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SPECIAL OPERATION GROUP (SOG)

A Symbol of Devotion & Sacrifice!



SOG
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J & K POLICE SOG SPECIAL

With the advent of SOG, which has been working in cohesion with *Thana* police, state Armed Police and other central security forces, a new face of J&K police has emerged. Conceived and established in 1994, to combat terrorist activities in the state and thwart carefully thought-out machinations of the enemy, the Special Operations Group (SOG), a task force of J&K police, has gained acceptance as an elite force with an impressive track record in a short period.

The first SOG of J&K police was formed in Srinagar district in June, 1994, which comprised handful of volunteer police personnel under the command of an SP. The success of this group, which pounded the terrorist outfits and showed commendable results in extremely difficult times, prompted the authorities to widen the ambit of SOG and similar groups were formed in other districts of the valley and also in the districts of Doda, Udhampur, Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu province.

The SOGs operating in the state have recovered as many as 2830 weapons, arrested/booked 2771 and eliminated 614 terrorists during the last five years. Many militant outfits were totally wiped out; harbourers, guides and motivators targetted and the channels of funding destroyed by these groups.

The SOGs, who operate in hostile environment, difficult and trying conditions have, by and large, an exemplary record of Human Rights. PAK ISI and its agents leave no stone unturned to tarnish their image through vicious propaganda. While the leadership of J&K police, through continuous briefings, has made it imperative that the rule of law does not become a casualty, leading to violation of Human Rights, and the constitutional constraints are not kept in abeyance in any circumstances, it reiterates its commitment to protect honest and faithful SOG personnel from false and malicious accusations.

Every success of the SOG is due to the extraordinary valour displayed by the Police Personnel of J&K. We proudly salute the martyrs of J&K Police, who sacrificed their lives in fighting militancy & also humbly place on record our thanks and gratitude to our colleagues working in SOG whose contributions brought glory to J&K Police in National endeavour.

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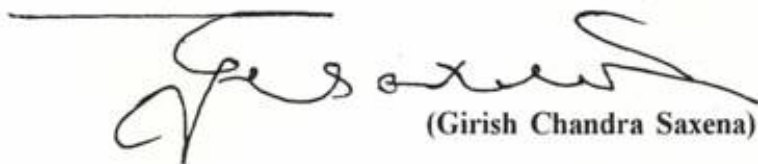


Message

For the past ten and a half years, our State has been the victim of cross border terrorism and proxy war directed and controlled by the agencies in our neighbouring country. For dealing effectively with the resultant large scale terrorist violence, the local Police had to reactivate itself with upgraded capabilities, skills and equipment. In this task, the Special Operation Group (SOG), formed by the State Police in 1994, has been playing a very significant and successful role along with our para-military forces and the Army.

The SOG has been bravely carrying out operations against terrorists and foreign mercenaries by itself, or jointly with other security Forces, in extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. Several SOG personnel have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives while discharging their duties and I salute their memory. At the same time, it is very important that SOG should always try to gain and retain the goodwill and support of the local people by ensuring that innocent civilians are not harmed or harassed during their operations.

On this occasion of bringing out a special issue on Special Operation Group by the Police Newsletter, I extend my greetings and best wishes to all officers and men of SOG and their families.



(Girish Chandra Saxena)

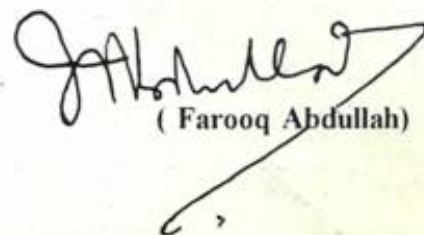


Message

I am glad to know that J&K Police is coming out with a special issue of Newsletter on Special Operation Group (SOG). Special Operation Group of J&K Police, the bulwark in anti-militancy operations, has proved its mettle and emerged as a robust and potent instrument of the security grid of the state. The special issue of the Newsletter would provide an insight into the performance and achievements of SOG.

I salute the martyrs of the SOG for the sacrifices made by them to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

Wishing them all the best.



