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# INTRODUCTION

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Jammu & Kashmir [J&K] has been the epicentre of terrorism related violence for nearly three decades. The Jammu & Kashmir Security Tracker aims to track the trajectory of the security scenario in the newly formed Union Territory [UT]. The observations reported maybe useful for experts, practitioners, academics and scholars in understanding the security trends in the UT of J&K and will be beneficial for scholarly research and policy prescription.

The first report in the series was the comparative analysis of the security scenario in the one year pre and post the decision to remove the special status of J&K on August 5, 2019. The current report is a quarterly update on the security scenario for August, September and October 2020. The parameters for observation and the methodology of research and data collection have been described in detail in the first report. As an addition, from the current report onwards, the activities of different terror-outfits have also been quantified to the extent possible. These outfits include Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Islamic State in Jammu & Kashmir and Al Badr.

In this first quarter report, incident-wise observations have been made for terrorist attacks, arrests, encounter operations, bomb diffusions, busting of terrorist hideout and unprovoked ceasefire violation. District-wise observations include fifteen districts, namely – Anantnag, Bandipura, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Jammu, Kulgam, Kupwara, Punch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Riasi, Samba, Shopian and Srinagar.



# OBSERVATION

## INCIDENT-WISE OBSERVATION

- Terrorist Attack
- Arrest
- Encounter
- Bomb Diffusion and Busted Terrorist Hideout
- Unprovoked Ceasefire Violation

# OBSERVATION

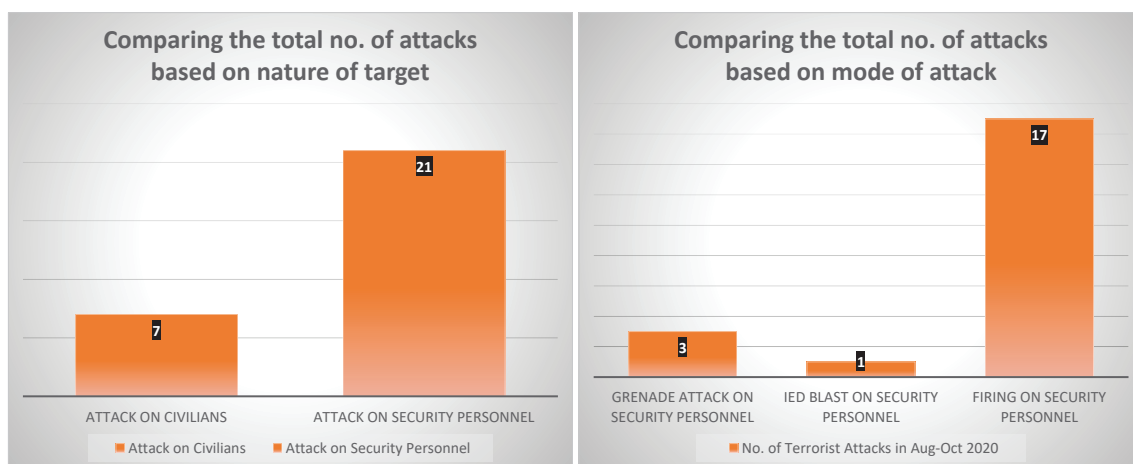
## INCIDENT-WISE OBSERVATION

- ### Terrorist Attack

The terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir have been analysed in two different ways, namely (A) based on the nature of the target and (B) based on the mode of attack.

Based on the nature of target, attacks have been categorized into being targeted on (a) civilians and (b) security forces. In the current quarter, at least 7 attacks were targeted on civilians, whereas at least 21 were targeted on security personnel. In the 7 attacks on civilians, 7 civilians and 1 security personnel were killed and 1 civilian was injured.

Based on the mode of attack, the terrorist attack on security forces have been divided into (a) grenade attack, (b) IED blast and (c) firing. Between August and October 2020, there were at least 3 grenade attacks, 1 IED blast and 17 firing incidents – all targeted on security forces. In all the three modes combined, 11 security personnel were killed-in-action, while 13 terrorists were neutralised in retaliation of firing exchanges. 6 civilians were also injured in the grenade attacks targeted towards security forced.

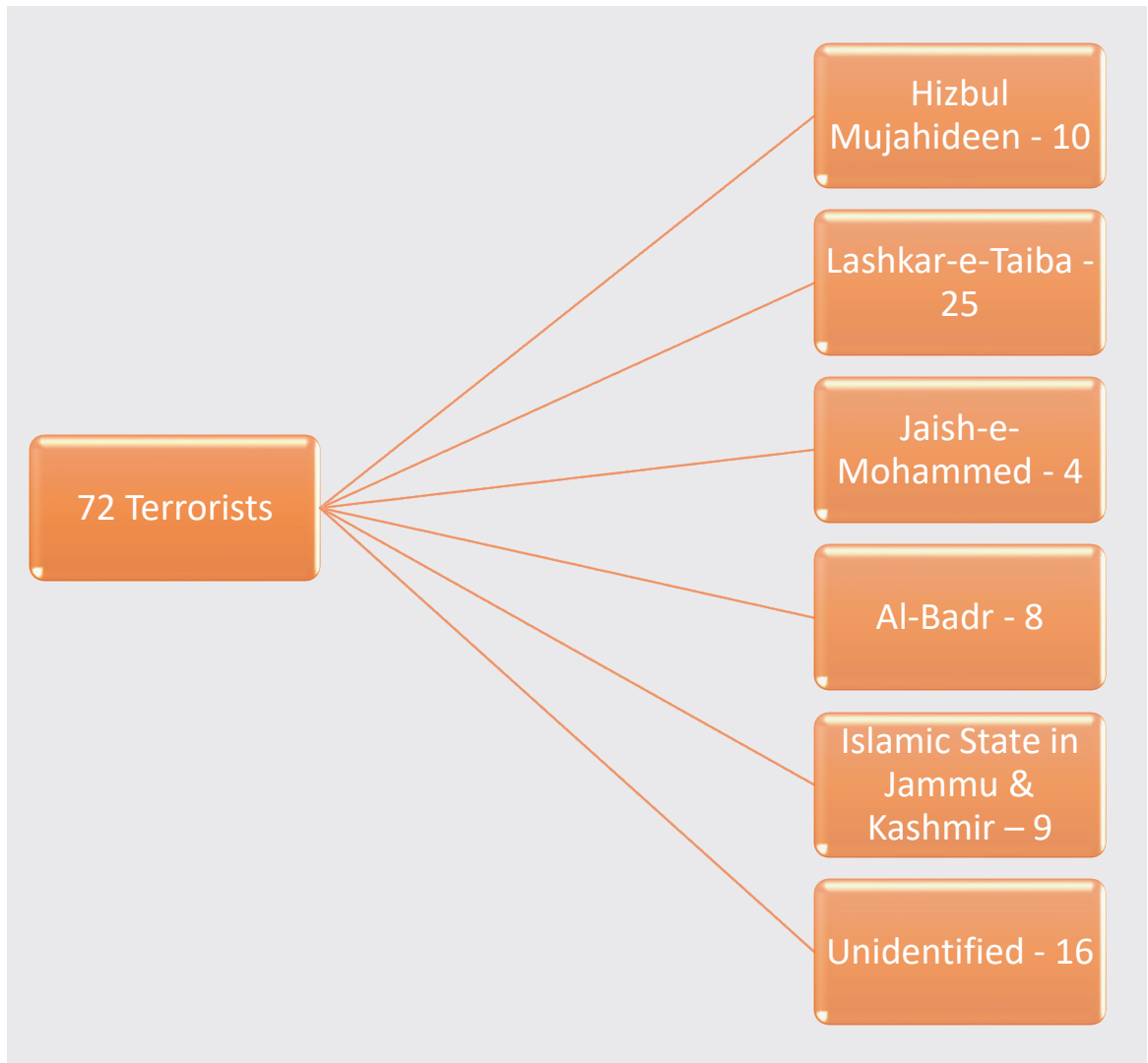


### Casualties from terrorist attacks

	No. of civilians killed	No. of civilians injured	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of security personnel injured	No. of terrorist neutralised
Attacks on Civilians	7	1	1	0	1
Grenade Attack on Security Personnel	0	6	0	0	0
IED Blast on Security Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
Firing on Security Personnel	1	0	11	9	13

