



THE TIMES OF INDIA

Blogs

ashiana
terangSchools, Malls & Hospitals
at Close Proximity

Home Blogs Times View Times Impact City India World Entertainment Tech Sports Lifestyle Environment Science Spirituality Q&A Roots & Wings Business Reviews



A campaign of terror: The Pakistanis may never have Kashmir, but their violence has transformed it

September 20, 2016, 2:00 AM IST

C Christine Fair in TOI Edit Page | Edit Page, India | TOI

Feigning outrage at the killing of Pakistan-backed Hizbul Mujahideen commander [Burhan Wani](#), Pakistan's civilian-led government decried his killing by Indian security forces as "[deplorable and condemnable](#)". This group is considered to be a terrorist organisation by the [United States](#), the [European Union](#), and [India](#) alike. This conniption once again exposed Pakistan's unstinting support for the zoo of Islamist terrorists that it uses to achieve its foreign policy objectives in India, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

The timing of this charade is not coincidental: it is contemporaneous with mounting criticisms over Pakistani human rights abuses in Balochistan as it tries to crush any and all opposition to the infamous "[China Pakistan Economic Corridor](#)". Pakistan expy counters criticism over its activities in Balochistan with reference to Indian security force's killings in Kashmir. This is yet another Pakistani false equivalence.

It n oe said bluntly that in Kashmir, Pakistan has no legal equities. Neither the [Indian Independence Act of 1947](#) nor the [Radcliffe Boundary Commission](#) accord Pakistan any right to Kashmir. As is well-known, the Maharaja of Kashmir Hari Singh onl eded to India after Pakistan dispatched irregular forces to seize the terrain by force.

As the work of [Shuja Nawaz](#) – the brother of a deceased army chief – makes clear, these were [not non-state actors](#). In its effort to: Kashmir through warfare in 1947-48, 1965 and 1999 and by supporting a menagerie of terrorists since 1947 and an intense proxy war since 1989, Pakistan has demonstrated that it actually has little regard for the Kashmiris themselves.

As 'akistanis sought to exploit the indigenous uprising that began in 1989, [it raised and dispatched Deobandi and Salafist terrorist organisations such as Jaish-e-Muhammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) respectively, precisely because they have no regard for Ka ri culture and beliefs. Whereas their Kashmiri proxies were more reticent to kill civilians and attack [sufi shrines](#), these terrorists have shown no compunction.

They also sustained a reign of terror against women who do not veil as they demand by [throwing acid on their faces](#) and other crimes. The consequences of this are visible to any long-time observer. When I first visited the Valley in 1991, I *never* saw a woman in a black burqa with niqab. Instead women wore a scarf tied behind their necks. Now the black burqa, niqab and even socks and gloves are ubiquitous even beyond the cities and towns. The Pakistanis may never have Kashmir, but their violence has transformed it.

Turning to the most recent events, it is well-known that the recent episode of stone pelting has Pakistani backing. The stone pelting has had the intended consequences of goading Kashmir's poorly equipped and poorly trained police into killing civilians who are protesting. About [80 people](#) have been killed in this recent campaign of Pakistan-sponsored uprising and state response.

To be clear, it is extremely unfortunate that these deaths have occurred. And indeed, the Indian government needs to find other ways of managing crowds than looking for the chimerical [non-lethal weapons](#). If Kashmir's police had proper riot gear and personal protective equipment, the urge to fire at stone pelters would likely diminish. This would benefit India as it would deprive Pakistan of the result it so craves. But this incident reveals more than anything that Pakistan is willing to orchestrate the deaths of Kashmiris for its own political aims.

The vacuity of the so-called concern about Kashmir is reinforced by the complete omission of any mention of the Kashmiri Pandits who were ethnically cleansed by Pakistan-backed terrorists in 1990. Why does the “Kashmir problem” only centre on Muslims in the Valley and not any of the other lawful residents of the state?

Finally, the Pakistani civilian and military leadership continue to renew their demands that all UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir be fulfilled. Maleeha Lodhi, Pakistan's permanent representative to the UN, continues to opine that “non-implementation of UN Security Council resolutions pertaining to the Kashmir issue is a travesty of law”. She, like other Pakistanis making these insensate claims, are banking on the fact that most people have never read the hallowed resolutions.

I have and the language is clear. Pakistan was to first withdraw all non-Kashmiri persons from the area, including regular and irregular security forces. Then and only then, India was to demilitarise as well. However, India was allowed to retain enough forces to protect against further Pakistani incursions. Once both of these sequential steps were taken to the satisfaction of a UN appointed body, then the arrangements for a plebiscite were to take place. Pakistanis yammering about the non-implementation of this accord have only themselves to blame.

Turning to the issue of Balochistan on the one hand and the recent events in Kashmir on the other: both campaigns of violence are manifestations of Pakistani policy. The Pakistan army, along with the Frontier Corps and its various intelligence agencies are waging an all-out war against the Baloch to clear the province for Chinese economic exploitation. There are no estimates of the casualties or of the persons who have disappeared. There is no accounting for the whereabouts of these myriad disappeared persons.

By law, the US is required to impose Leahy Amendment sanctions on any military unit engaging in human rights violations. The Pakistan military is waging this war with the subsidy of the US, which so far has shown nothing but pusillanimity in contending with Pakistan even though Pakistan is the root cause of American failures in Afghanistan.

DISCLAIMER : Views expressed above are the author's own.

Author



C Christine Fair

C Christine Fair is Associate Professor at Georgetown University's Security Studies Programme.

