



# **AUGUST DIARIES - 1993**

**Testimonies of victims killed by the Indian Occupying Forces  
during catch and kill operation**



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# Few Instances

"In broad daylight, BSF Sub Inspector, Ajmer Singh perpetrated a triple homicide, callously shooting an 8-year-old child within the confines of his home and instantly taking the lives of the child's parents." (P10)

"During the search operation, the army men caught hold of four women and raped them. The unfortunate victims included a 14-year-old girl named Baggi. The victims' clothes were torn, and at least ten army personnel raped them." (P14)

"3 students of 9th class went to bath in the River Jhelum passing through the village, were fired upon by the Indian Occupying Forces." (P31)

"16 people traveling in a bus were killed by some unidentified armed gang on Sarthal-Hasti Road near Kishtwar on August 14." (P49)

# August 1993

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
191	212	109	1165	781

# About the Report

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August Diaries - 1993 is the collection of testimonies of the unarmed Kashmiris who were brutally massacred by the Indian occupying forces under the pretext of Catch & Kill Military Operation. The study has also identified the perpetrators of war crime such as their units and ranks in the army and paramilitary force. Besides, the study is an eye opener for the world community and to the judicial institutions that there is an absolute impunity in IIOJK to 800,000 Armed forces to perpetrate atrocity crimes.

LFK has been archiving various investigative reports that have donned invisibility. Our aim is to bring such work into the public domain. This report on the August Diaries - 1993 is an attempt to disseminate the defiant work carried out by Institute of Kashmir Studies - IKS, Srinagar

# List of Perpetrators

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Name	Designation	Details
Ajmer Singh	Sub Inspector BSF	Killed 8 years boy Hilal Ahmed with family
Gur Sharan Singh	Deputy Commandant BSF	
AK Atari	Superintendent BSF	
Bihar Regiment Indian Army		
XI Rashtriya Rifle Indian Army		

# **Chapter - 1**

# Executive Summary

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The turbulence in the Kashmir Valley reached a new level of intensity during the month of August. This period was marked by spontaneous eruptions of anger in response to the ongoing brutalities inflicted by Indian forces in various parts of the Valley and parts of Jammu, particularly in the capital city of Srinagar.

The month commenced with a deeply tragic incident in Daribal, Srinagar, where a family's existence was tragically extinguished by a BSF Sub Inspector, Ajmer Singh, without any apparent provocation. In broad daylight, he perpetrated a triple homicide, callously shooting an 8-year-old child within the confines of his home and instantly taking the lives of the child's parents. While regrettably not the first instance of such horrors, this particular incident sent shockwaves throughout the region and reverberated worldwide.

The gravity of this gruesome act cannot be overstated. It galvanized an already agitated situation across the Valley and the Muslim-majority areas of the Jammu division. More disconcertingly, it captured the attention of the global community, compelling headlines across international electronic and print media outlets for several consecutive days. In essence, this barbaric act placed the Kashmir issue firmly on the global agenda, hinting that perhaps, at long last, the dormant conscience of the world had been stirred.

It is crucial to underscore the significance of publishing this archival report. This report sheds light on the Atrocity crimes committed by Indian military and paramilitary forces during the harrowing month of August 1993. Within that span, the Indian Occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir experienced a devastating surge of state sponsored violence, resulting in the loss of numerous lives. This tragic toll included the lives of at least 191 Kashmiri freedom fighters, 212 innocent civilians, and 109 Indian occupying forces, with an additional 781 Kashmiris left injured, regardless of gender or age.

Furthermore, it is vital to note that the atrocities extended to the wanton destruction of property, causing losses in the crores. This report not only serves as a historical record but also as a testament to the suffering endured by the people of Kashmir during that period. It calls attention to the urgency of addressing the longstanding issues in the region and emphasizes the imperative of seeking justice for the victims of these grave injustices.

# **Chapter - 2**

# List of Extra-Judicial Killings

S.NO	Extra-Judicial Killings	Cause of Death
1	Nazir Ahmed Mir	Torture / Custodial Death
2	Abdul Rashid	Torture / Custodial Death
3	Haja Begum	Torture / Custodial Death
4	Hilal Ahmed Dar	Torture / Custodial Death
5	Manzoor Ahmed Shah	Custodial Death
6	Ali Muhammad	Custodial Death
7	Muhammad Shafi	Killed On Spot
8	Muhammad Maqbool	Custodial Death
9	Ghulam Muhammad Magray	Killed On Spot
10	Noor Muhammad Sufi	Killed On Spot
11	Aijaz Ahmed Khan	Killed On Spot
12	Mir Hussain	Killed during Crackdown
13	Muhammad Yousaf Bhat	Beaten To death
14	Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani	Custodial Death
15	Ghulam Mustafa Bhat	Custodial Death
16	Manzoor Ahmed Sheikh	Indiscriminate Killing
17	Nazir Ahmed Bhat	Custodial Death
18	Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat	Custodial Death
19	Tariq Ahmed Dar	Custodial Death

S.NO	Extra-Judicial Killings	Cause of Death
20	Muhammad Iqbal	Custodial Death
21	Muhammad Abdullah Dar	Custodial Death
22	Muhammad Jamal Ghanai	Killed On Spot
23	Ghulam Muhammad Akhoon	Custodial Death
24	Abid Ahangar	Indiscriminate Killing
25	Farooq Ahmed Bhat	Custodial Death
26	Ghulam Muhamad Danigo	Indiscriminate Killing
27	Ghulam Nabbi Khan	Indiscriminate Killing
28	Mushtaq Ahmed	Indiscriminate Killing
29	Muhammad Afzal Mir	Killed In Search Operation
30	Bohar Ali	Custodial Death
31	Muhammad Sultan	Indiscriminate Killing
32	Ghulam Muhammad	Indiscriminate Killing
33	Fazz Begum	Indiscriminate Killing
34	Ghulam Hassan Bhat	Indiscriminate Killing
35	Gulzar Ahmed	Killed On Spot
36	Anayat Ullah	Custodial Death
37	Muhammad Sultan Bhat	Custodial Death
38	Muhammad Younas	Custodial Death
39	Bashir Ahmed	Torture / Custodial Death
40	Muhammad Maqbool Wani	Custodial Death

S.NO	Extra-Judicial Killings	Cause of Death
41	Azad Ahmed	Custodial Death
42	Nisar Ahmed Pandey	Custodial Death
43	Ghulam Rasool Mir	Custodial Death
44	Muhammad Yousaf Waza	Custodial Death
45	Abdur Rashir War	Custodial Death
46	Shamima	Killed On Spot
47	Nazir Ahmed Ahangar	Killed on Spot
48	Habib Ullah Sheikh	Killed on Spot
49	Muhammad Akbar Bhat	Killed on Spot
50	Tariq Ahmed Rather	Killed On Spot
51	Khurshid Ahmed Bhat	Custodial Death
52	Muhammad Ameen Dar	Killed On Spot
53	Shah Muhammad	Custodial Death
54	Touheed Ahmed Sheikh	Custodial Death
55	Abdul Majid Mir	Killed On Spot
56	Mangat Ullah	Custodial Death
57	Ghulam Rasoor Wani	Custodial Death
58	Muzafar Ahmed Ghanai	Custodial Death
59	Abid Hussain Lone	Killed On Spot

*\*The above table reflects the names of 59 out of 212 civilians reported by local newspapers.*

# August 1

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
7	11	-	52	9

## Custodial Death

The Army cordoned off two villages, Rafiabad and Singapore, in the Baramullah district yesterday. After sealing all the exit points in these localities, only Muslim male members were asked to come out of their homes and assemble in the open space, though there are 60 per cent non-Muslims in Singapore.

Eyewitnesses said that the hell was let loose by the Army, who beat everyone irrespective of age and sex. During the identification parades, 18 innocent youths, including Nazir Ahmed Mir, Abdul Hamid Khan, Ghulam Hassan Wani, Mohammad Ramzan Bhat, Ghulam Ahmed Mir, Mohammad Rather, Hassan Rather, and Ghulam Ahmed Dar was arrested. All of them were taken away to the interrogation/torture center, where Nazir Ahmed Mir, physically disabled, was killed by the Army under torture, and his dead body, bearing torture marks, was handed over to his family members this morning. However, the official sources described the deceased as an area commander. They said he was killed when armed resistance fighter fired on the army vehicles on their way to the hide-out to recover arms and ammunition.

## Indiscriminate Killing

According to the employee, a couple and their eight-year-old son were gunned down inside their residence at Daribal-Kharnyar here by a BSF personnel, Ajmer Singh. The BSF men gate-crashed into the compound of the house this afternoon and fired upon the 8-year-old Hilal Ahmed, who was climbing the stairs. The parents of Hilal, sitting on the first floor after hearing gunshots, came down for his rescue, and when they saw their little son lying on the stairs. As they came near, his wife, Haja, died on the spot while their child succumbed to his injuries in the hospital. The official sources said they were killed in retaliatory action by the BSF, who were attacked by the armed resistance fighter in the locality. However, the residents were emphatic in denying the official claim, saying that no armed resistance fighter attack had taken place and that the killer party of the BSF had fired some shots in the air before they forced into the house and killed the couple and their son.

From the hospital, Hilal's dead body was taken in procession, which passed through different localities of the city including Malaratta, Sarafkadal and Nayidkadal. As the body reached Khan, many women blocked the road and held protest demonstrations. They raised slogans against the Indian forces. Shopkeepers in the locality and neighboring areas downed their shutters in protest against the killings. The police have registered a case under FIR No 136/93.

**Sopore:** Wagab and Sangrama areas remained under crackdown. During the crackdown, many persons were beaten up, due to which 17 persons were injured. The BSF men also conducted a search operation at the general bus stand of Sopore. Two youths, Mohammad Ishag Mir and Mohammad Tahir, were arrested during a raid.

**Baramullah:** Singhpora, Rafiabad, and Pakhwara-Panzala. At Singpora village 18 Youths were arrested, of whom one Nazir Ahmed Mir was killed in custody.

**Srinagar:** Parimpora and Mehjoor-Nagar. From these localities, 40 youths were arrested, tortured and given electric shocks in the interrogation torture centres. The BSF men took 29 youths with them. In Dalgate, one shopkeeper and two pedestrians were also arrested by the BSF.

**Budgam:** On July 31, the BSF men cordoned off Kawoosa village in Budgam district and forced the villagers to come out of their houses for an identification parade. During the identification parade, the BSF men beat the youth mercilessly, which agitated the villagers. In protesting against this cruel behavior, they were beaten with gun butts and iron rods, injuring 26 civilians, five of them seriously. The residents of Pattan are complaining that the men of the Bihar Regiment of the Indian Army, having their base camp at Hyder Beigh, are harassing and humiliating them in the name of security checking. The scared residents also accuse the army personnel of having made it a routine to enter the residential houses at midnight in the name of nabbing armed resistance fighters. The houses are heavily stoned by the army personnel of the Bihar regiment stationed at the newly set up sub-base camps. The new sub-base-camps have been set up at Baba TengPattan and in Kall-seri, near the grid station. The excesses of the army men have restricted the movement of the people, and the day-to-day life has been affected badly in the town.

## **Public protests**

At Khanyar, a large number of people held a protest demonstration against the BSF in protest against the killing of 3 members of family. The demonstrators raised slogans against the BSF and demanded immediate action against the BSF personnel involved in the cold-blooded murder. At Parimpora and Mehjoor Nagar, many women staged protest demonstrations against the arrest of 'innocent youth in these localities. In Singapore and Rafiabad Baramullah, thousands of men, women and children took to the streets in protest against the custodial deaths. The demonstrators raised slogans in favor of freedom and implementation of U.N. Resolutions also demanded the immediate release of other detained youths.

# August 2

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
7	11	-	26	9

## Custodial Death

Today, the dead body of one Manzoor Ahmed Shah, s/o Ghulam Rasool Shah, R/o Nihalpora-Pattan was handed over to his family members. According to witnesses, the deceased was arrested by the regular army during a routine crackdown two days back. He was taken to the interrogation torture centre and tortured to death. His dead body was handed over to the police station in Pattan this morning. In Pattan, people held protest demonstrations against the custodial death of their fellow villager.

In Trihgam Kupwara, one hard-of-hearing person was arrested by the BSE Yesterday. He was taken to the interrogation/torture centre and tortured to death. His dead body was then handed over to his family members. The deceased was identified as Ali Mohammad Mir. People held protest demonstrations in the Trihgam area and observed a complete strike against the custodial death of the disabled.

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

Srinagar- Anchar, Sonawar, Bonamsar, Palpora, Indira Nagar, Iqbal Colony, Basant Bagh and Gupkar. The residents of Sonawar were not allowed to offer morning prayers by the army. Some Journalists working for local newspapers and Indian news agencies, including the associate editor of the daily "Wular", were also not allowed to leave the area, though they possessed valid identity cards. Later, the army personnel conducted house-to-house searches and arrested about 20 persons. However, 12 of them were later released after torture/interrogation. Soon after the BSF personnel were attacked by the freedom fighters yesterday, all exit points of Basant Bagh and its adjoining localities were sealed early this morning. Fifteen youths were arrested during identification parades in front of the government informers. Eight of them were released after on-the-spot interrogation torture.

**Baramullah:** In Panzalpora, Tilgam and Kashpora, 3 youths were arrested. In Khawaja Bagh Barramullah 4 youths, including Manzoor Ahmed and Firdous Ahmed was arrested during a raid.

**Kupwara:** At Khamber village in Kupwara district, one youth was arrested by the BSF, while two freedom fighters were killed in an encounter during the cordon and search operation.

**Budgam:** Kawoosa and Soyibugh. In Soyibugh, two persons, namely Abdul Rasheed S/O Ghulam Nabi and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din S/O Akbar Wani were arrested by the BSF men during the crackdown.

**Sopore:** Panic gripped Sopore town when the BSF cordoned off Sopore hospital around 1500 hrs this afternoon and asked all doctors, paramedical staff, patients, and their attendants to come out of the hospital and assemble in the compound. Some patients and their attendants were beaten up by the BSF when they pleaded that they should be allowed to stay in their wards as they could not walk. In Sopore itself, one Ghulam Hassan Dar, son of Ali Mohammad Dar, an ice the BSF arrested the ice-cream vendor during a raid. A 14-year-old Gujjar girl, Baggi, is among four women raped by some army men belonging to Eleven Raj Rifles stationed at Imam Sahib, in Devpora Shopian, between the night of July 28 and 29. According to witnesses, the army personnel of 11 Raj Rifles cordoned off Chaman Pathri and Devpora during the intervening night of July 28 and 29. The menfolk in the villages were ordered to come out of their houses, and the females were kept in a separate place. During the search operation, the army men caught hold of four women and raped them. The unfortunate victims included a 14-year-old girl named Baggi. The victims' clothes were torn, and at least ten army personnel raped them. In Devpora, a party of army men entered a Gujar house and caught hold of the 14-year-old Baggi. The ropes tied up her legs and arms, and her clothes were torn off before the army personnel raped her. According to the victim, after some time, another party of army men came and dragged her out of her house and took her to a nearby Cornfield and raped her till 7 a.m., so she lost consciousness. In the morning, she was found profusely bleeding by the residents. She was immediately rushed to hospital. Meanwhile, the doctors have confirmed the rape of Baggi, and a case has been lodged against the culprits in the concerned police station. According to Baggi herself, she was raped by army personnel. She further said that the army men warned her that she would be shot dead if I told anything about the incident.

### **III Treatment to the employees**

At Soyibugh in Budgam district, one Mr Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani, s/o Mo- Hammad Akbar Wani, an employee of the HMT Watch factory, was arrested by the BSF during the crackdown on the locality. He is immediately taken away to the interrogation/torture centre. The watch factory employees have demanded their colleague's immediate release.

## Public protests

Srinagar city was rocked by day-long protest demonstrations against the cold-blooded murder of a couple and their 8-year-old son by the BSF personnel inside their house at Daribal Khanyar. Curfew was imposed in the localities falling under the jurisdiction of the police stations of Maharaj Gunj, Khanyar, Nowhatta. And Safakadal, after thousands of people, including women and children, demonstrated in the entire down-town of Srinagar city this morning protesting against the cold-blooded murder. A complete strike was also observed across the Valley in protest against the incident.

Thousands of people defied the curfew restrictions at several localities, including Nawabazar, Bohri-kadal, Kharnyar, Khanqahi Mualla, Zaldagar and Zainakadal. At Nawabazar, two persons received bullet injuries when the BSF men on duty resorted to firing after a lathi charge and teargassing had proved ineffective. The BSF men also fired on demonstrators at Kakasarai this evening, killing a youth on the spot and injuring six others. The deceased has been identified as Mohammad Shafi. His body was taken in a procession through the curfew-bound areas towards the Martyrs' graveyard. The processionists raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans. They were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions; at the curfew -, Khanyar people defying restrictions erected tents on roads, staged demonstrations and organized community lunches after abandoning their homes. During the early hours of this morning, tens of thousands of people, including a large number of women, took to the streets at several places in the city, including Khanyar, Daribal Naidkadal, Maharajgurnj, Safakadal, Rahbab Sahib. Nawabazaar, Dalal Mohalla, Fateh Kadal Bohri Kadal, Rajveri Kadal, Nowhatta and Rainwari Raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans, people blocked roads, held protest demonstrations and demanded immediate stoppage to 'State terrorism' Processions were also taken out, and demonstrations were held. In the township of Baramullah, people held protest demonstrations against the 'custodial death of a youth. A protest strike was also observed in Pattan. In Trihgam Kupwara, people held intense protest demonstrations against the custodial death of a hard-of-hearing person.