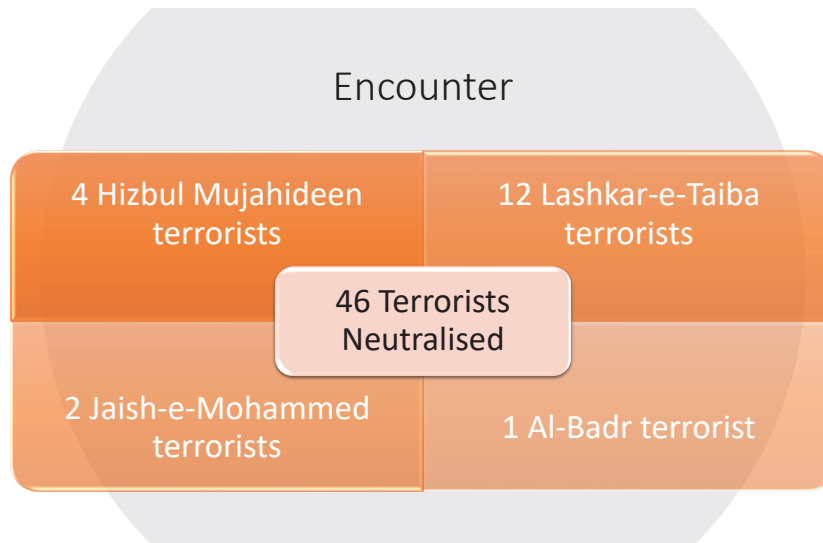
## • Arrest

In the three months of August, September and October 2020, 72 terrorists have been arrested, out of which 10 belonged to Hizbul Mujahideen, 25 to Lashkar-e-Taiba, 4 to Jaish-e-Mohammed, 8 to Al-Badr and 9 to Islamic State in J&K. The affiliation of 16 terrorist was unidentified at the time the arrest was reported in the media.



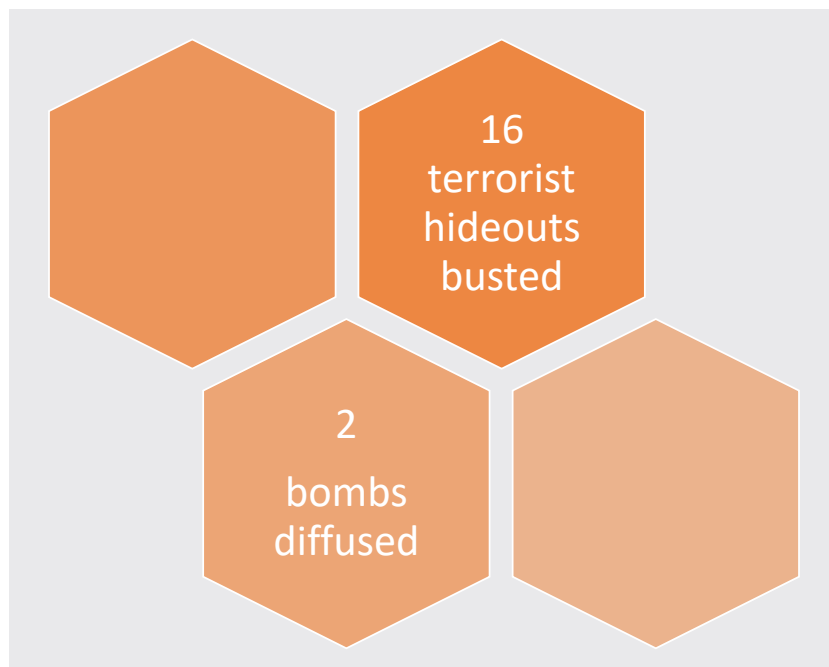
- ## Encounter

The security forces neutralised 46 terrorists in 29 encounter operation in the three months. Out of the 46 terrorists, at least 4 were affiliated with Hizbul Mujahideen, 12 with Lashkar-e-Taiba, 2 with Jaish-e-Mohammed and 1 with Al-Badr.



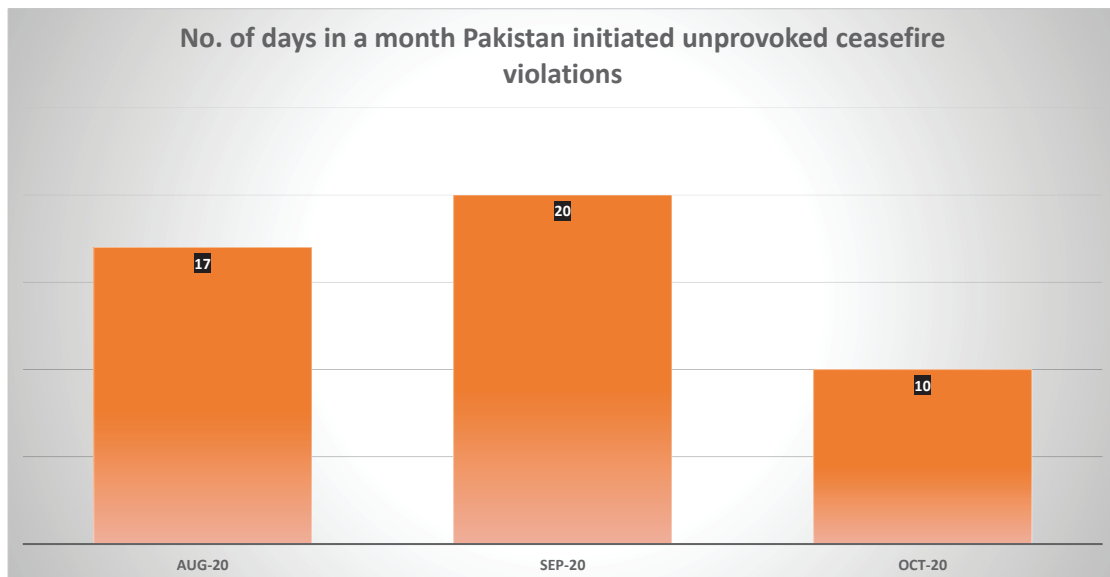
- ## Bomb Diffusion and Busted Terrorist Hideout

The security forces diffused at least 2 bombs and busted at least 16 terrorist hideouts. Of the 16 hideouts, at least 4 belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammed and 4 to Lashkar-e-Taiba.



- ## Unprovoked Ceasefire Violation

Out of the total of 92 days in August, September and October 2020, Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation on at least 47 days. Of the three months in September there were violations on 20 days, In August 17 days and in October 10 days. Pakistani security forces killed 10 Indian security forces personnel and also injured more than 8 Indian civilians.



