

Jammu and Kashmir digest

No mercy for terrorists: BJP spells out new Kashmir policy

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New Delhi, June 20,

A day after BJP pulled the plug on its alliance with PDP in J&K, party general secretary Ram Madhav on Wednesday said that the saffron party will not show any "mercy" to terrorists. "There will be no mercy for terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir," BJP's J&K in-charge Ram Madhav stated his party's policy for the state while speaking to Times Now. The "no mercy" strategy for combating terrorism in the Valley came even as leaders of the two main political parties in J&K, PDP's Mehbooba Mufti and NC's Omar Abdullah, had objected to the government's pursuit of

a "muscular" approach + to tackle terrorism in the state. "We had always said muscular security policy will not work in J&K, reconciliation is key," Mufti said yesterday in an address to the media following her resignation from the post of chief minister. Abdullah too was apprehensive of Centre's aggressive posturing in J&K. In reply to a tweet, Abdullah attributed the rise in violence in the last one year to the "muscular government" headed by the BJP-PDP alliance. "The failure of its policies is the joint failure of the PDP and the BJP. Neither one can absolve themselves of blame," he

wrote. Madhav was speaking a day after BJP announced that it will no longer be a part of the alliance leading to the collapse of the three-year-old government in the state. The "no mercy" policy was part of BJP's four-pronged approach proposed to tackle the security situation in J&K. Dealing with Over Ground Workers (OGWs) through legal means, engaging with all stakeholders, including the Hurriyat, and promoting development being the other three points. In the interview, Madhav also slammed its former coalition partner PDP for succumbing to "domestic political compulsion"

- BJP's Ram Madhav was talking to Times Now a day after his party withdrew support from the BJP-PDP alliance in J&K
- The BJP leader prescribed four steps to handle the unrest in the state
- He also cited Bukhari's assassination as the "last straw" which led to the breakup of the alliance

and "failing to live up to its promise". He also cited PDP's demand to extend the Ramzan ceasefire as one of the reasons which led to the collapse of the alliance. In May, the central government had announced a unilateral ceasefire for the holy month of Ramzan. During the interview, Madhav reiterated that BJP is ready for a dialogue, including separatist group Hurriyat. The BJP general secretary also cited the assassination of Rising Kashmir journalist Shujaat Bukhari calling it the "last straw" which led to the breakup of the alliance. Bukhari was assassinated on June 14 by terrorists outside his office in Srinagar. Madhav also clarified that his party is not looking for an early poll in the state where governor's rule came into effect earlier today after President Ram Nath Kovind gave his approval for the same. Yesterday, BJP decided to pull out of its alliance with PDP, leading to the fall of the state

government. Calling the coalition "untenable", BJP attributed the rise in terrorism, extremism and violence as the main reasons behind its decision to pull out of the coalition. Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, in the backdrop of Governor's rule being enforced in Jammu and Kashmir following withdrawal of support by the BJP from PDP led coalition government, on Wednesday said that elimination of terrorism from Kashmir was the top agenda of the government. "We will not tolerate terrorism from across the border at any cost and ensure that peace prevails in Kashmir," the Union Minister said in Lucknow after inaugurating a heart unit at a private hospital in the city. In the meanwhile, in an interview to 'The Week' magazine following the BJP's decision yesterday to withdraw its support to the PDP-led government, Rajnath stoutly defended the Kashmir policy of Modi government.

The 4th International Day Of Yoga Observed



DIPR
Imphal, June 21,

Education, Labour & Employment Minister Thokchom Radheshyam attended the observation of the 4th International Day of Yoga held at the Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT), Chingmeirong. Two Yoga Guru Shri Heisnam Mitreshwar Singh and MC Binod were honoured during the observance. Jointly organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Manipur and Para Vidya Yog Sanstha, Manipur unit the observance was participated by 2600

volunteers. A mass Yoga Demonstration was held by P. Sanah Sharma. The 4th International Day of Yoga was attended by MLA Kshetrigao A/C Shri N. Indrajit Singh, MLA Keirao A/C Shri L. Rameshwar Meitei, dignitaries and volunteers. The Field Bureau, Imphal, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India also organised a function to observe the 4th International day of Yoga at Kendrya Vidyalaya, CRPF Group Center, Lanjing in Imphal West district today. The Inaugural function

was graced by the PIG (Range) Imphal Brig. SK. Sharma as the Chief Guest while Additional Director general, Region) Imphal S.K Malviya attended as president. Alung Khumba Principal KVK Langjing and M. Touthang Joint Director Regional Outreach Imphal Attended as guest of honours. At the Yoga session around 100 people including students, teachers and staffs of the regional Outreach Bureau participated. Lecture on the benefit of Yoga was also delivered by experts on the occasion.