# August 3

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
6	11	-	35	200

## Custodial Death

Two persons were killed in custody by the BSF personnel at village Hewdagar in Sopore. According to the witness they were arrested by the BSF a few days back and were taken away to the interrogation/torture centre where they were tortured to death. Today their bodies were handed over to their respective family members. One of the deceased has been identified as Mohammad Magbool.

## Desecration of Holy Shrine

The violent BSF personnel today entered the holy Shrine of Dastgeer Sahib Khanyar Srinagar smashed the door into pieces after the peaceful demonstrators had taken shelter inside the Shrine as a consequence of the force by the BSF to disperse them. According to witnesses, the BSF men fired upon the people inside the Shrine, indiscriminately killing two on the spot and injuring 30, some of them critically.

## Details of crack downs and search operations

**Baramullah:** The BSF cordoned off village Wagoora and conducted house-to-house searches during which five youths were apprehended. Residents reported high-handedness of the BSF men and said that all the detainees were innocent. One Ghulam Mohammad Magrey was killed on the spot, and six others, including Haji Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh Mohammad Maqbool Malla, Ghulam Rasool, Mohammad Afzal and Abdul Hamid Sheikh were injured when the BSF fired upon them in the village Yaribug this morning without any cause.

The BSF men also cordoned off village Seloo in Baramullah district and conducted house-to-house searches. A freedom fighter, Mohammad Maqbool, hiding in one of the houses, was asked to surrender. However, he opened fire, killing or injuring a few BSF personnel before he, too, was killed. People say the BSF men used mortar guns and thoroughly damaged the house.

**Sopore:** About five thousand people were made hostages by the BSF when they cordoned off villages Dangerpora, Bahrapora, Khaitangan Andergam, Nihalpora and Sopore in the North Kashmir last evening. After sealing all the exit points, the male members of these localities were asked to assemble in the open spaces for identification parades. About thirty youths were apprehended during these identification parades.

## **Custodial Death**

There was no letup in the public demonstrations today. Repeated announcements made from fast-moving vehicles fitted with public address systems that curfew had been imposed and that those violating it would be shot did not affect the agitated mobs, which were in one of the most defiant moods so far. Several youths and even some older women were seen confronting the BSF personnel face to face, challenging them to open fire. For the second consecutive day today, community lunch was put at several places, including Khanyar and Sekidafar. Most of the houses were locked as people joined the demonstrations. Heavy deployment of the BSF/army to enforce curfew restrictions bore no fruit, as these measures failed to prevent people from taking to the streets and shouting slogans against the BSF/army and India in support of the "freedom movement. The scenes in different parts of the city were reminiscent of the early 1990s when tens of thousands of people marched on city streets to support the ongoing Movement. The BSF personnel resorted to firing at several places, including Khanyar, Watalkadal, Sekidafar, Kathidarwaza, Sadrabal Soura, Chattabal and Kaw Mohalla. This left at least 7 civilians dead, while the number of those injured was over 4 dozen. According to the eye-witnesses in Khanyar and Kaw Mohalla, about five thousand people came on the streets early this morning to protest against the cold-blooded murder of Abdul Rashid, his wife Haja Begum, and their eight-year-old son Hilal Ahmed Dar by the BSF on August 1. Although a curfew was imposed in these localities, the agitated demonstrators while defying the curfew, gathered on the streets and raised slogans against state terrorism. The demonstrators were raising pro-freedom, pro-Islam and anti-India slogans. The BSF used force and fired in the air to disperse the demonstrators. The peaceful demonstrators took shelter inside the Shrine of Dastgeer Sahib. The violent BSF personnel entered the Shrine, smashing the door into pieces and firing inside the Shrine, killing two men on the spot and injuring thirty others, some of them critically. One among the injured later succumbed to injuries. The two persons killed on the spot were identified as Noor Mohammad Sofi of Kaw Mohalla and a seventeen-year-old boy, Aijaz Khan of Bodu Bagh. After the killing, the tempo of the demonstrators got too high; they raised pro-Islam and pro-freedom slogans, and the deceased were laid to rest at the local Martyrs' graveyard.

At Rainwari, the BSF entered a mosque with their shoes on and roughed up all those present inside. At least eight persons were thrown out of the mosque by the BSF personnel, one of them, received a head injury, and his condition was stated to be critical. Later, people there took to the streets, raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans. However, they were stopped at the Victory Crossing where force was used to disperse them. Thousands of people who had gathered at Surateng meanwhile rushed to Victory Crossing to join the demonstrators and made the BSF withdraw. At Nowakadal, the BSF opened fire on a procession of thousands of people. About 50 persons including Farooq Ahmed Mir, Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi, Bashir Ahmed Bhat, Raja Begum Ali Mohammad Lone, Mohanmad Asla Bashir Ahmad were injured, and their condition is stated to be critical in the hospital. At Dalgate, the BSF fired in the air, burst teargas shells and resorted to lathi charge to disperse the slogan-shouting demonstrators today. At least five people were injured in the incident and a large number of people were beaten by gun butts. Thereafter the BSF came under heavy stone pelting. In the afternoon a protest demonstration was held again in the locality. At the University campus, a procession was taken out by the Kashmir University Students Association. As the procession, joined by many teachers and employees, started moving outside the campus, it was confronted by the BSF men who resorted to teargasing and lathi charges. Another public demonstration at Hazratbal was dealt in a similar way. Thousands of people held demonstrations and took out processions in almost all the localities of Srinagar City, including Batamaloo, Kabtbakdadal Hazratbal, Malabagh. Sadrabal Noorbagh Naseembagh, Tankipora, Zaindar Mohalla, Bohrikadal, Gratabal Nawakadal Basant Bagh, Chanapora,, Natipora,, Ram Bagh, Chotta Bazaar, Maisuma, Gowkadal, Fatehkadal, Rangarstop Zainakadal Soura and Nawabazar. The demonstrators were protesting against state terrorism, raising anti-India slogans, and demanding implementation of U.N. Resolutions. Four persons were killed and more than 200 injured when the BSF resorted to direct firing upon the demonstrations after lathi charges and the bursting of teargas shells had effectively dispersed the demonstrators. Most of the injured were women and children. A young girl, Yasmeen, of Tarabal Nawakadal, was ruthlessly beaten and thrown into a maintenance hole. She was later taken to hospital, where her condition was said to be critical. Thousands of people held massive night-long pro-freedom and anti-India demonstrations throughout the city. People on the streets and inside the mosques raised slogans throughout the night against state terrorism. The people were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. Despite curfew restrictions, demonstrations were still going on from other parts of Srinagar city late last evening.

## Indiscriminate killings

On Tuesday, August 3 1993, thousands came out of their homes at the central place, i.e. near the Shrine of Dustageer Sahib Khanyar raising slogans against India and in favour of 'freedom' and demanded implementation of U.N. resolutions. According to the eye-witnesses, Mr. Fida Hussain Qadiri and Abdul Ahad Kanue, residents of Khanyar Srinagar, the demonstrators started proceeding towards Darribal, where a couple, Abdul Rashid Dar, his wife, Haja Bagum and their 8 years son Hilal Ahmad, had been brutally killed by BSF men on August 1st.

However, the BSF personnel at the Shrine stopped the demonstrators and fired in the air, and consequently, demonstrators sprinted towards all possible directions. Many of them took shelter inside the Shrine and started raising slogans over the loudspeaker of the Shrine. It boosted the courage of the people who fled but did not return to reassemble. The BSF personnel disconnected the electric connections of the Shrine with the result that the loudspeakers could not work. The demonstrators opened the windows of the Shrine, and some stood near the windows facing the BSF party standing on the road and started chanting slogans. The BSF party opened fire and killed Noor Mohammad is/o Ghulam Ahmad Sofi r/o Aagilmir (Kaw Mohalla) Khanyar Srinagar. The 32-year-old victim was a mason by profession and a civilian. Also killed was the teenage boy Aijaz Ahmed Khan, so Bashir Ahmed Khan r/o Mashali Mohalla Nowpora, Khanyar, who was a student and not connected with armed resistance.

The local people and many witnesses challenged the government's version that said two persons at Khanyar died during the cross firing.

# August 4

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
3	3	-	9	28

## Details of the crackdowns/search operations

The following areas in the Valley and Jammu remained under crackdowns today:-

**Baramullah:** The army cordoned off villages Rafiabad, Dalina and Yaribug in Baramallah district and held house-to-house searches. In Dalina, one youth was arrested.

**Pulwama:** In Chotapora, two youths were arrested.

**Anantnag:** Here, one youth was arrested.

**Kupwara:** In Kutan Bachi-Bahak, 3 youths were arrested by the army.

**Rajouri:** In Pir Badesar, one youth was killed by the army, and another was arrested. The arrested youth was identified as Parvez, Son of Mehndhi of Tarkundi village. He is an employee of the PHE Department. The killed youth was identified as Mir Hussain, son of Lal Din of village Parha, located near LOC.

**Doda:** The BSF men picked up one youth during the crackdown.

## Details of public protests

Massive pro-freedom and anti-India demonstrations were held in the Srinagar city as thousands of people defied curfew restrictions, which continued for the third consecutive day without any relaxation. Life was also paralyzed in all major towns of Kashmir valley, and people held demonstrations against custodial deaths, killings of three members of a family in Srinagar and molestation of Kashmiri women-folk. Thousands of people defied the curfew restrictions in different localities of Srinagar including Zaindar Mohallah, Nowakadal, Batamaloo, Nawabazaar, Safakadal, Bohrikadal, Qamarwari, Khanyar, Nowhatta, Moharajgunj Aali Kadal Budhgeer and Kakasarai. Raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans, people held intense protest demonstrations against 'state terrorism and tried to take out a procession towards the Martyrs' graveyard at Eidgah, where the fourth-day ceremony of the three of the Daribal family was to be performed today. The BSF deployed in heavy numbers, fired several rounds in the air, burst scores of teargas shells and resorted to lathi charges to disperse the processionists. About two dozen persons were injured in these incidents.

## **Direct firing on the demonstrators**

At Hazratbal, 3 youths were injured when the BSF resorted to direct firing on a procession. Later, the processionists regrouped and raised anti-India, pro-freedom and pro-Islam slogans and also demanded implementation of U.N. resolutions. The BSF lobbed teargas shells and resorted to lathi charge, injuring seven persons. At Dalgate, people held demonstrations against excesses by Quarters at Sonawar burnt an effigy of the State Police e, Chief B.S. Bedi. The BSF personnel lobbed about 20 teargas shells and resorted to repeated lathi-charge to disperse the demonstrators. The processionists dispersed but after some time, regrouped and resumed demonstrations. The BSF men had a tough time dealing with them as they did not disperse even as several smoke shells were lobbed. A massive demonstration was held at Maisuma locality of Srinagar this evening raising anti-India and pro-independence slogans, the demonstrators demanded implementing U.N. resolutions. The BSF used force to disperse the procession-the BSF in the Valley. The BSF used force to disperse the processionists at Chanapora Bemina, Rambagh and other localities.

The army was deployed in full strength at the Martyrs' graveyard at Iddgah to thwart any people's attempts to assemble there because of the 'fourth-day ceremony of the slain members of the Daribal family. However, demonstrations were held in the neighboring locality.

At Pulwama and Anantnag, a complete strike was observed, and a protest demonstrations were held against the Daribal incident. Complete strike was also observed in Sopore Handwara, Kupwara, Sangam Callongam, Tral, Qazigund, Banihal Bheaderwah, Qaziabad Bandipora, Tangmarg, Pattan Budgam, Bijbehara and Baramullah.

At Rafiabad Sopore, thousands of people protested against the molestation of some Sikh and Muslim women by the BSF personnel during a search operation at Chatusa yesterday. At Baramullah, thousands of people assembled at the Transport yard and held massive demonstrations against the excesses by the government troops. One Ghulam Nabi, a resident of Nadihel, was injured when the BSF fired upon the demonstrators after teargas shelling and lath charge proved ineffective.

# August 5

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
2	7	-	19	18

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

The BSF conducted search operations in Gunipora, Gundbrath Bizzarbonakote, Bandipora, Kanlibagh and Askooora in Barramullah district. Search operations were also conducted at Noorbagh in Srinagar. During these search operations, at least 14 youths were arrested.

## Geelani's House Searched

The residence of Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Chairman of the Political Affairs Department Jamati-e-Islami and a senior executive member of the All Parties Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference at Hyderpora Srinagar was today subjected to a three-hour-long search by the BSF. The operation was conducted at 1:30 pm when Mr. Geelani was in the house with a servant and one of his sons. The cemented ground floor was dug up ostensibly hoping to seize arms and ammunition. Mr Geelani's son and the servant Gulzar Ahmed were paraded before the Gypsy-borne "identifiers". Gulzar Ahmed was beaten up ny the Indian forces. The search party ended up seizing the manuscript of the first volume of Mr Geelani's book, "Roodad-e-Qafas (the tale of captivity) Moreover, all print material regarding the Kashmir problem and Human rights violation reports and other printed books on Kashmir.

## Custodial death

Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, son of Abdul Raheem Bhat of Gratabal Nowakadal beaten up by the BSF personnel on August 3 at Naidkadal during a protest demonstration succumbed to his injuries in the hospital today. The body of the deceased was laid to rest under heavy security arrangements by the local police and some elderly persons in the locality. The deceased was working in the Food and Supplies Department as a Cashier and is survived by a widow and 3 minor children.

## Public protests

The mass upsurge against the excesses by the BSF/Army personnel, custodial deaths and killings of innocent civilians seem to be spreading fast to the other parts of the Valley as widespread demonstrations and pro-freedom processions are being held in almost all significant towns, demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions on Kashmir. In Srinagar, for the fifth day in a row, despite the continuous strikes, thousands of people, including a good number of women, came out in open defiance of the curfew restrictions and marched on the streets shouting slogans. This morning, a 15,000-strong crowd marched from the curfew-bound Dalal Mohalla to Maharaj Gunj and back. Accordingly, a large number of women percussionists raised pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. Similar processions were taken out from some curfew-bound interior localities, including Daresh Kadal, Aali Kadal, Zaina Kadal, Wattal Kadal Kanimazar Jamalatta,, Rehab-Sahib, Nawabbazaar, Karfali Mohalla and Habbakadal. Processions were also taken out from Batamaloo, Sonawar, Nishat, Abiguzar, Maisuma and Bemina localities of the city.

The BSF burst tear gas shells and used force to disperse the slogan-shouting and stonepelang demonstrators in the high-security zone of Sonawar and Gupkar this morning. A girl, Nahida, was severely beaten up by the BSF men. Later, she was taken to hospital, whereas one Afaaq Ahmed was injured when a tear gas shell hit his head. Another youth, Mushtaq Ahmed, was severely beaten, resulting in a fracture of his arm. Thousands of people, including women and children, visited our Batamaloo procession this morning. However, the BSF deployed in strength there resorted to lathi charge. The demonstrators regrouped and hurled stones at the BSF. The BSF men were kept on their toes by the demonstrators who tried repeatedly to break their cordon. The BSF personnel burst smoke shells and used force at Dalgate this evening after hundreds of people poured into the streets and raised slogans against the 'state terrorism'. They also demanded the release of two youths arrested by the J.K. Police during the demonstrations. In Maharaj Gunj and several areas on the other side of the Nallahmar road, people were dragged out of their bedrooms by the BSF men and made to sit in front of their bunkers after people of the adjoining localities started raising spirited slogans and beating empty tins late last night. The BSF men warned the residents that if the slogan-shouting and beating of tins were not stopped immediately, they would drag out their women also. However, when the shouting of the slogans continued, the BSF held identification parades during the night. Pro-freedom and anti-India slogans continued to get on the nerves of the forces, which have earned the dubious distinction of being called the most brutalizing of the Indian forces. People were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. It was the same condition in Batamaloo and other uptown areas. In the Munwarrabad locality, the BSF personnel forced their entry into the mosque, where a group of people was engaged in slogan-shouting on the microphone. After roughing up the people inside, the residents said the BSF men removed the two amplifiers and the mike. Later, the residents took out a procession demanding action against the BSF men.

Tens of thousands of people again took to the streets this evening in the curfew-bound parts of the city as curfew was relaxed for two hours from 5 p.m. Raising pro-freedom slogans, they held intense demonstrations in almost all the localities, including Saraf Kadal, Bohri Kadal, Malaratta, Nayid Kadal, Jamia Masjid and Nowhatta. The demonstrations continued even after the relaxation ended at 7 p.m. At Rajbagh, hundreds of people tried to take out a procession around midnight. The BSF men foiled their bid by firing in the air. However, in the morning, a procession was taken out.

In Anantnag today, thousands took out processions in Lalchowk against the BSF's custodial killings and other excesses. At least 15 persons suffered gunshot wounds when the BSF opened fire to disperse around 200 strong mob shouting slogans against the BSF and in support of freedom. The indiscriminate and unprovoked firing on the peaceful procession caused panic in the town. As the situation worsened, the forces' vehicles equipped with a public-address system went around, announcing the imposition of an indefinite curfew and shoot-at-sight orders in the district.