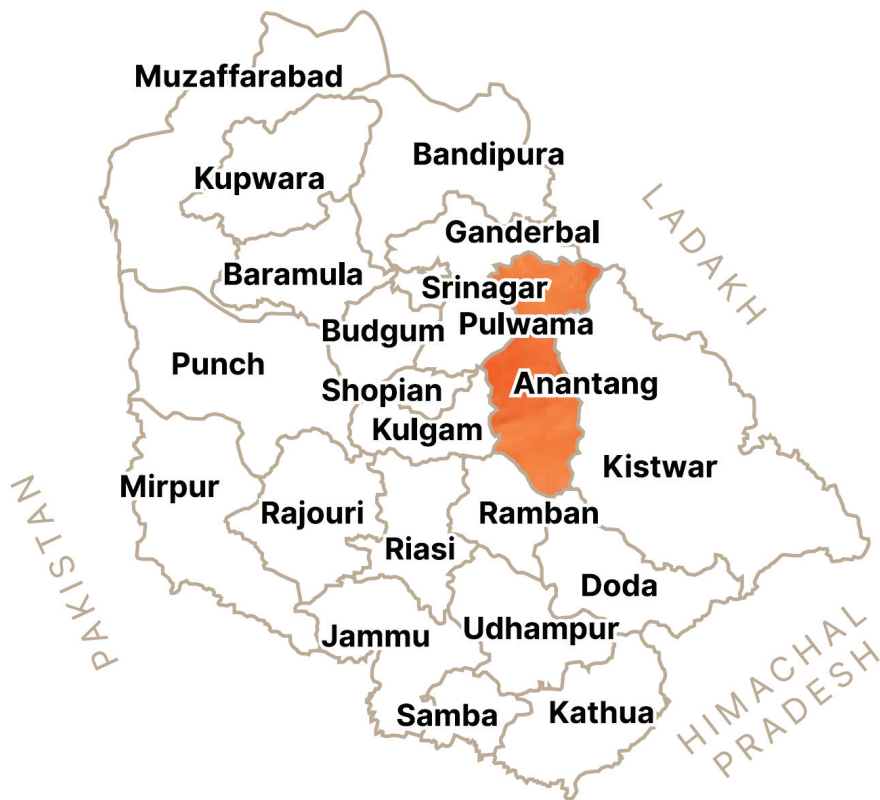


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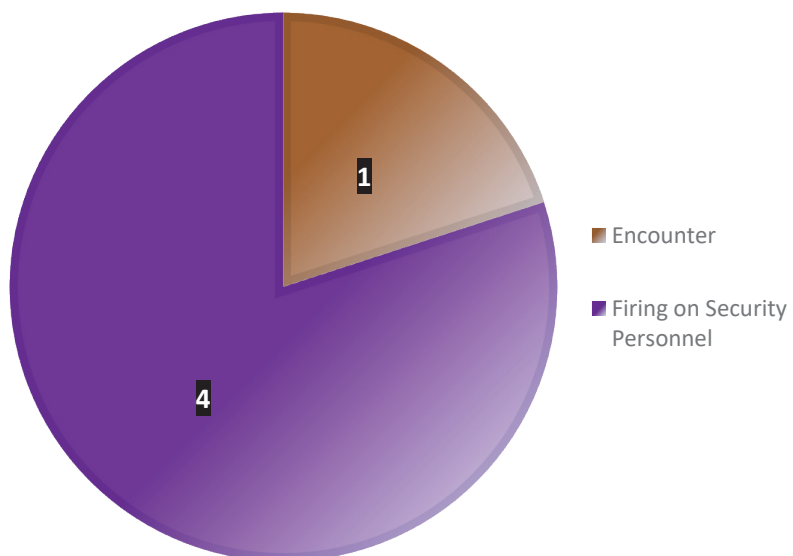
## DISTRICT-WISE OBSERVATION

- Anantnag
- Bandipura
- Baramulla
- Budgam
- Ganderbal
- Jammu
- Kulgam
- Kupwara
- Punch
- Pulwama
- Rajouri
- Riasi
- Samba
- Shopian
- Srinagar

- Anantnag



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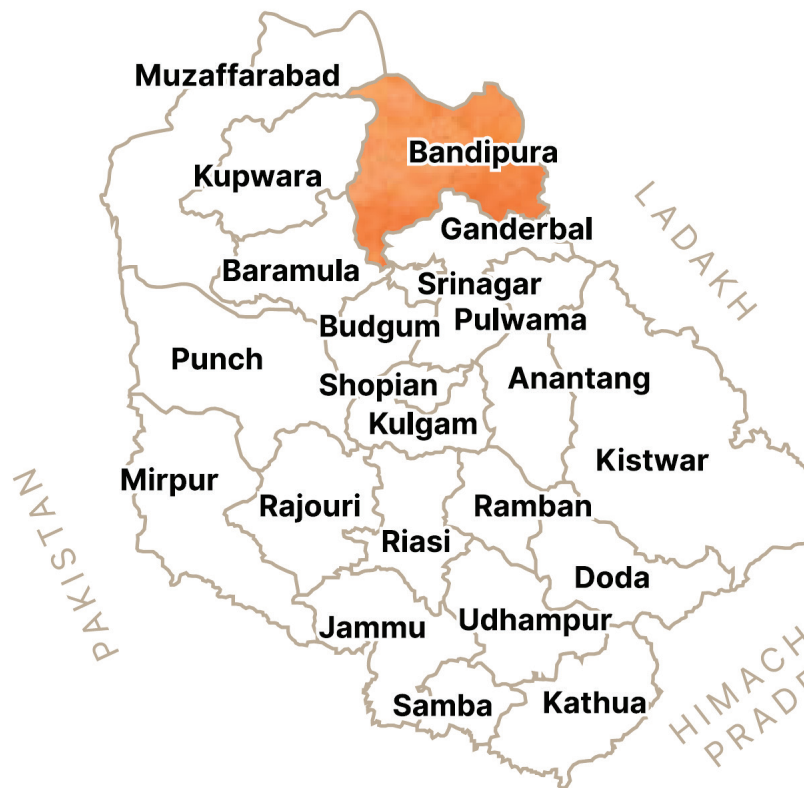


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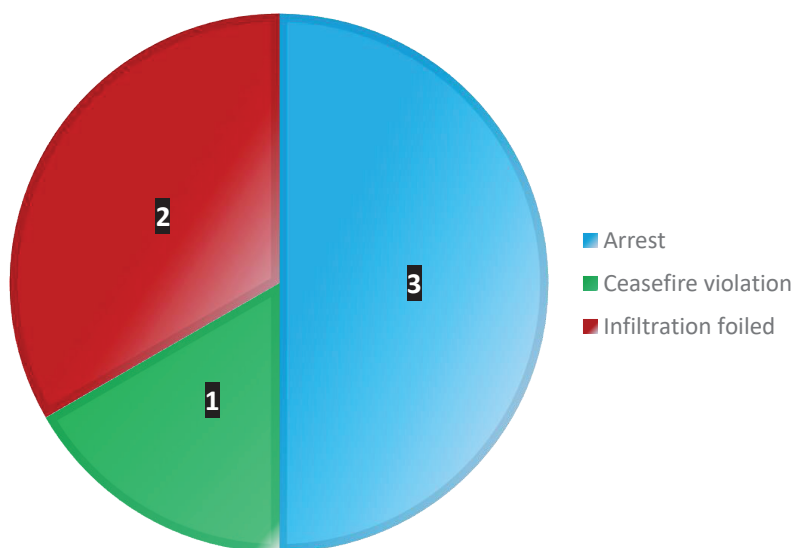
	No. of terrorists neutralised	No. of security personnel KIA
Encounter	1 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	0
Firing on Security Personnel	2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	1

In the Anantnag district there was at least 1 encounter operation and 4 incidents of firing on security personnel. At least 3 terrorist belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba were neutralised in Anantnag, out of which 1 was neutralised in the encounter operation and 2 in the exchange of fires between the terrorists and the security forces. In the firing at least 1 security personnel was also killed-in-action.