(Farooq Abdullah)



Dr. Farooq Abdullah
Chief Minister
Jammu & Kashmir

Enviably Successful

SOG - A symbol of High Motivation and Sound Strategies

Weapons recovered by special operations Groups of Jammu & Kashmir Police in Kashmir Zone (1994-1999)

A.K Series Rifles	=	1691
PKMS	=	35
LMGs/UMGs/PMGs	=	131
Pistols / Revolvers	=	695
Other Weapons	=	44
Grenades	=	2625
Detonators	=	2800
Rockets	=	172
Mines/IEDs	=	673



A cache of Weapons recovered by SOG in Kupwara District of Kashmir Valley

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SOG - Nemesis of Militant Organisations



A consignment of Weapons recovered by SOG in Kashmir Valley



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SOG - Unputdownable task force of J&K Police



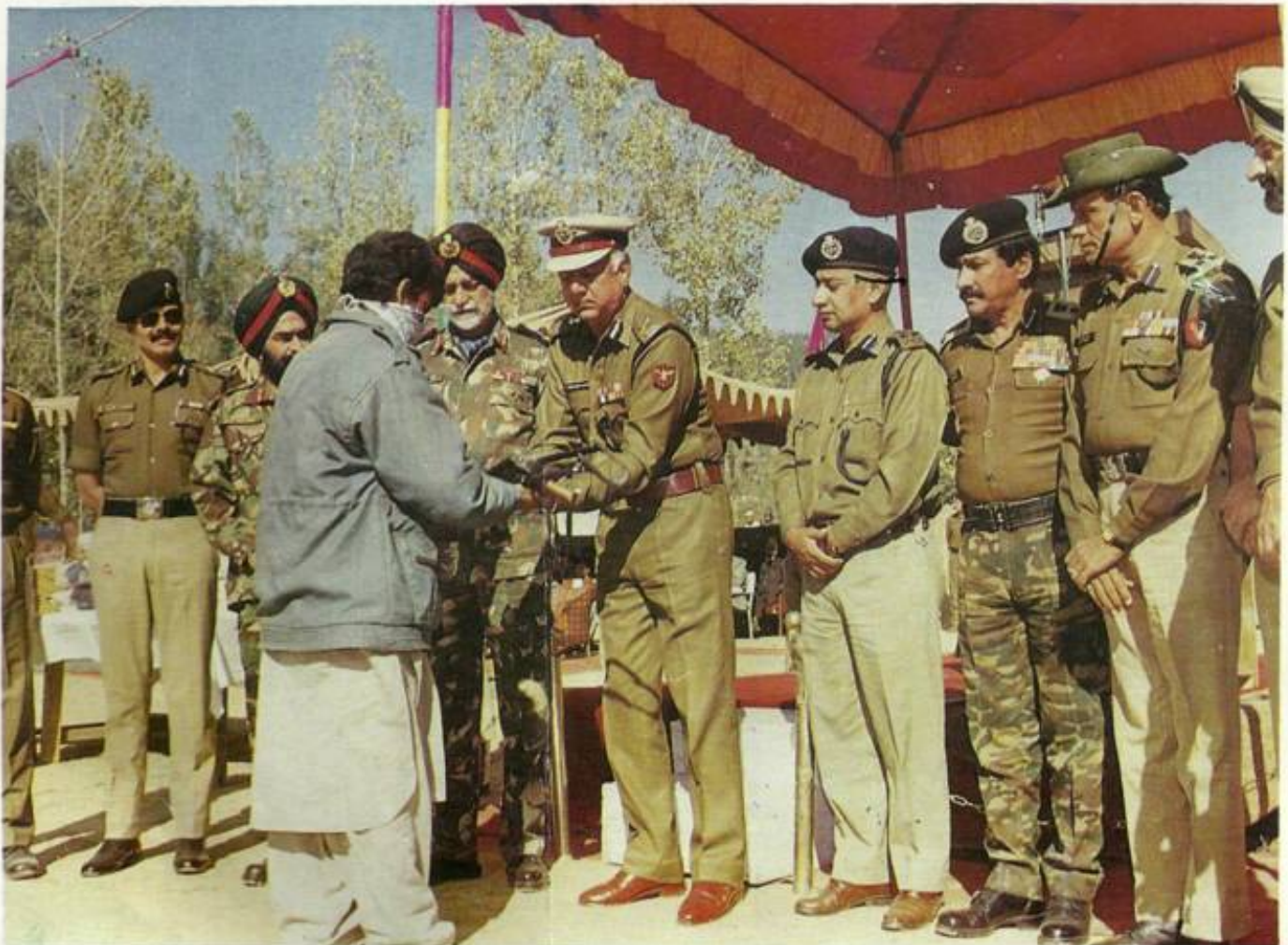