India raises killings of Shujaat, Aurangzeb at UN

Agencies
United Nations, June 20,

India on Wednesday raised the cold-blooded murders of veteran journalist Shujaat Bukhari and Indian army soldier Aurangzeb inside the United Nations assembly in Geneva while slamming a recent report by the global human rights watchdog that alleged human rights violations in Kashmir. "It is the cross border terrorism that seeks to muzzle the voices of our people. The last week's gruesome assassination of a senior journalist and his security officers, silencing a voice of moderation, and abduction and brutal killing of a soldier while on his way home for Eid in Jammu and Kashmir, are

its chilling reminders," said India in an oral response, presented by Permanent Representative Rajiv K Chander at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Last week, the UN released a first of its kind report on alleged human rights violations in both Kashmir and "Pakistan-Administered Kashmir" and sought an international inquiry into these abuses. Calling the report "fallacious and motivated", New Delhi questioned the agency's intent behind bringing out a report with "selective compilation of largely unverified information." "We are dismayed at the reference to a fallacious and motivated report that has already been rejected by India. The report

legitimises terrorism by referring to the UN designated terrorist entities as "armed groups" and calling terrorists "leaders," he said. India pointed out that the UN council was legitimising terrorism which remains the "pernicious violator of fundamental rights." "Governments in the Valley are elected through free and fair elections which are sworn to protect the Constitution, that is the bedrock of all freedoms," added India. When the UN report was released on June 14, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in a strong-worded statement said that the facts are "overtly prejudiced" and seeks to build a "false narrative."

Why Governor's Rule in J&K when other Indian states have provision of President's Rule

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With the resignation of Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, the Governor's Rule is likely to come into effect in the restive state. This will be the eighth time that J&K would come under the Governor's Rule in four decades. Jammu and Kashmir has come under Governor's Rule on seven occasions in the last four decades with the first being in March 1977. It will be the fourth time that the state would be placed under Governor's Rule during NN Vohra's tenure. Vohra, a former civil servant, became the Governor on June 25, 2008. **Why Governor's Rule and President's Rule** In India, President's Rule is implemented in case of absence of an elected government with the exception of Jammu and Kashmir where Governor's Rule is imposed. In the event of failure of constitutional machinery in any a state, the President's Rule is imposed under Article 356 of the Indian Constitution. But in the case of Jammu and Kashmir, Governor's Rule is imposed for a period of six months under Section 92 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. The Governor's Rule can be imposed for six months after the consent of the President of India. The State Assembly is either kept in suspended animation or dissolved. If the Constitutional machinery is not restored in 6 months, the provision of Article 356 of the Indian Constitution is extended and the President's rule is imposed.

Governor's Rule for the 8th time in 4 decades: March 1977 Governor's Rule was imposed for the first time on March 26, 1977 during the tenure of Governor L K Jha after state Congress — then headed by Sayeed — withdrew support to the minority government of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah of National Conference. Sheikh had come to the power following an accord with then prime minister Indira Gandhi in 1975. The Governor's Rule lasted for 105 days and ended as the National Conference founder returned to power in the Assembly polls. **March 1986** Governor's Rule was imposed for the second time in March 1986 after state Congress — again headed by Sayeed — withdrew support to the minority Government of Ghulam Mohammad Shah. Shah became the Chief Minister after he led a rebellion with National Conference against his brother-in-law and then incumbent Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah in 1984. This 246-day spell ended after Farooq Abdullah entered into an accord of his own with the then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi **January 1990** The third time Governor's Rule was imposed in January 1990 when Farooq Abdullah resigned as the chief minister over the appointment of Jagmohan as the Governor following the eruption of militancy in the state. Sayeed was the Union Home Minister at that time and had brushed aside Farooq Abdullah's opposition to Jagmohan's appointment. This was the longest spell of Governor's Rule — six years and 264 days — which

ended in October 1996 after National Conference returned to power in Assembly elections held after a gap of nine-and-a-half years. **October 2002** Governor's Rule had to be imposed in the state for the fourth time in October 2002 after caretaker Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah refused to continue in the office in the wake of his party's defeat in the assembly elections that year. The 2002 Assembly polls threw up a hung assembly with no party in a position to form a government on its own. Sayeed, whose regional PDP had won 16 seats, negotiated an alliance with the Congress and dozen-odd independents to form the government, ending the 15-day direct Central rule on March 1, when Sayeed was sworn in as the chief minister. It was the shortest spell of Governor's Rule — 15 days — as the PDP and Congress with support of 12 independents formed a government on November 2. **June 2008** Governor's Rule was imposed in the state for the fifth time for 174 days after the PDP withdrew support to Ghulam Nabi Azad-led Congress-PDP coalition government in 2008. The PDP withdrew support to the government on June 28, 2008 following widespread protests during the Amarnath land row agitation that pitted Hindu-dominated Jammu region against the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley. Azad was to seek a vote of confidence in the Legislative Assembly on July 7 but chose to resign instead. The central rule came to an end on January 5, 2009 after NC leader Omar Abdullah was sworn in as the youngest

chief minister of the state. It was for the first time that Governor's Rule was imposed during the tenure of Vohra. **December 2014** The Governor's Rule was imposed in the state for the sixth time after the assembly election results on December 23, 2014 threw up a hung assembly with no party or combination of parties able to stake claim for government formation and Omar Abdullah, the caretaker chief minister, asking to be relieved from the duties with immediate effect on January 7. The central rule ended after the PDP and the BJP stitched an alliance paving the way for the return of Mufti Sayeed as chief minister on March 1, 2015. **January 2016** With the process of a new government formation in the state following the death of Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed taking time, the state was placed under Governor's Rule. When Governor's Rule was imposed for the seventh time in 2016 and the third during Vohra's tenure, Omar Abdullah had said imposition of Governor's Rule during Vohra's tenure "must be a record in itself". **June 2018** The BJP pulled out of its alliance with the PDP on Tuesday, saying it has become impossible to continue in the government in view of the growing radicalism and terrorism in the state. After Mufti resigned as the Chief Minister, NN Vohra forwarded his report to the President of India for the imposition of Governor's Rule under Section 92 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir.