegations of State-sponsored terrorism by Pakistan. No wonder that Pakistan benefitted much from what

proved to be a childish game. Pakistanis accused India of having planted 'Shah' to provoke the United States into committing the blunder of declaring their country a terrorist State.

Rebuttal from Hizbul Mujahideen.

In a swift reaction the Hizbul Mujahideen said that it had "no hand in the hijacking of the Indian Airlines plane on a Delhi-Srinagar flight. Talking to reporters in Srinagar a spokesman of the central committee of the outfit said: "The Organization has no concern with the lone hijacker Syed Jalaluddin" The spokesman charged intelligence agencies of India for "this fabricated and manipulated drama to get Pakistan declared a terrorist State". The spokesman said that the Organization had proved many a time that it was against abduction of human beings as they had got many kidnapped persons released in the past. The spokesman appreciated the decision of the Pakistan government disallowing the landing of the hijacked plane in the country. Condemning hijackings, the spokesman said: "As far as Hizbul Mujahideen is concerned we are and shall be against all such activities which are concerned with the human rights violations"

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The following day the Hizbul Mujahideen came out with another statement. Its spokesman alleged that "hijacking drama was engineered by the Indian Government to defame the ongoing struggle in Kashmir as also to blame Pakistan which is one of the main parties to Kashmir dispute" The spokesman said that the incident was timed to pave way for getting Pakistan declared a terrorist State by the United States. He alleged that the killing of the hijacker was resorted to by the Indian authorities only to ensure that no evidence was left. The spokesman further said that it was the duty of all the world powers, especially those campaigning against terrorism, to conduct a probe into this drama.

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Bedlam at Srinagar airport as relief plane arrives

Kashmir Times Correspondent

SRINAGAR, April 25—The hijacking drama of Srinagar bound Indian Airlines plane ended with the shooting down of the lone hijacker by the commandos, giving Kashmiris whose kith and kin were on the flight high relief shortly before noon today with the arrival of special plane carrying all of them here.

At Srinagar airport, the scene was bedlam with wailing people in every corner, not allowed inside as the securitymen and sniffer dogs in dozens were deployed at different places. As the plane touched the runway, it was encircled by Border Security Force guards who kept a close eye on every alighting passenger.

Outside the arrival lounge, hundreds of people waited to greet their kith and kin. The reunion was marked by hugs and kisses which spoke volumes of the pent up feelings of the passengers and their family members who had started reaching the airport from early morning.

Dr Asif Khandey, 25 who helped a number of passengers including some infants who suffered suffocation in the hijacked plane, after the light and airconditioning was put off said "I have been taught in my profession to help ailing and it was my duty." He said he was sitting next to the hijacker whom he described as bespectacled, bearded, slim with moderate height wearing a typical Pathani suit and green army jacket. His right leg was plastered and after half an hour's smooth flying "I saw him standing and running towards the cockpit."

Javed Ahmed a Student

of Srinagar Medical College said panic struck as the hijacking drama started. The plane was in the air for two hours hovering over Lahore and finally we were informed by Captain David that we were landing at Amritsar as the plane was running short of fuel. The airconditioning was switched off immediately and "we started suffocating."

Giving details, Javed said that the hijacker spoke in broken Kashmiri with Punjabi accent. He identified himself as Commander Ghulam Hassan of Hizbul Mujahideen and told the passengers that hijacking was part of the "Operation Maqbool Illahi" on the directions of Hizbul chief Syed Salahuddin. Illahi was number two leader of the Hizbul and was killed in an encounter with the army recently.

When the hijacker was told by the authorities at Amritsar to release children and women, the hijacker shot back: "They are my people and I know better how to take care of them."

Mrs Rafiq Sabina, still to come out of the shock, said: "Commandos entered from the rare, shouted duck your heads down. It was pitched dark inside and after few minutes we heard one or two gunshots and immediately it was announced that commandos had overpowered the hijacker and he had been shot dead."

However, almost all the passengers were unanimous in saying that the killing of the hijacker did not take place inside the plane.

Javed Ahmed was more forthright in saying: "It is difficult to

say whether the hijacker was killed. I for one did not hear any gunshot. It was all confusion inside."

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Hizbul Mujahideen has alleged that "hijacking drama was engineered by the Indian government to defame the ongoing struggle in Kashmir as also to blame Pakistan which is one of the main parties to Kashmir dispute." A Hizbul spokesman said that the incident was timed to pave way for getting Pakistan declared as a terrorist state by the United States. He alleged that killing of the hijacker was resorted to by the Indian authorities only to ensure that no evidence was left.

The spokesman said that Hizbul had all along been against the kidnappings and abductions and whenever such an incident took place "we were the first to condemn it with full force" and demanded that it was the duty of all world powers especially those against the terrorism to conduct a probe into this drama.

PTI adds:

An Indian Airlines relief aircraft, carrying passengers of the hijacked IC-427, reached Srinagar today after nearly a twelve-hour ordeal.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed at the Srinagar airport with anxious relatives welcoming the passengers out of the aircraft.

The relief aircraft landed here around 1030 hours.