Weapons recovered in Kashmir Valley



Achievements of SOG in Kashmir Zone (1994-1999)

MILITANTS

Killed	=	551
Arrested	=	2157
Surrendered	=	555



Militants surrendering before the DGP, J&K

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SOG - Blunting the sharpness of militancy in J&K



Weapons recovered in Jammu Zone

Weapons recovered by Police in Jammu Zone (1996-1999)

A.K Series Rifles	=	122
Pistols / Revolvers	=	93
Other Weapons	=	19
Rifle Grenades	=	161
Grenades / IEDs	=	482
Detonators	=	867
Mines	=	89
Remote Control Devices	=	38
Aerodynamic Modules	=	03

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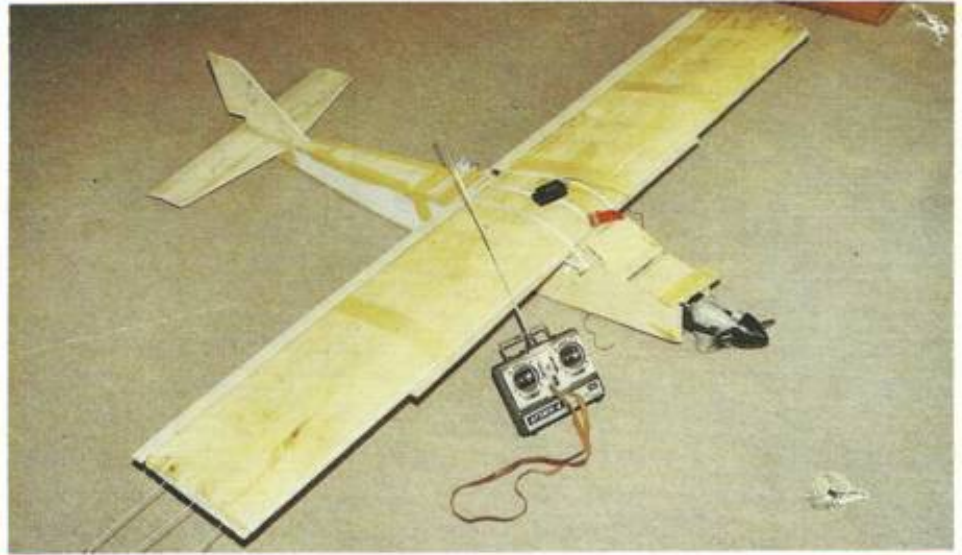
SOG - An example of Extraordinary Valour



Successes of J&K Police in Anti-militancy in Jammu Zone (1996-1999)

