

THE ARMY OF MADINAH IN KASHMIR



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Publisher's Note

Indeed all Praise is for Allah Alone, Master of the Day of Judgment and peace and blessings be upon the Noblest of Prophets, the Imaam of the pious, the commander of the Mujahideen, our Messenger Muhammed and all those who follow in good until the Day of Reckoning.

Oh Allah nothing is easy except what you make easy and you make the difficult easy if you wish.

With great enthusiasm and pleasure we at Maktabah Al Ansaar have taken on the task of publishing this work, which we believe will offer insight of the reality of Jihad in the cause of Allah in the land of Kashmir. It is, we believe a compelling book in its essence and will leave the reader with a feeling of picturing events in the occupied vale as if one witnessed the events himself.

What is most unusual about this book is the author himself. It is so rare for people in our age to take on the struggle for the sake of Allah. So imagine someone who comes from a non-Muslim background, struggling first against himself, then those around him from friends and family and then to take on the most noble of duties in Allah's cause - only to face an onslaught from Muslims themselves!

However, in the word of As Shaykh As Shaheed 'Abdullah 'Azzam *"It is the few that carry the burden of carrying Islam to mankind, then a few from amongst them offer their wealth and their lives in the path of Allah, and it is a few from amongst a few from amongst a few who sacrifice their lives for Islam"*.

The struggle for the Muslims to regain their honour is a hard one, but indeed difficulties of the worst kind is the way of the prophets, the righteous, the truthful and the martyrs - in return for which there is nothing less than earning the pleasure of the Merciful

We ask Allah to make this work a source to increasing the balance of good deeds on the Day of Judgement for all who took part in its production, and a source of clarification of the reality in the battlefields of Kashmir.

Abu Umamah
Maktabah Al Ansaar

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All praise is to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and His peace and blessings be upon the Seal of the Prophets and Messengers, our beloved Muhammad ﷺ and his companions and those who follow them in good until the Final Hour.

Only His Majesty, in his omnipotence knows how it was that some returned with their hearts beating whilst others were falling as Martyrs in insatiable an abundance as do red autumn leaves.

Some were left behind, some are still waiting, in the meantime, here is a tale of what has happened and continues to happen under a beautiful Kashmiri moon.

Abu Abdur Rahman al Pakistani, my brother in Islam, you were right on my shoulder and I on yours for the larger part of it all. So many times your penetrating 'cats' eyes looked out for me when my own failed me, you helped me along in so many ways. May Allah ﷻ help you and Abu Muhammad.

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DEDICATED in honour and memory of the thousands upon thousands of *Shuhadaa* who fell under the Kashmiri moon. Some were of centuries old and past; some more recent, either way similar are their attainments for, by the will of Allah, they will be placed in the hearts of green birds, roaming therein as they please.

'Do not forget they have given their today for your tomorrow'

They have all fatefully found their places in one of the abundant seas that are the martyr cemeteries that sprout forth in this beautiful land as profusely as do the fields of rice.

To the new generation... just remember, the term "*Mujahid*" does not belong to anyone for keeps; it is only a borrowed one, for if any should ever leave off this noble path without a legal excuse then he will forfeit this respectable title. Even if we participated in it once; that was then and this is now...

We need the Jihad - the Jihad does not need us.

And, my sister, this should explain much. X the line.

THE GARDEN OF THE PROPHET

My friends and road fellows:

*Pity the nation that is full of beliefs and empty of faith,
Pity the nation that wears a cloth it does not weave,
eats a bread it does not harvest and drinks that which is not
from its rivers.*

*Pity the nation that acclaims the bully as a hero and deems the
glittering conqueror - bountiful.*

*Pity the nation that despises a passion in dream, yet submits in
its waking.*

*Pity the nation that raises not its voice, save when it walks in a
funeral, boasts not, except among its ruins, and will rebel not,
save when its neck is laid between the sword and the block.*

*Pity the nation whose statesman is a fox, whose philosopher is a
juggler and whose art is the art of patching and mimicking.*

*Pity the nation that welcomes its new ruler with trumpetings
and farewells him with hootings - only to welcome another,
with trumpetings again!*

*Pity the nation whose sages are dumb with years and whose
strong men are still in the cradle.*

*Pity the nation divided into fragments - each fragment
deciding that itself is a "nation"!*

An Nisae's collection on the Sunnan, vol. 6, the chapter on Jihad, section: The battle of Hind (India).

غَزْوَةُ الْهِنْدِ فَإِنْ أَدْرَكْتُهَا أَنْفِقُ فِيهَا نَفْسِي وَمَالِي فَإِنْ أَقْتُلُ كُنْتُ مِنْ
أَفْضَلِ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَإِنْ أَرْجِعُ فَأَنَا أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ الْمُحَرَّرُ (النسائي ٣١٢٣)

(Nisae, 3123)

It was reported by Abu Hurairah ؓ who said, "The Messenger of Allah promised us the battle of Hind. If I am alive when it transpires, I would offer myself and my money (to its cause). If I were to die, I would be among the best Martyrs and if I were to return (alive) I would (certainly) be (among those who are) freed from the Hell Fire."

And:

عَصَابَتَانِ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَحْرَزَهُمَا اللَّهُ مِنَ النَّارِ عَصَابَةٌ تَغْزُوا الْهِنْدَ وَعَصَابَةٌ
تَكُونُ مَعَ عَيْسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ (النسائي ٧٧٨)

(Nisae, 778)

It was reported by Thawban, the Maula (freed captive) of the Prophet ﷺ, that He (saw) said: "Two groups from my Ummah, Allah has saved from the Hell Fire. A group that (will) wage battle against Hind and another (group) who will be with 'Esa the son of Mariam, on both of them be peace."

KASHMIR: A PROFILE AT A GLANCE

Location	It is situated in the heart of South - Central Asia and shares its borders with Afghanistan, China, India and Pakistan (North East of Pakistan, North of India) A small strip of Wakhan separates it from Tajikistan and the Soviet Union.
Area	85, 700 sq. miles (Britain 88, 700 sq. miles) 51 % Indian - occupied 33 % Pakistan - administered 11 % Chinese - controlled 5% Free Kashmir (Azad Kashmir) It is larger than 70 other independent countries in the area
Population	13.0 million (Netherlands 15 million) 8.3 million in Indian - occupied Kashmir 2.2 million in Azad Kashmir 1.0 million in Pakistan - administered Kashmir 1.5 million refugees in Pakistan Expatriate community 0.4 million (0.3m in UK) It is thus bigger in size than 96 sovereign countries of the world.
Language	Kashmiri, some regional languages Urdu (technically official) Sparse amount of English
Religion	80 % Muslim, 16 Hindu, 4% Sikh, Buddhist, Christian and others
Capitals	Iqbalabad (Srinagar) Indian - occupied, (pop. 800,000) Muzaffarabad (Azad Kashmir)
Access	By air to Srinagar via New Delhi - Approval needed from Indian authorities By road to Azad Kashmir from Islamabad, Pakistan - No permission required
Status	In dispute since 1947 as fifty one percent of the area has been usurped by India by using raw aggression and blatant force.
Cause of dispute	India forcibly occupied the State on 27 October 1947 on the basis of fraudulent accession by the Maharaja, the autocratic ruler of the time. Prior to this from the 16th century ruled by the Moguls, Afghanis, Sikhs and British successively.
Solution	An unrelenting Jihād in the Cause of Allah ﷻ

وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ
وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ الظَّالِمِ
أَهْلُهَا وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ نَصِيرًا

"And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah, and for those weak, ill treated and oppressed among men, and children, whose cry is: "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from you one who will protect, and raise for us from you one who will help." ¹

¹ Holy Quran, 4:75

FACTS

Ever since the Indian military invasion in 1947 the ironically termed beautiful buffer state of Jammu and Kashmir has been compelled to occupation by a brutal heathen force of some considerable enormity. Prior to this another despot had been in power, that of the British Raj.

This book is not a historical essay. It has not been written with a view to inform the reader concerning detailed facts. Rather it is a truthful, first hand witnessed exposure about the more recent affairs which have been transpiring in the state over the past decade at the time of writing.

This being when exchange of warfare escalated therein. This is a book about the war that has been raging today in Kashmir, the defensive Jihad, and the struggles of the Mujahideen, in the Occupied Territories.

Being able to show only a sparse amount of resistance to it's invaders, the Kashmiri civilian population - who are predominantly Muslims have had their homeland usurped and transformed into a mass playing field of debauchery.

Herein, the occupying forces have been free to commit every kind of mass atrocity it seems yet to be matched by mankind. Hence the local individuals have been forced to become somewhat a militant people and as a reaction over the years various local resistance groups have sprung up along with many a lone vigilante warrior.

Names such as: *Hizbul Mujahideen* (Party of Mujahideen), *Lashkar-e-Tayba* (The Army of the Kalima), *Harkat-ul-Ansar*² (Movement of the Helpers), *Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen* (Confederation of Mujahideen) *Al-Baruq* (The Current) and *Al-Badr* (name of first showdown between *Sahaba* and *Qureysh*) and so forth have become household terminology since these are the factions that are spearheading the resistance.

During the turn of the decade however, the arena of the Kashmiri Jihad witnessed an added help from Allah ﷻ in the appearance of 'guest' Mujahideen entering the state from overseas, who were predominantly from the Asian subcontinent, namely Pakistan. The guest Mujahideen have indeed been instrumental to the Jihad which currently rages on in Kashmir and it was them as well as the locals with whom the author functioned inside the Occupied Territories, namely the Valley (Wadi in Urdu) during recent times. (See centre pages fig.1)

GEOGRAPHY

Kashmir is a land that is divided into four different parts. From left to right, the first section to appear geographically is what is known as Azad Kashmir which is located above the north-eastern pocket of Pakistan. It stretches across an area of 84 000-sq. km (33 000-sq. miles). The capital city is Muzaffarabad. The population

² This group has since split, now existing as before in two parties: *Harkat-ul-Mujahideen* and *Harkat-ul-Jihad-e-Islami*.

here is Muslim and the rule is that of the government of Pakistan.