- Bandipura



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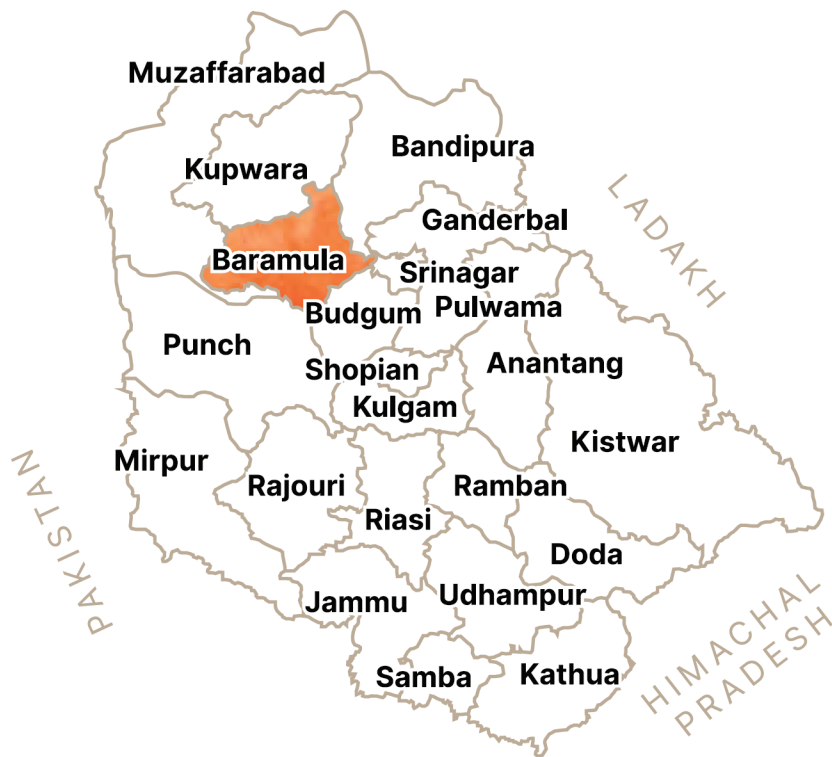
# Casualties

	No. of terrorists arrested
Arrest	7 5 belonging to Islamic State in J&K 2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba

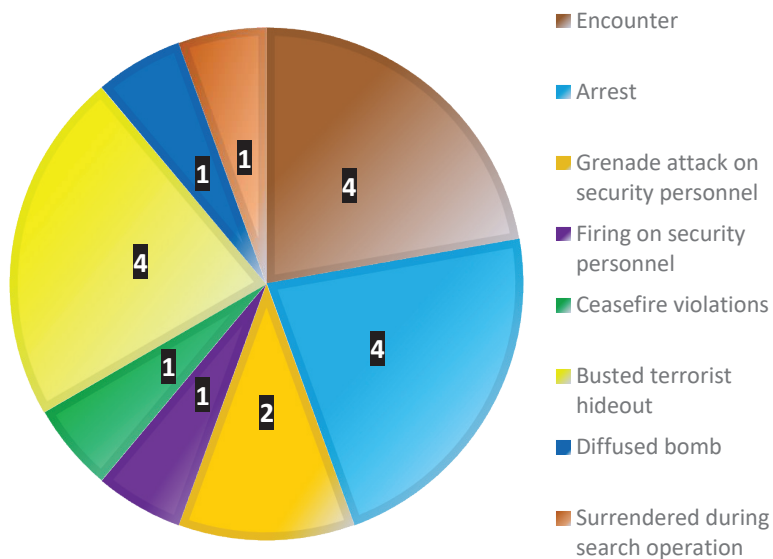
In Bandipura district at least 7 terrorists were arrested in 3 separate incidents. 5 of these terrorists belonged to Islamic State in J&K and 2 to Lashkar-e-Taiba. There were 2 separate bids for infiltration foiled by the Indian security forces. There was also unprovoked ceasefire violations initiated by Pakistani armed forces on one day in Bandipura district.



- Baramulla



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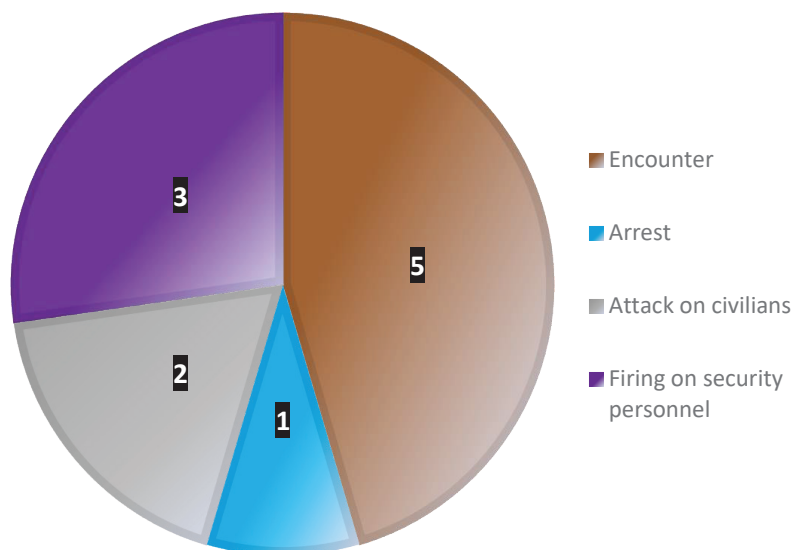
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested / surrendered	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of civilians injured
Encounter	9 3 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	0	0
Arrest	10 2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba 5 belonging to Al-Badr	-	-
Grenade Attack on Security Personnel	0	0	6
Firing on Security Personnel	2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	3	0
Surrendered During Search Operation	2 belonging to Al Badr	-	-

In Baramulla district, in at least 4 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 9 terrorists were neutralised out of which at least 3 belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba. In 4 separate incidents at least 10 terrorists were arrested. At least 5 of these terrorists belonged to Al-Badr and 2 belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba. There were at least 2 grenade attacks on security personnel in which at least 6 civilians were injured. In 1 incident of firing on security personnel, at least 2 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were neutralised and 3 security personnel were killed-in-action in the exchange of fires. While 4 terrorist hideouts were busted in Baramulla, 1 bomb was also diffused by the security forces. There was also unprovoked ceasefire violations initiated by Pakistani armed forces on one day in the district. 2 Al-Badr terrorists also surrendered during the cordon and search operation.

