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“The country is now ready for a decisive battle against terrorism. The government is determined to take this fight to the logical conclusion—RAJNATH SINGH

GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE POST-PULWAMA

No matter where Pulwama attackers hide, they can't escape punishment... I want to assure families of slain soldiers all their tears will be avenged — PM MODI



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Pakistan shifts out terrorists from launch pads at LoC

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Srinagar: Perhaps fearing surgical strikes, Pakistan has relocated terrorists from launch pads along the Line of Control to army camps that are usually in close proximity to such facilities.

With the Modi government stating that armed forces have been authorised to respond to the Jaish-e-Muhammed attack on the CRPF convoy, the Pakistan army seems to have

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taken some pre-emptive measures. Though there is tension on both sides, there is no artillery movement or any other deployment along the frontiers, top intelligence sources in Kashmir told TOL. "As of today, we don't have any targets to strike at across the Line of Control, where terrorists used

ISI to run 'refresher course' for terrorists

A detailed official note accessed by TOL revealed that Pakistani spy agency ISI has been tasked to design a refresher course for the old cadres of top terror outfits which is to be completed in the next 28 days. "Lt Col Imran will train the new recruits for the terror outfits and conduct a refresher course for old cadres," sources said.

to be ready to be launched to infiltrate into this side," sources said. This could leave the Indian Army with the option of targeting Pakistan army installations and could mean possible escalation of the conflict, a senior official said.

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US NSA backs India's right to self-defence against attacks

Will Help Delhi Get Terror Tag For Jaish Chief

Chidanand Rajghatta & Sachin Parashar | TNN

Washington/New Delhi: The Trump administration on Friday virtually green-lighted punitive Indian measures against Pakistan for the Pulwama terror attack, saying it "supported India's right to self-defence against cross-border terrorism".

US national security adviser John Bolton spoke to Indian NSA Ajit Doval twice on the phone following the attack to offer condolences and express support, using a



phrase that reads like an open-ended term that allows Delhi to fashion its answer to the Pakistani provocation.

In a statement, Bolton has explicitly called on Pakistan to "crack down" on Jaish-e-Muhammed — the Pak-backed terror outfit that owned up the Pulwama attack — and all terrorists

Pakistan must crack down on JeM and all terrorists operating from its territory. Countries should uphold UNSC responsibilities to deny safe haven and support for terrorists @nsaaajt — John Bolton | National security adviser, US

China reviews stand on Masood Azhar

China appeared to be reviewing its stance on the issue of declaring Jaish chief Masood Azhar a global terrorist after the Pulwama attack. While the Chinese foreign ministry has slammed the attack, there was no mention of Azhar in its statement.

strikes to take out UN-designated terrorists, has long been a desired objective in some quarters, but Washington has been reluctant to sign on to the idea, while signalling it will have no problem if India wants to take such measures.

► US intel support, P 11

Amid talk of air strike option, IAF jets show firepower at Pokhran

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Even as limited air strikes are being considered as one of the most effective ways to degrade terror infrastructure in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK), IAF fighters took to the skies in a demonstration of their capability to hit targets with precision by day,

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dusk and night over the Thar desert on Saturday.

"We are showcasing our ability to hit hard, hit fast and hit with precision, as also hit during day, hit during night and hit under adverse weather conditions through our autonomous bombing capability. IAF is ever prepared to deliver an appropriate response as assigned by our po-

A fighter jet drops bombs during the 'Vayu Shakti' drill in Pokhran

litical leadership," said Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa at the "Vayu Shakti" firepower demonstration exercise.

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Brain behind Pulwama attack still in Valley?

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New Delhi: Top Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) commander Abdul Rasheed Ghazi, who is suspected to be the brain behind Thursday's Pulwama attack, may still be present in the Kashmir Valley, security agencies suspect.

Latest intelligence inputs suggest that Ghazi alias Rasheed Afghani may have had a narrow escape during an encounter which took place days before Thursday's attack. A local militant was killed in the encounter that also claimed the life of a soldier.

Azhar ordered terror strike from army hosp

Jaish chief Masood Azhar gave instructions to his men for the attack on the CRPF convoy from the Rawalpindi army base hospital where he is being treated for a terminal illness for the last four months. P 10

Ghazi, who is an Afghan war veteran and an IED specialist, is learnt to have trained Adil Dar, the suicide bomber who drove the explosives-laden SUV into the CRPF convoy.

► Ghazi key Azhar aide, P 11

Customs duty on Pak goods raised to 200%

Turning the heat on Pakistan, the Centre on Saturday raised customs duty on all products imported from the neighbouring country to 200%. The move comes a day after India withdrew most-favoured nation status to Pakistan. India had granted MFN status to Pakistan in 1996 but Islamabad has refused to reciprocate. Sources said the decision is being seen as a strong message that India does not wish to have trade links with Pakistan. It is also being seen as a step to pile pressure on Islamabad to act against terrorists. P 10



Slain CRPF jawan Mahesh Yadav's sister Vandana at his funeral in Allahabad on Saturday. There were 39 other funerals for martyrs across 16 states

Army Major killed in mine blast in J&K

Major Chitresh Singh Bisht (in pic) was killed when a landmine exploded along the LoC in Laam sector of Nowshera in J&K's Rajouri district on Saturday. The 31-year-old officer, who hails from Dehradun and was to marry next month, was leading a bomb disposal squad of the Army. He had defused a mine by 3pm. But while neutralising another, the device got activated, causing an explosion. P 8

All-party meet sends out a message of unity

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New Delhi: The political class came together on Saturday to unanimously condemn Thursday's attack, blaming Pakistan without naming it for the outrage and expressing solidarity with security forces in the fight against terrorism.

"The entire nation speaks in one voice to express its determination to fight these challenges. Today, we stand united in solidarity with our security forces in fighting terrorism and in defending the unity and integrity of India," read the resolution adopted by an all-party meeting con-

MHA to states: Ensure safety of Kashmiris

The MHA has issued an advisory to states and UTs asking them to ensure the safety and security of Kashmiris following alleged harassment of Kashmiri students across India. P 8

vened by Union home minister Rajnath Singh.

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