The other three parts are presently under heavy Indian military occupation and hence are commonly referred to as Occupied Kashmir³. Exercising a severe martial law She (India) has, amidst a colossal uproar, attempted to officially incorporate huge 'chunks' of the real Kashmir as some define it, into mainstream India.

The first of these to be dominated and perhaps most important sections is the 'Valley', which consists of a ninety-eight percent Muslim population. Herein is where the Indian occupational forces have focused the vast bulk of their overrunning. It is for this reason that one finds the severest engaging of combat here. Also known as the 'Vale' of Kashmir, its capital is Srinagar, which is sometimes referred to as Iqbalabad.

Though the valley is about 5,000 feet above sea level, it is not as cold as might be expected at such an altitude, which is at least the case as far as the warm season goes. As a Persian saying reads...

*'Heat there is, but hot it's not;
Cool there is, but cold it's not'.*

³ It is interesting to note that India refers to the Pakistan controlled Azad Kashmir as the Occupied Kashmir.

Following this, the next section is 'Jammu' which although consists of a Muslim population of some fair size, is predominantly occupied by a Hindu civilian and military population. This area is a little gentler than the sometimes-severe Valley. One example of this is that the mountain terrain subsides to more lower, rounded peaks. This is not to suggest that this area should be taken lightly as it can also be highly treacherous.

Finally appearing is 'Ladakh' also known as 'Leh' in which can be found, as a majority, a Buddhist population, which is not actually surprising since this part is bordered by China. This region covers a landmass of 42 735-sq. km (16 496-sq. miles).

The Valley, as well as some parts of Jammu have been transformed into a savage war zone, in which there are only two real parties functioning, that of the innocent and their tormentors. There is no middle ground.

The total population of peoples in Kashmir is thirteen million. At the turn of the decade, the occupying troops which were shipped over from mainland India in order to colonise and maintain maximum martial law over the civilians numbered in excess of 450,000. With this magnitude of numbers, one could indeed be fooled into thinking that the subordinate functionaries, the people of Kashmir, would once and forever be silenced.

With any resistance shattered, instead this only served to fuel more retaliation and escalation of violence. And so the soldiers deployed by New Delhi steadily increased

over each successive passing year in sheer frustrated desperation.

Always failing to silence and confound the freedom fighters⁴ - that are the Mujahideen, in an end of wits frantic situation, currently they have poured in nearly one million troops of Indian army personnel, the exact figure at time of writing being 850,000. India so very desperate to keep an iron grip on the state has shamefully deployed a full two fifths of their entire military machine into Kashmir. Hence, logically this is inflicting a vast drain on India's resources, the daily sustenance, raiments, accommodation, transport and arms for each and every soldier must of course be catered for. It is therefore with much justified suspicion that one be able to accuse Her of receiving some kind of outside financial support. In order to be able to maintain the kind of fierce resistance which indeed currently it is, this is the only probable and feasible explanation. Certainly, she has tasted no sanctions or trade embargoes.

Comparatively the Mujahideen, at their maximum prowess perhaps number a rag tag force of something between four and twenty thousand. Therefore it is due to this vast lack in numbers and firearms that they have

⁴ This term, although used by the western world which labels all struggles and uprisings as one type, is not a correct indication of what the Mujahid fights for. As per the hadeeth of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ when he was asked: "A man fights for nationalism, a man fights for war booty, and a man fights to show off - which of these is in the way of Allah?" and the Messenger ﷺ replied " Whoever fights to make the word of Allah supreme then it is in the way of Allah"

opted to wage a Guerrilla Jihad retaliation strategy which surprising as it may seem has been quite successful thus far. It is continuing, escalating and maturing as time elapses.

Minority though they may be, their spirit is full of zealousness and inspiration to defend the wealth, blood and honour of their fellow Muslim brethren from Kashmir.

Who knows how many Angels their Lord has deployed reinforcing their ranks granting the believers success in their raids and ambushes which otherwise would amount to no avail.

There are various groups fighting in the cause of Allah ﷻ under a variety of slogans and titles at least numbering in excess of ten at the time of writing as we have already given mention to, however co-operation is widespread, this being the best and obvious way to function.

Kashmir is an extremely fertile land wherein clear fresh water springs and rivers are excessively plentiful and trees can be found in vast abundance in every direction which one may gaze. Orchards wherein fresh fruit can be found are also scattered everywhere, as the climate is conducive towards fruition.

Perhaps the ever-occurring rice fields that are located throughout the state can understand the fertility of the land and its soil.

Kashmir is placed in an extremely strategic position which when coupled with several other factors, bring to light why the Indian invasion occurred as it has. It is a very mountainous and forest filled country, the largest peaks of some 15-18,000 feet being actually located on the borders, that is to say, dividing the Occupied Valley from Azad Kashmir.

It is these same treacherous snow blanketed peaks which the Mujahideen, attempt to cross during the launching season which takes place in the warmer months when at least part of the snow and ice is prone to melting.

Accessing Occupied Kashmir, namely the Valley from the outside world is perhaps one of the most harrowing tasks, which the Mujahideen must encounter, as we shall discuss in the following chapter.



THE JOURNEY TO OCCUPIED TERRITORY: LAUNCHING

As we have already mentioned, penetration of the border can solely be achieved by foot, over the large sweeping border mountains. Comparatively, the enemy, i.e. Indian occupational forces, accesses these peaks through means of helicopters and aeroplanes.

The Mujahideen, are completely manual, sometimes even crawling like babies on steep inclines and declines. Many of their methods are defunct, as they do not have modern technology on their side. These mountains can sometimes be so tall that it is not unusual to occasionally find oneself even above cloud level at the very highest. The journeys are treacherous and fraught with danger; even when the mountains are conquered and the journey fails to break the Mujahideen, many a time they are martyred on the skyline itself, which is infiltrated every few hundred metres by surrounding posts and bunkers of the enemy.

This skyline is known as the Line of Control (LOC) much of which is surrounded by a no mans land. Border Security Forces (BSF) are to be found swarming like mosquitoes on a hot day along the whole region of the LOC. In their endeavour to seal the border airtight of Mujahideen penetration they have enforced major clampdowns in order to repel the resistance.

The Mujahideen are the final barrier between the army's³ accession to gaining the reins of utter control and the annexation of Kashmir to main India. Along with a host of other devised plots, anti personnel mines are planted in and around this whole area. Trip wire is also utilised. As for the Mujahideen, the cases run into hundreds if not thousands of souls who tackling the risks and elements have been martyred even before they successfully crossed into the Occupied Valley itself.

For those who by their Lord are successful, the journey to reach inside takes from anything between three to ten days - this is termed as Launching. Before setting out, the resistance, that are the Mujahideen, will equip themselves with various essentials which are necessary, however there are physical limits naturally, hence self ability is enforced and comes into play.

Besides the arms and foodstuffs it is also left to the Mujahid's discretion as to how much he feels that he with Divine aid is able to handle and manage. Suffice it to say, seldom it is that the Mujahid's backpack and provisions are anything below that of 15 kilograms.

³ N.B. The Indian army often refers to itself as 'the Bharti army' so termed after the successful Hindu maharaja 'Bharat' of old.

LIST OF GENERAL CONTENTS IN MUJAHID'S
BACKPACK:

1 army jacket

1 thin blanket

1 spare set of changeable clothing

1 piece waterproof anorak

1 pair thermal long johns

Foodstuffs inc. bread, chicken, sweets (for energy), biscuits, honey (for ailments), possibly some clarified butter etc.

Possibly some electrical gadgets and battery cells

All these provisions are only for Launching purposes. Once the Mujahid has successfully reached inside the Occupied Territories, his entire supply pack will be damped (buried) safe in a cache. He will only travel with the flowing shirt and trousers (*Shalwar Camise*) on his self. It is essential that he rid himself of all surplus weight once inside, as he will undoubtedly spend the bulk of his time on the move over very difficult and punishing terrain. Moreover, he must endeavour to make himself as light and mobile as is humanly possible in the face of an oft-ambushing enemy host for whom crackdowns upon him and his kind are an almost daily task.

The journeying is always commenced in the thick of the night, naturally flash lights, reflectors or anything which could attract the ever vigilant enemy's slightest attention are strictly prohibited.

In fact, even minute details such as the observation of time through the light piece in ones wristwatch must be exercised with extreme caution. On a densely dark night (which Kashmir has many of) this light piece, small as it may be, could still be observed from afar by the foe. This could prove to be nothing less than fatal. In fact all it would take should ones co-ordinates be roughly zeroed in upon, is a flair from the enemy, thus illuminating the sky which would complete the exposure, and this is by no means a time for confrontation.

Along with flares, the Indian infantry are also equipped with Tracer bullets which burn Phosphorus when fired, thus causing them to carry an illuminating tail whilst piercing through the dark sky.

This enables them to somewhat directly pinpoint their firing at night with better accuracy at a time when standard eye vision could be impossible. Sometimes ones own outstretched hand may not even be discernible due to the intensity of the darkness that envelops this land. In such cases the Mujahideen whilst moving at night will simply grasp a hold of the clothing of the man who is directly in front of him, such as a flowing shirttail. The guide in contrast will have no one to rely on, perhaps just a walking stick that he will utilise much as a blind man does.

Naturally falls are sustained, and each time as well as the possibility of incurring injuries, energy is lost whilst hauling oneself up and so on. The resistance, rather than shying contact and exchanging hostilities with the enemy, yearn for the offensive actions in order to wrest as much power away from the enemy.

Having said this, it is simply due to the lack of weaponry and manpower that a clash is not wished for with the Border Security Forces at the Line of Control along this crucial point in their hazardous journey.

