

# Auschwitz in Kashmir

**Harkat-ul-Mujahideen**  
**Hizb-ul-Mujahideen**  
**Laskar-e-Toiba**  
**Jaish-e-Mohammad**

A collage of images related to militant groups. It includes portraits of several men with beards and caps, and a photograph of a mosque entrance with a sign that reads 'MADRASAH AL-Farooq'.

# ISI

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**All Party Hurriyat Conference**  
**Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front**

A collage of portraits of men, including some in military uniforms and others in civilian attire, likely representing political figures associated with the All Party Hurriyat Conference and the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front.A collage of images depicting violence and suffering. It includes a line of soldiers, a child covering their eyes in distress, a boat on water, and a person in a white uniform.

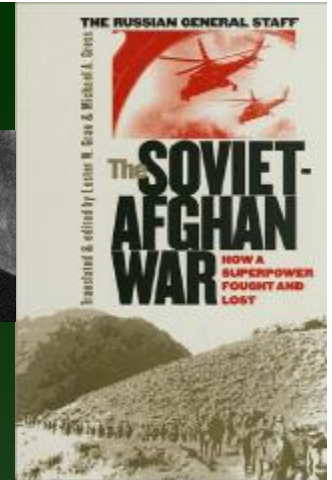
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# Kashmir Insurgency

## Factor I : Soviet – Afghan war 1979 - 1989 :

- **1953** : Mohammoud Daoud becomes PM –A constitutional monarchy is established in Afghanistan.
- Daoud seek's Soviet assistance to modernize his army. Earlier, US turns down his request.
- **1963** : Daoud's overly ambitious and controversial social policies result in his ouster. Mohammad Yusof becomes PM.
- **1965** : **PDPA** (People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan) established by Babrak Karmal
- **1973** : Daoud regains power - Dissolves monarchy – With economic reforms failing unrest sets in. Daoud gets executed.
- Nur Mohammad Taraki (**DRA**) : A communist, assumes leadership. Promotes women's rights and land reforms -
- Reforms threaten Afghan cultural traditions - Widespread resistance – Taraki killed. Amin assumes power.
- **1979** : Soviet invades Afghanistan - Amin killed – Puppet govt under Babrak Karmal ( a communist) is established



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## Soviet – Afghan war 1979 – 1989 ( contd)

- 1979 – 1988 : Sustained Islamic resistance (Afghan mujahideen) against Soviet & Afghan forces
- US & China funnel arms & supplies to mujahideens : kept Soviet in check
- Islamic nations (Arab nations & ISI Pak) extend support to mujahideens
- A Saudi millionaire establishes training camps for mujahideens. Turns into a role model for Islamic fundamentalists : **Osama Bin Laden**
- This period saw the rise of
  - **Mullah Mohammad Omar** as the Taliban leader
  - Birth of Islamic guerilla wars in Algeria, Egypt, Bosnia, Tajikistan, Chechnya
  - Attacks on the infidels(?) - American and other Western targets.
  - Mushrooming on training camps for terrorists in Afghanistan & Pak.
- Najibullah govt overthrown. Najibullah executed
- 1992 :Islamic Council of Mujahadeen slates Rabanni as the Interim President of Afghanistan
- 1996 : Taliban takes over Afghanistan

**1989 : Soviet - Afghan War ends**  
**1989 : ISI trigger's Operation Topac**



# Kashmir Insurgency (contd)

## Factor II : Rise of ISI : Inter Services Intelligence Agency

- 1948 : ISI founded
- ISI's purpose
  - Foreign & Domestic intelligence
  - Co-ordinating intelligence agencies of the three military services
  - Surveillance over media, opposition politicians, foreign diplomats & Pakistani diplomats in other nations
  - Interception & monitoring of communications
  - Covert offensive operations
- ISI staff : Military officers, civilians : around 10,000 in number
- ISI has 6 to 8 divisions :
  - **JIN : Joint Intelligence North** : Thrust - Kashmir
  - **JIB : Joint Intelligence Bureau** : Thrust - Indian political climate
- ISI (State within a State) : Neither answerable to the PM nor the Prime Minister nor the Chief of the Army
- Ayub Khan, Yahya Khan & Zulfikar Ali Bhutto : nurture ISI during their reign.