- Budgam



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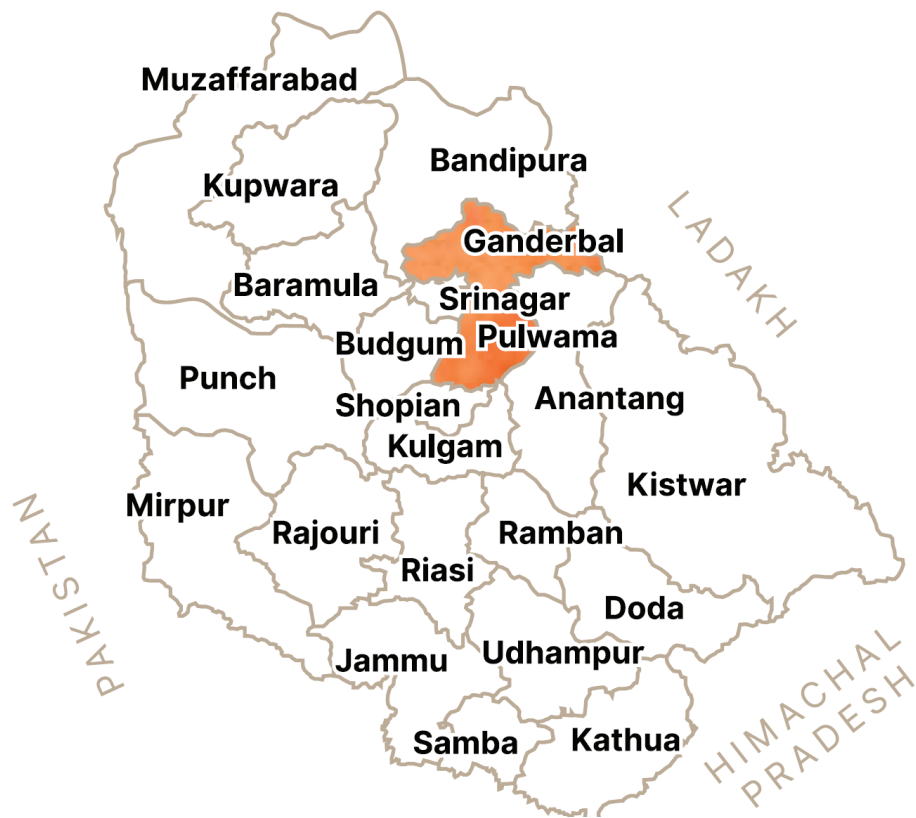


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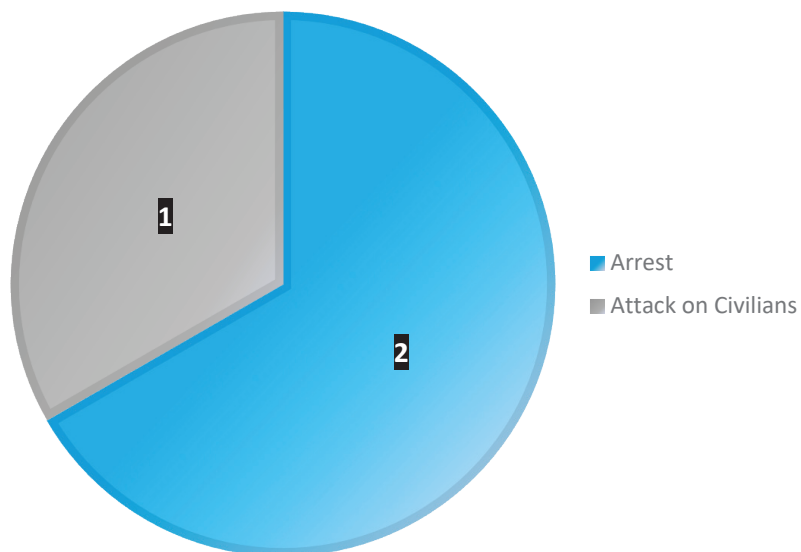
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of civilians killed	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of security personnel injured
Encounter	4 2 belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed	0	0	1
Arrest	4 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	-	-	-
Attack on Civilians	0	2	0	0
Firing on Security Personnel	0	0	3	1

In Baramulla district, in at least 5 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 4 terrorist were neutralised out of which at least 2 belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammed. In 1 incident at least 4 terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba were arrested. In 3 incidents of firing on security personnel at least 3 security personnel, were killed-in-action and 1 was injured in the exchange of fires. There were 2 terrorists attacks on the civilians in which 2 civilians were killed.

- Ganderbal



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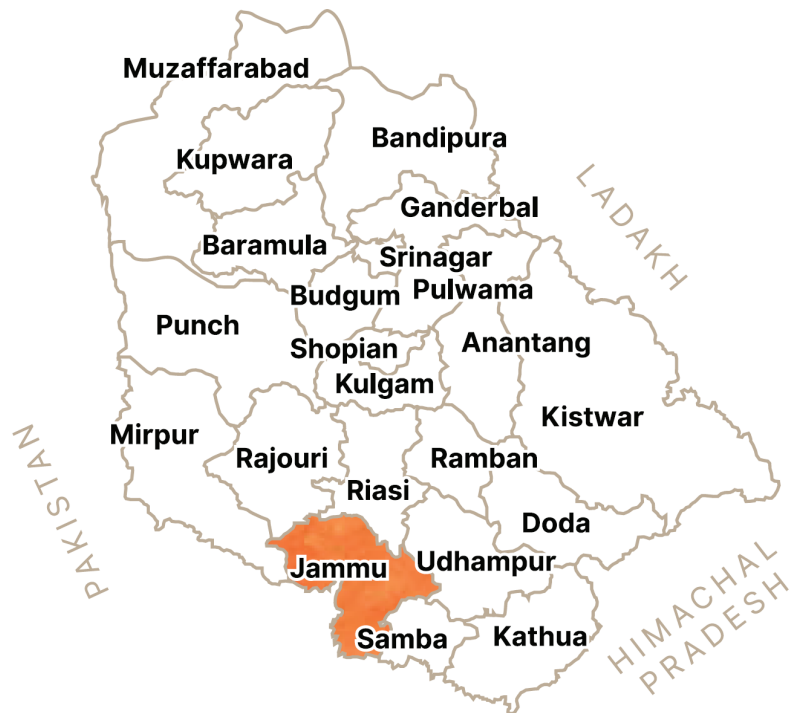


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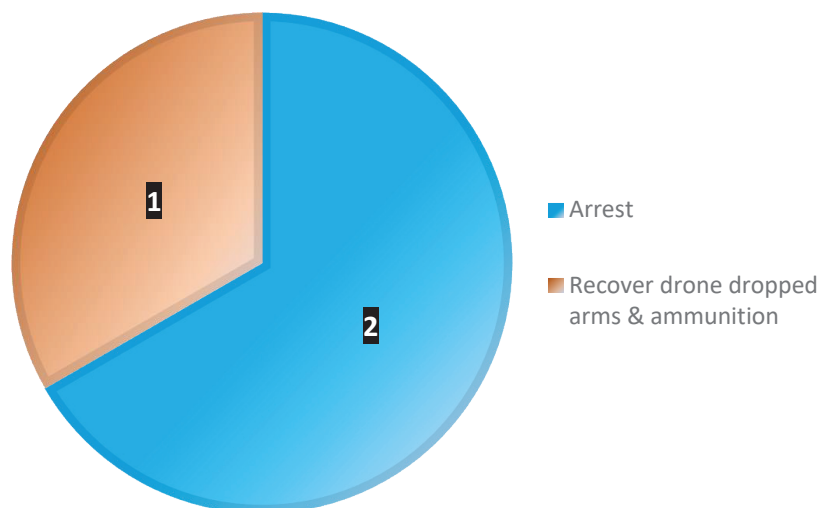
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of security personnel KIA
Arrest	3 belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen	-
Attack on Civilians	1	1

In Ganderbal district, in at least 2 incidents of arrests, 3 Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists were arrested. There was 1 terrorist attack on a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) worker in which 1 terrorist was neutralised by his personal security officer and the security officer himself succumbed to the injuries in exchange of fire. 1 individual was also arrested who was going to join a terrorist outfit.