In fact what makes it all the more arduous is that many of the enemy posts and bunkers are situated above the areas which the Mujahideen are habitually crossing in a sort of 'V' shape representing a mountain range. That is to say, the Mujahideen pass through a valley created by twin peaks while there may be posts situated on both the left and right high points or peaks of the 'V'. This scenario will be reversed if the posts are in the valley. However, this is just one example of the many types of crossing or entrance areas into the Occupied Valley. Moreover, once in no mans land, camouflage such as bush is sparse and so in general the rigid code of conduct is that precautions are over and above essential.

One must not however think that these border posts are ignored, in fact, they are a focal point of special attention and border missions, raids and attacks are carried out frequently, to annihilate and ease these ever-tense borders.

In earlier days it was possible for the Mujahideen to access the Valley on Mules but this was no longer feasible due to the fresh openings of new guard posts, adding to the tension. Still in view of all these seemingly negative aspects the Mujahideen through all their toil are waging an unrelenting Jihad and continue to endure on this path to seep all power from the infantry. It would not be an understatement to say that for every Mujahid who is martyred, another handful filled with enthusiasm for the Jihad replace him. The Mujahid is the one who not only desires to destroy the enemies of Allah ﷻ but loves also to be slain in his way. Concerning the intentions which a Mujahid, should harbour within himself, Allah ﷻ says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ
يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَعَدَا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَةِ
وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا ببيعكم
الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

*"Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties; for the price that theirs shall be the Paradise. They fight in Allah's cause, so that they kill (others) and are killed. It is a promise in truth which is binding on Him in the Taurat and the Injeel and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success."*⁶

⁶ Holy Quran, 9:111

VARIOUS LINE FORMATIONS TAUGHT TO MUJAHIDEEN

Fig. 1

SINGLE LINE FORMATION

- GUIDE
- DEPUTY GUIDE
- COMMANDER
- ROCKET CARRIER
- ASSISTANT ROCKET CARRIER
- MACHINE GUN CARRIER
- ASSISTANT MACHINE GUN
- GUN MAN
- GUN MAN
- DEPUTY COMMANDER

This is the line formation which is employed by most launching units. The distance between each man however will vary depending on the type of terrain i.e. mine field, ice, normal conditions, etc. If for example, the group had themselves to be travelling during daylight hours then a normal distance of anything between 1-10 metres is to be expected. This is essential because if during the day the unit is 'tight packed' and seen from afar by the enemy then the chances of all being shot down in one automatic fire burst would be greatly increased. However, the opposite would apply on densely dark nights when wide gaps between each unit member would be foolhardy.

Fig.2

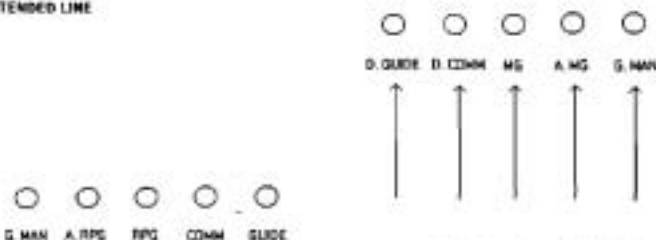
DOUBLE FILE



This is perhaps the second most frequently utilised formation following the single file. Commonly used to divide up a lengthy line, most often during daylight hours whilst tramping through a field etc. This is in order to appear somewhat less discernible to the enemy, i.e. smaller and more compact and more troublesome a target for the enemy.

Fig.3

EXTENDED LINE

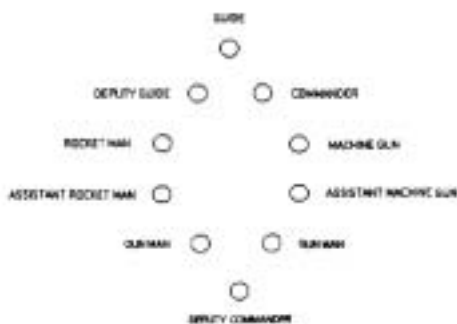


Line during an advance. Sequence reversed during a retreat

Normally used when enemy makes near incursion from front. This particular formation is usually utilised for advance and retreat (i.e. one group will move forward while the other stays back or literally pushes back). Specialised as an anti-ambush procedure, if a group which momentarily lingers behind will assume standing, seated, lying down positions.

Fig.4

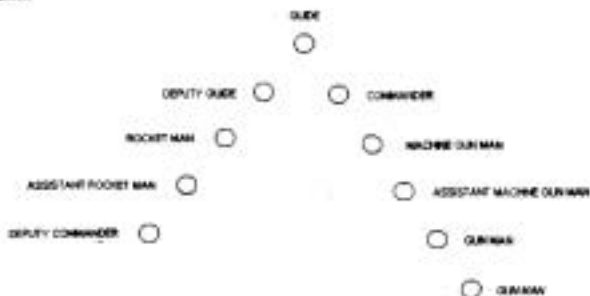
Diamond Position



When a unit finds itself to be surrounded from all angles then this is a common position which is taken up. The diamond stance allows cover to be concentrated from all angles with each respective man guarding his particular area of land he can. He may assume either standing, crouched or lying down positions depending on which is the most feasible and effective for the occasion. Behind cover is obviously always the most desirable.

Fig.5

Arrowhead Position



Unit members will commonly fall into this array when attacked upon from both front and flank. This is in order to be able to counter attack safely without incurring personal casualties. In general, the Arrowhead position allows a wider scope of vision. Moreover, it is a system which provides the advancing unit more effective penetration as it is more compact than for example, the Extended line formation.

Fig.6

FOURMAN ANTI-AMBUSH
GUERRILLA FORMATION

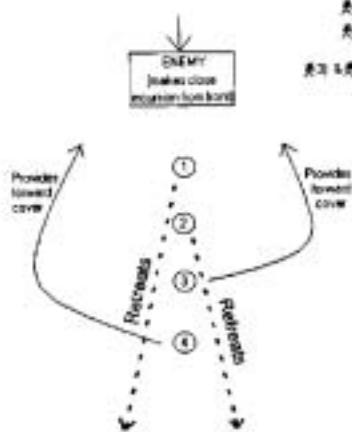


表1) Assumes sing-down firing position

表2) Assumes crouched firing position (either directly over or to side of first colleague)

表3) 表4) Depress in outward arc to allow (1) and (2) to retreat. Cover must be provided behind sufficient camouflage. Point in case, (1) and (2) can either quickly retreat or employ backfire technique if feasible. However, the latter would render a hasty departure.

Fig.7

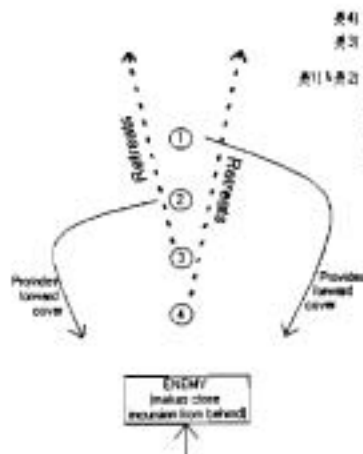


表4) Assumes sing-down firing position

表3) Assumes crouched firing position (either directly over or to side of last colleague)

表1) 表2) Depress in outward arc to allow (3) and (4) to retreat. Cover must be provided behind sufficient camouflage. Point in case, (1) and (2) can either quickly retreat or employ backfire technique if feasible. However, the latter would render a hasty departure.

Should the unit be travelling through a valley and face an onset from the flank above, finding itself completely unable to escape, then the group should systematically organise themselves.

One possible counter technique would be to ascend up the incline i.e. the mountain, in crouched or lying down positions whilst simultaneously returning fire up towards the enemy. Note, this is a difficult manoeuvre and takes a great deal of practice if it is to be carried out successfully as of a surety, such a predicament is highly perilous and should be avoided at all costs. It is always strongly advisable for any unit to try and gain the upper hand by being situated over and above their enemy.

As we have already mentioned, the journey inside is of an extremely toilsome nature, a lengthy one. The Mujahideen, will sleep in sub zero temperatures and ration their food. Sometimes even air may be thin, thus causing altitude sickness which cannot be avoided due to the speed of their accelerated ascent.

Unlike normal mountaineers, the Mujahideen simply do not have the time to rest for several days in order to grow accustomed to the lack of air, nor can they carry a normal climbers provision. Light fabric blankets may or may not be available, extra clothing will be limited and worse still at these levels of height is that lengthy rest periods are also not sensible as body heat is rapidly lost when motionless. So one must keep trekking even when the whole body feels it has surpassed most physical limits.

It is of a surety a punishing soul searching experience, much like a survival of the fittest. Moreover, it is a question of how large the individuals heart is and whether or not it is filled with the *Dhikr* of Allah ~~ﷻ~~ without who's aid all would be futile, rendering ones efforts to no avail.



THE GUIDES

First and foremost, it has to be mentioned that in order for any of the actions to transpire the unit which has been assigned to be launched inside or to terminate any particular stronghold of the enemy must essentially have a guide. As we have already made mention of, Kashmir is a land of vast thick dense forests stretching around the entire territory of both Occupied and Azad Kashmir. It is through these semi-jungles which the resistance must traverse silently in densely dark nights. Hence it is that each and every unit will be assigned one or two guides who have successfully traipsed and led in groups of resistance of past and old.

A guide will be carefully selected whilst still in training, having perhaps shown some extra skills of performance and ability, namely, exceptionally unrivalled stamina and an acute sense of direction through bush. Trails and tracks seldom exist on routes. Even on occasions when these are found, most of the time they are to be avoided as they are classified to be dangerous.

These are dust trails frequented by enemy garrisons. So perhaps it may be that these guides warrant the maximum amount of blessings of all. It is they who must be the forerunners of the unit which is attempting to venture in, when they the unit have surpassed most physical limits and the whispers of ones own demons flood in. It is they, the guides who must endeavour to keep inspiration high and attitudes positive.