MILITANTS

Killed	=	63
Arrested	=	614
Surrendered	=	88



Pilotless flying machine recovered in Rajouri District in 1998

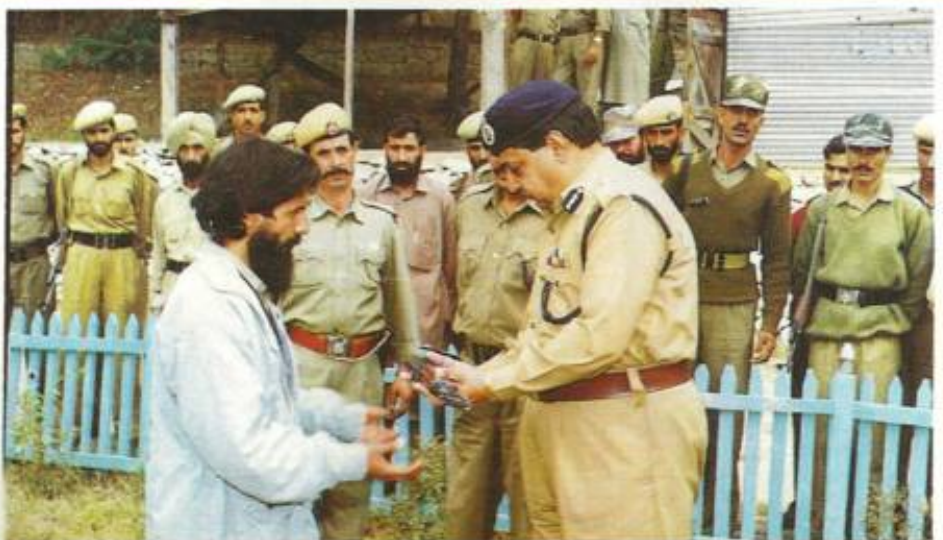
HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In Brief

- ◆ Ghulam Rasool, a dreaded militant of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Nov 09, 97.
- ◆ Javed Iqbal, code named Noor Hussain, a top ranking militant belonging to *HUJI* outfit, eliminated on Feb 06, 99.
- ◆ Nadeem, code named Abu Sayeed, a Pak national and a top ranking militant of *Tehrik-ul-Mujahideen*, eliminated on Sept 16, 98.
- ◆ Moin Ahmed, code named Wassim Akram, a Pak national, Chief of *Lashkar-e-Toiba* out fit, eliminated in Sept '98.
- ◆ Abdul Rashid, code named Abu Saidullah, area commander of *Lashkar-e-Toiba* out fit and his deputy Abu Kadal Askari, eliminated in Nov, 99.



Weapons recovered by Police in Udhampur District



Militants surrendering before the IGP, Kashmir Zone

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SOG - Breaking the backbone of militancy by targeting the Organisational & Support structure

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In Brief

- ◆ Pak National, Aijaz Ali Abbasi, an ISI agent, eliminated on Sept 18, 1994.
- ◆ Umer Bhai, an Afghan mercenary, code named SP-2 and Chand Bhai, a Pakistani mercenary, killed on Oct. 25, 1994.
- ◆ Mohd Yousuf Mali, code named Sher Khan, Deputy Commander of *Al-Umar* outfit and Bilal Ahmed, code name Bil Kachroo, District Commander of *Al-Umar* outfit, eliminated on Dec 19, 1995.
- ◆ Bashir Ahmed Khan, code named Badshah Khan Deputy Chief of *Al-Umar* outfit and Showkat Ahmed, code named Grenade, District Chief of *Al-Umar*, outfit, eliminated on Jan 08, 96.
- ◆ Sajad Ahmed Kenu chief of the *Jammu & Kashmir Islamic Front* outfit, eliminated on Jan 08, 96.
- ◆ Syed Shabir Siddique chief of *JKLF* outfit, Mushtaq Ahmed Khan, Deputy Chief of *JKLF* and Mubarak Lone, District commander of *JKLF* outfit, eliminated on March 30, 96.
- ◆ Javaid Ahmed Shah code named Alfa-1, District commander of *Hizib-ul-Mujahideen* outfit and Niyaz Ahmed Shah, code named Mehmood Gaznavi, Deputy District Commander of *Hizbul Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on April 06, 1996.
- ◆ Abdullah Bhai, a Pak mercenary of *Harkat-ul-Ansar* outfit, eliminated on June 01, 96.
- ◆ Hilal Ahmed Beig, code named Mushtaq, supreme commander of *JKLF* and Khursheed Ahmed Beig code named Nayeem Khan, operational Chief of *JKLF*, eliminated on Jan 17, 96.
- ◆ Saif Ullah, code named Nayeem Khalid, Pak National, supreme commander of *HUM* outfit, eliminated on June 28, 97.
- ◆ Abdullah, Chief of *Shora-e-Jehad*, eliminated on August 07, 97.
- ◆ Mohd Hanif Dar, operational Chief of *Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen*, eliminated on Sept 07, 97.



