

A BJP stalwart with Socialist roots

Hours before fatal heart attack, she had expressed happiness at removal of special status for J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI
Former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away here on Tuesday after suffering cardiac arrest. She was rushed to the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was administered but doctors were unable to revive her, hospital officials said. She was declared dead at 10.50 p.m.
Just a couple of hours earlier, she had expressed happiness at the removal of special status for Jammu & Kashmir, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it possible "in her lifetime" to see the event.

Long career
Ms. Swaraj, 67, had a long career in politics. She was known for her skilled oratory and was, at 25 years, the youngest-ever Cabinet Minister in the Haryana government led by the late Devi Lal. A lawyer by training, she was part of the legal team put together by the Opposition when socialist leader George Fernandes was arrested during the Emergency. Since she and Swaraj Kaushal, who was also involved with the Socialists, were part of the legal team and had to travel to Mumbai together, their law professor and later Chief Justice of India A.S. Anand suggested that they get married, a story later recounted by her with much relish.

Last message to the PM
Sushma Swaraj, in her last tweet on August 6, thanked the Prime Minister for the Centre's decision on Jammu and Kashmir
Thank you Prime Minister. Thank you very much. I was waiting to see this day in my lifetime



A source of inspiration: Modi

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President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ministers and Opposition leaders have condoled the death of former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday.
"Extremely shocked to hear of the passing of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. The country has lost a much loved leader who epitomised dignity, courage & integrity in public life. Ever willing to help others, she will always be remembered for her service to the people of India," the President tweeted.

'A glorious chapter'
Mr. Modi paid rich tributes to Ms. Swaraj, saying: "A glorious chapter in Indian politics comes to an end. India grieves the demise of a remarkable leader who devoted her life to public service and bettering lives of the

poor. Sushma Swaraj Ji was one of her kind, who was a source of inspiration for crores of people."
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he was deeply shocked and anguished by the sudden demise of an extremely valued colleague.
External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, "Deeply shocked to learn of the passing away of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. Difficult to accept this news. The whole nation grieves, the Foreign Ministry even more so."
The Congress condoled her demise. "We are saddened to hear about the untimely demise of Smt Sushma Swaraj. Our condolences to her family and loved ones," the party said.
'Extraordinary leader'
"I'm shocked to hear about the demise of Sushma Swaraj Ji, an extraordinary political leader, a gifted orator &

Amit Shah lied, I was detained in my house: Farooq Abdullah

He tells NDTV he will take the fight to the logical end

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI
Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, in an interview to NDTV on Tuesday, accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of lying that he had not been detained.
"I feel sad that Home Minister of India can lie like this and say that I wasn't detained. I was detained in my house," he said, adding that he had to force himself out of his house.
Home Minister Amit Shah said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has neither been detained nor arrested and he is at his home of his



Chief Minister, who had served as a Union Minister.
"Today, what do you think people feel, who stood by this nation as to how we have been betrayed..." said an emotional Dr. Abdullah.
"Are they going to divide people's hearts also? I do think...they are going to remove Hindus one side, Muslims one side, Buddhists one side, is that what they want? Is this what India is?" he observed.
Dr. Abdullah said he, along with those who stood for democracy and secularism, would fight for unity of the country and take the fight to the logical end. "We will not give in," he said.
The government's assurance that the State had a ration stock of three months was of no use when ordinary people were unable to get to it, did not have the money to get it.

State bifurcation undemocratic, says Mehbooba's daughter

Kashmir has become like an open-air prison: Iltija Javed

NISTULA HEBBAR NEW DELHI
Iltija Javed, daughter of People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mehbooba Mufti, has described the Union government's decision to remove the special status accorded to Jammu and Kashmir and to reorganise the State into two Union Territories as "completely undemocratic," reducing Kashmiris to being "second-class citizens in their own State."
Ms. Mufti, a former Chief Minister of the State, has been put under detention, along with several other pol-

itical leaders, including another former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.
'Like Palestine'
Speaking to The Hindu from Srinagar, Ms. Javed said: "This is a ruse by the State to break her spirit. We don't know how she is at the moment, as she was taken away last evening after being under house arrest.
"Kashmir itself has become like an open-air prison, we are not being allowed to speak out. Now I know what it is like to be in Palestine. The way this is be-

Afghanistan shadow over India's move

Real reason lies in global context

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE NEW DELHI
India's move to end the special status to Jammu and Kashmir indicates that the government is bracing for serious geo-strategic shifts that will unfold in South Asia over the next few months.
Though the domestic reasons for ending the status was presented through a detailed analysis of the negative effects that the Article 370 had for Kashmir, the real reason for this hurried makeover lies in the international context.
'Great progress'
Soon after Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented his case for turning Kashmir into a Union Territory, a message from U.S. Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad stated that his talks with the Taliban in Qatari capital had yielded "great progress" and that he was

Pakistan Army stands by Kashmiris, says Bajwa

Top commanders hold meeting

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE ISLAMABAD
Pakistan's military "firmly stands" by Kashmiris, the powerful Army chief said on Tuesday, a day after India stripped the disputed region of its special autonomy in a move set to deepen animosity between the nuclear arch-rivals.
The Army's top commanders met in the garrison city of Rawalpindi to discuss the move by India, which is also set to exacerbate the long-running bloody rebellion in Kashmir.
"The Pakistan Army firmly stands by the Kashmiris in their just struggle to the very end. We are prepared and shall go to any extent to fulfil our obligations in this regard," General Qamar Javed Bajwa said, in a tweet sent by a military spokesman after the meeting.
Spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said commanders "fully supported"

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Enough security for peace in J&K: Army

Sources say they expect infiltrations and ceasefire violations in the days ahead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI
Necessary security arrangements have been put in place for ensuring peace and security in Jammu and Kashmir, said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh on Tuesday after chairing a meeting of the core group of intelligence and security agencies in Srinagar.
However, sources in the Army said they expected infiltrations and ceasefire violations to go up in the coming days by Pakistan following the dilution of Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir.
In a statement after the meeting in Srinagar, the Army said counter-terrorism



On the job: Paramilitary personnel patrolling the deserted streets of Jammu on Tuesday.
and the law and order grids had been strengthened.
"The security forces are suitably deployed to guard important vulnerable points/areas, prepared for

uation," it stated.
Due to the strong security measures in place, the Army sources said, chances of rioting or any other things happening were unlikely for some time.
Anticipating action
However, they noted that the Pakistan army had to do something to show solidarity with people of Kashmir. "So they will do some action on the LoC [Line of Control]. We are expecting that infiltration, CFVs or some visible action will be done by the Pakistan army," a source said.
The Kashmir Valley still remained shut which, the sources said, should be relaxed in the next couple of days.