It is they without whom the rest of the unit are completely and utterly lost. Sad a tale as it is, several times individuals have been divided and lost from the rest of their respective groups and have almost perished without the launching leader; the guide. They are the pacemakers for the rest of the unit and most excellent pacemakers they are. Physically they are at the top of their profession, for want of a better expression; they are like a walking A-Z, a bear in a forest, they simply seem to harbour an acute- innate compass within themselves.

Throughout the launching season they will lead units inside the Occupied Territories. When individuals may even be collapsing due to sheer exhaustion from one or two trips, these guides will several times lead other units into the land of the occupied. They must also find sustenance for a famished and exhausted group and if possible shelter- though this is a rare treat, theirs in general is a life under the sky, watery though it may often be.

It is a source of wonder that quite apparently, seldom it is that the guides are martyred in comparison to other Mujahideen from the functioning unit. At least it seems perchance they are divinely held back from it for a while longer than the internal based Mujahideen. This is an amazing thing, as of a surety the venturing in from Azad Kashmir to Occupied Kashmir at the forefront of a small garrison is the most lethal thing one may truthfully envisage.

Upon arrival they will make a planned rendezvous (through the use of wireless sets) with other resistance members who are already operating inside. Following safe passage into the Occupied Territories, his group will now be administered to the active internal active based Mujahideen. After a recuperation period of only a couple of days, he will return to the safety of Azad Kashmir.

Sometimes with another groups of Ghazis who may have ventured inside the pervious year or two ago and who now wish to return home. Sometimes the guide will even venture back simply with one other comrade, perhaps a trainee half guide, training and learning his profession under excellent supervision whilst providing assistance where he can. They must be patient, forbearing and intense in their job. Their make makeup of professionals must be of the strongest hue.



OFFENSIVES: THE BORDER OPERATIONS

An enemy post or bunker can contain anything from ten to one hundred persons. In the mission to annihilate any one of these posts, the Mujahideen, depending on the applicable feasibility employ various types of offensive Guerrilla war tactics.

1) The first and simplest method is where programmed time delay explosive boxes are utilised (PTD), this being a time pencil which is programmed to destruct at any various previously inputted intervals. They are usually buried deep into the soil in order to prevent detection by the sniffer dogs which the Indian personnel on occasion such as this roam with. In the soil they are left to explode, and they are highly efficient. Over the past few years, this simple but effective type of border incursion has proved to be very successful. Each box usually weighs around four kilograms apiece and depending upon the size of the enemy post, the appropriate type and amount of explosive material will be used.

2) Another type of border mission that is conducted is one where missiles are utilised and set up from afar, directly aimed at the unsuspecting enemy in their posts or bunkers. This type of action is a little more difficult than the former due to the fact that BM missiles are employed, each weighing 20 kilograms. For the unit which is carrying out this particular border mission fatigue factors are understandably higher. Also setting up and aiming accurately is very tricky and takes expertise as still hanging pendulums must be employed, etc.

3) A third type of offensive is the raid or ambush (raid is an action conducted on a still fixed target while ambush is one carried out on a moving one). For either, an excellent type of weapon is the frequently utilised Russian made Rocket Propelled grenade, more commonly lionised as the RPG-7 (model update number seven). Two types of rocket are available for use with this weapon, both of which cause large amounts of damage when aimed and fired accurately. The first is known as a Heat Round which is a high explosive anti tank rocket. This is armour piercing and causes a metal meltdown. The second type is the Fragmentation Rocket that is anti personnel and causes much flying shrapnel damage. A point in case, during the original Afghan-Russian war, the Mujahideen were known to have customised various types of Rocket. By unscrewing the pointed rocket heads and pouring in fuels such as petrol, diesel and oil - resulted in self-made burning heat rounds which gave a fireball effect. Apparently, an even bolder improvisation was the use of chilli powder, which dare say one might call a modern variation of tear gas!

Also engaged are Pulemyot Kalashnikova machine guns (P.K. named after inventor), the Ruchnoi Pulemyot Degtyaryev machine gun or RPD (standard Kalashnikov round magazine system) and Kalashnikov or A.K-47 (after year of manufacture) rifles, etc. all of which are Russian inventions.

Point in case, even though these days countries such as Pakistan are known for assembling A.K-47 rifles as well as their own such as the G3, the majority of weapons

deployed and utilised inside Occupied Kashmir have come via the Russian era during the original Afghan/Russian war.

In an ambush, an (R.C.) remote control unit box can be adopted to activate concealed and buried explosive material upon any unsuspecting enemy patrol or convoy. Detonation is achieved by using a wireless set which every single unit will have in their possession as a rule. Grenades are also employed many a time, manual hand hurled ones as well as rifle propelled ones which are attachable directly onto weapons such as ones rifle.

The border offensives are a very good way of pushing back the enemy Border Security Forces and easing the Line of Control. However the more effective actions are obviously those which are carried out by the Mujahideen deep inside the Occupied Territories. The border incursions provide an excellent source of experience for those newly trained Mujahideen recruits who wish to venture inside into the Valley itself in the near future. In the border operations, even though it may be required for the Mujahideen to rest in difficult conditions and harsh environment in the forests of Occupied Kashmir, seldom is it that he will be absent for any more than three nights at the most. Following this, his work completed, God willing he will return back to his base.

Mujahideen casualties are fairly rare and minimal here, however due to the presence of ground mines and an oft-retaliating foe, sometimes disabilities with the occurrence

of individuals being maimed does transpire and very rarely also *Shuhadaa*.

It has been witnessed, young Mujahideen members in their teens injured with the scars of war. One such young man by the name of Abu Dhurrar whom I had pleasure of knowing for the duration of my stay one day greeted me with a smile. Rolling up his trouser leg, he unremorsefully showed me his leg, which was now just a stump where formally there had been his foot. It had been cleanly severed off due to an anti personnel mine explosion whilst attempting to access Occupied Kashmir; he had in fact been in training in order to become a guide.

Along my way, I met with many such individuals both inside Occupied and out who had been shot and injured. It is with candour that one can comment that etched along most of their faces was a clear contentment and in fact a loving want to return to the Jihad. It seems that the Mujahideen are indeed increased in *Eeman* when enduring afflictions and becoming casualties of war.

مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَمْ يَغْزُ وَلَمْ يُحَدِّثْ بِهِ نَفْسَهُ مَاتَ عَلَى شُعْبَةٍ مِنْ نِفَاقٍ

(مسلم ٣٥٣٣)

Narrated Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه, Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "He who dies without having gone or thought of going (intention) out for Jihad, will die guilty of a kind of hypocrisy."⁷

⁷ Reported by Muslim 3533

Those, who due to the will of their Lord are unable to return directly to the front line, still do so metaphorically speaking, indirectly through other channels, through individuals they may have trained or perhaps financed with their own wealth. The merits of the helpers of the Mujahid are numerous.

Narrated Anas رضي الله عنه, while the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was in a Ghazwa (battle) he said, "some people have remained behind us in al Madinah and we never crossed a mountain path or a valley, but they were with us (i.e. sharing the reward with us), as they have been held back by a (legal) excuse."

مَنْ جَهَّزَ غَازِيًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ غَزَا وَمَنْ خَلَّفَ غَازِيًا فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ بِخَيْرٍ فَقَدْ غَزَا (البخاري ٢٦٣١)

Narrated Zaid Bin Khalid رضي الله عنه, Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "He who prepares a Ghazi going in Allah's cause, is given a reward equal to that of a Ghazi, and he who looks after the dependants of a Ghazi going in Allah's cause properly, is given a reward equal to that of a Ghazi."⁸

- The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever provides the needs of a Mujahid, he will receive the reward of a Mujahid and the reward of the Ghazi, will not be decreased."⁹

⁸ Bukhari, 2631

⁹ Ibn Majah, p198

لِلْغَازِي أَجْرُهُ وَلِلْجَاعِلِ أَجْرُهُ وَأَجْرُ الْغَازِي (أبو داود ٢١٦٤)

Abdullah Bin Amar ؓ said that the Prophet ﷺ said, "The Ghazi receives the reward of Jihad and the employer or repayer gains the reward of repaying and Jihad."¹⁰

And Allah ﷻ Himself says:

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ
عَاوَا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ

*"And those who believed, and emigrated and strove hard in the cause of Allah, as well as those who gave (them) asylum and aid; - these are the believers in truth, for them is forgiveness and rizqun karim (a generous provision in Paradise)."*¹¹



¹⁰ Sunnan Abu Dawud, 2164

¹¹ Holy Quran, 8:74

DEEP INSIDE

The the Mujahideen are homeless, they are poor, they are sometimes unsure of when or where their next meal will originate from. Their existence inside Occupied Kashmir is one that requires living off the land. In addition, they must depend on any charity (which when possible they will nearly always endeavour to pay for) that their Lord may send them down via the goodwill of the Muslim civilians of Kashmir.

Once inside they are nearly always constantly required to be on the move. Throughout the Occupied Territories, there are various far-reaching points, which the Mujahideen will move to and from. These points are all confined to the thick dense forests wherein they will live, eat and sleep. Hides are constructed, usually consisting of a simple levelled out piece of ground in the jungle. Often a simple thin fabric blanket will have to be shared between two Mujahideen, for the basic reason that there being no other option. Even a blanket will not even be available on occasions.

From time to time waterproof sheeting may be obtained with which a plain simplistic roof is constructed, preferably a green one for camouflage. This is a great asset as any Mujahid will be able to inform you, of a surety there is nothing humorous about sleeping out in a rain shower.

Occasionally as does occur, movement may be required for prolonged periods of time; in such cases the

Mujahideen will sleep wherever may be required or rather wherever may be available.

Many a time, in this mountainous terrain combined with sweeping semi jungles they must attempt to embark on a few hours rest on nothing more flat than the likes of steep sloping mountain faces. Here, little time may be spent resting and most of the time spent struggling for balance to keep from sliding down for the larger part of the night. With just their raiment as their sole covering, they will sometimes sleep back to back in order to stay just that extra little bit warmer on these so very cold nights. Whatever may be required is the underlining code for the resistance.