CM, J&K, inspecting a consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Srinager



A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Budgam



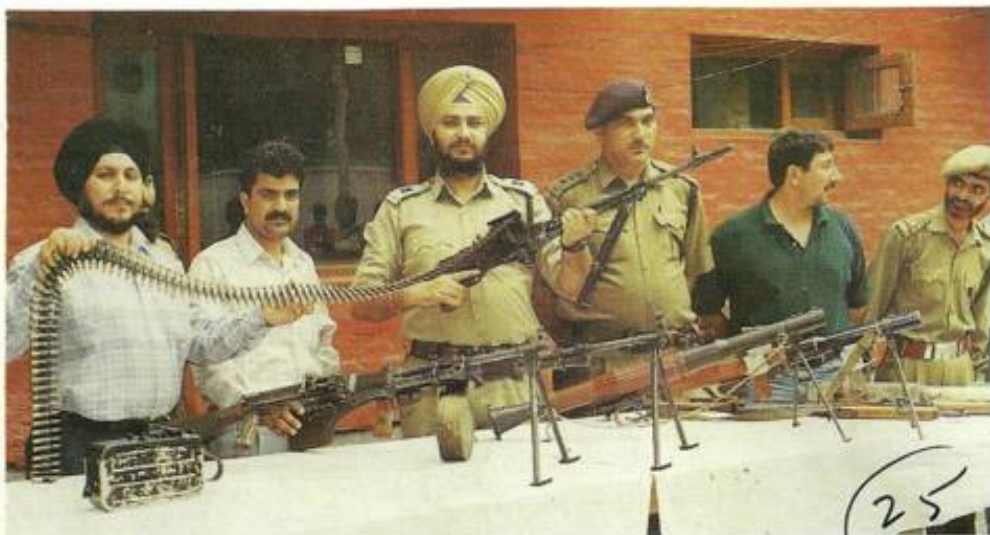
A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Poonch

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SOG - Shattering the leadership of Militant Outfits



Militants surrendering before the DGP, J&K, in Doda District



A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Srinagar



A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Anantnag

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In Brief

- ◆ Farooq Ahmed, code named Fighter, militancy Advisor of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Oct 21, 97.
- ◆ Mohd Shafi Wani, District Commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, killed on Dec. 07, 97.
- ◆ Abdul Hamid Tantry, commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Jan 01, 98.
- ◆ Hamid wani, supreme commander of *Al-Jehad* outfit eliminated on April 17, 98.
- ◆ Ishfaq Ahmed Mir, code named Abdullah, Acting Chief of *Harkat-ul-Ansar* outfit, eliminated on April 29, 1998.
- ◆ Ali Mohmad Dar, code named Burhan-ud-din Hijazi, Acting supreme commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit and his two associates including the body guard eliminated on Aug. 08, 98.
- ◆ Abu Abid-ur-Raqeeb, an Afghan National, Deputy Chief of *Lashker-e-Toiba* (LET) outfit and a Pak national identified as Abu Asman Taqueeb, eliminated on Oct 09, 98.
- ◆ Bhaktiyar Shaheen, a pak national, belonging to *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Nov. 14, 98.
- ◆ Qari Umar Fazal and Riyaz Ahmed, both Pak nationals, belonging to *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, Mohd Rafiq Sofi Divisional Commander of HUM outfit and Tansoof Ahmed, District Commander of *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Dec. 23, 98.
- ◆ Saifullah, code named Hataf, a Pak national, Deputy Chief of *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen*, Gh Mohd Sheikh, a militant of *Harkat-ul-Ansar* outfit and an unidentified foreign mercenary gunned down on Feb 18, 99.
- ◆ Riyaz Ahmed Baba, District Commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, gunned down on Feb 26, 99.
- ◆ Javaid Ahmed Shah Divisional Commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, gunned down on March 02, 99.