Some of the passengers, mostly women and children, wept bitterly when they embraced their relatives at the airport.

Kashmiri passengers said the

hijacker was dragged out of the plane and shot dead on the runway of Amritsar's Rajasansi airport.

"It is a second birth for all of us," they said when a team of reporters approached the passengers at the airport on arrival.

Ms Anna Collect (35), an advertising representative from Paris, said "it was danger all around" when the plane was hijacked by the Lone hijacker barely 50 minutes after it took off from Delhi at 1345 hours yesterday.

The hijacker did not care for the people and fired inside the aircraft only once as a result of which there were cries from the people, she said.

After hovering for more than two hours in the sky, the aircraft landed at Rajasansi airport at Amritsar.

Hailing the commando action, Ms Collect said they stormed into the plane from six doors simultaneously and caught hold of the hijacker around 0100 hours. "He could do nothing."

They said the hijacker first introduced himself as "General Asad" of Hizbul Mujahideen and waved two pistols after storming into the cockpit of the aircraft.

He asked the passengers to remain quiet and forced Capt. David to divert the plane to Pakistan. Initially the Capt resisted but later obliged.

Abdul Hameed Kawoosa, a businessman travelling in the aircraft with an infant and other family members, said the hijacker rejected the passengers' demands to allow women and children to leave the aircraft.

Recalling the hijack drama, Javed Ahmad, a medical student who was sitting just behind the hijacker, said he took out a "ball like" object and two pistols from his plastered legs and forced the pilot to take the aircraft to Pakistan.

The hijacker spoke a few words in Kashmiri but used Urdu as a medium for conversation most of the time, he said.

Asked what were the demands of the hijacker, he said the hi-

jacker demanded that "Babri Masjid be handed over to the Muslim Board and release of General Moosa, a top leader of Hizbul Mujahideen, who was arrested along with a JKLF chief spokesman Zau-ul-Abideen, on February 1 this year."

Mrs Khalida, a housewife from Srinagar, said she requested the hijacker to restore air-conditioning and water for her baby. Rebuffing her, hijacker said, "we are being killed daily. Let all people including infants and women also die," she sadly recalls.

Dr Muneer, another passenger, said: "He was shocked. Thank God we are safe."

Abdul Aziz (50) who had gone to Delhi for eye-ailment, said he was in back seat and did not bother about what was going on.

A young woman from Sarafkadal in downtown Srinagar said her baby did not press for water or food all along the ordeal.

She said the plane was hijacked shortly after lunch was served and everyone threw away the food, just thinking what will

happen next.

"The most dangerous movement" came when the hijacker threatened to blow up the plane if his demand to take the plane to Afghanistan was not conceded.

"Everyone prayed for safety," said Ghulam Qadir, a Kashmir handicraft dealer as the threat came.

Mr Qadir (70) said it was a horrifying period for them to sit in the plane for such a long time.

He said the hijacker was overpowered by 400-strong commandos who stormed into the plane from all possible routes. "I saw the commandos giving blows to the hijacker after dragging him out of the plane. Four rounds were pumped into his body and shot dead," he added.

"Don't worry" was the only word the commandos said to the passengers after they entered the plane, the old man said.

A detailed report about the Hijack Drama
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Chapter III

Attempted Jail-break-Mere Fabrication.

Though ill-treatment with and violence on detainees is not something new in the annals of the Indian prisons yet over the past three years or so, atrocities on the Kashmiri political detainees have been ever increasing. This is all against the Jail manual but who cares about the rules? When outside the prisons almost all basic rights stand suspended because of the promulgation of the Disturbed Areas Act in the Valley which has brought it under a virtual Martial law, there should be no surprise at all over the inhumanly callous and brutal treatment meted out to the inmates of the various prisons of the State. Still, for the sake of record, we feel it worthwhile to point out that the Kashmiris are not safe even in jails from the bullets of the Indian forces which have been daily killing them outside the jails without any discrimination. The official spokesman's versions of each such incident in which the forces commit unjustifiable violence of brutal nature has never convinced the common people who are invariably witness to these macabre incidents. These versions and the callous indifference of the rulers at New Delhi make all kinds of violence and harassment, being done now for about four years by the Indian Army and para-military forces, look plain and systematic State-sponsored terrorism. The violence done on the inmates in the jails must be viewed in the same context. The main episode which has prompted us to write this expose is the highly deplorable and gruesome episode of April 27, in which four Kashmiri inmates of the notorious prison-cum-torture centre at Kot Bhalwal were brutally gunned down and 21 were left injured. According to reports, a woman visitor, who had come to see her relative in the jail, was not given enough time for the meeting. This shocked the woman who had come from her home about 300 km away, braving the manifold difficulties, to meet her relative. She burst into tears and protested. The jail inmates were naturally moved by this pathetic scene. They remonstrated with the jail officials to allow her more time. Failing to persuade the officials, the inmates protested vociferously and raised slogans against them. This enraged the guards of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police who straightaway opened fire on them, killing four and injuring twentyone of them. The prisoners had nothing with them that could have endangered the lives of the guards. The statement of the IG Police, Mr. S.S. Wazir, that the woman, on being refused more time for the meeting raised hue and cry and sought assistance of the prison inmates is not convincing. What assistance could they have given is not understandable. The attempt of the protesting prisoners to break away is unimaginable in view of the tight and heavy security arrangements in and around the prison. The