RICE FIELDS OF KASHMIR (MARSHLAND)

Throughout the Valley stretch plentiful vast acres of water logged rice fields. They are to be found scattered around every single hamlet, village, town and city in their thousands, spreading for several miles throughout the unspoiled countryside, which is far and wide what Kashmir essentially is. The climate and environment is naturally favourably accommodating to the cultivating of these crops, and so these marshland plantations have sprung up in all directions which one may gaze. Rice has come to be on the dining floor of every single Kashmiri home with which spinach is normally consumed, just as bread and butter is common to the western consumer.

Since the fields spread so far and wide, they must frequently be traipsed through in order to reach desired destinations. Intercalated between the watery rice crops are small segregated mud paths, barley eight inches wide, which allow the farmers to access their fields. It is these same isolated, sometimes slushy trails which the Mujahideen will traverse for hours on end, usually at night without the use of a flashlight. Even when storms brew and everything transforms into a cold, wet mudbath, they will half walk - half-slip, fumble and plough their way through.

Kashmir is also a land with wildlife; wildcats, bears, jackals and snakes naturally find the environment conducive to live in, but this does not pose a problem for the Mujahideen, each keep to themselves, neither harming one another. However, a great burden for the Muslim fighters living out in the open is the blood sucking swarms of Mosquitoes that constantly torment them. They are to be found living throughout the forests of Kashmir, especially near to watery habitats and so it is that each make their home in one another's territory, although the mosquitoes exist in their millions if not billions. Surpassing this, another hurdle that presents itself to the fighters are the magnitude of lice which also logically, but excessively irritatingly share the forest floors with the sleeping Mujahideen.

This results in a big lice problem not only in the hair but also in the clothes. Any attempt to prevent these pests would prove futile. A day or two later they are always

back attracted by the salt which is secreted through ones perspiration glands.

Sores are also another burden, which affect them regularly. Naturally due to the change in food, water and climate, ones bodily vitamin levels are reduced thus rendering a weaker immune system. Their daily lives entail moving around the thick dense forests on a regular basis and so it is commonplace for them to sustain small cuts and grazes from time to time which are susceptible to infection. Even scratching can taint causing the normal scab that forms to become overpowered by a watery yellow puss.

Often these painful sores will be exposed, non-wilfully to water, much of which is impure. How this happens to be is that, during the Mujahideen travels inside, often they will be required to wade through rivers - especially at night whilst on the move in order to reach their required destinations. They will plough through the surge of water if the current permits usually with all their raiment on, all the while holding their rifles aloft high on above their heads. The result every so often: more festering of wounds. Even when the water may be clean and fresh much of the time this still only serves to reopen semi healed cuts and grazes, and so their burdens continue. To try and minimise this health issue each unit will normally carry a medical first aid kit with them. This is essential as injuries whether small or large do occur all the time, and so they must be prepared.

The Mujahideen suffer in many ways, but it is they who will reap magnificent rewards in the hereafter in a ways which others cannot, as has been told to us through many an authentic narration.

دُلِّي عَلَى عَمَلٍ يَعْدِلُ الْجِهَادَ قَالَ لَأُجِدُهُ قَالَ هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعُ إِذَا خَرَجَ الْمُجَاهِدُ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ مَسْجِدَكَ فَتَقُومَ وَلَا تَفْطِرَ وَتَصُومَ وَلَا تُفْطِرَ قَالَ وَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ ذَلِكَ قَالَ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ إِنَّ فَرَسَ الْمُجَاهِدِ لَيَسْتَنْ فِي طَوْلِهِ فَيَكْتُبُ لَهُ حَسَنَاتٍ (البخاري ٢٥٧٧)

Narrated by Abu Huraira ؓ:

A man came to Allah's Messenger ﷺ and said, "Guide me to such a deed as equals Jihad (in reward)." He replied, "I do not find such a deed." Then he added, "Can you, whilst the Muslim fighter has gone for Jihad, enter your mosque to perform Salat (prayers) without cease and observe Saum (fast) and never break your Saum?" The man said, "But who can do that?"¹²

Their source of power lies in blessings of great tranquillity, which verily bestows itself down to them from their Lord. The seeking of contentment and peace in their hearts is a constant source of supplication in their tender and emotional prayers, that Allah ﷻ grant them ease of heart and cause their footsteps to be made firm, and *Alhumdulillah*, he does because Allah ﷻ aids those

¹² Sahih Bukhari, 2577

who aid his cause as we know, and indeed the promise of Allah is true. However, respite from the hardships is a blessing which bestows itself upon them every so often, as in words of truth from *surah Inshirah or The Expansion, verses 5 and 6*:

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا
إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

*"So verily with every difficulty, There is relief"
Verily, with every difficulty, There is relief"*

On occasion opportunities do arise should it be required, for a nights rest under the guise of a real roof, indoors.

Regarding sustenance, the Mujahideen have various avenues with which this is taken care of. Their eating habits are determined by the present conditions which prevail from day to day, but mainly there are two techniques for the food chain.

The first is to descend to a local village and obtain meals from caring local citizens who gratefully accommodate and provide. It is an understanding between the Mujahideen and the Kashmiri civilian population, one of co-operation with each other, that of a silent pledge to aid. In a two-way bargain, progress is made.

The Mujahideen having left their homes and ventured so very afar in order to defend the life, wealth, and honour of their fellow Muslim brethren from Kashmir are returned with gratitude for their help. This gratitude

takes the form of sustenance, sometimes even clothes, use of facilities and more.

It would be beneficial to point out that the Kashmiri peoples by nature are a very kind, hospitable and generous race who although poor are very giving, warm and co-operative in excess, by natural disposition. Many have been exposed to and have witnessed hardships throughout their toil filled lives. Hence, it is not surprising to find many persons who may look, or simply seem by their mature characters and faces that are etched with partially premature ageing, to be many years ahead of their actual age. Suffice to say that this is an attribute in personal features and behaviour that many many Mujahideen are also embodied with.

Having mentioned one method of obtaining their daily rations, another technique is employed for more tense areas. Where it may be manifestly dangerous to descend down to villages, a make shift kitchen will be made in the jungle in much the same way that a hide is constructed. At this manual 'caravan' kitchen will be stored various but simple supplies such as rice, flour, potatoes, milkpowder, onions and so on.

These life supporting supplies are usually carried by various delegated Mujahideen who having purchased them from the locals will haul them back to the secret constructed hide. Great caution must be exercised even here because, as has transpired before, informers also known as 'cats' have been known to do the exchanging of hands and bring with them infantry personnel.

In times past, civilians were requested to organise and bring food supplies directly to the Mujahideen hides, however, this was soon aborted due to the harsh realisation which is that a minority of civilians operate as undercover informants themselves. The enemy forces, fully equipped and swollen in numbers, were known to line up Mortars which are so regularly engaged by them, coupled with other heavy artillery with which they would shell the unsuspecting Mujahideen from a distant.

In fact due to this state of affairs having occurred several times, the Mujahideen aborted the use of civilians venturing all the way to their hides all together. Instead, they have resorted to rendezvousing with their providers at various given halfway points. Although this could also prove to be hazardous and problematic, it has in general resulted in being a much safer technique.

Frequently, the *Amir* of most units will assign to each of his members some minor foodstuff to keep on himself. This is strictly not to be consumed unless an emergency occurs, such as when caught in a crackdown or ambush in which he may find himself segregated from his respective unit. These life saving supplies will usually come in the form of a couple of basic packets of biscuits. These may be rationed for a few days until the famished man may be able to locate a civilian or other Mujahideen who will always take him in. As routine, meals are usually consumed twice daily, rations being adequate.



ENEMY CRACKDOWNS AND SECURITY

The enemy crackdown season is a permanent one. This is so because the Indian military are forced to live in a permanent state of challenge and apprehensiveness.

Surely for any Infidel soldier who is assigned duty in occupied Kashmir, whether complying willingly or conscripted, he realises that having a mass zone whereby he is relatively free to perpetuate his sub animalistic dissipation, there could also be the ultimate price to pay - that of his own life.

Inevitably he realises it and he must confront his own personal conscience to be willing to accept and march forth to colonise. All around him, he witnesses his own colleagues being retaliated upon and their own life loss being incurred but none the less still it is a package that he accepts with open arms.

Crackdowns occur frequently, explosive and fast, the Indian army has two main sources of tracing the bearings of the Mujahideen. One is through espionage, by sending out reconnaissance spies and informants.¹³ In fact, the enemies of Allah s.w have taken this to an extreme. Regular sorties under the guise of a 'task force' group of *munafiqun* who having long beards and lengthy hair, attempt to stretch forth their tentacles and ensnare the real Mujahideen and incarcerate them. Apparently, the

¹³ Spies have even been known to infiltrate many a Mujahideen training campus in both Azad Kashmir and Afghanistan.

Indian official responsible for the training of these hypocrites was rumoured to be a man from the mainland, recent reports conclude that the Mujahideen were successful in assassinating him.

A live captured Mujahid is like a gold mine, for which rewards of thousands of Indian rupees are offered by the military. Neither are these rewards stagnant, they increase periodically; the more time a Mujahid may spend active inside the Occupied Territories, the higher the ransom upon his head.

The army is able to eavesdrop upon the dialogue of the resistance by tuning into the same frequency and channels that the Mujahideen habitually utilise on their wireless sets. So naturally, those voices along with their code names that have become most familiar to them are considered to be on their primary list for apprehending. It is therefore imperative for the resistance to constantly utilise cryptic forms of speech and moreover, to ensure that discourse is kept slight in order to safeguard the tracing of their points and hides by an ever vigilant military.