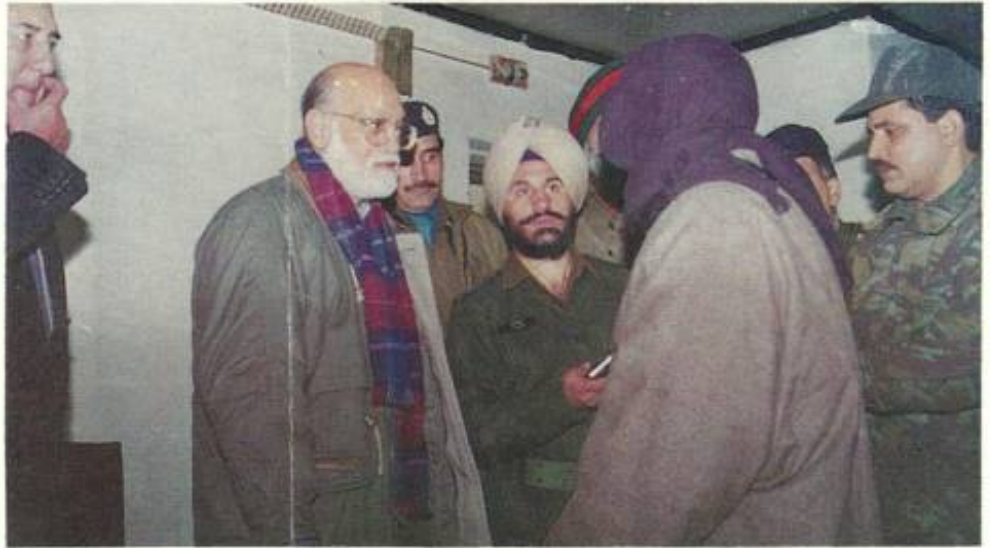
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SOG - Playing a key role in National Security

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In Brief

- ◆ Abdul Khaliq Chowdhary code named Abu Hamza, a Pak mercenary, eliminated on March 15, 99.
- ◆ Manzoor Ahmed, code named Nayceem Khan, Divisional Commander of *Harkat - ul - Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on March 20, 99.
- ◆ Riyaz Ahmed Bhat, code named Fayaz, Battalion Commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on April 01, 99.
- ◆ Showkat Ahmed Qazi, code named Shaheen, operational Chief of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen*, eliminated on May 01, 99.
- ◆ Yasir Rasool Jahangir, code named Jehadi, District Commander of *Tahreek-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on June 02, 99.
- ◆ Imtiyaz Ahmed Sheikh, code named Moulvi, Battalion Commander of *Hizb-ul-Mujahideen*, eliminated on June 18, 99.
- ◆ Abu Rehman Safi, a Pak mercenary, eliminated on Aug. 19, 99.
- ◆ Nazir Ahmed Dar, code named Jehangir and Saifullah Agal, a pak national, both belonging to *Al-bader* outfit, eliminated on Oct 04, 99.
- ◆ Abu Khalid, a Pak mercenary, Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat, Syed Iqbal and Manzoor Ahmed, all three belonging to *Lashker-e-Toiba* outfit, eliminated on Oct. 27, 99.
- ◆ Mohd Iqbal and Mohmad Ali, both Pak mercenaries, eliminated on Oct. 30, 99
- ◆ Three unidentified foreign mercenaries, eliminated on Nov. 17, 99.
- ◆ Mohd Yaseen, code named Saleem, District Commander of *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Dec 16, 99.
- ◆ Mudasir Ahmed and Avtar Singh both militant of *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen* outfit, eliminated on Dec 17, 99.
- ◆ Three unidentified foreign mercenaries, eliminated on Dec 27, 99.
- ◆ Abu Mavia, code named Ishfaq, a Pak national, Chief of the *Lashker-e-Toiba* outfit, gunned down on Dec. 29, 99.



A militant surrendering before the Chief Secretary, J&K, on Feb, 27, 98



A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG in Kashmir Valley



A consignment of weapons recovered by SOG, Kupwara

Recognitions

SOGs - Bringing Glory to the Service and the Nation

Awardees of Presidents Police Medals for gallantry in recognition of sustained display of the most conspicuous personal bravery by SOG Personnel