- Jammu



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# Casualties

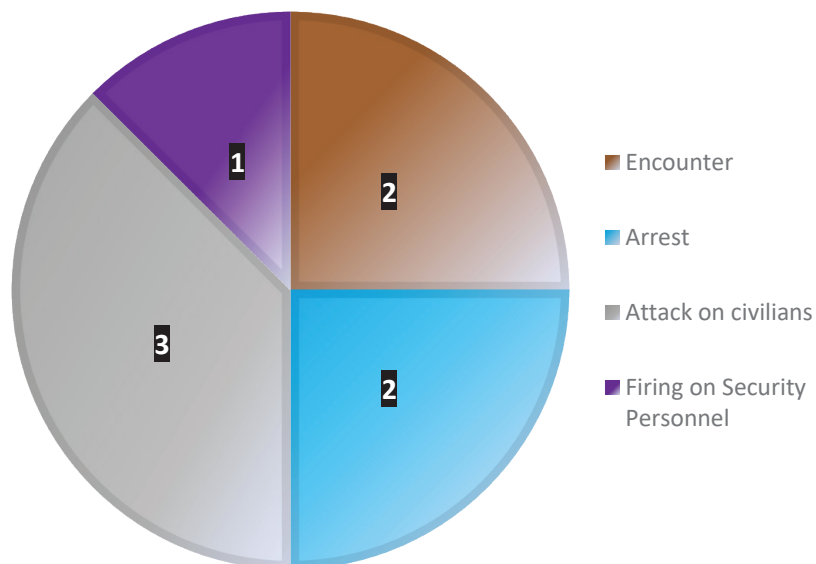
	No. of terrorists arrested
Arrest	7 6 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba

In Jammu district 7 terrorists were arrested in 2 separate incidents. 6 of these terrorists were affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba. There was also 1 incident of recovery of arms and ammunitions belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed dropped by a drone.

- Kulgam



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# Casualties

	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of civilians killed	No. of civilians injured	No. of security personnel injured
Encounter	2	0	0	0
Arrest	4	-	-	-
Attack on Civilians	0	4	1	0
Firing on Security Personnel	0	0	0	1

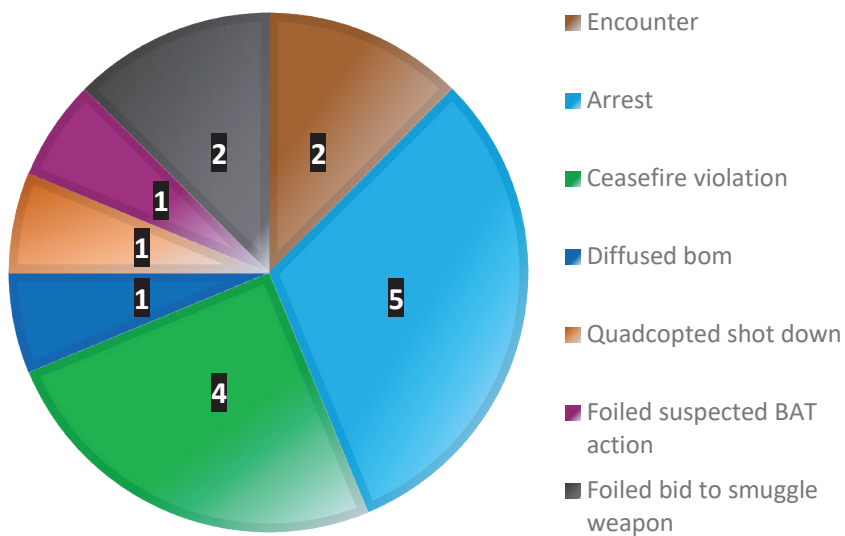
In Kulgam district in at least 2 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 2 terrorist were neutralised. In 2 incidents of arrest, at least 4 terrorists were arrested. In at least 1 incident of firing on security personnel 1 security personnel was injured in the exchange of fires. There were 3 terrorists attacks on the civilians in which 4 civilians were killed and 1 civilian was injured. All the three attacks were targeted on members of the BJP.



- Kupwara



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# Casualties

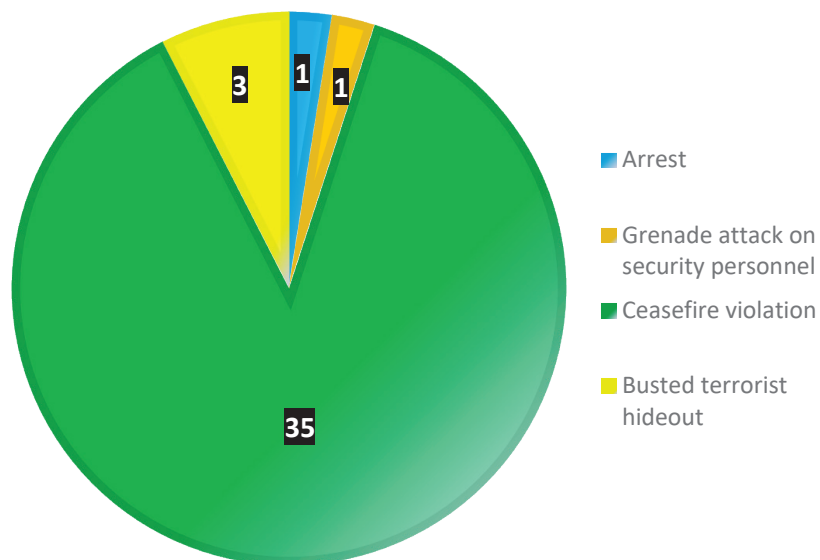
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of civilians injured	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of security personnel injured
Encounter	2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	0	0	0
Arrest	11 3 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba 2 belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed 5 belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen	-	-	-
Ceasefire Violation	0	6	3	2

In Kupwara district, in at least 2 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 2 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were neutralised. In at least 5 incidents of arrests 11 terrorists were arrested. At least 2 of these terrorists belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammed, 5 belonged to Hizbul Mujahideen and 3 belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba. There were unprovoked ceasefire violations initiated by Pakistani armed forces on 4 days in the district, in which 6 civilians were injured while 3 Indian soldiers were killed-in-action and 2 were injured. 1 bomb was also diffused by the security forces in the three months. 1 quadcopter belonging to Pakistan was also shot down by the Indian security forces. There was at least 1 attempt to smuggle weapon and 2 suspected BAT action by the Pakistani army, which was foiled by the Indian security forces.