attempt is also unimaginable in view of the literally impassable barricades on the way to escape. As for the charge that the unarmed inmates manhandled the armed guards, is at the face of it quite absurd and untenable. The fact is that this inhuman violence on the defenceless prisoners is by far the most gruesome ever that has happened in any jail of the State and is, therefore, most deplorable. There have been recurrent troubles in this particular jail over the lack of basic amenities as also over visiting rights. Visitors on the pretext of security reasons are harassed. The Kot Bhalwal Jail is a judicial lock-up and 'interrogation' centre for Kashmiri militants fighting for the right of self-determination of the people of the State. More than 1300 detainees are lodged there, though its capacity is 450. Security-wise, the Kot Bhalwal prison is impregnable. Still occasional stories of the digging of a tunnel, the attempted jail-break and such other things are concocted to justify the excesses committed against the inmates by the communal-minded authorities and the 'security' forces.

The names of the inmates killed by the ITBP are:

1. Bashir Ahmed Wani S/o Gulam Qadir Wani, R/o Gupt-Ganga, Nishat, Srinagar.
2. Mohammed Ashraf Khan S/o Shahbaaz Khan, R/o Brain, Patan, District Baramulla.
3. Abdul Rashid Paray. S/o Mohammed Ismaeel, R/o Rafi Abad, District Baramulla.
4. Farooq Ahmed Sofi, S/o Gulam Rasool Sofi, R/o Kreeri, Patan, district Baramulla.

The names of the injured are:

1. Bashir Ahmed Watloo R/o Khanyar.
2. Mushtaq Ahmed Pandit R/o Dangarpora,
3. Riyaz Ahmed R/o Islamabad.
4. Abdul Samad Butt R/o Nihama.
5. Maqsood Ahmed R/o Zero Bridge.
6. Manzoor Ahmed Butt R/o Naseem Bagh.
7. Gulzar Ahmed Khan .
8. Manzoor Ahmed R/o Barbar Shah.
9. Ghulam Ahmed Dar R/o Baramulla.
10. Mushtaq Ahmed Butt R/o Islamabad.
11. Merajuddin Butt R/o Baramulla.
12. Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar R/o Nowhatta.
13. Mohammed Idrees R/o Srinagar.

The names of the seriously injured are:

1. Mohammed Amin Pampori S/o Ali Mohammed R/o Khunmoo.
2. Fayaz Ahmed Bhat S/o Abdul Razak R/o Zainakot.
3. Mohammed Yousuf Qureshi S/o Inayattullah R/o Kupwara.

The exact number of the injured is not known.

In protest against the brutal use of force against their colleagues, all the detenues went on an indefinite hunger-strike. After several days of discussion an agreement was reached at between the detenues and the authorities. Following the said agreement the strike was called off.

A team of lawyers which had been sent by Kashmir Bar Association to Jammu on a fact-finding mission soon after the episode. The team laid blame squarely on the ITBP personnel (guards) who, they said, opened fire on the inmates without any provocation. Regarding the four seriously injured detenues the team disclosed that they had been put in a small room in the hospital where proper facilities were not being made available to them. As for the other injured inmates, the team said that they had been kept in unhygienic conditions after being removed back to the jail. Their condition according to the team's findings had deteriorated since their removal. The team further revealed that no action had been initiated on the injured detenues' bail applications which they had moved so that they might be able to have better medical care outside.

Jail firing fallout of tension in Valley

The Times of India News Service

JAMMU, April 28.

THE jailbreak attempt at Kot Bhalwal near here, in which four Kashmiri detenues were shot dead, was apparently a fallout of the surcharged atmosphere in the Valley.

The ITBP unit posted at the jail opened fire when slogan-shouting detenues tore down the heavy inner gate and were bearing down on the outer gate. Four detenues were killed and 16 injured. Some ITBP men were injured in stone-throw-

ing.

What ostensibly had enraged the detenus was a ruckus created by a woman visitor made to wait too long. According to the superintendent of police, more than 200 other visitors were waiting and there was no reason for her to complain. While he was calming her down by promising a separate meeting with her relative, the detenus pressing on the inner gate became violent.

The jail is a judicial lock-up and interrogation centre for Kashmiri

militants. More than 1,200 detenues are lodged there, though its capacity is 450.

There have been recurrent troubles in the jail over visiting rights. The authorities said visiting hours had been increased, but it was not possible to make them indefinite. They said it was ensured that each visitor was given at least 15 minutes with the inmate.

Visitors, of course, pose a security risk. Some act as couriers for mili-

tant organisations, passing on messages. It is believed that the tools to dig an 18-foot tunnel from a barrack to the inner compound wall, last year were smuggled in by visitors. A large number of detenues were about to escape, when an ITBP patrol stumbled upon them.

Recently, 14 hardcore militants were shifted from the Jammu central jail to Jodhpur and Varanasi because their continued belligerent behaviour was posing a serious security problem.

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