

Pulwama Attack: India's Retaliation

The terrorist attack in Pulwama has shaken the entire country. At least 28 tourists were killed and several others were injured in the attack on a tourist bus in Pahalgam, Anantnag district. This attack is not just an ordinary incident, but it reflects the desperation of Pakistan and the terrorists.

Prime Minister Modi has decided to cut short his Saudi Arabia visit and return to India, and has clearly stated that those behind this heinous act will be brought to justice. Amit Shah has reached Srinagar and taken direct control of the security arrangements.



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Description and Location of the Attack

This attack occurred in Pahalgam, a popular tourist destination located in the eastern part of Srinagar in the Anantnag district. The attack in the Baisaran Valley, also known as the 'Mini Switzerland', was deliberately targeted at tourists by the terrorists.



Location of the Attack

Pahalgam, Anantnag District, Jammu and Kashmir - a popular tourist destination located in the eastern part of Srinagar



Target

Specifically, a group of tourists, including people from various parts of India



Casualties

At least 28 tourists killed, many others injured, some in critical condition



Who is behind the attack?

The attack has been claimed by 'The Resistance Front' (TRF), which is a proxy group of Lashkar-e-Taiba. This organization came into existence immediately after the removal of Article 370 in October 2019.



Terrorist Group's Strategy

The main objective of the TRF is to stop the demographic changes happening in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370. They also want to obstruct the increasing investment and tourism in Kashmir.



Indian Government's Response

Prime Minister Modi has clearly stated that the perpetrators of this attack will not be spared. Amit Shah has reached Srinagar and taken direct command, and security arrangements in South Kashmir have been tightened.

Cabinet Committee Meeting

An emergency meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security has been called to discuss the future strategy.

Opposition's Demand

Opposition parties have demanded a parliamentary debate and accused the government of making "hollow claims" about normalcy in Kashmir.

International Support

Many countries, including the United States, European Union, France, Japan, and Israel, have shown solidarity with India.

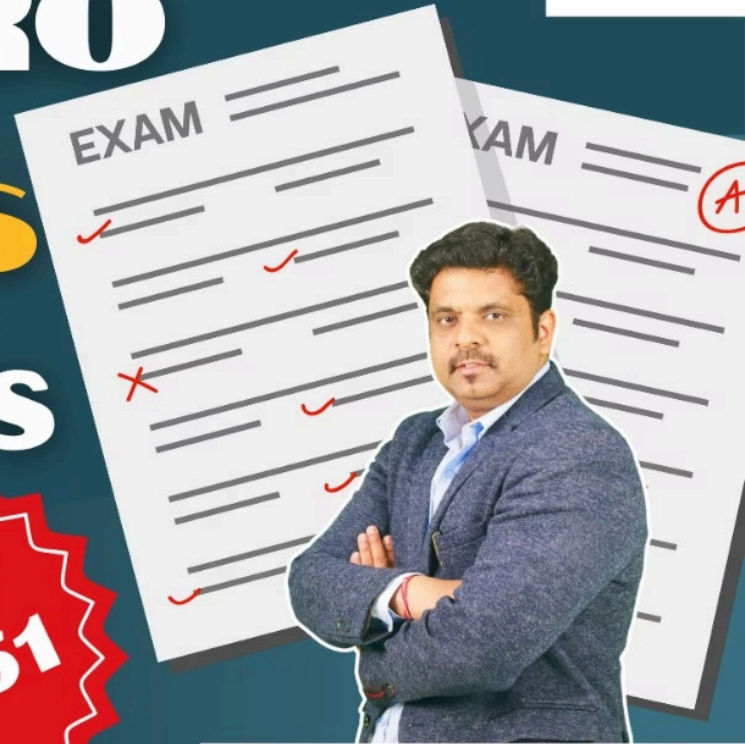




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Response in Kashmir

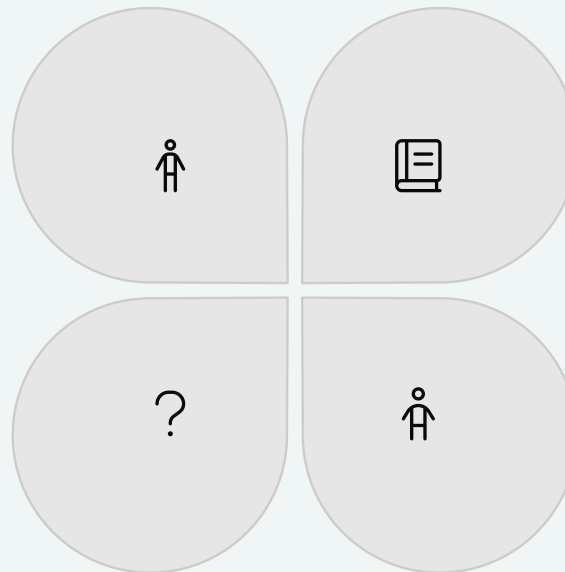
People in Kashmir are deeply distressed and saddened by this attack. The civil society, religious scholars, and common people have condemned this attack. A protest march was also taken out by the youth in Srinagar against this attack.