**Ayub Khan**



**Yahya Khan**



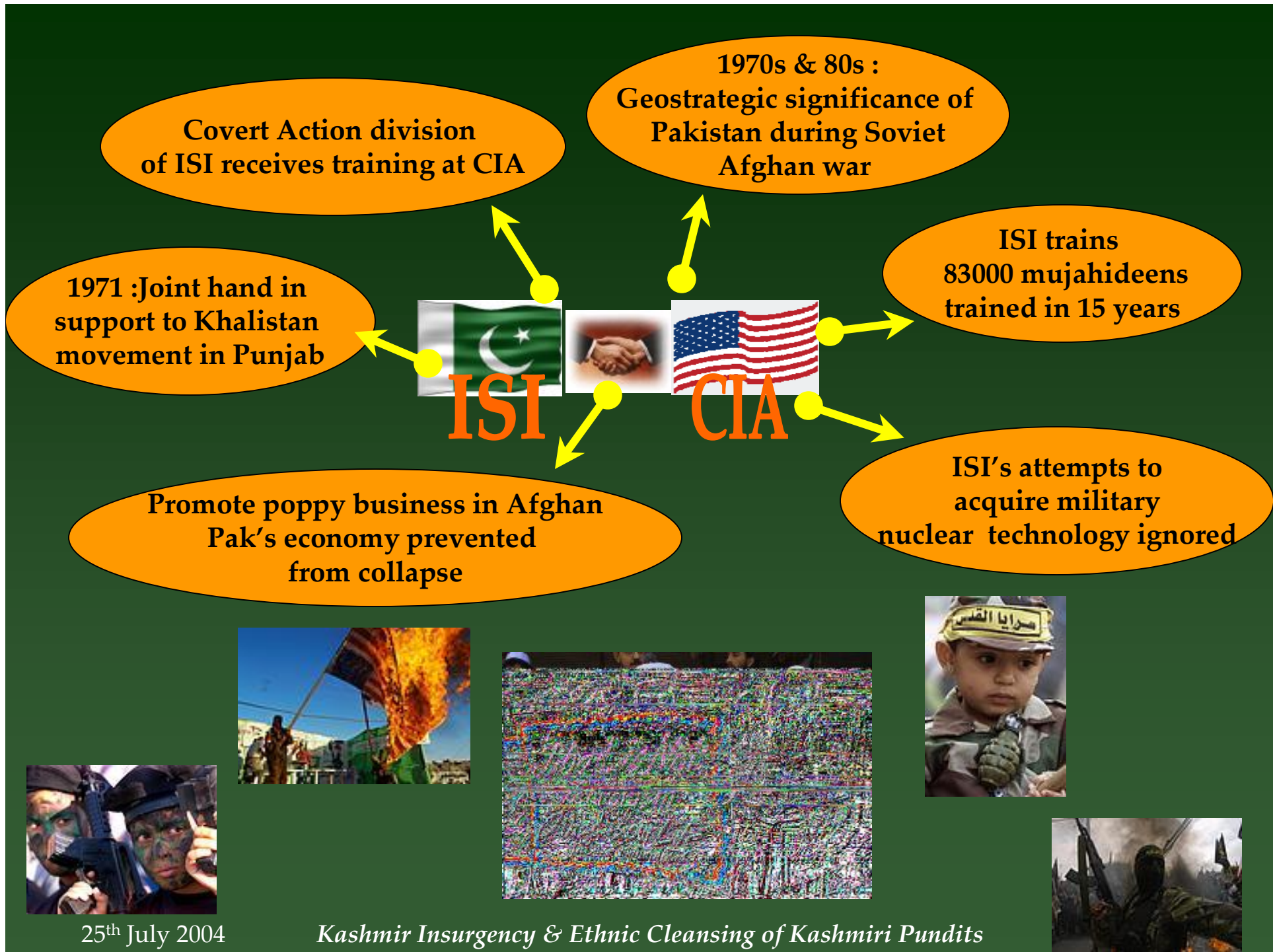
**Zulfikar Ali Bhutto**



**Hamid Gul**

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# ISI's involvement in Pakistan Politics



- First three decades : ISI concentrates on Domestic intelligence & India
- After 1988 : (Post Zia ul Haq period)
  - Benazir Bhutto (PPP) – December 1988-August 1990
  - Formation of Islamic Jamouhri Ittehad (IJI) : 1988
  - Taping of the private conversation between former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and the late Rajiv Gandhi in Islamabad : 1989,
  - Benazir's ouster from premiership in August 1990
  - Nawaz Sharif (IJI) & MQM forming the govt : 1990
  - Mohajir (Muttahida) Quami Movement : Split

*ISI becomes an unwanted legacy of military rule - Democracy gets disregarded*

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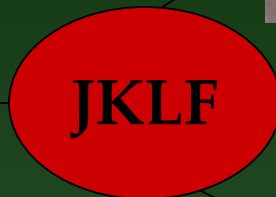
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# Factor III : Terrorist outfits

- Formed by pro-independence elements within Plebiscite Front & JK NLF
- 'Self determination' of people of J & K : JKLF founded in UK in 1977

## Terror instances –

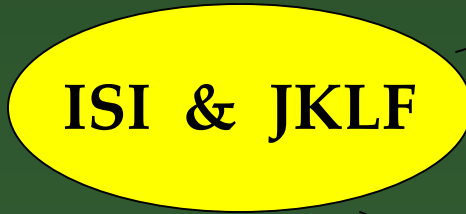
- IA flight hijack : 1971 (even before inception)
- Killing Ravindra Mahtre – Deputy Highcommission in UK : 1984
- Two bomb blasts in Srinagar



- Promotes itself on three fronts
  - Political – public opinion
  - Diplomatic - lobbying
  - Armed Struggle



- Mobilize public opinion through non-violent means
- Constituent of APHC



- JKLF demands independent J & K state - Promotes plebiscite with three three options
- Refuses to recognize Gilgit & Balistan as Pak's

- ISI uses JKLF's network for initial phase of insurgency
- Gradually ISI buys militants from JKLF
- 1991 : JKLF sidelined by ISI
- 1997 : ISI attempts shutting down JKLF camp in Kotli



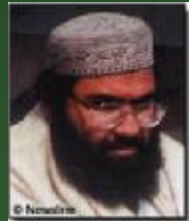
## Hizbul Mujahideen

- *A militant wing of Jamat –e Islami*
- *Founded : 1989 – Muzzafarabad : Syed Sallahuddin*
- *Was the Islamic counter to JKLF*
- *Indeginous group from J & K.*
- *Its local network attracts ISI's support*
- *Issues conditional offer of ceasefire to Indian govt : earns scorn from other islamic fundamentalist groups*



## Lashkar – e Toiba

- *LeT : means 'Army of the Pure'*
- *A militant wing of Markaz Dawra Al Irshad (Centre for Preaching) :*
- *Founded : 1990 – Muridhke (near Lahore) Prof Hafeez Mohammad Sayeed*
- *Formed to participate in Mujahideen Conflict against Najibullah regime in Afg*
- *1996 : ISI extends support*



## Jaish e Mohammad

- *JeM : means 'Army of the Prophet'*
- *Founded Jan 2000 : Maulana Masood Azar ( released by Indian Government following hijack of IC 814 to Kandahar Dec 1999)*
- *Masood Azar was a part of HuA (Harkat ul Ansar)*



## ISI's nexus

JKLF

JeM

HM

LeT

- 1987 – 1990 : ISI uses JKLF for its local network
- Propel's insurgency through JKLF's → Pro independence
- 1991 : JKLF marginalized
- 1997 : ISI tries suppressing JKLF's camps

- Masood Azar -- ISI Ever since the Taliban regime in Afghan
- 2000 : ISI supports JeM actively

- ISI initiates HM through JeI
- Abdul Majeed Dar's ceasefire Offer – gets him killed.
- Operations executed by HuA & HuM get banner of HM to infuse indigenous nature

- 1997 : HuA getting listed as Terror group by US
- LeT's hard line extremist Islamic Ideology attracts ISI.
- ISI's funds bolster LeT

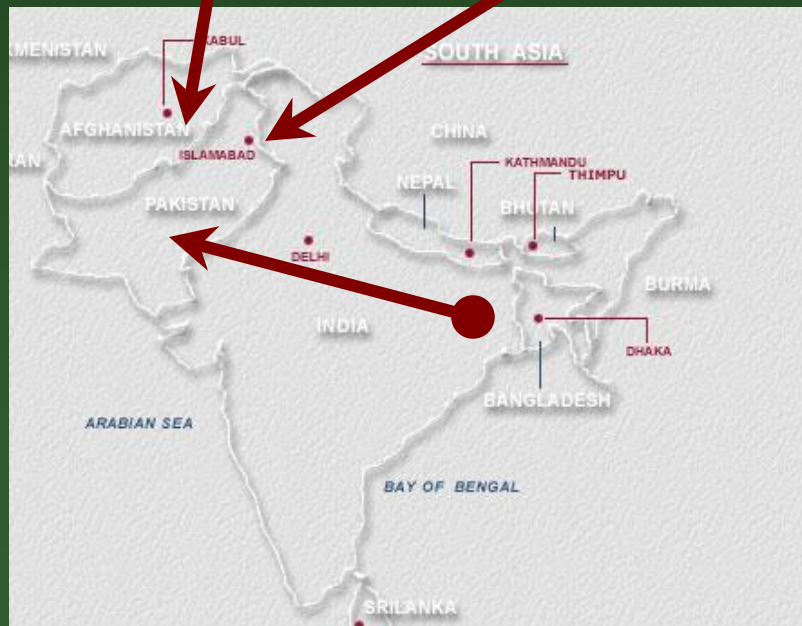
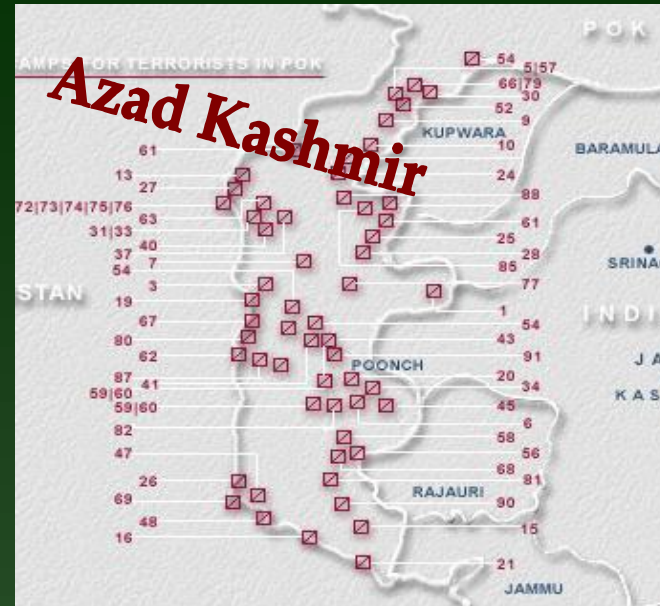
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# Summary : ISI's Kashmir stance

- Use local terrorist group's network
- Buy their militants & marginalize them
- Infiltrate Pak & Afghan mercenaries : promote terrorism & Islamic orthodoxy
- Suppress nationalism
- Plan operations through Pak & Afghan groups
- Use the banner of Indigenous groups
- Ensure indigenous groups that support Pak get funds regularly