### **Protest demonstrations held by the Bar Association**

The Kashmir Bar Association today organized protest demonstrations in Srinagar, Baramullah, Budgam and Kupwara against the Daribal killings and other human rights violations continuously being committed by the BSF. In Srinagar city, members of the Bar took a procession shouting slogans against the 'state terrorism. Furthermore, in support of the "Freedom Movement" demanding implementation of U.N. Resolutions on Kashmir. Dressed in full court uniform, the lawyers started their march from the High Court Complex and went around Budshah Chowk Moulana Azad Road Residency Road and Lal Chowk before it was converted into an open house meeting inside the High Court Complex. The Bar leaders, including its President Mian Abdul Qayoom condemned the innocent killings and the BSF's continuing high-handedness. While lauding the role of the people in the "ongoing Movement". The lawyers reiterated their resolve to shoulder the responsibilities demanded by the circumstances and vowed to continue the ongoing Movement. At Baramullah, lawyers took out a procession which started from the District Court and culminated near the Deputy Commissioner's office. The speakers lashed out at the BSF for their "gross violation of human rights".

### **III Treatment to the Journalists**

At least three journalists were injured when a BSF party under one Deputy Commandant, Gursharan Singh, attacked a group of local journalists while discharging their professional duties in the historical Lal Chowk this morning. The incident took place at about 11.30 am when the Srinagar Bar Association was demonstrating against the excesses by the BSF personnel in Lal Chowk. When the Jammu and Kashmir Police were chasing the lawyers led by the S.P. A.K. Atri, the BSF personnel under the command of their Deputy Commandant Gursharan Singh also joined the chase and ruthlessly beat some of the lawyers and pedestrians. The local journalists, including the photojournalists, covered the whole scene. The forces used sticks and rifles butts and showered abuses on those who begged to be spared. The clansmen clicked their cameras to record the BSF men in action. This irked the all influential personnel, and the Deputy Commandant ordered his men to teach the journalists a lesson". Within seconds, the BSF personnel pounced upon the helpless scribes striking them with sticks and rifle butts. As if the beating was not enough, the Deputy Commandant, Gursharan Singh, humiliated and abused the journalists. At least 3 journalists, Mr. Imdad Saqi of DP.A, Mr. Azhar Wani of A. F.P. and Mr. Gulzar Ahmed of the local Urdu Daily "Srinagar Times" was beaten. When the reporters protested, the Deputy Commandant, joined by one of his subordinates, hurled abuses and used unprintable language against them, shouting that he had been given orders to kill at least 30 persons in his jurisdiction today. "You journalists will be among the thirty killed" was the remark of this officer addressed to the journalists.

In protest against this shameful misbehavior of the BSF officer, the journalists surrendered their equipment and kept it in the centre of the Lal Chowk as a mark of protest. The equipment was later collected by the local police on duty there. An emergency meeting of the Srinagar-based reporters was held, which condemned the attitude of the BSF personnel and demanded an assurance from curbing the freedom of the press and preventing reporters from reporting day to day the government against the recurrence of such incidents which were aimed at happenings objectively.

# August 6

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
4	8	1	23	57

## Custodial death

On the 2nd of August Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Wani, son of Haji Akbar Wani an employee of the watch factory was arrested by the Sikh regiment of the regular army from Soyibug when he was purchasing meat from a butcher shop and was taken away to the interrogation centre, where he was tortured to death, his dead body was handed over to his family. According to eyewitnesses, Ghulam Mohammad Mir, s/o Mohammad Ramzan Mir r/o Soyibug Budam and Sanaullah Wani, s/o Ahmed Wani r/o Soyibug, the deceased was captured by the troops of the Sikh regiment of the regular Indian Army who had come in a private passenger bus. He was taken away to Mountain Division camp Budgam. His legs, arms, and forehead were burnt in the interrogation centre. Then his right jaw was broken, his right ear badly bruised, and his right arm and right leg inflicted multiple fractures. After all this inhuman treatment, they penetrated 3 bullets into his body in the late evening of August 5, 1993. The eyewitnesses further said that the clothes on the deceased's body bore no bullet marks, while his body had at least seven gunshot wounds. However, the official sources, as usual, said that Ghulam Mohammad Wani was killed when freedom fighters fired at Army vehicles, which were returning along with the freedom fighters after conducting search operations at Garernd village in Budgam district. However, local people denied the official claim. They said that when the people questioned the Army about the fact that the deceased's clothes had no bullet holes, they had no arguments to support their version of the death in cross-firing. This people's opinion made SP Budgam refuse to oblige the BSF personnel in registering the FIR based on their understanding. Today, thousands of people held intense protest demonstrations against the custodial killing. The people also took a procession. They were demanding a thorough probe into the custodial death. At least 30 persons were injured when BSF used excessive force against the marches. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din, resident of Tengan, was arrested by the BSF and of his friends from Kupwara town. All of them were taken to the interrogation centre where Ghulam Mohiuddin, a driver by profession, was first tortured by the BSF and later shot dead. Yesterday, his dead body was handed over to his family. Eyewitnesses say the dead body bore torture marks and at least 6 bullet wounds.

Ghulam Mustafa Bhat was arrested by the BSF during the identification parade at Amargarh in Sopore during a search operation today. According to the eye-witnesses, he was taken to a nearby makeshift interrogation centre. His bullet-ridden body was handed over to his family just after half an hour. The incident caused great resentment in the village, and people held intense protest demonstrations against the "custodial killing".

## Indiscriminate Killings

Army personnel opened fire at Khannabal in Anantnag town this morning, killing civilians and injuring eight others, four of them seriously. According to the Local people, the incident occurred when the tyre of an army vehicle burst, and the panicky army men took it for a grenade explosion. They fired in all directions, killing two persons on the spot. One of the deceased was identified as Manzoor Ahmed Sheikh, son of Mohammed Abdullah Sheikh of Laram-Bangipora. The other dead was stated to be about 60 years old, but his identity could not be established immediately. Eight persons who sustained bullet injuries were removed to the local hospital. Javed Ahmed Bhat of Khannabal Mohammad Akbar Bhat of Adroo Bashir Ahmed Bhat of Katarsoo and Samad Sofi of Gandarpora were later Shifted to SMHS hospital in Srinagar as their condition was reported to be serious.

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

**Srinagar:** The BSF personnel cordoned off the Haji Mosque in Maisuma locality soon after the Friday prayers. All the worshipers or devotees inside the Mosque were subjected to an identification parade on the road outside. Three youths were arrested and taken to the Akhada Building and beaten ruthlessly. Later, they were released.

**Sopore:** In Amargarh, one freedom fighter was killed in custody, and 7 other "innocent" youth were arrested during the identification parades.

**Baramullah:** Chanderhamal Delina, Nawpora Badikadal Bangi-Doorah, and various adjoining areas remained under crackdown. From Chanderhamama 5 students were arrested from other areas. One Farooq Ahmed Pathan was arrested during a raid on his house at Ganai Hamam.

**Kupwara:** Gutlipora, Dardpora. At Dardpora, two freedom fighter were killed, and a large some young boys were arrested during the crackdown by the BSF.

## Public Protest

Thousands of people held pro-freedom and anti-India demonstrations across the Valley demanding implementation of U.N. resolutions on Kashmir today while a complete strike was observed throughout the Valley for the fifth day today Thousands of people defied the curfew restrictions and took a procession today from Nawabazar to Zaina-Kadal after Friday prayers.

The BSF, deployed in full strength repeatedly attempted to stop the pro-freedom and anti-India slogan-shouting demonstrators, including many women. But the determined demonstrators reached the Zainakadal Bridge, where they were fired. Upon by the BSF men. About a dozen persons, including a few women and children, were injured, and six wounded were taken to hospital. After Friday prayer, thousands took out a procession at Dastgeer Sahib in Khanyar against the "state terrorism". .

The march, led by the senior leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, went around several areas before terminating in a public meeting at Maharaj Bazaar, addressed by Syed Geelani. He severely criticized the authorities for their continued use of repressive measures against unarmed civilians and demanded the implementation of U.N. resolutions on Kashmir. He asked people to remain vigilant against the vested interests. In Channapora, the BSF cordoned off Masjid Ibrahim during Friday prayers. After offering prayers, the people inside the Mosque raise pro-freedom, pro-Islam and anti-India slogans. They were joined by others from outside the Mosque, forcing the BSF to lift the cordon. Later, the residents took out a procession. But the BSF used force, and 13 persons injured were taken to hospital. Pro-freedom and anti-India slogans rent the air at Haj Masjid Maisuma when the BSF suddenly cordoned off the Mosque during the prayers. The BSF was again put on their toes by the residents of Batamaloo, who thought pitched battle with them. One lady Mtr. Jigri Masa was injured in the RSE lathi charge. The residents of Sonawar presented a memorandum to the United Nations Military observers in Srinagar last evening after the BSF arrested four 'innocent' shopkeepers following anti-India demonstrations there. In Baramullah, thousands of people today took out pro-freedom and anti-India procession after Friday prayers and demanded implementation of U.N. Resolutions. The BSF deployed in strength and did not attempt to stop the procession. However, when the procession reached the bridge, the BSF fired and resorted to teargas shelling on the slogan-shouting demonstrators, where 20 persons were injured. Later, the agitated BSF men smashed window panes of the nearby houses. A similar procession was taken out from the old Jamia masjid to the new Jamia in the apple town of Sopore. The demonstrators dispersed peacefully resolutions after parading through the main markets, raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans and demanding implementation of U.N. Massive demonstrations were also held at Pulwama, Anantnag Budgam Kupwara Pattan and Shopian. In Pulwama, about 20 thousand persons took out a procession led by Molvi Azeem. When the procession reached Court Road, the march was stopped by the BSF, who fired a few shots in the air. At Pinjurah village in Shopian, people held protest demonstrations against the excesses of the Army and the BSF. Defying the curfew restrictions, thousands of people took out processions and held rallies in Chattabal Shaheed Gunj, Tankipora, Maharaj Gunj, Noorbagh, Qamarwari and Hazratbal. At Hazratbal, thousands of people took out a parade after Friday prayers. The BSF used force and lobbed teargas shells to disperse the slogan-shouting demonstrators.

At the Kashmir University Campus students marched to show solidarity with the ailing Mr Yasin Malik, the detained JKLF leader, and against the continued atrocities by the BSF in the Valley. The BSF used force to disperse the demonstrating students. In almost every part of the Srinagar city, protest demonstrations were held by the people in the mosques till late last night. People were chanting pro-freedom, pro-Islam and anti-India slogans over the loudspeakers of the mosques and on the rooftops of their houses and were demanding the implementation of a U.N. resolution.

In some parts of the city, people also took out processions at night, raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. In Budgam, thousands of people held protest demonstrations against the 'custodial death' of one Mr. Mohiuddin Wani. The BSF had arrested him on August 2, and his dead body was handed over to his family today.

# August 7

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Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
11	6	6	155	-

## Custodial deaths

At village Khachan in Ganderbal District Srinagar, the BSF personnel arrested 3 youths this morning during a raid. Two brothers, Nazir Ahmed Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat, and Tariq Ahmed Dar, were taken into a house where the BSF fired upon them from the blank ranger. However, the official sources claimed 3 freedom fighter were killed in an encounter at Kachan village. Later, about 40 thousand people, mostly women, held protest demonstrations against the “custodial” killing of three youths.

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

**Srinagar:** Gandarbal, where 3 persons were arrested. At Zero Bridge Rajbagh, the BSF detained 5 persons from a mosque.

**Sopore:** from Badami Bagh 3 freedom fighters were arrested

**Anantnag:** Lamar Kulgham Poharu and Khonmoh. In these areas, 12 youths were detained during house-to-house searches and identification parades.

**Baramullah:** here 5, youths were arrested

**Sonamarg:** 128 Kashmiri youths were arrested by the Army around Sonamarg sector of the Valley.

## Indiscriminate Killings

Three students, namely Abid Hussain Lone, s/o Abdul Rahman Lone, r/o Pazalpora student of 9th class and Muzaffar Ahmed Ganaie, s/o Ghulam Mohammad Ganai r/o Pazalpora, a student of 9th class, returned from their school at 3.45 pm. They kept their books in their homes and went to bathe in the river Jhelum passing through the village. After bathing, as they were sitting in the sun, they heard a sound of firing some distance away. They got alerted, but they did not get disturbed. It was the Indian army convoy from Banihal to Srinagar, fired upon by the freedom fighter at Gundi Nasir, one km. away from Pazalpora on Banihal side. The convoy's vehicles left the firing scene but stopped at Pazalpora. According to the eyewitnesses, Abdul Rashid, Taja, mother of Abid Hussain Lone and d Abdul Rashid Lone, the majority of the residents of Pazalpora rushed towards the fields where they thought they could hide in the standing paddy crops. The three boys were also startled and jumped into the river, Jehlum like many others. But they were fired upon by the army men. After some time, the army personnel returned. When the frightened people of Pazalpora returned to their village and started to ascertain about their kin, the 35-year old Abdul Rashid Ganai, s/o Mohammad Yousuf Ganai, r/o Pazalpora, came out of the water and started crying for help. He had received a bullet in the lower limb but feigned to have died, allowing his body to float on water. When people rushed to him, he informed them about the death of Abid, Muzzafar and Amin.

The local people recovered the three dead bodies from the river, but they could not recover the severed head of Muzzafar, which was recovered the next day. The operation of the Indian Army at Pazalpora was, in fact, just one more link in the long chain of cold-blooded reprisal killings. True to their style, they did not 'act at Gundi Nasir, where they had a cause to retaliate.

(A Report from J&K Human Rights Commission Srinagar is appended herewith)

**J&K Human Rights Commission**  
**H.O. Srinagar**

**Chairman:** G.N. Hagroo Advocate  
**Place:** Pazaalpora (hamlet of Bijbehara) District-Anantnag, Kashmir.  
**Police Station:** Bijbehara, District Anantnag.  
**Exact place of Occurrence:** Bank of river, Jhelum passing through Pazaalpora  
**Date of Occurrence:** Saturday, August 7, 1993.  
**HO. Srinagar:**  
**Date of investigation:** Saturday, August 21, 1993  
**Death toll:** Three, students of 9th class.  
**Particulars:** Aabid Hussain Lone,s/o Abdul Rehman Lone r/  
Pazaalpora, student of 9th class.  
Muzaffar Ahmed Ganaie S/O Ghulam Muhammad Ganaie.R/O  
Pazaalpora, student of 9th class  
Muhammad Amin Dar, S/O Muhammad Yousuf Dar,  
Student of class 9th.  
**Injured:** Abdul Rashid Ganaie, S/O Muhammad Yousuf Ganaie, R/O  
Pazaalpora, Age-35 years.

## **Backdrop and the occurrence (as emerged from the evidence recorded)**

Jammu-Srinagar National Highway Srinagar, the heart of Kashmir and Ladakh, is connected with Jammu and India through this road. The defense forces of In India, the trucks carrying imported and exported merchandise and the local traffic connecting district Anantnag with Srinagar have to travel on this road, which is stated below as Banihal-Srinagar road. It has become vulnerable for some time in the past as the Indian Army convoys are being fired upon, occasionally, by thefreedom fighters who dispute the Indian Government's stand over the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Aabid, Muzaffar and Amin (whose particulars are given above) returned from the school at about 3.45 pm, kept the books at their respective places and bathed in the river Jhelum, which passes through the village. Jhelum is the premier river of the Valley Kashmir. They were washed and were sunbathing when the sound of firing came from afar. They got alerted but did not get disturbed, and they continued enjoying the sun's warmth. The ultras fired upon the Indian army convoy from Banihal to Srinagar at Gundi Nasir, one kilometre from Pazaalpora on the Banihal side. The convoy's vehicles hurriedly rushed from where the bullets were coming, but it did stop at Pazaalpora, away from the place of firing. A contingent of the Indian Army personnel alighted from the vehicles. Meanwhile, most of the people of Pazaalpora had fled from the village when the Indian Army personnel started walking towards the town. The people rushed towards the fields where the paddy crops were in the ripening and, as such, was thought of as a good hiding place. When the people of the village were in a rush, the three boys were startled. They took the nylon sandals (chapeles) in their hands and jumped into the river Jhelum like many others did. They were fired upon. After some time, the Indian Army personnel retreated. After their retreat, the frightened people of Pazaalpora started to ascertain about their kith and kin. Abdul Rashid (particulars given above) came out of the water and started crying for help. He had received a bullet in the lower limb but feigned to have died, allowing his body to float on water. When the people rushed to him, he informed them about the deaths of Aabid, Muzaffar and Amin (particulars given above). The people recovered the three dead bodies from the water, but not the head of Muzaffar. The police took charge of these mortal bodies, and after post-mortem examination, all three dead bodies were laid to rest, but not the head of Muzaffar. His head was located the next day and was buried. The operation of the Indian Army at Pazaalpora was "peaceful" as there was no retaliation, much provocation, or cause. Of course, they had a reason to retaliate, but it was at Gundi Nasir, one kilometre away from Pazaalpora and at that place, they opted to avoid confrontation with armed resistance fighter.

## **Witnesses examined**

**1. Abdul Rashid,**

S/O Ghulam Hassan,

R/O Pazaalpora - injured

**2. Taja**

W/O Abdul Rashid Lone,

R/O Pazaalpora

(Mother of Aabid Hussain- deceased).

**3. Saja,**

W/O Ghulam Mohammad (mother of Muzzafar-deceased)

**4. Abdul Rashid Lone,**

S/O Ghulam Mohammad Lone,

R/O Pazaalpora Shopkeeper eye-witness of the tragedy.

**5. Mohammad Yousuf Dar,**

father of Mohammad Amin Dar – deceased

## Public protests

The indefinite curfew imposed in the localities falling under the jurisdiction of four downtown police stations was lifted this morning at 0600 hours after five long days. However, the strike was observed for the sixth consecutive day today, with Shops and business establishments remaining closed. Protest demonstrations were held at several places, and a large number of people joined anti-India and pro-freedom processions taken out at Jamia Masjid, Hazratbal, Chattabal, Nawabazar, Edgar, Habak, Kursu, Rajbagh and Khanyar people were demanding implementation of U.N. resolutions. Massive demonstrations were held at Kursu and Rajbagh this morning after The BSF personnel entered two mosques without removing their shoes and arrested five devotees. The demonstrators said that the BSF men also tore religious books. Pro-freedom and anti-India slogans were heard from many localities in the Srinagar city during the night. Protest demonstrations were also held in many parts of the Valley, including Pampore, Shopian Arwani, Faisal Khodwani and Qaymooh. People were raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans; they also took out processions. In Baramullah, thousands held massive pro-freedom, anti-India, and anti-BSF/Army demonstrations throughout the night in the downtown localities. A procession was also taken out this morning from these localities. Baramullah Sopore and other villages observed a general strike. Shops and business establishments remained closed, and traffic was off the roads. Students, including some girls, took out a big procession in the Baramullah town today. After parading through the town's main markets, the processions raised pro-freedom and anti-India slogans and dispersed peacefully. They were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. The BSF burst teargas shells and used force to disperse the demonstrators at Old Baramullah this evening. Several people were injured. Later, the BSF men looted some shops, including the shop of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat is a chicken seller in the Jalal-u-Din Sahib area. About one Lakh people took to the streets and raised pro-freedom and anti-India slogans as the news of Akbar Bhai's death in an encounter spread in Sopore town. At Ganderbal, about 40 thousand people, mostly women, held massive protest demonstrations against the 'custodial killing of two brothers, Nazir Ahmed Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat and Tariq Ahmed Dar. Thousands of people held anti-BSF demonstrations in protest against the custodial death of a freedom fighter, Ghulam Mustafa. The demonstrators said the BSF had arrested him during a crackdown at Amargarh in Baramullah district yesterday. However, his dead body was found abandoned in the village later in the afternoon.

# August 8

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
8	5	3	54	1

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

The following areas of the Valley were brought under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** One youth was arrested from Iqbal Park Srinagar.

**Budgam:** Here one youth was arrested.

**Kupwara:** In Kunan-Bandipora 6 youths including Muneer Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shahbaz Chopan Ajaz Ahmed Mir and Ashiq Hussain were picked up during the identification parade. They were tortured and later released 'half dead'.

**Baramullah:** Rafiabad. One Abdul Majid Mir, father of 5 children, was shot dead by The BSF without any reason. At Kunzar Lalpora 3 armed resistance fighters were killed during the crackdown.

## Public protests

Public protests were held in many parts of the Srinagar city. A procession was taken out from Kahanqah-e-Mualla. The marchers were chanting pro-freedom, pro-Islamic and anti-India slogans and demanding implementation of U.N. resolutions. When the procession reached Fateh Kadal, the BSF men on duty burst teargas shells and fired in the air to disperse the demonstrators. Protest demonstrations were also held in other parts of the Valley, including Kupwara, Sopore, Anantnag and Bijbehara. In Srinagar, people held night-long protests in the mosques. They were chanting pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. Meanwhile life in Baramullah and Sopore towns remained paralyzed today as a complete strike was observed to mourn the death of top Hizbul-Mujahideen leader Akbar Bhai, an Afghan national, in an encounter with the BSF in Sopore yesterday. In Baramullah, a large number of people took out a procession, shouting against the BSF and in support of the ongoing Movement. The BSF used force and fired in the air to disperse the agitated crowd.

## **Desecration of Mosques**

Yesterday evening, the BSF men forced their entry into the Ali-Shah Mosque in Rainwari arrested 15 devotees and interrogated/tortured them. They were later released half-dead. Yesterday, the BSF men entered a mosque at Zero Bridge and arrested 7 youths. At Rajveri-Kadal, the BSF men entered a mosque and beat up many persons inside the Mosque. On the previous night, the BSF men burst into the Malik Sahib Mosque at Soura and took away a battery and the loudspeakers of the Mosque.

## **III Treatment to the Journalists**

Tahir Mohi-ud-Din, Editor of a widely circulated local Urdu Weekly, "Chattan", He was taken into custody by the BSF late last evening when he had gone to the residence of Mr A.G. Lone, an ex-minister of the Congress regime and presently Chairman of J&K Peoples Conference and an All Parties Hurriyat (Freedom) Conference executive member, which was raided by the BF men. After seizing some papers from Mr. Lone's house, the BSF took Tahir Mohi-ud-Din and some other persons. They include Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar, Zafar Iqbal, Ghulam Mohi u-Din, Ali Mohammad, Ghulam Ahmad Lone, Abdul Khaliq Malik, Mohammad Anwar and Mr. Lone's domestic servant. The Srinagar-based Journalists today condemned the arrest of Tahir Mohi-u-Din and described it as "yet another attempt to muzzle the freedom of the press".

# August 9

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
2	3	-	8	44

## Custodial Death

One Mohammad Maqbool Wani was arrested from Sharat Kulgam on 6th August by the BSF men after their firing had injured him. According to the eyewitness on August 6, during a protest strike Mohammad Maqbool Wani tried to stop a passenger bus at Sharat Kulgam in which BSF men were travelling in disguise (civil dress). The BSF fired upon him. These personnel arrested him in the injured condition and taken away to some unknown destination where he was tortured to death, and later, on August 7, his dead body was found on a road According to eyewitnesses, one of his eyes had been gouged out.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

The following areas remained under crackdown today:-

**Sopore:** The BSF conducted a search operation in Mayboug village 3 km away from Sopore. All the male population was called out of their houses for the identification parades. Thousands of persons were subjected to the humiliation of these parades in front of the government informers.

**Baramullah:** Bangidarrah and Thoorah villages, 13 km away from Baramullah, were crackdowned by the BSF. During the crackdown, Manzoor Ahmed, Abdul Rasheed Wani, Kabir Khan and Fayaz Ahmed were severely beaten up by the BSF men while Zahoor Ahmed Lone, Ghulam Mohammad Mir Ghulam Mohammad Wani and Nazir Ahmed was arrested.

**Manasbal:** Army men sealed off the entire area of Manasbal and tortured whoever passed through these areas.

**Shopian:** In Mangafam, two youths Mohammad Ayub Bhat and Mohammad Ayub Bador, were arrested. According to residents, many people were beaten up. The houses of the freedom fighters were thoroughly searched, and many household items were broken. The relatives of these armed resistance fighters were beaten up. Besides beating him up, seven thousand rupees from Sona-ullah Wani, a butcher by profession, were snatched from him, and the mutton present in his shop was also thrown away on the ground by the BSF men. Also, 6 thousand rupees were stolen from Abdul Razaq Bhat's house.

## Public protests

Public protest demonstrations continued throughout the valley. In Sopore, a huge procession was taken out in the afternoon. The procession was led by Jamaat-e-Islami leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani. Syed Ali Shah Geelani had given the call for the protest march on the occasion of the Fateh ceremony (service for Akbar-Bhai, an Afghanistan-born Hizbul-Mujahideen leader who died in a fierce encounter with the Indian forces). The demonstrators were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions on Kashmir. Mr. Geelani, later on in his speech, also demanded the same.

In Baramullah, many men and women took out a procession last evening at around 8 p.m., which lasted till 12 o'clock. They were chanting pro-freedom, pro-Islam, and anti-India slogans and demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. At many places in Srinagar, people held protest demonstrations during the night. They were also chanting anti-India and pro-freedom slogans inside the mosques. In Soura the BSF men entered the Bilal Mosque, arrested three people, and seized the mike of the mosque. In other significant towns, people also held protest demonstrations inside the mosques. At Manasbal, Safapora Asham, Krashbal, etc., people held protest demonstrations and took out processions against the excesses of the BSF/Army. At Akran Bijbehara, a large number of women took to the streets and held protest demonstrations against the killing of four young boys by the BSF. The BSF men used force and fired indiscriminately at the agitating women. Five women were injured in the firing of the BSF men. In Bandipora, a large number of people held protest demonstrations, including a large number of women, against the excesses of the BSF. The BSF men used force, due to which 35 women got injured.

# August 10

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
1	2	-	31	2

## Custodial Death

On August 7, the BSF men arrested Mohammad Iqbal, son of Aziz Mochi, in after on-the-spot interrogation/torture, the youth was handed over to the Local police are half dead. But he died in police custody at Ramban in Doda district on 9.8.1993. The family members of the deceased came to know of the incident this Soon after the news of the youth's death in custody spread in the townshipThe family members, relatives of the deceased and other people came to the streets and held protest demonstrations. Iqbal was tortured to death by the police officials for no fault.

Mohammad Abdullah Dar of Sadarkoot Bandipora was arrested by the BSF few days back during a crackdown. He was taken away to the interrogation/torture centre where he was tortured to death. His dead body was handed over to his family members on 9.8.1993. People held protest demonstrations when the news about the custodial killing spread in the area.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

**The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown today:**

**Budgam:** In Khanpora one armed resistance fighter was picked up from his hide-out by the BSF men. The BSF also conducted search operation in Hayatpora where 2 armed resistance fighter were arrested. In Makkahama also 3 youths were arrested during search operation.

**Baramullah:** Nihalpora, Shilvat and Nowpora villages remained under crackdown for the whole day. According to local people at Nowpora at least 126 youths arrested and severely beaten up and interrogated under other ways of torture. Later all but 7 youths, who were taken away to the interrogation centre were released halfdead.

**Anantnag:** From Mahemd, Akran, Nanpora, and Lal Chowk, eight youths were arrested.

**Kupwara:** From Kachihama and Aloosa villages, five youths were arrested. In Karanh, two cousins Khursheed Ahmed Qureshi and Abdul Majid Qureshi, along with Nazir Ahmed, were arrested and taken away to some unknown destination.

**Pulwama:** From Wuyan Shaloot and Nahalpora, two youths were arrested.

**Srinagar:** Two innocent youths were arrested from Baghat Barzulla when BSF men failed to arrest any armed resistance fighter.

## Public protests

**Jammu:** Protest demonstrations were held in Ramban in Doda district against the 'custodial' killing of a youth.

In Sadarkoot, Bandipora, people held a protest demonstration against the custodial deaths of a youth.

In many parts of the city, protest demonstrations were held at night. People raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans over loud speakers inside the mosques. In Rainawari, people took out a procession during the night; they were raising anti-India, anti-BSF, and pro-freedom slogans and were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions.

Protest demonstrations were also held in many villages of Baramullah, including Do-abgah Achhbal, Ladoorah Seer Jageer, and Haripoor. In these areas, thousands of people took part in a procession raising pro-freedom and pro-Islam slogans.

## Missings

Many youths were arrested by the BSF during the Anarnath Yatra (hindu Pilgrimages) from Pahalgam. Of those arrested 3 youths Abdul Rasheed Wani, Mohammad Amin Kochey and Mohammad Abdullah Kochey are missing Their Whereabouts were not known to their relatives.

## Interference in religion

In the Valley, the Indian forces have banned the use of loud speakers for the call to prayer (AZAAN) and for delivering sermons before large congregations in the civil lines area at Rajbagh Solina Rambagh, and Natipora 137th Battalion of the BSF ordered the people not to use loud speakers. The local people tried to make them understand the importance of loud speakers in mosques, but they refused to hear anything.

# August 11

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
6	6	1	37	3

## Custodial Death

On the 10th of August, Kunan-Trihgam village in Kupwara district was sealed off by BSF personnel early in the morning. All the male population was called out of their houses for the identification parades, during which four youths were arrested. Of these, one youth identified as Mohammad Jamal Ganie was later shot dead by BSF near a river, and his dead body was handed over to his parents.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

**In the Valley the following areas remained under crackdown today:-**

**Baramullah:** In Pattan 14 youths were arrested. Thousands of persons were assembled at one place and were subjected to identification parades during which dozens of persons were beaten up.

**Anantnag:** In Arwani, the crackdown continued for the second consecutive day today. The area was sealed off on August 10 at 7.30 a.m. The people of the area were ordered to gather on the school grounds for the identification parades. The BSF men conducted house-to-house searches. People were not allowed to eat food. They were not even permitted to drink water. The BSF also conducted search operations in Hassanpora, Jabalpora, Hajanpora, Zirpora Katritang, Gund Norooz, and other areas. Yesterday, BSF men conducted a search operation in Bijbehara. At 2.30 p.m., people were called out for the identification parades, during which at least 100 people were picked up. When the people protested against the arrest of these "innocent persons, most of them were released after on-the-spot interrogation or torture. Some five youths were taken away to the interrogation/torture center for further interrogation and torture. Seeing the mood of the people, the cordon was lifted, but today, early in the morning, the BSF smashed the doors and windows of the houses and beat up men and women inside their houses. They dragged many people away to the interrogation torture center. Later, people held protest demonstrations against the excesses of the BSF and took to the streets, taking out a protest march on the national highway. As the procession was in progress, an army convoy passed by. The agitating mob pelted stones at the convoy. The army men, 'in retaliation, directly fired on the protesters, injuring three people. Two armed resistance fighters were arrested in Akingam Anantnag.

**Kupwara:** In Ari Kayigam village, 10 people were arrested during identification parades. In Nagri 5, armed resistance fighters were killed in an encounter with the BSF. In Kunaposhpora, one armed resistance fighter was killed in an encounter. In Bandipora, one armed resistance fighter, Kursheed Ahmed, was arrested by the BSF.

**Sopore:** Nathipora, Kolingam Ramporah, Rajpora, Muqam Sheed Mir Pattan, and other areas were put under crackdown. Many people were arrested during house-to-house searches and identification parades.

**Pampore:** In Wuyan, the BSF created an atmosphere of horror and terror as they sealed off the whole area and conducted house-to-house searches and identification parades. During the identification parades, many people were beaten up and tortured. The persons who got injured due to torture by the BSF include Mohammad Yuns Ganai, Mohammad Shafi, Bhat Gulam Hassan, and Abdul Rasheed Badam. They were later taken away for interrogation or torture in the injured condition.

**Pulwama:** Many villages, including Mangihama, Wathoo, Goherpora, Haidpora, etc., were put under crackdown or search operations. In Mangihama, one armed resistance fighter was arrested. The residents of Panjooah Shopian complained that a few days following the detection of a land mine, which was later defused by them, the BSF entered the houses in the village, beat up the inmates, and roughed up the pedestrians and shopkeepers. In the process, many people, including Abdul Ahad, Mohammad Magbool Mohammad Yaseen, and Maqsood Ahmed, were injured. 15 people were also arrested in the area.

## Public Protests

Public protest demonstrations were held in many parts of the Kashmir Valley. In Srinagar, people continued protests during the night and raised slogans over the loudspeakers inside the mosques till midnight. At Bijbehara and Arwari in Anantnag district, people held protest demonstrations against the arrest of "innocents" and excesses committed by the BSF during the crackdown. Processions were also taken out in these areas. At Bijbehara, people took to the streets and held protest demonstrations on the national highway. In Bandipora, a protest strike was observed against the killing of six armed resistance fighters. In Wuyan, Pampore, people held protest demonstrations against the atrocities of the BSF. On the residency road, Srinagar students took part in a procession against state terrorism. They were raising pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. Protest demonstrations were also held in Tral against the excess of the BSF. The demonstrators were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions.

## III Treatment to the employees

In Sonamarg, Ali Muhammad and Zahoor Ahmed Gojri, working in the Veterinary College, and Shuhama Alesteng, were arrested by the army when they were on duty in Sonamarg. Today, a protest rally was held at the University of Agriculture in Shalimar against the arrest of these employees.

# August 12

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
8	3	1	49	10

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

**Pulwama:** Tral Town was sealed off early in the morning by BSF. People were called out of their houses for the identification parades. The BSF also conducted house-to-house searches, during which many people were beaten up and household things were broken. The injured included a government employee, Mohammad Amin Baig, who was shifted to Soura Medical Institute in Srinagar. Here, three innocent youths, including Mohammad Shafi and Sharief Ahmed Malik, were arrested.

**Budgam:** Makahama, Arpanthan, Kunzar, and Rathen. From these areas, three innocent youths were arrested.

**Anantnag:** Akingam Harilal villages and Bijbehara town remained under crackdown. During the crackdown, two innocent youths were picked up.

**Srinagar:** The Shalateng area was sealed off by the BSF early in the morning, and people were called out for identification. During the identification parades, some people were arrested. The BSF men also conducted house-to-house searches. In Barzullahone, 12-year-old Mohammad Zubair, son of Abdul Rasheed Gojri of Malik Angan Fateh-Kadal, who was going to Bone and Joints Hospital, Barzullah, for treatment, was arrested by the BSF, severely beaten, and later released in a 'half dead' condition. He was later admitted to the hospital, where he is said to be fighting for his life.

**Ganderbal:** The Beehama area was sealed off by the BSF. This followed the detection of a mine, which was defused by the BSF men. The people of the area were also beaten up and harassed by them who picked up 10 youths.

**Sopore:** Khoyisultan-pora, Mattipora and Pattan. From these areas 6 persons were arrested.

**Doda:** Chiletran village near Doda and Kulhand village near Bharat.

## **Public protests:**

A strike was observed in Srinagar, Handwara, Sopore, Kupwara, Anantnag, and other areas as a mark of protest against the desecration of the holy shrine of Dastgeer Sahib in Khanyar by BSF personnel on 3.8.93. Shops and business establishments remained closed, as did the educational institutions, in response to the strike call given by the management committee of the shrines. Attendance in government offices was also thin. This morning, a large number of people took part in the "purification ceremony" of the shrine by washing the complex. Amidst shouts of pro-freedom slogans and chants of religious scriptures, the people poured water to clean the shrine. It may be mentioned here that last week the BSF men gunned down two civilians inside the shrine complex. In Anantnag, a big procession was taken out of Jamia-Masjid by the people after the Friday prayers. The processionists were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions.