Seizure of Mujahideen members is given the highest priority by the military, who when successful can sometimes use their incarcerated man as an informant. This is achieved not by mitigation (plea-bargaining) but rather by means of the severest torture methods.

Men in capture are usually shipped to New Delhi, Jammu and other places in mainland India; locals who have been

captured have been known to have been released after serving two to three years imprisonment.

In contrast, for the 'guest' Mujahideen it is altogether a different picture, whom when apprehended are automatically given a life sentence. Common to all Muslim fighters who are captured are the severe torture methods which they are exposed to by the Indian occupational forces, much of this is in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of their Mujahideen colleagues.

To locate their encampments, caches and obtain a broader understanding of their strategies used. It also goes without saying, that this terrible abuse is also unleashed simply to humiliate and demoralise from which these perverse folk derive pleasure.

One such prominent Muslim commander¹⁴ and orator who was known to be an activist in the *Da'wah* for Jihad was sadly captured earlier this decade by the armed forces. It is reported that subsequently during a murderous torture ordeal his interrogators caused him to suffer loss of his sight. This is because of their vehement hatred for him and his kind!

Comparatively, a martyred man is a shortcoming for them. That is not to say that they do not favour this;

¹⁴ Sheikh Mohammed Mas'ood Azhar is one of the few revivers of Jihad in our time who mirrors in the Indian sub-continent what Abdullah Azzam was to the Arab world. His works in many languages have greatly inspired men and women in realising the low state of the Muslim people and its duty to revive itself through Jihad.

indeed they try to bring about their order by it everyday - but, it comes second to apprehending. Of a surety, their murdered victims cannot be placed under duress to speak.

However, we comfort ourselves by the words of Allah ﷻ who has said:

وَاذْكُرُوا إِذْ أَنْتُمْ قَلِيلٌ مُسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَتَخَطَّفَكُمُ
النَّاسُ فَآوَاكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ أَيْصَرَهُ وَرَزَقَكُم مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

"And remember when you were few and were reckoned weak in the land, and were afraid that men might kidnap you, but He provided a safe place for you, strengthened you with His help, and provided you good things so that you might be grateful."¹⁵

وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَ
يَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ

"And (remember) when the disbeliever's plotted against you to imprison you, or to kill you, or to get you out (from your homes) they were plotting and Allah too was planning, and Allah is the best of the planners."¹⁶

¹⁵Holy Quran, 8:26

¹⁶ Holy Quran, 8:30

During a crackdown the poorly equipped Mujahideen, will face on many occasions an onslaught of Mortar shelling and a barrage of rapid, full automatic machine gun bursts. Sometimes it will be a skirmish, at other times a battle that may last for many hours. If for example, the army ever senses that there may only be a handful of Mujahideen in any given area, then they will often employ a search fire technique. What this means is that the army will for many hours keep up a constant bombardment of firing in order to 'bully' the Mujahideen into responding and returning fire. This enables them to roughly find out the positioning of the Mujahideen; when one fires, you can almost always assume the direction of the fire simply by the sound waves.

The infantry also likes to brag about their power by sometimes holding lengthy mock firing sessions in their encampments. If they sense that there is a nearby Mujahideen hide located in the thick forests then in these sessions they will let rip with heavy artillery for many hours to come. These will even be held sometimes at night, but that is about all, for they dare not enter into the forests at dark. During nightfall, the forests belong to the Mujahideen. It is mostly at dawn and sunset that the army especially favours ambushes, for twilight is a deceiving time.

The enemy crackdown is the simple reaction of a desperate and wretched foe who is violently struggling to keep order - their order, in a place wherein they are trespassing completely out of bounds; that is the machine of the Indian heathen army.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MUJAHIDEEN AND INDIAN ARMY

It should be said first and foremost that both sides use propaganda; anyone who thinks not would be deluding himself for it is a justified art of warfare.

The army has not remained tight-lipped; a 'fundamental' fear has caused them to even compose letters to various Mujahideen training camps located in the Azad Kashmir area. The content of these letters is shameful, begging the Mujahideen to end the Launching of militants into the Occupied Territories.

In these appalling letters, they have had the audacity to claim that the 'work' that they are performing in Occupied Kashmir is under coercion and duress from their respective governments.

Moreover, they have stated that for them it is simply a job, which is necessary in order to facilitate their roles as breadwinners so as to feed their wives and children back in mainland India. How ironic that they have painted a picture which is framed with hypocrisy and the grandest fabrications of the truth, portraying themselves as the hapless victim. These same keepers of 'order and democracy' as we so often read are none other than those whose job contract it seems carries a small print which binds them to commit horrendous rape, murder and ravaging of land and identities.

These brazen 'enforcers of peace' would even attempt to explain their unexplainable activities to the outside world as a non-willful sequence of events which is only resorted to in order to break the will of the 'separatist - terrorist' resistance!

Inside Occupied Kashmir there is also correspondence between the pro-active Mujahideen and army over the wireless sets. The army constantly bombards the airwaves with music and lyrics, which usually carry a lewd content. This is done in order to cause confusion and misunderstanding amongst Mujahideen members who are habitually prompting each other through voice communication on the radios.

Similar to the original pagan *Qureysh* tribe they (the army) have resorted to usage of the foulest slang derogatory remarks. In an answer to all this, the Mujahideen often manage to strike many a 'raw nerve' when they reply through *Nashids* (Islamic songs) to an army which seethes with anger at such utterances.



INTERNAL OFFENSIVES

The Mujahideen will endeavor to procure as many arms and ammunition as is within their grasp. Some they will keep readily accessible. Verily the Mujahid's rifle is like a wife to him, where ever he goes she will go and vice versa.

The remaining residual weaponry may be buried deep in a cache or stashed away elsewhere in a safe haven. Prior to an operation against the security forces, it is usually these reserves which are utilised and pave the way to allow an incursion to be administered upon the enemy. An internal attack will be organised, run and conducted in a very similar manner to that of the border missions.

Various internal teams will be set up inside the unit as a whole, each being assigned a specific function of duty and directive to strictly adhere to by the commander in charge of the onset. In an ambush, for example, there will normally be two main groups, namely the Main Action Party and the Covering Party. These groups will be further divided into sub units, as follows...

MAIN ACTION GROUP

a) Forward command

Commander is present, usually with wireless set, being directly in contact with his deputy.

b) Road block party

Normally having felled a rock, tree or something of similar nature before hand. Otherwise utilising the likes of an on sight explosion with the use of a RC unit (remote control). Point in case, the block itself may only be administered on a bend i.e. where it may not be spotted ahead in the distance, thus giving the element of surprise.

c) Main firing squad

Who as titled will be directly in charge of the firing onslaught when indicated to do so by the commander.

d) Searching group

Responsible for performing a thorough frisk of person and vehicle upon command after main firing has subsided. Also responsible for giving final withdrawal motions as they will normally be the last to have direct contact with the enemy.

e) Special task force

Directly responsible for any special assignment, for example that of demolition. Encompassing: cutting of communication wires, destroying weapons store, annihilating power stations with the use of explosive material and Sentry disposal, etc.

COVERING GROUP

a) Signal man

Normally situated at any given high point from which an ariel view can be obtained in order to silently indicate, by motion or wireless set, to the commander that the enemy is thus approaching.

b) Rear command

This team will conceal themselves behind the passing enemy in order to ensnare them, i.e. at the front there is the ever-approaching roadblock whereas at the back should the enemy attempt an about turn and retreat there is the Rear command waiting to repel. In short, this unit should be situated at any possible escape route.

c) Main covering group

Usually consisting of the wireless toting deputy commander, this party will be stationed at a given high

point in order to literally provide cover for the main action party. They will be equipped with long-range P.K machine guns and possibly also Sniper rifles in order to cover the long distance from their designated mountaintop. Roughly speaking at least three hundred meters plus is required.

d) Flank protection group

This is a very essential unit and is something that is not only required in a Guerrilla war situation but also in Conventional warfare and, contrary to popular belief, also in Urban guerrilla war. Mostly devised for use in a raid rather than ambush, this team will be dispatched to any neighbouring enemy camps that are within the vicinity of the particular one that has been targeted for termination. However, the job of the Flank protection group is not to attack, rather it is simply to lie mobilised in waiting as this is purely a defensive unit. Should the neighbouring camp at any point attempt to try and assist the one which is being attacked, then the flank team will come into operation and open fire i.e. to silence the interference of the enemy and her allies.

Passwords and return passwords will be devised and strongly adhered to. Actions mostly transpire at night when vision is limited, therefore, sometimes the only way to know an advancing friend from a foe is either by voice recognition or the passwords which are sensibly better used for security purposes.

Finally, a R.V (Rendezvous Point) will be required as a must. Following the end of an action, all units and teams involved will by necessity need to make their way, via a feasible escape route to a prior arranged meeting point. Failing this, the inevitable result would be pandemonium in the withdrawing ranks of the Mujahideen.

These are just some of the examples referring to team formation and operation order. Depending on prevailing conditions more factions could be operative when required.

Enemy camps vary in size in Occupied Kashmir; most will usually house a large quantity of Hindu and Sikh soldiers, ranging from anything around two to six hundred men. The camps are much larger inside than those located on the Line of Control. The best way to estimate and operate is by sending out a reconnaissance garrison first hand to view and assess the situation and its feasibility and scheme the best onset to be employed. Two to six men usually comprise a good number for 'recky'.

Unfortunately, due to the relatively large size of these enemy camps and intensely minimal numbers within the ranks of the Muslim fighters, whole camps are not annihilated, thus removing the opportunity of procuring any windfalls. This also minimises the chances of performing Raids (hence, we will not mention standard formation for this).

As we have already said, the personal possessions that the fighters have are only those that they have carried in with divine aid, across and over mountains, manually scaling peak after peak. However, exchanging of weaponry between different Mujahideen groups has and will always be done, till now there is no other way to procure arms. A word of mention, Mujahideen from different groups will on many an occasion unite and perform an action against the military together.