S. No.	Name & Rank	Place of Posting	President's Notification Number & Date
1.	J.P. Singh, SP	SOG, Anantnag	i) 33-Pres/97 dated 21-07-97 ii) 42-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
2.	R.K. Jalla, Dy. SP	SOG, Srinagar	i) 35-Pres/97 dated 21-07-97 ii) 39-Pres/98 dated 11-04-98 (BAR)
3.	SG Constable Dost Mohmad No. 460/XII Bn JKAP	SOG, Srinagar	34-Pres/97 dated 21-07-97 (Posthumous)
4.	Farooq Ahmed Khan SP	SOG, Srinagar	39-Pres/98 dated 11-04-98
5.	Gulbadan Singh Inspector No. 4076/NGO	i) SOG, Srinagar ii) I/C Dy.SP SOG, Kupwara	i) 39-Pres/98 dated 11-04-98 ii) 37-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99 (Posthumous)
6.	SG Constable Balvinder Singh No. 388/VIII Bn JKAP	SOG, Srinagar	39-Pres/98 dated 11-04-98
7.	SG Constable Mohd. Yaqoob No. 4076/NGO	SOG, Srinagar	39-Pres/98 dated 11-04-98
8.	HC Abdul Rashid No. 246/XIII Bn JKAP	SOG, Srinagar	11-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
9.	Manohar Singh, DySP	SOG, Srinagar	12-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
10.	Manmohan Singh, SP	SOG, Srinagar	13-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
11.	Constable Mushtaq Ahmed No. 411/B	SOG, Baramulla	13-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
12.	Constable Sukhpaul Singh No. 943/B	SOG, Baramulla	13-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
13.	Constable Jugal Kishore No. 840/J	SOG, Baramulla	13-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
14.	S.M. Jangral Inspector No. 1317/NGO	SOG, Baramulla	16-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
15.	Late HC Abdul Gani No. 759/VII Bn JKAP	SOG, Pulwama	16-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99 (Posthumous)
16.	Late Daljeet Singh SI No. 4127/NGO	SOG, Poonch	14-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99
17.	Late Constable Ravinder Kumar No. 747/IR - I Bn	SOG, Doda	15-Pres/99 dated 22-02-99



J.P. Singh



R.K. Jalla



Farooq Ahmed Khan



Late Gulbadan Singh



Manohar Singh



Manmohan Singh



Daljeet Singh

Recognitions

SOG - Leading from the Front



Out of turn promotions to SOG personnel in recognition of extraordinary performance in fighting militancy

Inspector to DySP	=	01
S.I to Inspector	=	60
A.S.I to S.I.	=	20
H.C. to A.S.I	=	75
SG.CT. to H.C.	=	186
CT. to SG.CT.	=	538
Total	=	880

Out of turn promotion to SOG personnel for displaying extraordinary performance in fighting militancy



DGP's Commendation Medal & Certificate to SOG Personnel

Year	=	No. of Commendation Medals awarded
1994	=	04
1995	=	02
1996	=	05
1997	=	17
1998	=	16
1999	=	14
Total	=	58



Out of turn promotion to SOG personnel for displaying extraordinary performance in fighting militancy



DGP, J&K honouring the awardees with Commendation medals at a special function at Jammu

Martyrs

SOG - Observing obligations and fulfilling commitments

" Sacrifices made by the Police would always be remembered by the nation with gratitude . . . "

– Dr. Farooq Abdullah, CM, J&K

(In his address to officers & Jawans at a function in Jammu on July 10, 99)

" The sacrifices of Valiant soldiers, Police and Paramilitary forces personnel, who laid down their lives for preserving the sovereignty and integrity of the Country, can never be forgotten. . . "

– Dr. Farooq Abdullah, CM J&K

(In his address on the Independence Day at Srinagar on Aug. 15,1999).

"We remain committed to devote ourselves to the cause for which the brave men of J&K Police laid down their lives. Our resolve to bring back peace to the state is further strengthened by their supreme sacrifice . . . "

– Gurbachan Jagat, DGP

(In his message dated Jan 01,99)

"We salute the brave men of J&K Police as well as members of SF & PMF for the supreme sacrifice made by them for the security and the territorial integrity of the Country . . . "

– Editorial Board of J&K, Police News Letter

(In its Editorial of annual issue '99)

"State Police cannot forget sacrifices of the Police personnel and the families of those killed should never feel alone as they continue to be the honoured members of the large Police family . . . "

– Gurbachan jagat, DGP J&K

(In his address on the concluding function of Mushtaq Memorial Tournament at Srinagar on Sept. 14, 1998)



Chief Minister, J&K and MOS (Home) paying homage to a Martyr

Martyrs

SOG - Discharging Duty towards an indebted Nation and Covering themselves in Glory

SOG Personnel of J&K Police who made supreme sacrifice of their lives for maintaining security and territorial integrity of the Country.