FRONTIER AROUND THE WEB



If you're one to wander, this watch is for you
Fastrack



Your kid will love exploring this box
Flintobox



The All New SKODA Superb - Test drive now!
SKODA



Unseen wonders, uncovered at
CuroCarte
CuroCarte

MORE FROM THE TIMES OF INDIA



Jubilant FoodWorks CEO Ajay Kaul resigns
Times of India



Waarrior Savitri: Official trailer 2
Times of India



Hyundai launches new Elantra in India at Rs 12.99L
Times of India



New York Fashion Week 2016: Best dressed celebs
Times of India

Recommended By Colombia

FROM AROUND THE WEB

- Get advantage of both worlds with MFs
ICICI Prudential Asset Management
- Play Texas Holdem Card Game @ Adda52.com
Adda52
- 1 weird trick to lose 26 kgs in 4 weeks
India Health Mantra
- Say bye to TV addiction, here's how
Magic Crate
- 1 easy trick to give you fair skin in 14 days
Fit Mom Daily

MORE FROM THE TIMES OF INDIA

- Priyanka's moment with Karolina Kurkova at NYFW
Times of India
- 31st October: Official trailer
Times of India
- John Abraham pushes his staff to eat sugar-free diet
Times of India
- Salman Khan's special bond with Kabir Khan
Times of India
- India's blind women's cricket team launched in Bengaluru
Times of India

Recommended By Colombia

TOP COMMENT ()

loadin~

LOAI i...

ADD COMMENT



SEE ALL COMMENTS



Most Discussed

Most Read

1. Hindu power: Part 1
2. What the shattered AAP dream tells us about ourselves
3. Ahmad Khan Rahimi: Fingers point to Pakistan as 'terroristan' again
4. Hindu power Part II
5. September 2016: Does Arvind Kejriwal have a Plan-B for Delhi?

Popular Tags

arun-jaitley delhi rahul-gandhi **featuredet** upa rbi arvind-kejriwal us bollywood nda china manmohan-singh modi mumbai cricket government india
corruption supreme-court aap **narendra-modi bjp** gdp pakistan congress

Recently Joined Authors

[more »](#)

From around the web

This 3-yr-old has already undergone 15 surgeries. Save him!
Milaap



What if your premium disappeared before invt?
Aegon Life



Turn anytime into fitness time w/ Axis Active
Axis Bank



Get ready for an assured trip to Switzerland*
Club Mahindra



More from The Times of India

Ajinkya Rahane, Rohit Sharma conferred with Arjuna Award
Times of India



August WPI inflation at 3.74%
Times of India



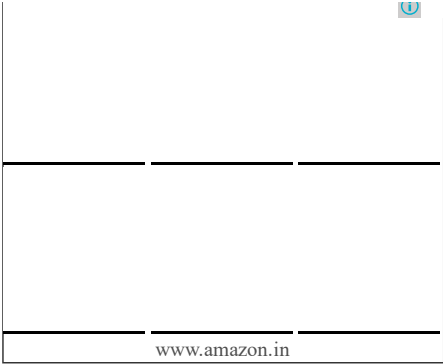
Aayush Sharma shares pics from sets of Salman's 'Tubelight'
Times of India



Security tightened along India-Pak border
Times of India



Recommended By Colombia



Like Us



All

TOI

My Profile

Today

Last 7 Days

Last 30 Days

Last 365 Days

	Ps Murthy Points: 520	1
	Nihar Ranjan Pradhan Points: 513	2
	ABHINAV AGRAWAL Points: 512	3
	Tejveer Yadav Points: 512	4
	Varun K Points: 500	5

Know more about Times Points

- Other Times Group news sites
- The Economic Times
 - इकनॉमिक टाइम्स | ઇકોનોમિક ટાઇમ્સ
 - Pune Mirror | Bangalore Mirror
 - Ahmedabad Mirror | ItsMyAscent
 - Education Times | Brand Capital
 - Mumbai Mirror | Times Now
 - Indiatimes | नवभारत टाइम्स
 - महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स | ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ
 - Go Green | Lifehacker India
 - Gizmodo India | Eisamay | IGN India
 - NavGujarat Samay
 - Living and entertainment
 - Timescity | iDiva | Entertainment
 - Zoom | Luxpresso | Gadget Reviews
 - Online Songs | MensXp.com
 - Hotels | Travel Destinations
 - Cricbuzz.com
- Network
- itimes
 - Hot on the Web
 - World | Politics
 - Business | Sports
 - Entertainment
 - New Cars
 - Bike Price India
 - Car Price
 - Used Cars
- Services
- Book print ads | Online shopping |
 - Matrimonial | Ringtones | Astrology | Jobs | Tech Community | Property
- Special Offers to all! For Classifieds, send your details to: times@timesofindia.com

9/20/2016

A campaign of terror: The Pakistanis may never have Kashmir, but their violence has transformed it - TOI Blogs

[Buy car](#) | [Bikes in India](#) | [Free Classifieds](#) | [Send money to India](#) | [Used Cars](#)
[Restaurants in Delhi](#) | [Remit to India](#) | [Buy Mobiles](#) | [Listen Songs](#)
[Real Estate Developers](#) | [Restaurant Deals in Delhi](#)

Trending Topics

[Samsung Mobile](#) | [Micromax Mobile](#) | [You Tube](#) | [Delhi Travel Guide](#) | [Renault](#)
[Duster](#) | [Katrina Kaif Photos](#) | [Sony Mobile](#) | [Hindi Songs](#) | [Horoscope 2015](#)
[Predictions](#) | [Asus Mobile](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Sunny Leone Photos](#)

Copyright © 2016 Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd. All rights reserved. For reprint rights: Times Syndication Service