# Training Camps in PoK, Pakistan & Afghanistan



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# All Party Hurriyat Conference

An alliance of 26 political, social and religious organizations

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Kashmir Bar Association

People's League

Muslim Conference

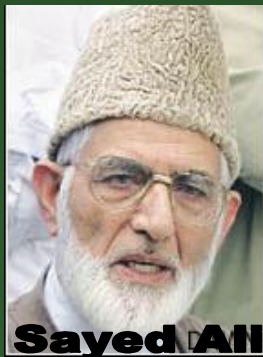
Aawami Action Committee

Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference

Jamaat e Islami



**Maulvi Abbas Ansari**



**Sayed Ali Shah Geelani**



**Abdul Ghani Bhat**



**Mirwaiz Umar Farooq**



**Yasin Malik**

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# All Party Hurriyat Conference

**An alliance of 26 political, social and religious organizations**

## **Two theories for its origin :**

- A creation solely by ISI
- A creation by ISI & US

## **Objective :**

- Project negative image of India's counter insurgency operations
- Promote Kashmir secessionist movements
- Portray Pak's proxy war as an indigenous uprising challenging Indian sovereignty.
- Project itself as Kashmiri's sole representative to the outside world

## **It's operations -**

- Distort facts against security force excesses
- Boycott official Indian functions : Aug 15, Jan 26
- Call for a strike on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> : the day Indian forces entered Kashmir
- Refusal to participate in the democratic process
- Initially Condemned HM's ceasefire proposals

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## APHC Split



- Favours accession to Pakistan
- Kashmir issue : religious
- Supports violence
- Syed Ali Shah Geelani lead the hard-lined leaders of APHC



- Pro-Independence group
- Kashmir issue : political
- Ansari lead the moderate faction of APHC
- Questions involvement of Pak & Afghan mercenary terrorist outfits in Kashmir

### Tit Bits on APHC :

- JKPC (People's conference) participates in Assembly elections – JeI demands JKPC ouster from APHC
- JKPC leader Abdul Ghani Lone : killed
- National Conference challenged APHC's claim to be the sole Kashmiri representative

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## Political climate in J & K: 1980 - 1989



1982 : Sheikh Abdullah died

1982 : Farooq Abdullah forms Govt

1984 : Gulam Mohammad Shah forms government

1987 : Congress – NC alliance for elections



**Farooq - Rajiv Accord**

- Farooq → JKLF elements : London
- Farooq → JeI : Anti India campaign; Communal elements gain support
- Indian borders : without vigil – infiltration peaks
- Re- introduction of the Re-settlement Bill
- Anti India campaign : India vs WI cricket : Srinagar, 1982
- Oppression to Kashmiri Hindus : Farooq turned blind eye

**1987 Elections :  
Allegations of rigging  
gain momentum**

**Civilian unrest sets in**

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## General Zia's Operation Topac : 1988

### Phase I :

- Low level Insurgency
- Propagate anti India feeling
- Subvert police, financial institutions & communication network

### Phase II :

- Pressure on Siachen, Kargil & Rajuri – divert attention from Kashmir valley
- Attack Banihal Tunnel , Kargil Leh Highway : through Afghan jehadi groups

### Phase III :

- Liberate Kashmir valley

**Proxy War declared**

*Kashmir main rahna hai, Allah ho Akbar Kahna Hoga*

*Ganga Jamuna me aag lagayenge*

*Allah - ho Akbar, Musalmano Jago kafiro bago, jehad aa raha hai*

*koran hamara dastor hai, jehad hamara rasta hai*

**100,000 Kashmiri Pandits leave valley**

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# Attacks on Kashmiri Pandits & Sikhs

1997

Sangrampora : 7

Wandama: 25



1998

Kalaban : 35

Doda : - 41

Prankote : - 27



1999

Doda : - 15

AnantNag : - 15



2000

AnantNag : - 27

Amarnath Yatra : 30

Chittisangpora : 35 Sikhs



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## Kashmir Insurgency : Timeline

