Shutdown disrupts life in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, June 25: Shutdown against the killings in South Kashmir today disrupted life in the Valley even as authorities imposed restrictions in parts of Srinagar and South Kashmir.

The strike was called by separatist leaders Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Yasin Malik to protest against the civilian killings. Shops and business establishments remained closed while public transport was mostly off the roads due to the strike. The schools and colleges remained closed and examination for the day were postponed by authorities.

Hurriyat (M) chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was placed under house arrest today to prevent him from leading any protest against the civilian killings. A police party reached at the Nigeen residence of the separatist leader and placed him under house arrest.

Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chairman Yasin Malik was detained from his residence in Srinagar today. He was arrested from his Maisuma residence this morning and lodged at Kothibagh Police Station.

To thwart the protests, authorities imposed restrictions in parts of Srinagar. Restrictions were imposed in Kulgam town of South Kashmir to prevent people from staging protests against the killings.

Seven people including four policemen and a student of class 11th were injured allegedly as security forces used force to quell protests in Sopore and Handwara areas of North Kashmir today.

A youth identified as Ubaid Manzoor son of Manzoor Ahmed Lone of Nadihal Sopore suffered a bullet wound in his right thigh after BSF allegedly opened fire during clashes at Nadihal on Baramulla-Handwara highway this morning.

A group of students was protesting against the civilian killing and had blocked the road. A security force's vehicle passed through the area and the protesting students hurled stones at it and troopers fired some shots resulting in injuries to the student.

The injured student was immediately shifted to Baramulla district hospital where from he was referred to Srinagar for specialized treatment.

A case under FIR number 103/2018 under Sections 307, 336, 144 RPC has been registered with regard to the incident and further investigations initiated.

A group of people this afternoon pelted stones on police and CRPF at Ganapora area of Kralgund in Handwara area of northern Kupwara district. Four policemen including DSP Operations, Kralgund, Sahil Sharma and SHO suffered injuries in stone pelting. Security forces fired tear smoke and pellets to disperse the group of people resulting in injuries to two persons identified as Danish Ahmad and Umer Khazir. Danish is said to have received injuries after being hit by a shell and Umer received pellets.

Both the injured were shifted to Sub-District Hospital Langate where from the duo was referred to Srinagar hospital for specialized treatment.

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