S.No.	Rank	Name & Number	S.No.	Rank	Name & Number
1.	Offg. Dy SP	Gulbadan Singh	27.	Const	Fateh Mohd 620/IR-I
2.	Offg. DySP	Kuldeep Singh	28.	Const	Roop Lal 446/IR-I
3.	Offg. DySP	Ganshyam Khajooria	29.	Const	Roshan lal 215/IR-I
4.	Inspector	P.V. Singh 3979/NGO	30.	Const	Ali Mohd 1551/A
5.	S.I	Naresh Kapai 4163/NGO	31.	Const	Mohd Jamal 1543/A
6.	A.S.I	Ghulam Ahmed 2929/NGO	32.	Const	Riyaz Ahmed 319/IR-I
7.	A.S.I	Mohd Rajab 5145/NGO	33.	Const	Sind Raj 557/IR
8.	A.S.I	Abdul Jabar 5194/NGO	34.	Const	Jagdesh Raj 171/IR
9.	H.C	Hakim Din 29/IR-I	35.	Const	Girdhari Lal 416/BD
10.	H.C	Rattan Lal 737/IR-I	36.	Const	Mushtaq Ahmed 770/A
11.	H.C	Abdul Gani 769/VII Bn	37.	Const	Ishtiyaq Ahmed 818/VIII Bn
12.	H.C	Abdul Rashid 246/XIII Bn	38.	Const	Suraj Bhan 880/S
13.	H.C	Mohd. Hussain 26/P	39.	Const	Jahangir Ahmed 1378/S
14.	H.C	Riyaz Ahmed 136/P	40.	Const	Rajinder Singh 3031/S
15.	SGCt	Abdul Ahad 479/KP	41.	Const	Mehraj -ud-Din 3744/S
16.	SGCt	Dewan Chand 644/BD	42.	Const	Javaid Ahmed 3439/S
17.	SGCt	Dost Mohd 460/XII Bn	43.	Const	Mohd Ramzan 549/P
18.	SGCt	Mumtaz Ahmed 364	44.	Const	Mohd. Ismail 266/P
19.	SGCt	Pritam Kumar 355/IR	45.	Const	Sarafraz Ahmed 274/P
20.	SGCt	Shiv Nath 535/IR	46.	Const	Mohd zabi 1249/D
21.	SGCt	Nazir Hussain 1936/S	47.	Const/Driver	Satish Kumar 835/D
22.	SGCt	Sanjeevan Kumar 562/IR	48.	S.P.O	Safdar Hussain 458 (Rajouri)
23.	SGCt	Liyakat Ali 276/IR-II	49.	S.P.O	Zahoor Ahmed (Baramullah)
24.	Const.	Mohd. Ishak 839/B	50.	S.P.O	Mohd. Ashraf 317(Budgam)
25.	Const	Nizam-ul-haq 682/IR-I	51.	S.P.O	Mohd Aslam 485 (Srinagar)
26.	Const	Bashir Ahmed 204/KP			

We shall carry forward your unfinished Task

MARTYRS

SOG - Undeterred by the harsh Circumstances & Challenges



*We shall carry forward the unfinished task of Martyr Dy. SP Gulbadhan Singh!
DGP, J&K, Shri Gurbachan Jagat (left) and Shri P. S. Gill, IGP (right) carrying the Mortal remains of the Martyr*



Shri K. Rajindra, DIG Srinagar - Budgam Range (right) and Shri Manohar Singh, SP, SOG Srinagar (left) carrying the coffin of Martyr Constable Safeer Ahmad of SOG Ganderbal

**The Nation owes an everlasting Debt of Gratitude to Martyrs
and also responsibility towards their bereaved families**