- **1989** : Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapped (daughter of **Mufti Mohammad Sayeed**) : 5 prisoners released. **Yasin Malik's** hand suspected
- **1990** : **Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq**, Imam of Juma Masjid- assassinated.
- **1991** : 2 Swedish engineers in **Uri Hydrel Project** abducted - Muslim Janbaz Force
- **1992** : **Six Israelis** are taken hostage - Pasdaran-e-Inquilabi Islam.
- **1993** : Militants storm **Hazrat Bal Mosque** : a month long siege
- **1994** : Two foreigners abducted - (**HuA**) to obtain release of three militants.
- **1995** : Four foreign nationals are abducted from Pahalgam by the **Al Faran**.
- **2000** : J&K Minister of State for Power, **Ghulam Hassan Bhat**, is killed along with four other persons in a landmine explosion - HM terrorists
- **2000 – 2004** : Numerous instances of attack on BSF camps – Human bombs, IED, grenades, car-bombs used.
- **1990 – 2004** : Counter insurgency leaders **Mohammad Yusuf Parray** (JK Awami League, **Javed Shah** (NC), **Mustaq Pal** (former HM), Chief of **Ikhwan-ul Muslimeen**, **Muslim Mujahideen** - assassinated

# IC 814 hijack

- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1999 : Tribuvan airport – Mohammad Arshad Cheema (Pak Embassy in Nepal) → Hijackers
- IC 814 : Lands in Amritsar for re-fuel. Re-fuel refused. Rupin Katyal killed. Re-fueled at Lahore
- Taliban refuses Indian military action at Kandhahar
- Maulana Azar & two other militants released
- ISI & Hizbul Mujahideen’s hand suspected



JeM

Maulana Azar



9/11

Omar Sheik



Mustaq Zargar

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# Terrorist attack on J & K State Assembly & Indian Parliament



Suicide bomber : Hijacked govt jeep with explosives  
29 killed & many more injured  
Jaish-e-Mohammad master minded the attack



Oct 1, 2001

5 militants with AK 47s storm the Parliament complex  
9 soldiers killed

Syed Geelani (Arabic Studies Professor) & 2 others : death sentence  
JeM & LeT : master mind attac



Dec 13, 2001



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# Terrorist attack on the Press & Media



*Lasla Koul, Director of Doordharshan Kashmir killed by militants*



*2004 - Kashmir media centre under fire*

*Urdu Daily from Srinagar - Aftab, shut down in 1993*

*Suicide attack on DD-AIR in Srinagar, 5 dead : April 2003*

*Srinagar Times, Great Kashmir suspend publication temporarily following threat*

*State Information Department (SID)'s directors Syed Ghulam Nabi and KN Handoo killed*

## News published in Al Safa (Urdu Daily)

- "Those who follows western way of life have no right to live in Kashmir. Those who will create difficulties in the implementation of the "purdah" (Burqua) movement will meet a miserable end."*
- "Al-Umar Mujahideen has sent a warning to businessmen from Kashmir who desire to set up stalls at Pragati Maidan. They have been asked to be prepared to face consequences."*
- "Your land Islam, your tribe of Mustafa; creating any platform for nationalism (Kashmiriat) tentamounts to paving the way for furthering the interests of infidels."*