- Punch



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# Casualties

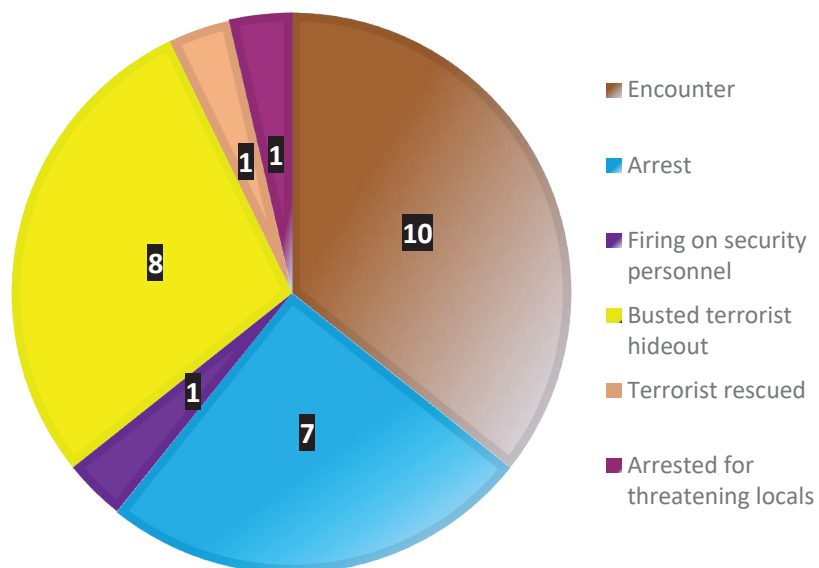
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of civilians killed	No. of civilians injured	No. of security personnel KIA
Arrest	2	-	-	-
Ceasefire Violation	0	1	Few	3

In Punch district, in at least 1 incidents of arrest 2 terrorists were arrested. There was 1 grenade attack on security personnel, however, there were no casualties. There was unprovoked ceasefire violations initiated by Pakistani armed forces on at least 35 days in the district, in which 1 civilian was killed, a few civilians were injured and 3 Indian soldiers were killed-in-action. At least 3 terrorist hideouts were also busted by the Indian security forces.

- Pulwama



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# Casualties

	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested / surrendered / rescued	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of security personnel injured
Encounter	16 4 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba 4 belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen 1 belonging to Al-Badr	2	1
Surrendered during encounter operation	1 Belonging to Al-Badr	-	-
Arrest	11 2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba 2 belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen 2 belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed 1 belonging to Al-Badr	-	-

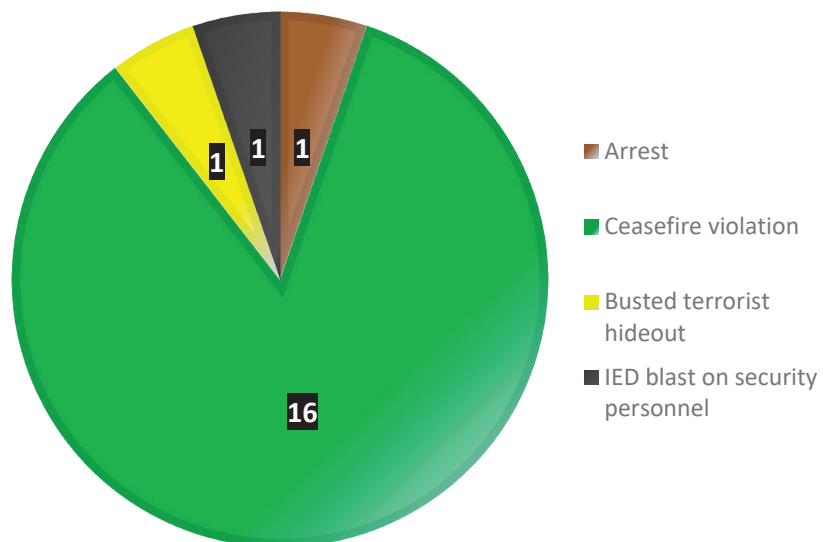
In Pulwama district in at least 10 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 16 terrorists were neutralised out of which at least 4 belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, 4 to Hizbul Mujahideen and 1 to Al-Badr. Additionally, 1 Al-Badr terrorist also surrendered during the encounter operations. In 7 incidents at least 11 terrorists were arrested. At least 1 of these terrorists belonged to Al-Badr, 2 to Lashkar-e-Taiba, 2 to Hizbul Mujahideen and 2 to Jaish-e-Mohammed. In 1 incident of firing on security personnel at least 1 security personnel was injured in the exchange of fires. 8 terrorist hideouts were busted in Pulwama in which 4 belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammed and 4 to Lashkar-e-Taiba. There was also an incident of 1 Al Badr terrorist who was rescued, 1 incident of arrest for threatening the locals and 1 individual was arrested who was going to join a terrorist outfit.



- Rajouri



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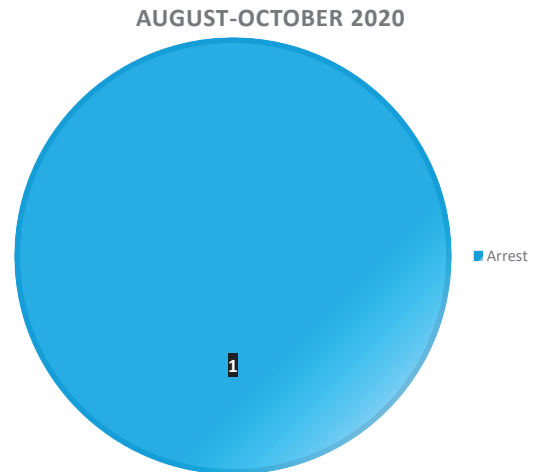


# Casualties

	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of security personnel KIA
Arrest	3 Belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	-
Ceasefire Violation	0	4

In Rajouri district in at least 1 incidents of arrest 3 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were arrested. There was unprovoked ceasefire violations initiated by Pakistani armed forces on at least 16 days in the district, in which 4 Indian soldiers were killed-in-action. At least 1 terrorist hideout was busted by the Indian security personnel. There was also 1 IED blast, however there were no casualties.

- Riasi



## Casualties

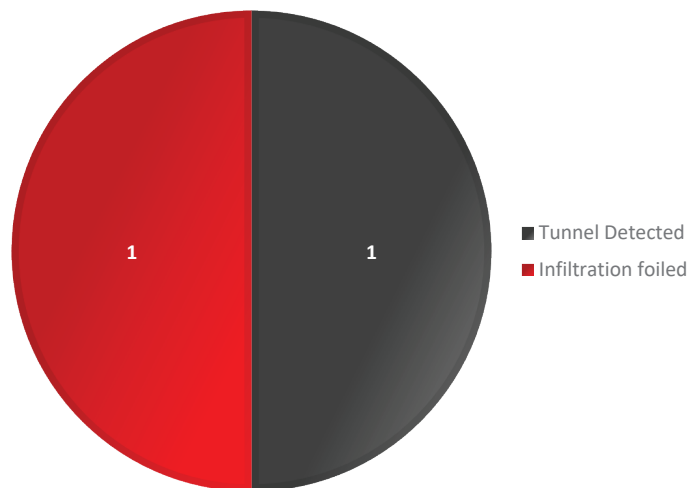
	No. of terrorists arrested
Arrest	3
	Belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba

In Riasi district 3 terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba was arrested by the Indian security forces.

