2 MILITANTS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

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Indefinite curfew in Pulwama, 8 injured in firing

SRINAGAR, Dec 28 : Indefinite curfew was today imposed in Pulwama town and its neighbouring areas when police and security forces allegedly opened fire on protestors near Chandigam during an encounter injuring eight civilians including a 13 year old student. Two militants were killed during the encounter.

The protestors allegedly damaged four vehicles of police and security forces. Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shopian, his driver, PSO and some cops were injured in stone pelting.

Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, has ordered a magisterial probe into the firing incident. “The enquiry shall be conducted by Additional District Magistrate Pulwama who has been asked to furnish the report within a period of 15 days,” an official

spokesman said.

Reports and officials said that a joint party of police, army and CRPF on an information about the presence of militants in Chandgam village of Pulwama launched search operations in the area early this morning. “The hiding militants fired upon the search party which was retaliated triggering an encounter. The encounter ended at around 12:30 PM in the afternoon with the killing of two militants,” said the officials. During the encounter two army officers and a police man were injured.

The slain militants were identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Teeli of Pulwama and Mohammad Amir Bhat alias Khalid of Shopian.

Police claimed that the two slain militants were involved in the attack on tourist bus in Bijbehara this year. They also termed the killing of two as a big victory for the forces. “Yes they were involved in attack on tourists in Bijbehara and also in some civilian killings. They had also created fear among the panches and sarpanches,” DIG south Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said.

Eight civilians were also injured in firing by the government forces on people in the area.

Reports said that the forces fired upon the villagers when they took to streets while the encounter was on. “Angered by the excesses by the forces during the encounter, the villagers took to streets and tried to break the cordon. The government forces including army and police,

sensing trouble, fired upon the protesting villagers, resulting in injuries to six of them,” reports said.

They said that two more civilians were later injured in firing in Pulwama township when forces fired upon the people.

“The people shouted at the forces while they were evacuating the injured army men to the hospital. Retaliating, the forces first fired in air and then directly fired on the people injuring two of them,” eyewitnesses said.

All the injured have been shifted to Srinagar hospitals for treatment where the condition of two of them is stated to be critical.

Reports said that the firing triggered protests and heavy stone pelting by the angry people leading to violent clashes.

“During the clashes, assistant commissioner revenue (ACR) Shopian, Parvaiz Sajad was also injured while his vehicle was completely damaged,” eyewitnesses said.
Following the clashes, the authorities imposed curfew in the town to prevent the situation from going out of hand. However, a police officer said that the angry mob resorted to heavy stone pelting on the vehicle in which the injured army men were being taken to hospital which was
retaliated.
“Yes we have imposed curfew in the town as there were chances of violent protests in wake of the Friday prayers. People were also angry; so to keep the situation under control I had to impose curfew,” DC Pulwama, Shafat Noor, told Kashmir Times.
He said that magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the firing incident. “ADC Pulwama has been appointed as inquiry officer and everything will come to fore during the inquiry as to who is actually involved,” DC said.

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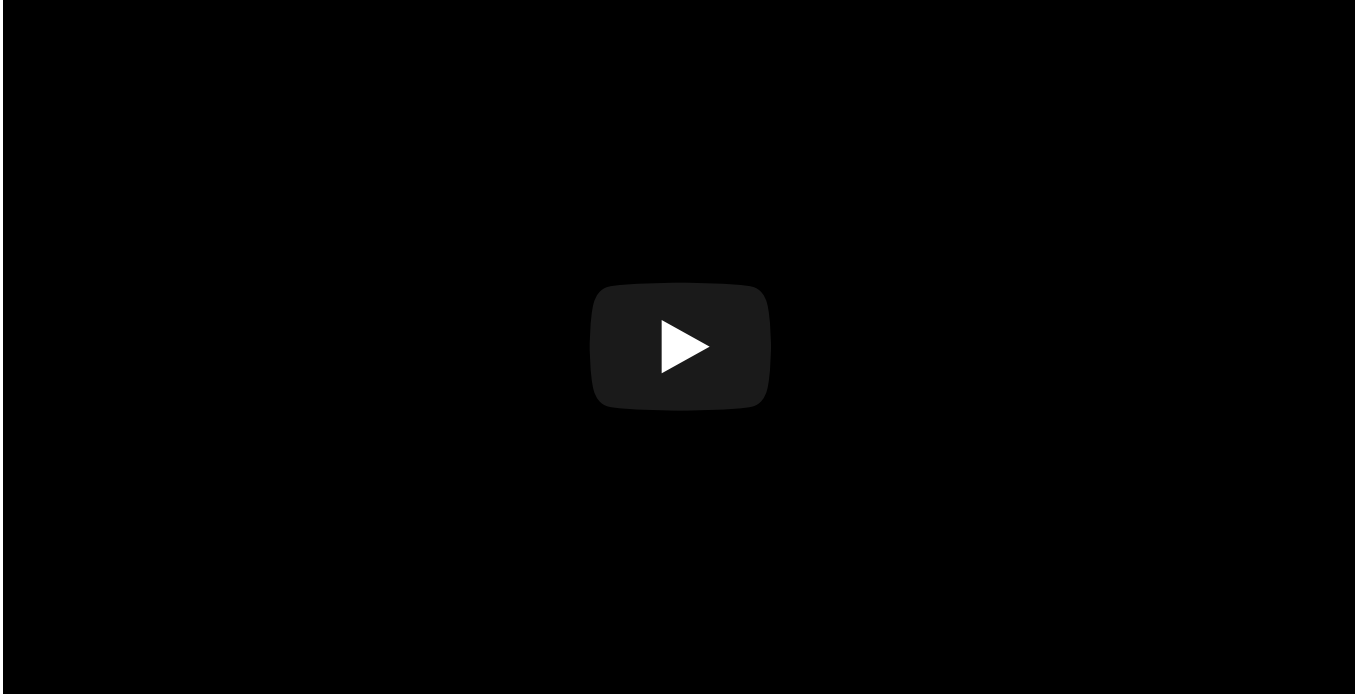

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