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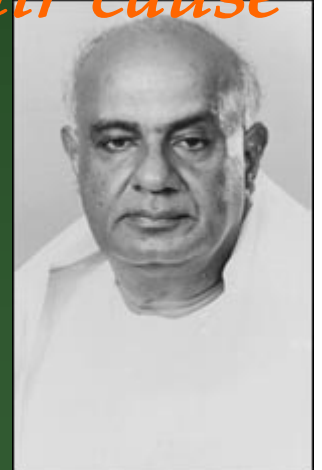
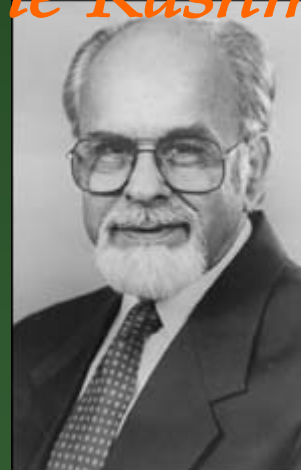
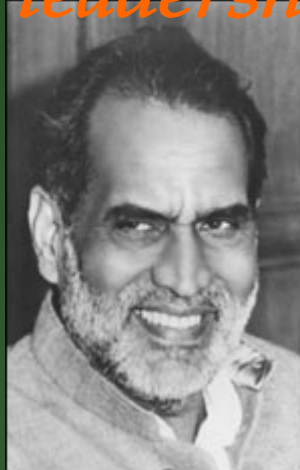
## Other factors : Indian politicians

- 1990 : Jagmohan re-instated as Governor : dissolves State Assembly.
- Farooq & Rajiv promote anti-Jagmohan campaign
- V P Singh govt dismisses Jagmohan



The Governor, K.V. Krishna Rao - *Pandits were not his concern nor were they on his agenda* to a delegation addressing issues on refugee camps

*In-effective Indian leadership mars the Kashmir cause*



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## AB Vajpayee – Nawaz Sharif – Pervez Musharraf



- India's Pokhran & Pak's Chagai : Nuclear tests
- Lahore Declaration
- Kargil
- Agra Summit

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# Events Leading to India's Nuclear Tests

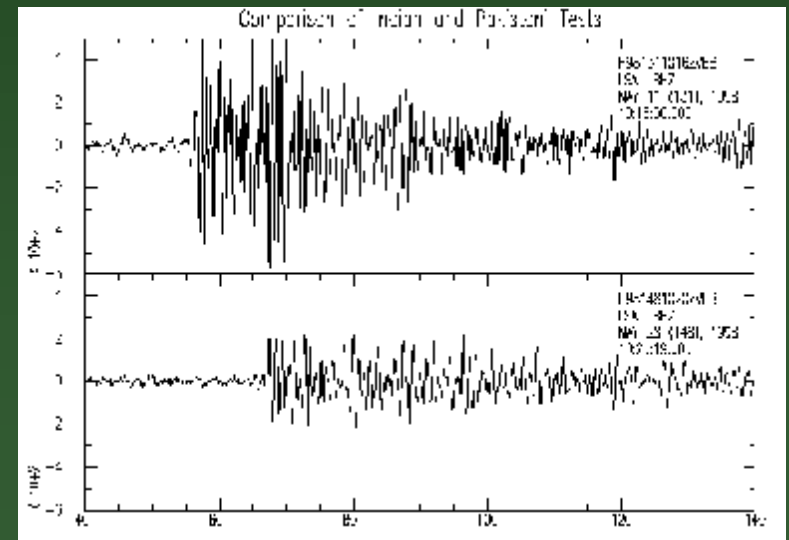
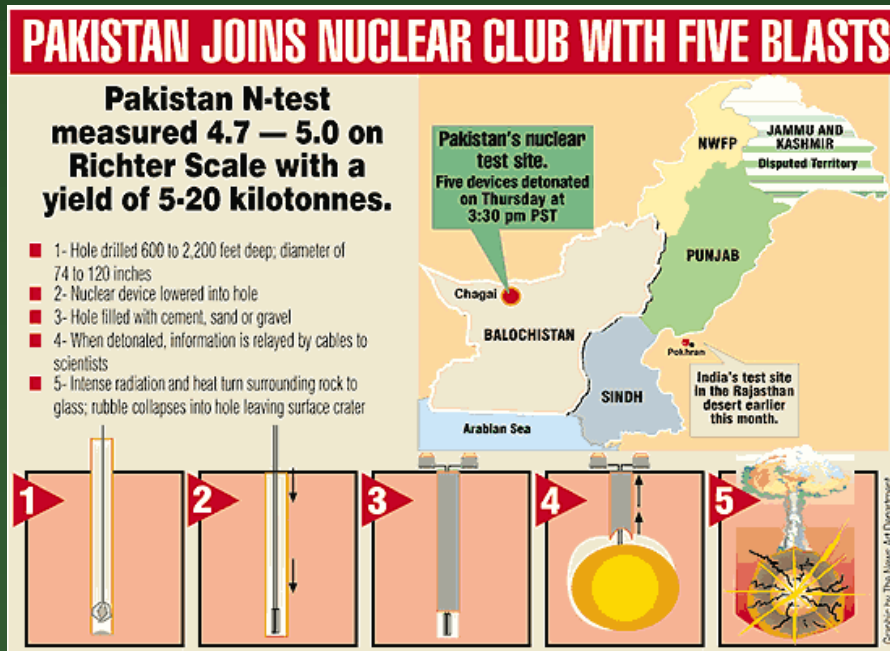
March 1998 : Vajpayee forms Govt