Up until recently, there was a Kashmiri civilian who was somehow managing to manufacture ammunition for the Mujahideen. Having been traced by the Indian army and assassinated, the task remains open for another brave civilian to take up.

مَا مِنْ غَازِيَةٍ تَغْزُو فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُصِيبُونَ غَنِيمَةً إِلَّا تَعَجَّلُوا ثُلُثِيَّ
 أَجْرِهِمْ مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ وَيَبْقَى لَهُمُ الثُّلُثُ فَإِنْ لَمْ يُصِيبُوا غَنِيمَةً تَمَّ لَهُمْ
 أَجْرُهُمْ (أبو داود ٢١٣٦)

'Abd Allah b. 'Amr reported the Apostle of Allah ﷺ as saying: "No warlike party will go out to fight in Allah's path, and gain booty without receiving beforehand two-thirds of their rewards in the next world, and one third (of their reward) will remain. And if they do not gain booty, they will get their rewards in full."¹⁷

¹⁷ Abu Dawud, Hadith no. 2136

Commentary in Sunan: The suggestion is that they have in this world two-thirds of the reward which they would gain in the next world. Now only one third remains which they will receive in the Hereafter. In case they do not obtain booty and return safe, they will get their reward in full in the next world, as they did not get any reward in this world.

The travel arrangements of the Indian forces are by far detached, in fact luxurious in contrast to that of the ascetic Mujahideen. They travel and have most of their extravagant shipments brought in by air through the deployment of helicopters and aeroplanes, which incidentally are also utilised as flying surveillance machines.

Enemy helicopters regularly scour the skies with attached camera monitoring equipment in search of the resistance. They soar at high altitudes for fear of being shot down by a lone Mujahideen rocket, missile or perhaps even Sniper rifle.



WINTER MONTHS

The winter season brings not the possibility of snow and of sub zero temperatures inside Occupied Kashmir but rather the promise of it. Even though it is a time of year when the mosquitoes for one perish, bringing great relief to the Mujahideen, in it's place it flourishes new difficulties and afflictions for all to bear.

Throughout the spring, summer and autumn seasons the Kashmiri civilians will regularly stockpile heavy supplies of wood in order to keep the cold winter chill out. The men will climb the tall sky scraping trees without the use of a safety harness, and whilst clinging on with one hand will chop down branches with the other using an axe. They are poor and live in an environment that lacks the modern advancements of technology.

The choice is between woodcutting or falling prey to the bitter freeze. Even the womenfolk will endeavor to assist, performing beyond the call of duty, as these hard working sisters always do. They will carry weighty bundles of stockpile on their heads and backs, having become accustomed to the toilsome life style. Carrying out their chores well and efficiently, in general most of these Kashmiri folks are genuine, good practicing Muslims, God fearing and decent, they just happen to be under the vile heel of the heathen Indian forces.

For the Mujahideen, as one would expect, troubles intensify. For a minority, some suffer from frostbite and

even amputations in some extreme cases, but are also general things which bar none in this harsh climate. At this time of year, it is not possible to live out in the open anymore and so they will painstakingly construct underground hides as the world had once witnessed during the 1960's in Vietnam.

Extra, denser bedding must be obtained; thin, light blankets will be exchanged for warmer heavier ones. This is a time of year when ones instincts call appealingly to simply stay put, huddled under the semi warmth of the sheets, however this is not to be. As ever, food and water must be foraged for and supplies obtained on a regular basis; venturing out is a must and this in turn breeds even more hazards for the Mujahideen.

Once outside of the hides, their tracks lay a neat trail through the fresh previously untrampled snow and hence permit the enemy to trace their whereabouts with somewhat less difficulty than usual. For this reason, guard duty must be increased at this ultra tense time of year. Mujahideen sentry-guards will perform long hours of duty, in fact even during the summer months it is not unusual for a Muslim fighter to be required to perform up to around eight hours watch-guard surveillance combined with patrolling.

During such tense times and lengthy hours he may only receive one short break in order to consume a simple meal.

The winter period usually lasts for a duration of approximately five months between November and March during which Mujahideen operations are few and enemy crackdowns flourish.



MASS ATROCITIES

The Mujahideen are the most merciful of warriors. They have not come to Occupied Kashmir to add to the *Fitnah* but rather to remove the *Fitnah*. This is greatly appreciated by the Kashmiri peoples who warmly embrace their efforts and openly congratulate them with greetings of "*Mubarak*" when an offensive is conducted.

The Indian army is in contrast a complete disaster. They have absolutely no favorable public opinion whatsoever. Having long since surpassed the absolute, most basic of human rights as defined by the *Kuffar* themselves, in their brutal rape and usurping of this land and it's inhabitants.

In their endeavor to seal off the once heavily tourist-frequented Valley, they have adopted what can only be termed as psychological warfare to ward off any vacation minded - would be tourist. Frightening deterrents have been initiated and propaganda taken to an extreme. An example of this is the heavily media promulgated 'Mujahideen' kidnapping of western holiday-makers in recent times.

Whispers reverberate in the valley around the civil folk who consider these accusations with a quiet knowing attitude. Rumours heavily suggest a defaming conspiracy from the Indians whose involvement in these disappearances is the subject of much warranted suspicion. No doubt, the Indian media machine has outdone itself in bringing about a successful pattern of thinking to the world's public.

A pattern that indoctrinated fear and appalled the western world, making any would be wayfarer resolve to stay away from the Kashmir Valley wherein the majority of their oppression is focused.

An elaborate plot and name was said to be devised and completely attributed full force to the so-called blood thirsty, headhunting Mujahideen. 'Al-Fa'ran' was the deluding code name, but lurking behind the shadows were die hard splinter members of the faction *Harkat-ul-Ansar* who were simply calling for a prisoner of war exchange with the Indian authorities. However ask the people of Kashmir and strangely enough, they will tell you a different story, one of consensus that tells of lies and fabricated accusations.

Whatever the case may be, the defaming of the Mujahideen has indeed occurred and sadly been a slur on their face. The pumped character assassination has worked and to now attempt to dispel this myth is indeed difficult. The farcical aim of these clever foes which was to create a complete blackout in the Occupied Territories has thus far been a successful one. The once gentle valley has undergone a complete transformation into a valley of death, a zone plagued with genocide and pillaging to which no life cherishing traveler would even dream of entertaining the thought of setting foot in.

However, amidst all of this apparent swaying of public opinion towards the beast itself, the resistance has not allowed itself to lose hope and instead has fallen to the words of Allah s.w. Who has informed us:

وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُبْتُبُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَ

يَمْكُرُونَ وَ يَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ

"And (remember) when the disbeliever's plotted against you to imprison you, or to kill you, or to get you out (from your home) they were plotting and Allah too was planning, and Allah is the best of the planners."¹⁸

In the eyes of the occupying authorities, anyone who cries for freedom and supports the freedom struggle is a militant - an active terrorist. He is arrested, tortured, held in custody and murdered. Yet, mass militancy in the struggle for freedom is a reality, which New Delhi has hopelessly failed to contain, despite pouring in nearly a million soldiers into the state.

It follows, that there is a concealed code red, that the will of these peoples must be utterly shattered, broken by means of savage onslaughts on their blood, honour and wealth and all that is sacred. The ultimate aim and objective is to wipe out with a bloody course of events the fragile population of Muslims that exist in the Valley itself today. To eventually re-indoctrinate and bring about an internal revolution thus replacing the individual who once worshipped the true Oneness to that of the worship of desire and stone.

¹⁸ Holy Quran, 8:30

Thus bringing about a heathen infidel status destined for no place but the Hell Fire. A consumer-producer act as such; to consume a people and identities and thus produce ones own kind.

How ironic that the so-called proponents of the Gandian doctrine of non-violence have piped a different tune when they have temporarily gained the upper most hand. It is these same "intrepid heroes" that are apt to be the most timid of individuals when confronted on a par.

Table of Statistics, Atrocities of Indian occupational forces in Kashmir.

Since, 1990, up until October 1996:

* 59,750	Murdered
* 49,000	Murdered by indiscriminate firing
* 550	Burnt alive
* 3,200	Bound and drowned in the River Jhelum
* 4,500	Murdered crossing the cease-fire line

Since turn of decade i.e.: early 1990's estimate:

Rape cases (reported)	15873
Women murdered in gang rapes	934
Rendered disabled	756
Men and women held in prison without trial	43,390
Youth in torture colls	11,600
Burnt houses and shops	97654
Refugees in Pakistan	250678 successfully crossed ¹⁹
Schools destroyed	30
Schools and hospitals bomb blasted	189
Primary school children burnt alive on October 1, 1990	200
Hospital clinics destroyed	358
Mosques destroyed	346
Number of people dismissed from jobs	Thousands
Children died without treatment	358
Number of houses and shops burnt	66,094
Number of cattle burnt	1,480
Food burnt worth dollars	1,225
Forest burnt worth in dollars	1,123 million
Number of hospitals and schools burnt	848

¹⁹ It is illegal for Kashmiri Muslims to emigrate anywhere other than India.

And the persecution is still continuing at an ever-increasing rate. In a land where even gatherings of more than four persons is prohibited, everyday is a nightmare; every place is a holocaust. Every family has suffered in one way or another.

How tormenting could life become? Ask the Muslims of Kashmir...