## **Missing persons**

Manzoor Ahmed Malik of Darni Mantipora was arrested by BSF Battalion 53 during the crackdown on the area on April 3, 1993. His relatives approached the officers many times, but this did not help them find their whereabouts. They said that the only fault of Manzoor was that he had a beard.

Bilal Ahmed Bhat, son of Ali Mohammad Bhat of Padshahibag, was arrested by the BSF in December 1992 during the crackdown on Nayakpora Padshahibagh. But to date, his whereabouts remain unknown to his anxious parents. He is the father of two children.

# August 13

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
6	4	8	20	18

## Custodial Death

A civilian was killed in the custody of the BSF at Hanjipora-Kupwara. According to the witnesses, the unfortunate victim, Ghulam Mohammad Akhoon, was arrested four days ago by the BSF men of the Panzagam unit. He was taken away for interrogation, but this morning his bullet-riddled body was handed over to his family members. Angry protest demonstrations were held in the village against the custodial killings.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

**Srinagar:** from Yaripora, Polipora and Ameera Kadal areas 4 youths were arrested. In Soura the BSF men arrested 4 persons.

**Baramullah:** Sumbal, Lolipora, Noorbagh and Kanlipora. From Sumbal and Lolipora to persons were arrested. In Drangabal Baramullah the BSF men shot dead one Abid ahangar, son of Ghulam Deen Ahangar, of Mohalla Jalal Sahib and injured other youth. Three others were arrested.

**Pulwama:** in Gowharpora 2 youths were arrested.

**Kupwara:** Aloosa and Kunzur 2 persons were arrested.

**Budgam:** In Makahama one youth was picked up by the BSF personnel during the crackdown.

## Public protests

A massive protest demonstration was held in Jamia Masjid premises after Friday prayers today, with people shouting pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. They were also raising slogans against the Indian Occupying Forces, accusing them of indulging in large-scale excesses and abuses of authority. They also demanded the implementation of U.N. resolutions. The BSF personnel were deployed in strength around the mosque premises to foil any attempt at taking out a procession. When the demonstrators tried to march ahead, policemen put up blockades at the main gate of the mosque. However, after some time, the demonstrators managed to take out a procession. But the BSF men immediately swung into action and used force and fired teargas shells to disperse the processionists.

At Sopore, at least half a dozen people sustained injuries when the BSF men fired in the air, used force, and fired tear-smoke shells to disperse the slogan—shouting processionists near the main chowk of the town. The procession started from Jamia Masjid after Friday prayers, and it was later converted into a public meeting at the local 'Martyrs Graveyard. As the processionists, after the public meeting reached near the main chowk, they were stopped by the BSF men, who used sticks and rifle butts, besides bursting a number of teargas shells and firing in the air to disperse the demonstrators.

In Baramullah district, three big processions were taken out by the people. At Khwajabagh, about 15 thousand people took out a procession, which was fired upon by the BSF men, injuring dozens of people, including three seriously injured, namely Ghulam Nabi Shagoo, Imtiyaz Ahmed, and Ghulam Mohammad War. The BSF men also fired in the air, lobbed teargas shells, and resorted to the use of force to disperse similar processions at Pattan, Rafiabad, and Jamia Qadeem Baramullah.

# August 14

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
20	18	-	14	29

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

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

**Srinagar:** 2 youths were arrested from Karan-Nagar and 1 youth was arrested from Dalgate

**Ganderbal:** The BSF conducted search operations and arrested 6 youths, namely Mohammad Sadiq Mir, Mohammad Amin Tantry, Manzoor Ahmed Abdul Rehman Shah, Mushtaq Ahmed Wani and Ghulam Rasool Shakhsaaz.

**Anantnag:** One youth was arrested here

**Kupwara:** Aloosa and Kunzur 2 persons were arrested.

## Public protests

In Ganderbal, people held strong public protests against the arrest of six youths. People raised pro-freedom and anti-India slogans and were demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. Shops also remained closed in protest against the arrests. At Safapora, people held protest demonstrations against the arrests and excesses by the BSF. According to the local people, protest demonstrations were held yesterday after Friday prayers. After protests, the BSF men ordered people to gather at one place, which they did. The forced gathering was addressed by a BSF officer, who warned people against any protest demonstrations on August 14, the independence day of Pakistan. While the BSF officer was speaking, a gunshot was heard, which made the BSF men furious, and they started firing and beating people with rifle butts, due to which many people got injured. The injured are: 70-year-old Abdul Khaliq Wani, Abdul Khaliq Najar, also 70 years old; Haji Ghulam Rasool, 80 years old; Meraju-din Wani; Ghulam Jeelani Wani; Altaf Ahmed Wani; Ghulam Nabi; Ghulam Hassan; Abdul Qayum Sofi (Bank Manager); Abdul Rashid Ahangar; Abdul Rasheed Wani; Mohammad Ashraf Wani; Farooq Ahmed Reeshi; Sana-ullah Lone; Mohammad Yaseen Wani; and Bashir Ahmed Wani. Mushtaq Ahmed Ahangar, Abdul Kabir Najar, Farooq Ahmed Wani, and Muzaffar Mohammad Yousuf Khan, Abdul Hameed Kumhar, Lassi Bhat, Rasool Kumhar, and Hulam Nabi Wani Afzal Reeshi, Abdul Hameed Najar, and Ali Mohammad Najar One Mr. Reyaz Punjabi was arrested.

## **Kiling of 16 Bus Passengers**

In the first ever gruesome and cold-blooded carnage on a selective basis, sixteen people traveling in a bus were killed by some unidentified armed gang on Sarthal-Hasti Road near Kishtwar on August 14, one day before the Indian Independence Day, all the deceased were among the 40 passengers who were intercepted and hijacked, and passengers belonging to the Hindu community were shot dead in a dastardly and barbaric manner after the passengers belonging to communities other than Hindu were asked to go back. The 14 passengers of the bus, including the driver and the conductor, were shot dead at about 5.15 a.m. by the armed gang. Two other passengers in the hijacked bus, who were seriously wounded, later succumbed to their injuries. The government authorities blamed the Muslim armed resistance fighters for the killing of 16 bus passengers, but almost all the Muslim armed resistance fighter organizations condemned the killings and blamed the 'government agents for the killings. Hizbul Mujahideen has said that the Sarthal killings were the handiwork of the government for declaring the Doda district a "disturbed area, which the communalists spearheaded by the BJP have been demanding for quite a long time. Mr. P.V. Narsimha Rao's reference to this incident in his ceremonial speech at Red Fort on August 15 as having occurred two days earlier when actually the incident had taken place only one day earlier is considered by many here as meaningful, and especially the words "two days ago" assume crucial importance.

# August 15

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
1	2	4	18	2

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

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

**Srinagar:** Hyderpora by-pass area was cordoned off by the BSF after an attack by armed resistance fighter in which 15 CRPF men got injured and 2 succumbed to their injuries on the spot. According to local residents large number of people were beaten during the Crackdown and over a dozen were rounded up. In Dangarpora, Narwarah Armpora and various other areas the BSF arrested 8 youths and tortured them and later released them half-dead'.

**Anantnag:** Sarsan, Bundpohar, Showl, Khannabal and various other areas remained under crackdown. In these areas the BSF men conducted house-to-house search operations and beat up many persons, due to which 7 persons got injured.

**Pulwama:** In Puwama the BSF men conducted search operations and severely Beaten up Ghulam Qadir, Mohammad Akram and Ghulam Hassan Malik.

**Kupwara:** Aloosa and Kunzur 2 persons were arrested.

## **Pubic protests**

A complete strike was observed across the valley and parts of the Jammu division, including Banihal and Doda. Today is the Independence Day of India. Srinagar city wore a deserted look, with all the shops and business establishments remaining dormant and transporting off the roads. Only the BSF vehicles could be seen patrolling different roads in the city. The call for the strike had been given by the armed resistance fighter and political organizations fighting for freedom and implementation of UN. Resolutions. No civilian movement could be seen in any part of the city in view of the civil curfew' call given by the said organizations. Despite unprecedented security arrangements, groups of youth took to the streets in different parts of the city and raised pro-freedom slogans. The BSF had a tough time controlling the youth, and at Nawabazaar, the BSF men fired on the demonstrators. But fortunately, the bullets did not hit anyone. Thereafter, the demonstrators regrouped themselves and resumed their demonstrations. A night-long blackout enshrouded the valley in darkness.

## **III Treatment to the employees**

Dr. Abdul Rasheed Dar was arrested by the BSF personnel on August 12 without any official warrant. He was taken away to the interrogation centre. The doctors and the para-medical staff of the Soura Medical Institute Strongly protested over his arrest and demanded immediate release of their colleague.

# August 16

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
5	11	6	30	24

## Custodial death

Farooq Ahmed Bhat was arrested by the BSF in Shopian a few days ago and was taken away to the torture and interrogation center, where he was tortured to death. This morning, the dead body of the 'murdered' youth was recovered from somewhere in the town where it had been thrown during the early hours of this morning. The body was later handed over to his family members by the local police. Shopian township observed a complete strike today in protest against the custodial killing of the youth. People also held protest demonstrations against the killing.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

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

**Budgam:** Sanoor Kalipora and Satharan where 2 persons were killed during firing of forces and four youths were arrested.

**Kupwara:** Where 4 youths were arrested during the crackdown.

**Anantnag:** Where 5 youths were arrested.

**Sopore:** Adipora was cordoned off early in the morning for search operations. During identification parades many persons were beaten up.

**Uri:** The entire Uri belt was sealed and searches were launched soon after a landmine explosion took place in which six army men were killed and 6 were seriously injured. Eight innocent youths were killed in the five kilometer belt on 15th august.

## Indiscriminate Firing

Nine passengers were injured, six of them critically, when a Srinagar-bound passenger bus No. 9327/JKE coming from Bandipora came under heavy firing from the BSF men in the apple-rich town of Sopore. The injured are mostly government servants and bank employees. According to local people, the BSF men deployed in the Bank of India building and those manning a bunker in the town hall fired, due to which Bashir Ahmed Lanch, S/O Ghulam AhmeD, was injured. Soon after that, a bus from Bandipora was fired upon on Tehsil Road Sopore in which the following nine Sopore, passengers were injured. Habibullah Zargar R/O Khawaja Gilgit, Sopore; Bastur Ahmed Bhat R/O Bandipora; Muzaffar Ahmed Shah R/O Bandipora; Ghulam Mohammad Mir of Bandipora; Mohmoodu Rehman R/O Bandipora; Tariq Ahmed Mir Driver of the Bus R/O Maisuma, Srinagar; and Ghulam Nabi Shah R/O Bandipora Bashir Ahmed Gojri, R/O Bandipora, and Ghulam Rasool, R/O Bandipora All the injured were removed to the local hospital. Six of the injured were later shifted to Srinagar Hospital for further treatment. The condition of Tariq of Maisuma, Ghulam Nabi Shah, and Mehmoodur Rehman was described as critical by the doctors attending to them. Local residents said that the firing on the bus by the BSF men was unprovoked and that no armed resistance fighter attack had taken place in the locality.

## Vessu killings

On the Jammu-Srinagar highway between two villages, near Mir Bazaar and Vessu, a road near Qazigund, Tehsil Kulgam, and District Anantnag, two girls and at least two dozen persons were injured when the Indian Occupying Forces retaliated by indiscriminately attacking three passenger buses at Vessu after an armed resistance fighter attacked the convoy. According to the eyewitnesses, Abdul Rashid, a shopkeeper at Mir Bazaar Abdul Majid, father of Mubina, and Ghulam Hassan Ganaie, father of Zamrooca The incident took place on August 16th after the directors of their school, Mubina D/O Abdul Majid Mir, R/O Jadura Boomthum, and Zamrooda DO Ghulam Hassan Ganaie, R/O Jadura Boomthum, both students of 9th grade in the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Vessu, boarded a bus JKOI425 that was coming from Qazigund and going to Anantnag. When the said bus was only one kilometer away from Mir Bazaar, where these girls had to alight, the Indian Occupying Forces going on the road fired in all possible directions without any provocation. Mubina and Zamrooda, who were standing in the bus, received bullets in their heads. Both of them were rushed to Srinagar. While Mubina was carried to the Medical Institute, where she succumbed to her injuries, Zamrooda was taken to S.M.H.S. Hospital, where she too passed away.

## **Pampore killings**

In another incident at Pampore, four persons were killed and over a dozen were injured when the BSF fired indiscriminately. According to the local people, an army convoy was attacked by an armed resistance fighter at Gulandar, 3 kilometers to the south of the township of Pampore. They said that all the way from the spot of the attack to Pampore, the army fired indiscriminately, killing four people on the spot and injuring over a dozen. The three deceased were identified as Ghulam Mohamad Danigao, a shopkeeper; Ghulam Nabi Khan, a pedestrian; and Mushtaq Ahmed, a person could not be identified immediately.

## **Public protests**

At Fateh-Kadal Srinagar, students held protest demonstrations against the arrest of Zahoor Ahmed, a student of Tiny Taught public school, Bana Mohalla, Srinagar. The BSF used force to disperse the demonstrating students, injuring 24 of them. A complete strike was observed in Sopore against the firing on a passenger bus by the BSF, in which nine passengers got injured. Shopian Town also observed a protest strike against the 'custodial' killing of a youth. People also held protest demonstrations, raised pro-freedom, anti-India, and anti-BSF slogans, and demanded the implementation of UN resolutions.

**A Report by J&K Human Rights Commission Srinagar**

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**H.O. Srinagar**

<b>Chairman:</b>	G.N. Hagroo Advocate
<b>Place:</b>	Mir Bazaar, Vessu, two villages situated on the Banihal Srinagar road near Qazigund, Tehsil Kulgam District Anantnag, Kashmir.
<b>Police Station:</b>	Qazigund, District Anantnag
<b>Date of Occurrence:</b>	Monday August 16, 1993
<b>Date of investigation:</b>	Saturday August 21, 1993
<b>Death toll:</b>	Two girls of 9th class
<b>Particulars:</b>	Mubina D/O Abdul Majid Mir R/O Jadura Bomthum, Police station – Qazigund, student of 9th class, Roll no .66, Section – B Zamrooda, D/O Ghulam Hassan Ganie R/O Jadura Doomthum, Police Station Qazigund, a of 9th class, roll no 16, section B students of Govt. girls higher secondary school, Vessu

## **Backdrop and facts of the case as revealed by the witnesses**

Banihal-Srinagar road is a "three-in-one route". It is the defense route for transporting the Occupying Forces between Indian and Kashmir; it is the only land route being used for importing and exporting goods since the State of Jammu and Kashmir was made a disputed territory; and it is the road that connects district Anantnag (Islamabad) with Srinagar and inter-district villages. The Indian Occupying Forces plying on this route have been under occasional attacks by Kashmiri armed resistance fighters for some time in the past. In between Khanabal and Banihal, there are two places of importance on the Banihal-Srinagar road; one is Mir Bazaar, and the other is Vessu. The two places are separated by a distance of 3 1/2 kilometers between them. After the closure of their school, i.e., the Government Girls Higher Secondary School Vessu, Mubina, and Zamrooda (particulars given above), they boarded a bus JKO1-42, which was coming from Qazigund and was bound for Anantnag (Islamabad). The said bus had to cover only 1 kilometer to reach Mir Bazaar, where the girls had to alight and foot the distance to their respective homes. An Indian Army convoy passing on the road fired in all possible directions without any apparent reason. Mubina and Zamrooda, who were standing on the bus, received bullets in their heads. No other passenger on this bus was injured. Both of them were rushed to Srinagar. Mubina was carried to the Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, and Srinagar, where she passed away. The frontal region of Mubina's head had been injured by the bullets, and Zamrooda's forehead on the right side had been injured. I also went to their homes. When I tried to console the parents and relatives of one of the victims, they asked me a question that I could not answer. They said, "Can't it be said that the Indian Occupying Forces stationed in Kashmir are a law unto themselves and the rule of law has been replaced by state terrorism?"

### **Witnesses examined**

1. Abdul Rashid, Shopkeeper, Mir Bazaar
2. Abdul Mijid Mir, father of Mubina
3. Ghulam Hassan Ganaie, father Mehmooda

# August 17

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
3	7	16	28	13

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

the following places of the valley were put under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** The Sekidafar area was cordoned off by BSF personnel. Many people were beaten up by the BSF during the crackdown. The area under Kralkhud police station also remained besieged by the army this morning, as they raided some selected houses to carry out searches. In Bishembar Nagar locality, at least 20 youths were picked up by the BSF. Many people were severely beaten up. In Soura, two pedestrians and the driver of a matador were arrested by the BSF. The driver was taken away for 'interrogation or torture'. His vehicle was also taken away. One youth was arrested at Regal Chowk yesterday.

**Bandipora:** In Tarkipora at least 30 youths were picked up during the identification parades. They were later released 'half dead' after torture during their interrogation. Massive search operations were also launched in the Wullar belt. People were called out of their houses and ordered to gather at one place where they were subjected to identification parades before the informers.

**Kupwara:** at Trihgama village in Kupwara district, the BSF shot dead a dumb man Mohammad Afzal Mir, son of Abdullah Mir, during search operations. Baramullah in Madwan one person was killed in an encounter during crackdown and three others were arrested. Drangbal village also remained under crackdown search operation.

**Doda:** In Jodpur-Baboor village 2 persons were detained for torture by the army.

**Budgam:** In Bandran and Wahabpora search were carried out. One person was arrested by the BSF at Wahabpora during the search operations.