- Samba



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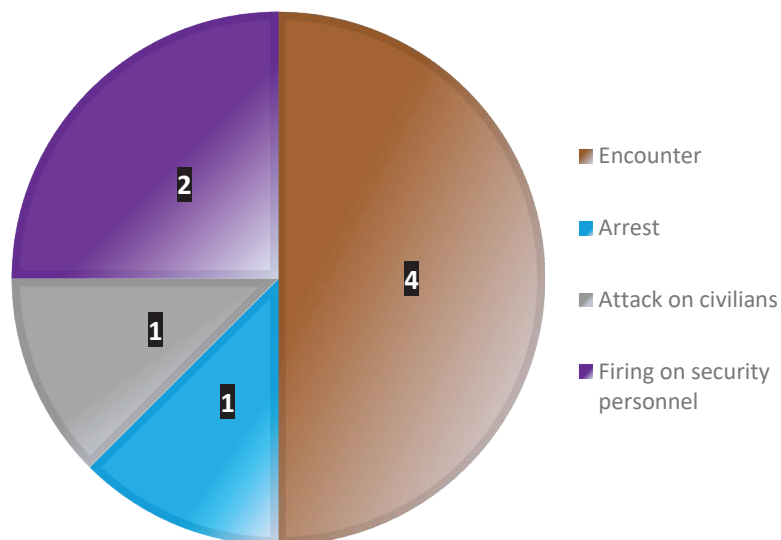


In Samba district a tunnel was detected by the security forces along the India-Pakistan border that was used for crossing terrorists and smuggling weapons. An infiltration bid was also foiled. Additionally, 1 individual was arrested for spying for Pakistan.

- Shopian



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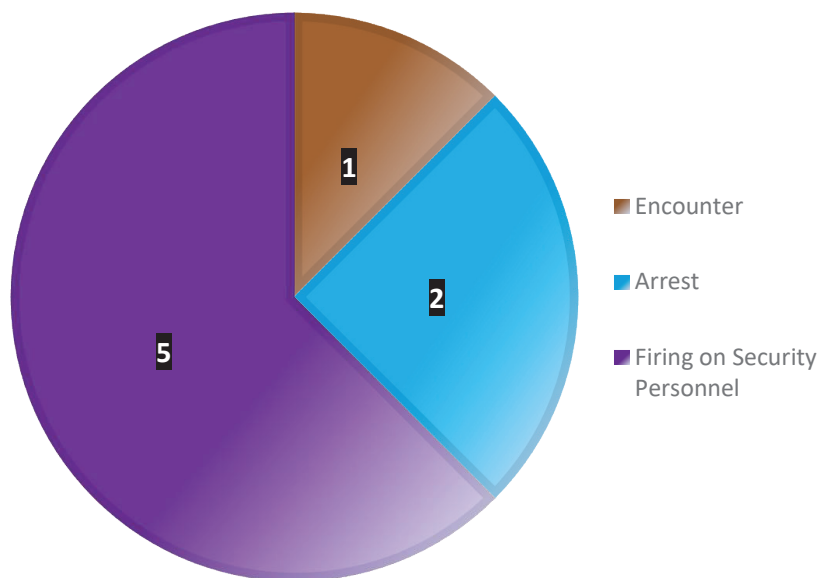
	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested / surrendered	No. of civilians killed
Encounter	10	0
Surrendered During Encounter Operation	1	-
Arrest	1	-
Attack on Civilians	0	1
Firing on Security Personnel	2	0

In Shopian district, in at least 4 separate encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 10 terrorists were neutralised and 1 terrorist surrendered. 1 terrorists was arrested. There was 1 incident of terrorist attack on the civilians in which 1 civilian succumbed to his injuries. In 2 incident of firing on security personnel 2 terrorists were neutralised in the exchange of fires.

- Srinagar



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# Casualties

	No. of terrorists neutralised / arrested	No. of civilians killed	No. of security personnel KIA	No. of security personnel injured
Encounter	2 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba	0	0	0
Arrest	7 2 belonging to Al-Badr 5 belonging to Islamic State in J&K	-	-	-
Firing on Security Personnel	7 3 belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba 3 belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen	1	4	4

In Srinagar district, in at least 1 encounter operations undertaken by the security forces 2 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were neutralised. In 2 separate incidents 7 terrorists were arrested. Out of the 7, 2 terrorists belonged to Al-Badr and 5 to Islamic State in J&K. There were 5 incidents of firing on security personnel in which 7 terrorists were neutralised, at least 3 of which belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba and 3 to Hizbul Mujahideen. In the exchange of fire 4 security personnel were killed-in-action and 4 were injured. 1 civilian was also killed. Additionally, 3 teachers affiliated with Jammāt-e-Islami were booked under the Public Safety Act.



# SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

## **Incident-wise:**

1. There were at least 7 terrorist attack on civilians, of which at least 5 were directed towards the workers of BJP and out of the 7 civilians killed, at least 6 were BJP workers.
2. There were at least 3 grenade attacks, 1 IED blast and 21 incidents of firing on security personnel. At least 11 security personnel were killed-in-action.
3. At least 72 terrorists were arrested and 60 were neutralised in this quarter.
4. At least 16 terrorist hideouts were busted and 2 bombs were diffused.
5. There were unprovoked ceasefire violation initiated by Pakistan on at least 47 days of this quarter, in which at least 10 Indian soldiers were killed-in-action.

## **District-wise:**

1. Terrorist attacks targeted towards security personnel were seen largely in Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian and Srinagar district.
2. Terrorist attack targeted on civilians was seen in Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam and Shopian district.
3. Except for Anantnag, Rajouri and Samba district, terrorists have been arrested in all of the remaining 11 districts.
4. Terrorist hideouts have been busted in Baramulla, Punch, Pulwama and Rajouri district.
5. There were significant attempts to disturb peace in Kupwara district by the Pakistani armed forces.
6. Unprovoked ceasefire violation initiated by Pakistan remained high in Punch district followed by Rajouri district.

## **Terrorist Outfit-wise:**

### **1. Al-Badr**

- a. No. of terrorists neutralised – 1 (in Pulwama district)
- b. No. of terrorist surrendered – 2 (in Baramulla district)
- c. No. of terrorist arrested – 8 (2 in Srinagar district; 1 in Pulwama district; 5 in Baramulla district)
- d. No. of terrorist rescued – 1 (in Pulwama district)

### **2. Hizbul Mujahideen**

- a. No. of terrorists neutralised – 7 (4 in Pulwama district; 3 in Srinagar district)
- b. No. of terrorist surrendered – 1 (in Pulwama district)
- c. No. of terrorist arrested – 10 (3 in Ganderbal district; 5 in Kupwara district; 2 in Pulwama district)

### **3. Islamic State in J&K**

- a. No. of terrorist arrested – (5 in Bandipura district; 5 in Srinagar district)

### **4. Jaish-e-Mohammed**

- a. No. of terrorists neutralised – 2 (in Budgam district)
- b. No. of terrorist arrested – 4 (2 in Kupwara district; 2 in Pulwama district)
- c. No. of terrorist hideout busted – 4 (in Pulwama district)
- d. 1 incident of drone-dropped arms and ammunitions belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammed was recovered by the security forces.

### **5. Lashkar-e-Taiba**

- a. No. of terrorists neutralised – 16 (3 in Anantnag district; 5 in Baramulla district; 2 in Kupwara district; 4 in Pulwama district; 2 in Srinagar district)
- b. No. of terrorist arrested – 28 (2 in Bandipura district; 2 in Baramulla district; 4 in Budgam district; 6 in Jammu district; 3 in Kupwara district; 2 in Pulwama district; 3 in Rajouri district; 3 in Rasi district; 3 in Srinagar district)
- c. No. of terrorist hideout busted – 4 (in Pulwama district)
- d. No. of terrorist attack on civilians – 2 (1 in Budgam district; 1 in Kulgam district)



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