Civil Society

Strongly condemned the attack
and appealed for maintaining
peace

Demand for Accountability

Demanded answers from the
government for failing to
prevent the attack



Religious Scholars

Raised a united voice against
violence

Youth

Held a protest march in
Srinagar to show solidarity
against terrorism

India's Potential Retaliation Options

India has several retaliation options, with surgical strikes being the most likely. Surgical strikes were carried out on the ground after the 2016 Uri attack and through the air after the 2019 Pulwama attack.



Surgical Strikes

Attacks on terrorist launch pads



Counter-Terrorism Operations

Increased deployment of CRPF and army in South Kashmir



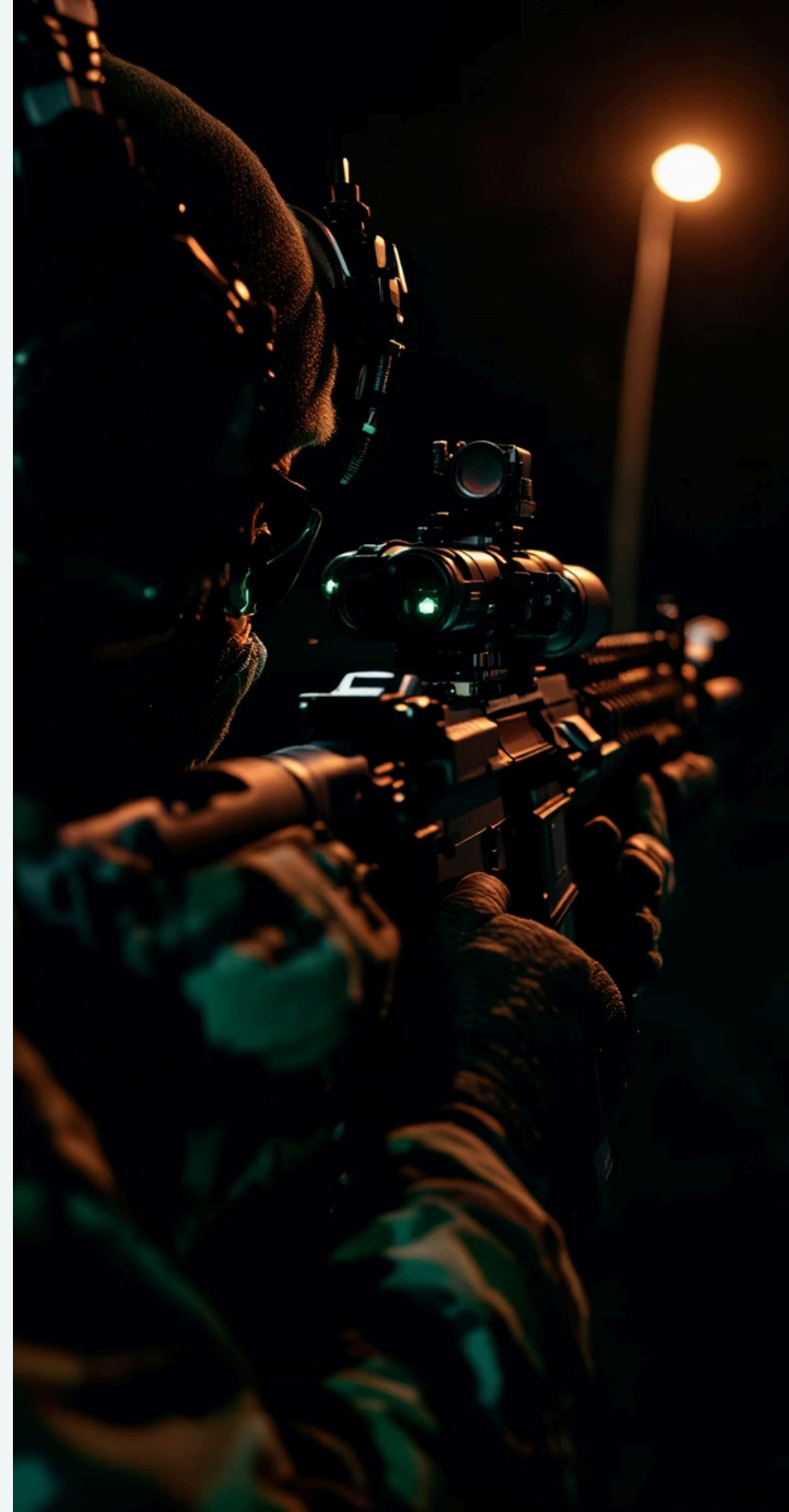
Intelligence Operations

Tracking sleeper cells and AI-based surveillance



Diplomatic Pressure

Pressure to put Pakistan back on the FATF grey list



Regional Impact and Future Challenges

After this attack, the possibility of increased tension with Pakistan is likely. Firing and infiltration attempts along the Line of Control may increase. In the short term, tourism in Kashmir could be impacted.



Changing Nature of Terrorism

Attacking unarmed tourists is a new strategy



Shift in Security Strategy

New measures needed to protect tourists



Challenge of Restoring Peace

Reviving tourism and investment



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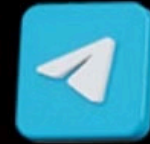


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