**Pulwama:** Gabarpora and Shar villages. At Gabarpora one person was picked up

**Sopore:** Seelo, Adipora and Branth. At Chhanakhun one youth, Bashir Ahmed, was arrested by the BSF personnel.

## III Treatment of the students

Sheikh Irfan Sayed, a student of RIST (Regional Institute of Science and Technology), was arrested by BSF personnel at Ashaibagh Bridge during the checking of the buses.

## **Public protests**

The entire district of Baramullah observed a protest strike today against the indiscriminate firing on a passenger bus by the BSF in Sopore yesterday. Shops and business establishments remained closed, and transport was off the roads. Pampore area and Anantnag town also observed a protest strike against the killing of four civilians at Pampore by the army yesterday. In Srinagar, at Soura, a large number of women held protest demonstrations against the arrest of the driver of a matador. Shopian town also observed a strike against the atrocities committed by the BSF.

# August 18

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
3	11	6	94	68

## Custodial deaths

About 23 villages remained under the siege of the BSF/Army in the Un sector of Baramullah district for the third consecutive day. About 12 people were arrested by the BSF/army from these villages. However, the dead bodies of Gowhar Ali of Kamalkote, arrested three days ago, and Mohammad Sharief Jagir of Noranda village, arrested two days ago, were handed over to their relatives by army personnel this morning. According to the eyewitnesses, their bodies bore torture marks. However, the official sources choose to remain silent about the cause of their deaths.

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

the following places of the valley were put under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** The BSF personnel cordoned off about a dozen downtown and uptown localities including Badubagh, Nowpora, Khanyar, and Victory-Crossing. Kalai Ander, Mahjoor Nagar, Natipora, Kaw-Mohalla and Rambagh, around 1000 hours this morning. After sealing all exit points in these localities, the BSF launched house-to-house searches and held identification parades during which excesses by the BSF were reported to have been committed. 5 youths were picked up during the identification parade. At Tashwun, Nazir Ahmed Khan, a bus conductor by profession was arrested by the BSF. A BSF party raided Bone and Joints hospital in Barzullah last night and arrested a patient.

**Sopore:** In Dangarpora, 2 youths, namely Abdul Rasheed Mir and Nazis Ahmed Shah were arrested by the BSF during crackdown. At Seeloo 3 youths, namely, Mohammad Shafi, Fayaz Ahmed and Jalaluddin were arrested during the crackdown of the area.

**Pulwama:** Here 7 youths were arrested.

**Kupwara:** 8 persons were arrested from the town

**Budgam:** Kralapora, where one person was arrested.

**Baramullah:** In Boniyar, six youths were arrested. At Sangri Colony, one Tawheed Ahmed Sheikh was shot dead by the army troops early this morning. According to the eyewitnesses, he was shot by army personnel when he was coming out of a mosque after offering morning prayers. They had cordoned off the entire village for a search operation today. After killing him, the army men damaged his house by lobbing two hand grenades at it. About 23 people are under the siege of the army and the BSF for the third day today. The villagers who were made hostages complained of a shortage of essential commodities. House-to-house searches were still going on, though no objectionable thing was recovered from these villages. Of the 12 people arrested so far from these areas, the dead bodies of two youths have been handed over to their family members. 11 youths were arrested by the forces from Kanaspora Baramullah on August 15 during the crackdown. However, some people were released after being given electric shocks and beaten in the torture and interrogation centers. Three youths identified as Maok Khan, Mohammad Altaf Bhat, and Abdul Majid Chopan are still in the custody of the BSF, but their parents have not been allowed to see them.

## **Indiscriminate killings**

Four people were killed and about a dozen were seriously injured when the Indian Occupying Forces retaliated at Awantipora Township after an armed resistance fighter attack at Charsoo, a nearby village. The deceased have been identified as Mohammad Sultan, driver of the car of Deputy Commissioner, Ghulam Mohammad, Fazz Begum, widow of Sidiq Kumar, R/O Awantipora, and Ghulam Hassan Bhat, SO Abdul Ahad Bhat, R/O Herpora, owner of truck No. 4788 JKB. The injured include Tehsildar and Naitb Tehsildar from Anantnag. An official handout said that the armed resistance fighters fired upon the convoy of forces at Charsoo, a village near Awantipora. The fire was restored. Four people reportedly died and six others sustained injuries in the exchange of fire". However, eyewitnesses Abdul Majid Wani, S/O Mohi-udin Wani, R/O Awantipora, and Fay Ahned Bhat, S/O Mohammad Ismail Bhat, dispute the official version and say the forces retaliated long after the armed resistance fighter's attack at Charsoo, a village that fired indiscriminately at moving vehicles and shot dead Mohammad after asking him to get down front of his vehicle. The injured said they were too terribly terror-stricken to understand what had happened when the BSF men opened fire on the vehicles. All the injured are being treated in hospitals.

## Public protests

A protest strike was observed in the Shopian town in protest against firing by the BSF on 1/8.93 on a procession in the town in which one person was killed and at least 50 others were injured. The procession had been taken out in connection with the fifth death anniversary of former Pakistani President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq. As the procession reached the new bus stand, the BSF men fired indiscriminately at the procession without any warning. The BSF men entered Jamia Masjid and beat up many worshipers present in the mosque. The injured include Mushtaq Ahmed Thokar, Bashir Ahmed Mir, Mohammad Saleem Wani, Manzoor Ahmed Naykoo, Tanveer Ahmed Mir, Gulzar Ahmed Jan, Nazir Ahmed Yattoo, Ishaq Malik, Tahir Ahmed Shah, Bashir Ahmed Lone, Arshad Hussain Gogren, Ghulam Mohammad Khochey, Arshad Hussain, Fayaz Ahmed, Nazir Ahmed, and Mohammad Maqbool. A complete strike was observed in Baramullah town and the nearby villages in protest against the killing of one Tawheed Ahmed Sheikh by the Indian Occupying Forces early this morning. Today, the students of RIEST held protest demonstrations in the college complex in protest against the arrest of one of their mates, Sheikh Irfan. At village Kanspora in Baramullah, women held protest demonstrations against the excesses of the BSF.

# August 19

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
3	6	5	55	42

## Indiscriminate killings

Tension and panic gripped Shalimar area today when the BSF personnel shot dead a youth shortly after his arrest. According to eye-witnesses, Gulzar Ahmed of Brane Nishat, an activist of Hizbul Mujahideen, was arrested by a contingent of the BSF while on routine patrolling of the Wani Mohalla of Shalimar at about 11.30 a.m, and was shot dead by the BSF personnel on the spot. His dead body was left on the spot and was later recovered by the local police and handed over to the family of the killed youth. People held protest demonstration during which they raised pro-freedom and anti-India slogans. A large number of people attended his funeral procession and demanded implementation of U.N resolutions. One Inayatullah was arrested by the BSF on August 17 last when the searches were conducted in hospital. The villagers said that he was killed in custody of the BSF and they held a protest demonstration.

## Unjustified arrest of old man in Kishtwar

Haji Jamlo S/O Ghulam Rasool Bagwan aged 65 years, a farmer by profession, RWO Bagwan Mohalla Kishtwar (Dist: Doda-Jammu Province) was arrested today at 12.15 p.m., from his maize field. According to him, there were 15 army personnel hiding, around in the field. While returning towards his home, he was caught by these army personnel who gave him a initial doze of thrashing for half-an-hour on the spot without inquiring anything from him. While talking to the Institute's representative he further stated that after he was blind-folded he was pushed into an army vehicle and taken to a nearby camp where he was tortured through various methods, on the same day he was shifted to 'ZAILXIA' Army Camp in the evening According to his statement, he was kept tied standing for the whole night without any food. After this, he was again kept standing through out the whole day in the hot sun. He was released in the evening only after the people of Kishtwar held strong protest against the cruel and unjustified arrest of this old man. After his release he had to be taken to hospital.

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

**The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-**

**Srinagar:** The entire Batamaloo area was cordoned off by the BSF last night. All the male population of this big locality was called out to assemble near the Reka Chowk and other open spaces where identification parades of these helpless men were held. At least 20 youths including Bashir Ahmed Bangroo, Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, Abdul Qayoom, Bilal Ahmed Sofi, Bilal Ahmed Gojri, Merajudin, and Farooq Ahmed were arrested by the BSF after which they were beaten in the nearby temporary interrogation centre. The men, women and children staged a massive protest demonstration against the beating of innocent youths and raised slogans against the BSF during the crackdown. The BSF used force and lobbed teargas shells to disperse them. During the process about persons were injured. The injured persons include 6 women. About five thousand people were made hostages by the BSF when they cordoned about half-a-dozen localities at Rainawari this morning nobody was allowed to leave the cordoned off areas before parading for identification in front of the government informers and the house-to-house searches were completed. Some people were taken into custody. Today in the early morning the BSF cordoned off the Sonawar locality and called out people for the identification parades during which five persons, Bashir Ahmed Malik, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ali Mohammad Bhat and Mohammad Yousuf y who is father of four children were arrested. According to the local people all the arrested persons are innocent the besieged people held protest demonstrations during the crackdown against the random arrests. The BSF used force, lobbed tear gas shells and fired due to which about a dozen persons were injured. The BSF men cordoned off the Bone and Joints Hospital Barzullah around 1300 hours when the hospital was full of patients and doctors were attending on them. According to eye-witnesses the BSF personnel wearing bullet-proof jackets turned into the hospital after sealing all the exit points. Doctors, para-medical staff, patients and their attendants were asked to assemble in the compound where identification parades were held. Even the seriously-wounded patients including the injured persons of yesterday's bus accident at Mujigund were not spared and were made to parade in front of the government informer. All the rooms of the hospital including the Intensive Care Unit were thoroughly searched by the BSF. According to eye-witnesses one patient who was to be operated upon today itself was arrested at 5 a.m. and was released at 12 noon 'half-dead' after severe torture during interrogation.

**Pulwama:** Kellar-Shaji-Marg area was cordoned off by the BSF. According to the local people many persons were beaten up by the BSF personnel.

**Pampore:** Pampore locality was cordoned off by the BSF personnel. The BSF men conducted house-to-house searches during which many persons were beaten up and 7 persons arrested.

**Budgam:** From Kelgam, and Qazibagh several youths were arrested during crackdown.

**Kupwara:** In Kanibahake 2 persons were arrested.

**Baramullah:** About 50 villages in the Uri belt remained under siege of the army for the fifth day today, without giving the villagers any relaxation to purchase essential commodities. The BSF/Army apprehended 14 youths identified as Mohammad Aslam, Mohammad Shafi, Asadullah Lone, Mohammad Amin, Liaqat Ali, Raja Sajad, Farooq Ahmed Dar, Abdul Hamid, Fayaz Ahmed, Abdul Qayoom, Nazir Ahmed Chakloo, Manzoor Ahmed and Firdous Ahmed from Uri and Boniyar during the four-day-long house-to-house searches and identification parades. About 2 dozen houses were set ablaze by the army personnel in village Atamullah in Uri sector near the five-km border-belt last night. The BSF also conducted searches in Haigam and Song villages. Three persons were killed in an encounter with the BSF within the besieged area. 6 youths were arrested from these areas.

**Anantnag:** From the Anantnag district 9 youths- were arrested.

## **Public protests**

About twelve people, mostly women, were injured when the BSF men burst tear gas shells, used force, and fired in the air at Sonawar to disperse a processionists, including a large number of women were protesting against a procession that was on its way to the UN Military Observers' office in the locality and the arrest of five innocent civilians during search operations in the locality this morning. The women of Sonawar held demonstrations against the arrests even as the operation was in progress. When the siege was lifted, thousands of people marched towards the UN Observers Office. They were disallowed by the BSF men to proceed. But the processionists raising pro-freedom and anti-BSF slogans tried to go ahead, and in the process, the BSF men fired several rounds in the air. Teargassing and beating people did not have the desired effect. At Batamaloo, men, women, and children held massive protest demonstrations against the beating and arrest of 20 innocent youths during the crackdown on the area. The BSF men resorted to teargas shells fired in the air and used force to disperse the demonstrators. At least 30 people, including six women, were injured in the BSF's action. Hundreds of women staged demonstrations in front of the BSF camp near Budshah Chowk this evening in protest against the arrest of some innocent youths from a nearby locality. Awantipora town today observed a protest strike against the killing of four people by the BSF last evening. Demonstrations were also held in the town. Shopian town also observed a strike for the third consecutive day, and in Pampore, a protest strike for the sixth consecutive day was observed against the BSF's firing in the town, which left five people dead and over 60 injured. Protest demonstrations were also held in these areas. Students of S.P. College held protest demonstrations against the unjustified detention of a student today. Protesting students were demanding the immediate release of one Sheikh, Irfan Syed. I am a student at the Regional Institute of Engineering Science and Technology. He was arrested by the BSF on August 17 at Ashai Bagh Bridge during the identification parade. The drivers of the State Motor Garages today went on a lightning strike in protest against the killing of their colleague, Mohammad Sultan, by the BSF at Awantipora last night.

# August 20

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
9	8	12	33	118

## Details of the crackdowns and search operations

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Sopore:** The BSF men cordoned off the Wadora locality in Sopore and launched search operations. People were asked to assemble at one place for the identification parade. When the search operations were going on, some gunshots were heard being fired at some distant place. This created panic among the forces, and they fired indiscriminately at the defenseless people assembled for the identification parade. Four people sustained serious bullet injuries. They were shifted to a hospital, where one Mustaq Ahmed Bhat succumbed to his injuries. The injured persons include Mohammad Sarwar Khan, Bashir Ahmed Lone, and Mohammad Afzal Ganai. The BSF also conducted search operations in Shankergund and Dangarpora.

**Baramullah:** 6 persons were arrested from Khwaja Bagh Baramullah. The BSF also conducted search operation in Kukar Hamam.

**Budgam:** 6 youths were arrested from Budgam district during the search operations.

**Kupwara:** 4 youths were arrested from Kupwara during the search operations.

**Arwani:** In Hassanpora, the Imam of a Mosque was arrested by the BSF personnel.

## **Pubic protests:**

The Pampore town observed a strike for the sixth consecutive day today in protest against indiscriminate firing by the BSF men, which led to the deaths of four and caused injuries to many others. In the area, thousands of people took part in a procession that marched through different localities and ended peacefully at the "Martyrs" graveyard". At Sanroo, Sopore, at least 12 people were injured when the BSF used force to disperse the processionists protesting against the 'excesses by the forces. The injured, including Nisar Ahmed Bhat, Zahoor Ahmed Wani, Abdul Majid Wani, Fareed Ahmed Wani, Abdul Ahad Sofi, Mohammad Shafi Ganai, Bashir Ahmed Wani, and Mohammad, protested demonstrations against the arrest of the imam of a mosque. In Kangan, students and staff members of the Higher Secondary School held protest demonstrations in the market and took out a procession. Business establishments and shops also remained closed. They were protesting against the arrest of a student, Bashir Ahmed Bhat of Zahroowan, who was arrested by army men while he was going to school and was taken away to the torture interrogation center. They demanded his immediate release. A complete protest strike was observed in Doda district against the brutal killing of a civilian, Inayat-ul-Lah, who was killed in custody by the BSF. People also took to the streets, raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans, and demanded the implementation of U.N. resolutions. Students held various demonstrations in Srinagar against the 'custodial deaths' and frequent search operations. The biggest demonstration was held outside the office of the DG police by hundreds of slogan-shouting students against the illegal detention of Sheikh Irfan Sayed, a student of RIEST Paraypora, Barzullah.

# August 21

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
4	6	4	60	8

## Custodial deaths

A youth was killed in custody by the BSF at Bandipora. According to the local people, Mohammad Saltan Bhat was arrested by the BSF three days ago. His body bearing torture marks was handed over to the local police at Baramullah today. Tension gripped the Gangil and Urnada villages in Uri district Baramullah when police handed over the body of 35-year old Mohammad Younus, an employee of the public health engineering department, to his relatives. Younus and ten others were arrested by the army during the crackdown in these villages a few days earlier.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Pulwama:** The BSF sealed the villages of Madipora, Mandar, and Chakkatisidwar in Pulwama district yesterday afternoon. All the male members of these villages were asked to assemble in open fields where identification parades were held while many youths were taken into custody. However, the majority of them were later leased, but not before giving them electric shocks and beatings in the temporarily set-up interrogation and torture centers in these villages. The villagers said that they had heard some gunshots before the dead body of one youth was seen there.

**Kupwara:** Panjgam, Malhar, Chogal, Koli Toorah, Haran and Takyibal. Searches were going on in these areas.

**Budgam:** Naserpora and the entire area of Mazham Beerwah were cordoned off. After sealing all the exit points in these villages, the army and the BSF conducted massive search operations and identification parades during which about 30 innocent youths were picked up. Residents complained of excesses during the combing operation.

**Sopore:** Sayedpora area was sealed off by the army. The search operations were going on. At least 15 persons were arrested from Kakapora.

**Baramullah:** In Mazbug and Kawji Bagh search operations were conducted. Four persons, namely, Abdul Salem Gojri, Sahbir Ahmed, Khursheed Ahmed Dangoo and Abdul Majid Sheikh, were arrested in Kawji Bagh. The BSF men also conducted searches in Dalina and Sultanpora. At Dalina the BSF arrested a farmer Mohammad Ashraf Tantrey while he was working in his field and beat him severely.