April 1998 : George Fernandes redefines India's Nuclear policy

6th April 1998 : Pak test fires Ghauri - 1500 km ballistic missile

11th May & 13th May 1998 : India conducts 5 Nuclear tests at Pokhran

28th May 1998 : Pak conducts 5 Nuclear tests at Chagai



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# Lahore Agreement

- Sharing a vision of peace and stability
- Committed to the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and the universally accepted principles of peaceful co-existence;
- Reiterating the determination of both countries to implementing the Simla Agreement in letter and spirit;
- Committed to the objective of universal nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation;



# Agra Summit



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# Kargil 1999



*Strategic victories : Srinagar-Leh highway*



## Three phases of the war:

- **Phase I - Chaotic management and poor strategic appraisal**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1999 : First contact with Pak troops and irregulars at Jubbar heights – not through military reconnaissance – 3 sheperds spot infiltration
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> : India inititates patrolling along LOC – faces resistance
- Lt Gen Kishan Pal at the I press conference terms the occupied territory : “unheld areas” – intrusion was seen as a localized nuisance
- 3 helicopters on WASO were shot at. Loss of a Mig 21 (heat seeking stinger missiles), Mig 27 (engine failure) ,Mig 17 in two days – Indian morale sags
- After 3 weeks of operations : May 25 – First Cabinet Committee on Security met.

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## Phase II – Consolidation by Indian army

*Naik Inayat Ali of the 5 Northern Light Infantry (NLI), captured on July 2, told interrogators that his entire unit of 200 had been wiped out in the course of fighting in the Batalik area.*



## Kargil - A footnote to the Kashmir War

### Phase III – Politics of the victory that was not

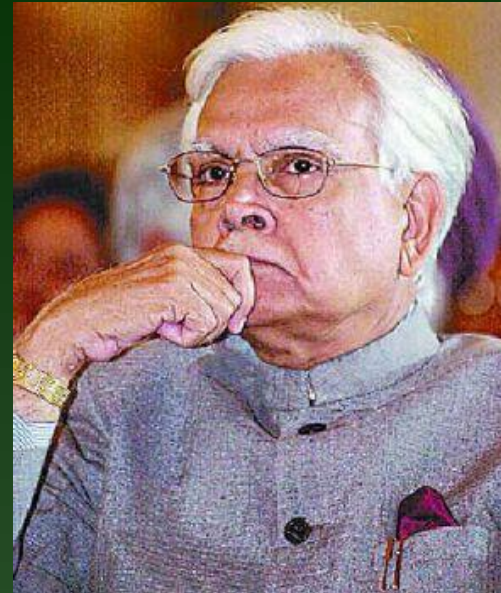


- Advocated safe passage to Pak infiltrators
  - Down played the hand of ISI and Nawaz Sharif in Kargil
  - “ Amry has restored the sanctity of the line of control at Drass ”
- Truth : Indian troops were nowhere near the top of the Tololing heights in Drass
- Coffin scam

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