## Public protests

Thousands of students today took part in a procession in Baramulah against the arrest of a local teacher, Firdous Ahmed. Firdous Ahmed and a few other villagers were apprehended by the BSF during search operations there yesterday. The procession started at Hanfia Institute and was joined by students from other educational institutions. The students, raising slogans against the BSF, were demanding the immediate release of the teacher. The processionists dispersed after senior officials assured them that their teacher would be released. A complete strike was observed today in Daribal, Naid-kadal, Bohrikadal, Malaratta, Paandan, Nowhatta, and Khawaja Bazaar in the down-town of Srinagar city in protest against the BSF, who beat residents before picking up one Mushtaq Ahmed, along with his wife and little son. Mushtaq is a relative of Abdul Rashid Dar, who, along with his wife and son, was shot dead by the BSF on the memorable day of IST August at Daribal, leading to massive pro-freedom and anti-India demonstrations. According to the residents, BSF men wearing bullet-proof jackets stormed into the house of the deceased Abdul Rashid Dar and beat all inmates before arresting Mushtaq Ahmed. The residents living in the immediate neighborhood were beaten up inside their homes when they tried to protest. At least eight people were injured in the action of the BSF. Those injured include Salima, Fahmida, Kousar, Gulam Ahmed Sofi, Mushtaq Ahmed Lone, Ghulam Qadir Sofi, and Mushtaq Ahmed. All the injured were taken to the hospital. Mushtaq Ahmed, who was later released, was also taken to the hospital due to the serious nature of his injuries. Mushtaq Ahmed had been given electric shocks and a severe beating during the night-long interrogation under torture by the BSF men. All the shops and business establishments remained closed in these localities. In Bandipora, people held a protest demonstration against the custodial death' of a youth, Mr. Mohammad Sultan Bhat. A protest strike was observed in Baramullah in protest against the custodial death of Mohammad Younus. People there also held protest demonstrations. Thousands of students at Bemina College also held protest demonstrations against the continued violation of human rights in the Valley by the BSF and the Army. They were raising pro-freedom slogans. In Mazhama Beerwah, people held protest demonstrations against the arrest of innocent youths by the army.

## III Treatment to the employees

Altaf Ahmed Bukhari, working as a clerk in Baramullah Treasury, was arrested by the BSF yesterday at 6 p.m. from his office.

Abdul Karim Wani, an employee of the Food and Supplies Department, was arrested by the BSF at Lethpora while he was discharging his duty. The employees of F&S today struck work in protest against the arrest of their colleague. The Food & Supplies Employees Association demanded the immediate release of their colleague.

Haji Ghulam Nabi Dar, an employee of the Indian Telephone Industry (Ancillary Unit of ITI) Peer Bagh, was arrested by the BSF at Humhama locality during a search operation on August 19. The employees of the ITI and the people of Hyderpora and Humhama demanded his immediate release. He was convalescing following an accident in which he had received serious head injuries.

## **Harassment to the Muslim community**

On August 21, 1993, at about 7.20 p.m., the wife of the BJP leader, Sh. Manmohan Gupta, was injured in her house when the bodyguard of the leader fired from his carbine gun inside the room. First, it was reported that the fire had come from outside the house, but after inquiry, it was found to have been fired by the bodyguard of the BJP leader. Till things were made clear, the youths belonging to the Muslim community in the area were harassed by the BSF personnel as well as by the Hindu communalists. So far, no action has been taken in this regard.

# August 22

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
6	1	1	6	12

## Custodial deaths

Bashir Ahmed of Hajan was arrested by the army some days ago during a crackdown. He was taken away to the interrogation center, where he was tortured to death, and his dead body bearing torture marks was handed over by the army roggers to the Manasbai police station. The residents of Hajan took to the streets to protest against the clear case of custodial death and observed a complete strike. Mr. Ghulam Rasool Wani of Maidan Chogal-Hundwara was killed in custody by the army. According to the eyewitnesses, 60-year-old Ghulam Rasool Wani was taken away to the Kayhigam army camp, where he was constantly tortured as an activist of Jamaat-i-Slami. He was arrested by the army on August 11 for his residence torture marks and handed over to his family members this morning. His body, bearing protest demonstrations, was held in the village against this custodial death. The police have registered a case against the army.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Baramullah:** Many villages in Baramullah district remained under crackdown the second consecutive day today. These villages include Sultanpora, Kandi, Dodargeer, Neelsar, Nowgam and Fatehpora. Many persons including Monamad Amin Beig and Rafiq Ahmed Dar were arrested from Fatehpora. The pas rided many houses in Kanlibagh. People of these areas complained about excesses by the BSF during the house-to-house searches and identification parades. In Pattan, Hilal Ahmed Bhat, a shopkeeper, was arrested by the BSF from his shop yesterday

**Bandipora:** In Athmola, One person was killed in an encounter and another was arrested.

**Sopore:** The residents of Branthkalan complained that when the BSF personnel were going to conduct search operations in Saidpora, Sopore they beat up men and women at Branthkalan who were busy working in their fields, the clothes of women were torn and the BSF men tried to assault them sexually. Over a dozen persons were injured due to the torture by the BSF men. Injured persons include 6 women, namely Afroza D/O Abdul Qadoos, Haseena D/O Abdul Rehman, Shameema D/O Ghulam Rasool Mir, Shafeega D/O Ghulam Hassan Mir, Jameela DIO Mohammad Subhan Mir and Zareefa W/O Mohammad Ramzan Mir. They were admitted in the hospital in a 'half-dead' condition.

**Uri:** The BSF men today launched search operations in about half a dozen villages in the Uri belt.

## **Public protests**

Strong public protests were held in Chogal Handwara against the "custodial" death of the 60-year-old Ghulam Rasool Warni. People were raising pro-freedom and anti-army slogans and demanding the implementation of UN resolutions. Demonstrations were also held at Saidapora and Sopore during a search operation in protest against the excesses committed by the BSF. People of BranthKalan also took out a procession against the excesses of the BSF. The residents of these two villages said that the BSF personnel mercilessly beat a number of people, including women. They further said that the BSF also misbehaved with women.

Meanwhile, life was paralyzed in the valley by the transporter's strike. The call for today's strike had been given by the Transporters Welfare Association two days ago to protest against 'state' terrorism' and the latest trend of firing by government forces on passengers' buses. The State Road Transport Corporation and the State Motor Garages also struck work and joined the strike. The minibuses, trucks, and taxis also remained off the roads. Abstract of killings, injuries, arrests, other trials and tribulations, and protests.

# August 23

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
2	7	-	21	-

## Custodial deaths

In Uri 3 persons killed in the custody of the army. According to the eyewitnesses, Shah Mohammad, Nambardar, Mangat-ullah, a watchman, and Azad Ahmed, a teacher, were arrested by the army during the crackdown. After the arrest they were taken away to the interrogation centre where they were tortured to death. After killing them, the army sealed off the area and ordered people to assemble at one place and handed over to them bodies of the Nambardar, Shah Mohammad and Mangat-Ullah and ordered them to bury the dead bodies in their presence. The family members of the deceased persons begged the army to hand over the dead bodies to them but the army officers refused to do so, On the other hand the dead body of the Azad Ahmed was handed over to local police station at Uri.

The eye-witness said that body of Azad Ahmed had severe torture marks and said that he had been killed in custody under torture by the army. The local police also protested over the action of the army and registered a case against the army at the Uri police station.

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

**The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-**

**Srinagar:** two persons were picked up by the BSF men as entire Qamarwari area was cordoned off by the forces. A vigorous house-to-house search was launched. Many youths were detained.

**Baramullah:** Khwajabagh and adjoining areas remained under crackdown. From Khojabagh area 4 persons including Ghulam Qadir Mir, Bashir Ahmed Lone and Farooq Ahmed were arrested. The BSF also conducted search operations in Gatheyar, Warapora and Seerjagir. 7 persons were arrested from these areas.

## **Public Protest**

A complete strike was observed in Sopore, Kupwara, and Handwara for the second day today in protest against the custodial's death of Ghulam Rasool Wani. Shops and business establishments remained closed in these areas. People also held protest demonstrations against the killing. Demonstrations were held in village Barath Kalan near Sopore for the second consecutive day today in protest against the 'excesses' by the BSF. About 12 people, including six women, were seriously injured when the BSF personnel severely beat them. The people were protesting against the continuing 'harassment' by the BSF men in the village. A protest strike was also observed in Anantnag against the 'excesses' by the BSF. Today, the employees of the state government observed a strike against 'state terrorism'. All state government offices except the civil secretariat remained closed today. Educational institutions also remained closed. The call for a strike was given by the Employees and Workers Confederation.

## **Enforced Disappearance**

Ghulam Mohammad Ahangar, SO Ali Mohammad Ahangar, R/O Village Yaqub-Khan Sahib of District Budgam. Working in a private steel factory at Harwan, he was picked up by BSF Battalion No. 30 when he was on his way to the factory at Harwan Huts on 10.6.92. He was taken away to the torture and interrogation center, and from the day of his arrest, his whereabouts were not given to the concerned family. It is not known what has become of the unfortunate young man. Had he been liquidated, neither the body was handed over nor was there any information regarding whether he was languishing in some prison or torture center. The authorities have said nothing to the anxious family. The mother of Mr. Ahangar died due to this shock.

# August 24

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
5	5	2	44	-

## Details of crackdowns and search operations

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** The Tengpora area near Batamaloo was sealed off by the BSF early this morning. People were ordered to assemble at one place for the identification parades, during which at least six youths were arrested. They were tortured physically and mentally on the spot by the BSF. Seeing the torture of youth, people, including a large number of women, held protest demonstrations against the cruelty of the BSF. The demonstration forced the BSF to lift the siege and abandon the operation halfway. Four of the detained youths were released afterwards after being tortured. However, two youths were taken away to the interrogation/torture center. The Ranger Stop area in the down-town Srinagar was cordoned off by the BSF. The BSF also conducted house-to-house searches. It is said that they ransacked their homes and damaged household items. The BSF men cordoned off the Abiguzar locality of up-town Srinagar in the late afternoon today. People were made to parade in front of the government informers. The BSF men also conducted search operations in Kawdara, Dalipora, and the adjoining areas. During the house-to-house searches and the identification parades, two youths, Bashir Ahmed Najar and Shabir Ahmed Sheikh, were picked up. The local people said that Bashir Ahmed Najar had recently been released from the custody of the BSF. At Qamarwari, one Mr. Ghulam Hassan Shah was arrested by BSF personnel while he was returning from duty.

**Sonawari:** Wakoora, Shawlihar, Botawaniya, Shadipora, Manasbal, Nadanbagh, and Sumbal. These areas were sealed off by the BSF, and search operations were conducted. Four people from Wakoora, namely Mohammad Latif, Abdul Rashid, Mohammad Yousuf, and Imran Ahmed, were picked up. They were taken away to some unknown torture or interrogation center. At Sumbal and Shadipora, at least six people were arrested during the crackdown. Three people were picked up from Khonibal area.

**Pulwama:** At Ratnipora 3 persons were arrested during the crackdown of the area.

**Kupwara:** In Rajwar one person was killed during the crackdown of the area. One youth was arrested.

**Baramullah:** 5 persons were arrested from the Baramullah district. Indian Occupying Forces cordoned off a village near Pattan and house-to-house searches were carried out. One person was shot dead by the Army.

**Budgam:** Four persons were picked up from Budgam district. Banihal - In Nichlan, three persons, namely Ghulam Mohammad Khandey, Ghulam Qadir Bhat, and Abdul Gafar Dar were arrested by the BSF.

### **III Treatment to Medical Employees**

The BSF arrested Dr. Mohammad Sadiq Rizvi, Medical Officer, and Budgam from his residence at Sharifabad early this morning. Dr. Rizvi, who is the younger brother of the acting Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, has been shifted to some torture and interrogation centers. The arrest triggered massive demonstrations and a complete shutdown in Budgam Hospital. Services remained paralyzed in the entire district, and the medical employees strongly protested his arrest and demanded the immediate release of Dr. Rizvi.

### **Public protests**

A large number of people, including women, held protest demonstrations in Batamaloo against the arrest of six innocent youths during a search operation. The residents claimed that all the arrested youths were innocent and were not even remotely connected with Armed Struggle. The BSF men used force to disperse them. But people again regrouped and resumed the demonstrations. The BSF men fired many rounds but could not control the protesters and finally lifted the cordon and withdrew. A complete strike was observed in the Nishat area in protest against the killing of a youth by the BSF. Shops remained closed, and traffic was off the roads. Protests were held in Pattan against the killing of a civilian during a crackdown by the army. A group of students this afternoon took part in a procession in the civil lines area. Raising slogans against the government, they tried to move towards Lal Chowk, but the BSF chased them away. Some students were also beaten by the BSF men.

# August 25

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
3	4	2	85	12

## Details of the crackdown

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** The BSF personnel cordoned off Maharaj Gunj, Wazapora, Saraf- Kadal, Rajveri Kadal, Kawdara and various other adjoining areas of the downtown Srinagar today around 1100 hours. House-to-house searches were conducted and people were made to parade before dozens of gypsies carrying 'cats (informers) for the identification parades. Five persons were arrested. In Panta chowk the BSF raided the house of one Mr. Ghulam Mohammad and arrested his 3 sons and four others. One youth was arrested from Wantapora in a raid on a house during the night. In Kangan many shopkeepers and the Headmaster of a local public school were arrested by the army. All of them including some old persons were later released in a 'half-dead' condition.

**Budgam:** Narkarah, Tangpora, Gangbugh. At Gangbugh relatives of some armed resistance fighter were arrested by the BSF during the identification parades. They were tortured on the spot and electric shocks were given to them. They were later released in 'half dead' condition. The BSF also sealed off the village Paziran on Budgam Chadoora road and conducted house-to-house searches and identification parades. The residents said that the BSF men brutally tortured the innocents.

**Pulwama:** Khrew village of Pulwama district was cordoned off by the BSF personnel. One Mr Ghulam Mohammad Sofi was arrested during these search operations.

**Baramullah:** Booniyar, Allosa, Devarah, Perneela, Gharkoot, Bilal-Abad, and various areas of Uri town were once again put under curfew, and house-to-house searches were going on. The Uri town was under the siege of the army for ten days. The people of these areas said that the army personnel during search operations tortured people, including women, at random. They further said that dozens of youths were missing after they were picked up by the army and taken to some unknown destinations. In Kandi Karnah village of Baramullah district, people were tortured at random during the search operations launched by the BSF. Two old people, namely Mohammad Abdullah Qureshi and Sarfaraz Mir, were first tortured and then taken away to the interrogation center for torture. The BSF also conducted search operations in the Machipora and Goripora localities of Sopore town. Three people were arrested during the identification parades and house-to-house searches.

The government forces also conducted search operations in Oosun, Pan-Jorah, Tarihama, and Tangmarg. During the search operations, the BSF misbehaved with the women and broke household things. People held protest demonstrations against the excesses during the crackdown.

### **Public protests:**

Budgam town observed a complete strike in protest against the arrest of Dr. Sadiq Rizvi, the younger brother of the acting Chief Justice of the State High Court, Mr. Justice S.M. Rizvi. Dr. Sadiq, who is working as a medical officer in Budgam, was arrested by the BSF from his residence in Sharifabad during the intervening nights of August 23 and 24. All shops, business establishments, and educational institutions remained closed. Transport also remained off the roads. Work in hospitals was paralyzed. Demonstrations were also held in the town. He was, however, released this evening but has been tortured during interrogation. Doctors and paramedical staff also observed a strike and held protest demonstrations against the arrest of Dr. Sadiq Rizvi.

# August 26

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
10	10	7	65	30

## Custodial deaths

Many localities in the down-town including Malaratta, Daribal an Nowhatta in Srinagar city were sealed off by the BSF this morning People were called out of their houses for the identification. During the identification parades dozens of youths were picked up. Two arrested youths, namely, Nisar Ahmed Banday of Daribal and Ghulam Rasool Mir of Naidkadal were later shot dead at Daribal Srinagar. Protest demonstrations were held in the locality against the 'custodial' killings of these two youths.

## Details of the crackdown

**The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-**

**Srinagar:** Dozens of localities in the downtown area of Srinagar city, including Nawakadal, Safakadal, Sekidafar, Ganderpora, Iddgah, Wanganpora, Qamarwari, Khanyar, and Bohrikadal, were sealed early this morning by BSF personnel. People were called out of their houses for the identification parades. Thirty people were rounded up during these parades. Ten of them were identified as Manzoor Ahmed, Riyaz Ahmed Shah, Bilal Ahmed, Iqbal Handoo, Mushtaq Ahmed, Lrfan Ahmed Renzoo, Tariq Ahmed, Intiyaz Ahmed, Mehraj-u-din, and Ali Mohammad. Thousands of people held protest demonstrations against the 'custodial killings and random arrests. Residents of these localities complained that they were harassed by the forces. Six innocent youths were arrested by the BSF during a cordon and search operation at Bohri Kadal in the downtown of Srinagar today.

**Manasbal:** Chewesh and Kalipora villages in Safapora were cordoned off and searches were conducted by the BSF men. Four persons, namely, Ghulam Ahmed Malik, the former Imam of a mosque, Ghulam Mohi-u-Din, shopkeeper, Mohammad Sidiq Khan, a student, and Abdul Satar, an ex-Serviceman were arrested and taken away to some unknown destination. When the news of these arrests spread in the area, a large number of women took out a protest procession, but the BSF used force to disperse them due to which many women got injured.

**Handwara:** Four persons were arrested here during the searches at Ganderpora road. The arrested persons, namely Mohammad Ramzan Ganai, Ghulam Rasool Ganai, Abdul Aziz Ganai and 95.years old Abdul Gaffar Ganai were released after torture. Their private car No. EEA104 was also seized by the BSF. Kupwara-In Pathri 3 innocent youths were arrested during the crackdown of the area.

**Budgam:** Here one youth was picked up by the forces during the search operations.

**Baramullah:** 6 youths were arrested by the government forces during search operations at Wizer, Shahdara, Haajan and old Baramullah town.

## **Public protests**

A huge protest demonstration was held by the people in the old city of Srinagar against the custodial killings of two armed resistance fighters and random arrests of innocent youths. Thousands of agitating people were shouting anti-India and pro-freedom slogans and demanding the implementation of U.N. resolutions. A spontaneous strike was also observed in the entire downtown against the custodial killings. Shops, business establishments, government offices, and educational institutions were closed, and transport went off the roads. The BSF personnel used force to disperse the protesters, resulting in injuries to dozens of people, including 10 women. In Safapora, protest demonstrations were also held by the people against the arrest of three civilians by BSF men.

# August 27

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
5	3	6	28	-

## Custodial deaths

Mohammad Yousuf Waza of Nootarn, Kupwara, was killed in custody by the Indian Occupying Forces. Mohammad Yousuf had been recently released after completing two years in detention. A few days back he was re-arrested by the army from his village. His dead body was handed over to his family on 26.8.93 by army. The killing sparked off angry demonstrations in the area.

## Details of the crackdown

The following areas of the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** Border security force personnel cordoned Kokar Bazar locality in the up-town Srinagar early this morning. All the exit points were sealed, and male residents of the locality were asked to assemble in front of the Pladium Cinema for identification parades. House-to-house searches were also conducted. Four youths, namely Mohammad Amin Latoo, Shabir Ahmed Sofi, Shakeel Ahmed, and Parvez Ahmed, were arrested. People held protest demonstrations against these arrests.

**Pulwama:** Turkwangan and Lethapora localities of district Pulwama were put under siege by the BSF personnel and house-to-house searches were conducted 5 innocent youths were arrested from these localities. One person was killed in Turkwangan.

**Budgam:** Mohore locality of district Budgam was cordoned off by the BSF personnel for search operations and house -to-house searches were conducted. During identification parades four youths were picked up.

**Baramullah:** Four youths were arrested from Baramullah district during raids and search operations.

**Banihal:** Four persons were arrested during search operations in Bulagam yesterday.

## **Public protests**

People in thousands, including a good number of women, defied the curfew restrictions and took to streets at some places in old city including Khangahi-Mullah. The agitating demonstrations were protesting against the custodial killing of two armed resistance fighter. The demonstrations were raising pro-freedom, pro Islam and anti-India slogans and were demanding implementation of U.N. resolutions. Forces had a though time dispersing the agitating demonstrators, they used force against the demonstrators. In the curfew-bound localities people could not offer Friday prayers. Even in Jamia Masjid, the city's main mosque, Friday congregations could not be held.Strong protest demonstrations were also held in Kupwara against the custodial killing of Mohammad Yousuf Waza. Women staged demonstrations at Kokar Bazar in Srinagar district against the arrest of four innocent youths from there early today.

## **III Treatment to the employees**

Abdul Gani working as a draftsman in the Divisional office of the Public Works Department in Kupwara was arrested by the BSF on 25th August during a raid on the office.

# August 28

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
16	4	3	24	13

## Custodial deaths

In Baramullah, one Mr. Abdul Rashid War, S/O Ghulam Nabi War of Faqirwari was arrested today and killed in custody under severe torture by the army.

According to eyewitnesses, Abdul Rashid, along with five other youths, was arrested by the Indian Occupying Forces early this morning without cause in the Faqirwani village of Baramullah district. All the arrested youths were taken away to Bagh-Lslam Army Camp, where they were subjected to identification parades in front of more than six informants. After identification parades, five youths were released, but Abdul Rashid was shifted to the interrogation center, where he was tortured to death and his dead body handed over to the local police within 3 hours of his arrest. As soon as news about the killing of Abdul Rashid in custody spread in the town, the people took to the streets and held massive demonstrations. According to the local people, he had recently been released after two years of detention.

## Details of the crackdowns and Search Operations

From Kalasangri and Ishber for search operations. The entry and exit points were sealed off early in the morning disallowing the movement of the people even on the down-side road along side the Dallake, During the identification parades and house-to- house search operations about a dozen people were picked up by the army personnel 1 for interrogation/torture, The people picked up include four members of the family of Mr. Ghulam Qadir Moni, field Assistant in the Department of Agriculture who was picked up along with his three sons.

In Naushehra Srinagar one person was arrested by the BSF along with a cash of Rs, one lakh and fifty thousand.

**Anantnag:** Two persons were arrested in a search operation at Bijbehara, Yarapora and Akingamin Anantnag district. Search operations were also launched in Pahalgam.

**Pulwama:** Four persons were arrested by the forces at Turkawangan during search operations.

**Baramullah:** The army cordoned off the Salamabad, Sultan Bakhi, Kamlakot and some adjoining villages of Uri-tehsil and launched house-to-house searches. In Tangmarg, Farooq Ahmed Reeshi of Rambaitpora, was arrested by the BSF men during a raid on the sub-district hospital. According to the relatives of the arrested person, he was being treated in the hospital for his injuries due to torture by the forces.

Search operations were also conducted in many parts of the Sopore town including Zalaorah and Lolipora. The BSF men conducted search operations at Pahlipora, Nihaspora in Baramullah district and arrested three persons.

## **Public protests**

In Baramullah thousands of people including women took to the streets and carried out massive demonstrations in protest against the custodial killing of a civilian, Abdul Rashid War. The agitated demonstrators carrying the dead body of Abdul Rashid were shouting pro-freedom and anti-India slogans and were demanding implementation of U.N. resolutions. Reacting to these massive demonstrations, the BSF men resorted to lathi charge and teargassing to disperse the agitators when they refused to heed to the warning to disperse. The BSF opened fire on the demonstrators near the transport yard. During the course of this action of controlling the agitated demonstrators, one widowed woman identified as Shameema was killed and dozens others including some other women were injured.

## **Missing persons**

Mohammad Yaseen Bhat, son of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/O New Colony, Batamaloo, was arrested by the BSF from shaheed gunj locality during a crackdown on 17th July. Since that day his whereabouts have remained unknown to his parents. On 24th August they were told that their son had been shifted to hospital but they were not informed in which particulars hospital he had been kept.

## **III Treatment to the employees**

Mr. Ghulam Qadir Moni, working as Field Assistant in the Department of Agriculture, was arrested by the army today during the crackdown in Brane and Ishbar localities of Srinagar.

# August 29

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
9	11	3	17	7

## Details of the crackdowns and Search Operations

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Baramullah:** Army troops cordoned off Kreeri township of Baramullah district. All the male-talk was made to parade in front of the “informers” and house-to-house searches were conducted. Residents of the township complained that people were physically and mentally tortured. They also complained that many houses were ransacked during the search operations. One Mohammad Abdullah, who has been ailing for a pretty long, time was arrested. The BSF conducted search Operations in Bandipora area and apprehended one person. Qaziabad in district Baramullah was cordoned off by the BSF men. Residents said that four innocent men were arrested during the crackdown and were taken to some unknown destination. House-to-house searches were also conducted by the BSF. Bakhsibal Wullar area of Baramullah was cordoned off by the BSF men who conducted house-to-house searches. Four persons were arrested during the crackdown.

**Budgam:** Gonipora, Wadwan, Chatabugh and Alapora areas in district Budgam were cordoned off by the BSF around 2 p.m. yesterday. In Alapora, one student, namely Tariq Ahmed Dar, S/O Sidiq Dar, was shot dead in front of his parents at 3 p.m. by the BSF men. At Wadwan, one armed resistance fighter, Ghulam Hassan Mir, was killed in an encounter with the force and another, namely Mohammad Ashraf Najar, was arrested. Five persons were arrested from various other parts of the Valley.

## Public protests

Strong public protest demonstrations were held in Wadwan and its adjacent villages in district Budgam against the killing of a student. Protesters were chanting pro-freedom, anti-India and pro-Islam slogans and demanded implementation of U.N. resolutions.

# August 30

Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
12	11	7	45	3

## Details of the crackdowns and Search Operations

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** Batamaloo, Dalgate and Buchwara localities of Srinagar city were cordoned off by the forces and house-to-house searches were conducted. Four persons were arrested from Batamaloo locality during the identification parades. Excesses of the BSF men were reported by the local residents, two persons were arrested Balgarden during a raid by the BSF. Sheeri area, 8 km away from Baramullah, was sealed off by the Indian Occupying Forces for the search operations. Four persons were picked up during these search operations. In Chanderbal, Wanigam and Baderkoot one person was shot dead by the BSF men and another was arrested. During the search operations in Boniyar and Sangrame 5 persons were arrested. Riyaz Ahmed Beig and Mushtaq Ahmed Mir were arrested in Sherbagh locality during the crackdown. In Sheeri, Ghulam Narwaw, Ali Mohammad Bhat, Abdul Rasheed Hajam and Abdul Rasheed Tantary were arrested during the crackdown of the area. Three persons were arrested in Dalina by a BSF patrol party. Abdul Hameed Shah and Tariq Ahmed Shah were arrested from Saangpora Pattan. Mohammad Amin Sofi was arrested by the BSF men in Bandipora during a raid by the forces. Two persons working as coolies in the market were arrested from Noorbagh, Sopore.

**Kupwara:** Gutlipora and Muqam areas in Kupwara district were cordoned off by the forces before conducting house-to-house searches and identification parades. Two persons were arrested during the search operation. Some villages in Gurez were sealed off by the army personnel for the search operations. During the searches at least one dozen women were arrested and taken away to the interrogation/torture centre. They were later released 'half-dead' after the public protests.

**Anantnag:** Bona-Dayalgam area was sealed off by the BSF men. During the identification parades and house-to-house searches at least one dozen persons including Mohammad Yaqub Bhat were arrested. Many persons were severely beaten up by the BSF men during the crackdown. One innocent youth was arrested near general bus stand at Ahrabal by BSF.

**Pulwama:** Dozens of villages 10 km away from Shopian town were sealed off by the BSF men before launching the search operations. People were subjected to the identification parades in front of the informers, When the BSF men were not able to arrest any armed resistance fighter, and they beat up many civilians and fired upon them injuring a few including Mohammad Yousuf and Nazir Ahmed.

## **Desecration of a mosque**

During the intervening nights of August 29 and 30, some army personnel of the Sikh regiment entered a mosque in Pinglish, Tral. Early in the morning, when some old people entered the mosque to offer prayers, they were beaten up and questioned about the armed resistance fighter. They were asked, under threat, to give information about armed resistance fighters. When they could not give any information, they were severely beaten up. When people protested over the entry of army men without taking their shoes off, they were also beaten up. Some youth were arrested and ordered to set the mosque on fire. When they refused, they were taken to the interrogation/torture center. Later, the people gathered and held protest demonstrations against the desecration of the mosque.

## **III Treatment to the Journalists**

The Bureau Chief of an Urdu daily 'Nida-l-Mashriq' was beaten up by the army men while doing his professional duty in Tral. His camera was also broken. An FIR was registered in the police station Tral against the army.

## **Mass-rape in Budgam village**

At least 5 women were raped by the army personnel in Rawalpura, Khandypora, Zukipora, Raigam and Drang Lassipora villages in Tehsil Beerwah of the Budgam district during the intervening night of August 28 and 29.

According to the villagers, some gunshots were heard by an army patrol in the morning at village Bonzagam. The army men withdrew immediately but appeared again in the evening. The villagers said that some regular army personnel and their commandos in civil dress entered these villages during the night hours between August 28 and 29, posing as Afghan Mujahideen before the villagers. They had some AK-47 and AK-56 rifles and other automatic weapons with them. Soon after entering these villagers, they inquired about the armed resistance fighter and claimed that they had recently infiltrated this side of Kashmir. They also claimed affiliation with the 'Al-Barq' armed resistance fighter outfit. The credulous villagers who were taken in by the guileful soldiers welcomed them. But soon these strangers turned out to be regular army personnel and the commandos in the guise of Afghan Mujahideen when they killed four people on the spot without any provocation. The persons killed were identified as Nazir Ahmed Ahangar, a coppersmith at village Banzanigam; Habib Ullah Sheikh, a shopkeeper; Mohammad Akbar Bhat, a farmer of village Suthran; and Ghulam Mohi-ud-deen in Drug Lassipura.

Abdul Hameed Ahangar, the brother of Nazir Ahmed, was also seriously injured in the firing. As soon as the villagers came to know of the real identity of these 'Afghans', panic gripped them, and they ran for their lives. These villages were soon cordoned off by the army and paramilitary tortures, and a house-to-house search was launched. According to local people during the course of the search operation, According to reports, at least five women have been raped—two each at Zukipora, Mujgund, and Khanpora—and dozens others molested by army personnel.

Most of the rape victims have sustained injuries, and their condition is stated to be unstable. After the incident took place, the Deputy Commissioner of Budgam District rushed to these villages to take stock of the situation. But he was not allowed to enter these villages by the forces personnel, as the search operations were still on. The pressmen and photojournalists too were denied entry into the affected villages. Reacting to this incident, the people of the other adjoining villages held massive demonstrations against the military and paramilitary forces. The villagers inside the army cordon too held strong demonstrations against the "brutal act" of the forces personnel. However, the official sources were tight-lipped about the incident.

## **Public protests**

Towns of Sopore, Baramullah, Sangrama of Baramullah district and Beerwah in Budgam district observed a complete strike in protest against the excesses by the army and the BSF personnel. In Sangrama, Baramullah and Sopore a spontaneous strike was observed by the people as the news about the killing of eight persons spread to these areas. Shopkeepers pulled down their shutters, business establishments were closed and students boycotted their classes. Transport also went off the roads. People also took out a procession at Sangrama against these killings. Strike was also observed at Beerwah for the second consecutive day today in Protest against the killing of four civilians and rape of 5 women by the army men on the evening of Saturday last in different villages of Beerwah. People also held strong protest demonstrations against this incident. They were raising anti-India and pro-freedom slogans. Strike was also observed in Anantnag town in protest against the arrests made by the BSF personnel. People also held protest demonstrations. Protest demonstrations were also held in Tral in protest against the excesses by the forces and desecration of a mosque by the army men. Students of Amar Singh College Srinagar today boycotted their classes and took out a procession in protest against the killing of their colleague in Budgam by the BSF men. Raising slogans against the forces the demonstrators marched through various streets on their way to UN Military Observers Head Quarters at Sonawar in Srinagar. As the processionists reached near the Tagore Hall they were stopped by the BSF men. The students staged a demonstrations and insisted on moving ahead in procession.

An officers of the BSF reached the spot and persuaded the students to disperse, promising them that their representatives would be allowed to talk to the higher authorities within half-an-hour. But nobody from the higher authorities turned up and finally the SP East Mr. Farooq Khan reached the spot. He assured the students that their demand would be conveyed to the higher authorities. The memorandum demanded immediate probe into the killing of Tariq Ahmed Rather a student of BSC first year by the army men on Saturday evening in his village Allapura near Soyibug in Budgam. The students said that the deceased was not even remotely connected with militancy. He had returned to his villager after attending the college. Tariq showed his identity card to the army men who had encircled the village in the evening. They took him to nearby place and killed him there. Students of SP College, and SP school Srinagar came on to the streets to show solidarity with JKLF jailed leader Malik Yasin who is not keeping good health.

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Freedom Fighters	Civilians	Indian Occupying Forces	Arrests	Injured
4	7	2	32	1

## Custodial death

Khursheed Ahmed Bhat of Tral was arrested by the Personnel some day back He was taken away to the torture interrogation center where he was tortured to death His dead body bearing torture marks was handcare over to his family members by the local police. People held protest demonstrations when the dead body reached the town. People took to the streets and raised slogans against the BSF men.

## Details of the crackdowns and Search Operations

The following areas in the Valley remained under crackdown today:-

**Srinagar:** SMHS hospital was cordoned off by the BSF men before conducting searches of the operation theatres and wards. Parimpora area was cordoned off by the BSF and search operations were conducted there. Naqashpora, Barbar Shah was sealed and search operations were conducted in the area. Four persons were arrested in Wazapora during a raid. The arrested persons include Mushtaq Ahmed, Riyaz Ahmed and Mohammad Shafi. Four persons were arrested from Khanyar locality.

**Budgam-** in Wadwan, Nadigam, and various other adjoining areas, the BSF men conducted search operations. In Nadigam, a 60 years old shopkeeper, Haji Mohammad sultan Mir, was severely beaten up by the BSF men. Later, he was taken away to the interrogation/ torture centre. Electric shocks were given to Abdul Aziz Bhat Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, a student was also beaten up by the BSF personnel.

**Baramullah:** Badarkoot Tangmarg are was cordoned off by the forces in order to conduct search operations there. Many persons were arrested during the identification parades. The BSF men also conducted search operations in Ladoorah and Kawhara during the last 24 hours more than 30 persons were arrested from different areas of the Valley but the official sources confirmed the arrest of only ten persons. In Hundwara, forces raided the house of Aziz Mir in Shalpora locality. When the inhabitants protested over the violent manner in which they had burst into their house, the BSF men shot dead one Mohammad Gulzar Mir without hesitation and straightway. An FIR has been registered in the police station Wilgam.

## **Public protests**

People held strong protest demonstrations in Tral against the custodial' killing of a youth. People took out to a procession and raised anti-India and pro-freedom slogans. Protest strike was also observed in the town and demanded implementations of U.N. resolutions. In Hundwara people held protest demonstrations against the killing of a civilian by the BSF men.



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