RAPE EN MASSE

On the 10th and 11th August 1990, the army soldiers, rank and file hovering around Pazi Pora, Bali Pora, Konun, and others seemed to have been overtaken by vengeance, greed, lust and revenge. They would shoot anyone: - a passer-by; a farmer; a teenage boy; an aged man; an old woman or a youth busy with his vocation. The jawans (Indian soldiers) were seen carrying bottles of liquor in their pockets and guns in their hands. More than a company descended on Pazi Pora and isolated forcibly women folk from children and men, against the protests and weeping and wailing. Most of the cowmen had run for safety to the forest, but still 20 to 30 women were lodged in a spacious house. The army jawans got a scent of their presence, and pounced upon them like vultures. All of them were brought out from their hiding place and 10-15 robust, attractive and healthy women were isolated between the age group of 7yrs and 50yrs. One group of lusty soldiers tore their clothes to shreds and rendered them nude. A bonfire was made of their dresses and other garments at the edge of a field of rice. Committee members found the remnants of burnt clothes even after a week. Another group gulping liquor from the bottles jumped over

*them and took them back to the same hiding place from where they were forced out, there they were raped. A seven-year-old girl who was raped was still bleeding five days after the horrific ordeal. The group took their turns raping while crying slogans of "jai hind" and so on!*²⁰

Rapes and sodomy are very common. Soldiers rape young girls and young boys in the presence of family members. Leeches are often placed on genitals. Family members are woefully forced to rape other members of the family. To humiliate and disintegrate the person, soldiers will squeeze the breasts and genitals, insert metal rods and live cigarettes inside the vagina and rectum. Detainees are forced to perform oral sex on soldiers and to swallow the ejaculate.

*In an army firing in Sonar bazaar, two lanes away in the mohalla, a bullet ripped through the face of Mushtaq Malik, a 21-year old first year B. com. student who also attended stenography classes. His family confirmed Mushtaq's death when they identified his wristwatch, after he had been buried.*²¹

Mubina Gani is eighteen, and her face is dark with suffering. On May 18, on the way home from her wedding to her first night in her husband's home, she was shot and then gang-raped by Indian soldiers.

²⁰Reproduced: 'Kashmir Aflame' vol. 1 & 2, August 1990, Tahreek-e-Hurriyat-e-Kashmir

²¹ Ayesha Kagal. Sunday Review Times of India. New Delhi, April 29, 1990.

In the general hospital in Anantnag, 50 kilometres from the Kashmir capitol, Srinagar, Mubina is squatting on a bed in a foetid general ward. Alongside is her husband. Without protest, she hobbles to the operating theatre, where there is a measure of privacy. Her pain is beyond understanding. As she softly speaks, the horror is almost unbearable.

After the wedding, she says through an interpreter, she boarded a bus with her husband and aunt, to her new home. The aunt was a chaperone cum companion.

The bus, which had 24 passengers and 2 crew, was stopped by a contingent of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). There was no curfew in that area, but they had carried passes, just in case. They were allowed to proceed.

Some distance further on, there was a second roadblock, this time manned by the Border Security Forces (BSF).

"We started to get down but we were given no chance to show our passes. They opened fire without warning. They fired through the windows and from machine guns underneath their vehicle. We lay down under the seats and pretended to be dead. After the shooting, they came inside and started to beat everyone," said Mubina.

One passenger was dead. Many others had bullet wounds, including Mubina and her husband, Abdul Rashid. She went on: "All those who were not seriously wounded were told to stand in a row and ordered to raise their hands. The two ladies (Mubina and her aunt) were forcibly separated and ordered into a field."

While the bus was systematically looted - the plunder included some twelve thousand rupees (about four hundred pounds) given to the newly weds - Mubina and her aunt were stripped of their jewellery. Mubina, in Anantnag hospital, points to her unadorned ears and hands in shame. Even her wedding ring is missing.

She went on: "In the field, the soldiers first took off their clothes. I do not know how many there were. We were crying bitterly. I told them that I had not yet seen my husband, but they did not listen. They took off our clothes. They bit my chest and then I was raped. Between four to six Indian soldiers raped me, I think." Mubina's aunt is between 40 and 50 years old. She was around seven months pregnant. Two days after being brought to the hospital, she left and has now disappeared without trace.²²

"I want to suck their blood, but how can I do it"?

(Ruksana, 16, resident of Baallipora)

"If you give me training I will kill the men who raped me."

(Shaila, 22, resident of Pazipora)

"Whenever I see an army man now I feel like jumping into my grave."

(Rabia, 29, resident of Kupwara)

²² Derek Brown, The Guardian, May 26, 1990

*These are the bitter, angry outbursts of Kashmiri women who have been sexually assaulted. Ironically enough by the keepers of law and order - the Indian army and security forces, stationed in the Valley.*²³

*"On 31 March a group of children of the age group 11-12 assembled at the house of a teacher to have tuition from their tutor in Vicharnag locality of Srinagar. The teacher was non-Muslim and all students except one were also non-Muslims. There was an incident in the vicinity and the BSF men burst into a house. The Border Security Force men asked the identity of the pupils with their names. Only the Muslim boy was shot and murdered."*²⁴

RAPE OF LOURA

She had arrived in Srinagar on October 7, 1990 from a trip to Ladakh and was lodged in a houseboat on the banks of Dal Lake along with her three friends. Little did she know of the fate that awaited her in Srinagar.

Born in 1966, 24-year old Miss Loura Jane Lambie, a Canadian agricultural science student was on a stroll on October 11 on the boulevard in Srinagar when it was just getting towards darkness. Near the Centaur Hotel, she was having a chat with three local boys asking them about what was going on in Kashmir and was immediately waylaid by personnel of the Indian National Security Guards (MSG) travelling in a white

²³ "Kashmir Bleeds"

²⁴ "Situation in Kashmir", An Indian Report

Maruti van. They were armed with automatic weapons and were also carrying a walkie-talkie them. One of them, tall but slim, warned Laura not to get into conversation with local Muslim youth. "All of them are very dangerous terrorists and can also molest you at this desolate spot," he told her.

When the guards asked as to whom she was, she replied, "A Canadian." "You shall have to accompany us to the police station," and thus Laura was asked to board the vehicle. Instead of any police station, Laura was taken to the Oberoi Palace Hotel where the guards had a drink from their own bottles, because the bar in the Hotel was closed. She did not drink though she was invited to do so. The guards then ordered her to board the vehicle again as they told her it was not safe for her to go back to the houseboat at that late hour, for the Kashmiri militants could kill her at any spot. The guards also took away her purse. Laura was taken to a garden near chashma Shahi. It was 1 a.m on October 12.

One of the guards directed Laura to undress but she did not oblige. Her clothes were then torn and she was laid on the ground and gangraped. She cried under the open sky but there was no one to listen to her moans and shrieks except the sleeping state governor, Girish Saxena, in Raj Bhawan, which is situated only a few hundred yards from the scene of incident. For a change, Laura was taken to another adjacent garden and the gangrape by five guards of the helpless victim continued. Finally, she fell unconscious.

A semiconscious Laura was then dropped on the roadside, at a slight distance away from where she had been picked up the previous evening. On being sighted by the locals, she was carried to the police station at Nehru Park where a case for

kidnapping and rape was registered under sections 366 and 376 of the Ranbir Penal Code under First Information Report No: 90/40. The police officer at the station recommended a medical examination of the victim and Laura was taken to Lal Ded Women's hospital in Srinagar.

"All Indian men are scoundrels, I'll not permit you to examine me," Laura shouted at the male doctor in the hospital. Two female doctors then examined her ascertaining that dead sperms were found in her uterus and in the passage leading to it. There were scratches on her thighs, arms and breasts, which only testify that she resisted.

Laura Jane Lambie told pressmen that very day how brutally the 'security' guards raped her. The matter when brought to higher authorities in the state and also when it was taken up with the government of India by the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi, the state police registered a case against the guards arresting two of them whom Laura had conveniently identified in a batch of sixty-four guards paraded before her. She recognised them despite the fact that both of them had shaven off their beards.

Laura was kept in protective custody by the state authorities and was allowed an interview with the state governor on October 13 who promised that stern action would be taken against the guards turned rapists.

The authorities acted swiftly in view of the Canadian government taking a serious notice of the incident and it was in a record time that an inquiry was conducted and culprits punished.

Here lies the difference between the rape of a foreigner and that of a Muslim Kashmiri woman. The latter is treated as an allegation and passes off unnoticed and unwept.²⁵

The following excerpt has been reproduced, from William W. Baker's treatise "Kashmir, Happy Valley, Valley of Death". The American author visited the Occupied territories in 1994:

From his medical section, quote:

Hospital crackdowns occur at all three major hospitals as verified by doctors. These "crackdowns" amount to a shutdown of the hospitals and usually accuse the surgeons of "harbouring" illegal weapons and resistance fighters. While enduring these searches, the hospitals are totally shut down. The doctors and hospital staff are not allowed to care for their patients while the search goes on. All staff are confined to their quarters and offices, and as a result, many critically ill patients have died due to lack of care. Machines are shut off and patients undergoing surgery were left to die on the operating tables! Under the guise of conducting a "security search" the authorities often physically abuse the patients, as was the case of Mrs. Parveena Sheikh, a forty five year old cancer victim, who along with other patients suffering from severely painful afflictions, were rolled over and over in their beds while the soldiers, laughing, continued to ask "where are the arms". Their laughter was unable to cover up the screams of the victims as monitors intravenous lines and catheters were ripped from their veins. Mr. Abdul Rahim, thirty-five years of age and

²⁵ Weekly Takbeer, Srinagar, October 31, 1990

suffering from a treatable liver abscess with metabolic acidosis and hypertension was on a life saving I/V line. As he was rolled over and over and the line ripped away, the physician on duty was prevented from restarting the I/V line for nearly an hour, and as a result Mr. Rahim suffered a fatal cardiac arrest. I met six families at the hospital who had family members die while the security forces carried out their crackdowns. It is important to note that in all the crackdowns and searches of the hospital, not a single weapon or "militant" was found, nor had the doctors and staff ever knowingly hidden either arms or resistance fighters. "Suspected" Mujahideen were often taken from the hospital immediately after surgery, and in some cases, in the midst of emergency surgery! Many never returned, and those that were brought back to the hospital were near dead.

Unquote

Students are targets in the streets of Kashmir, as was the case of a twenty-year-old man walking to school in the middle of the afternoon. An Indian army truck with a machine gun mounted in the back pulled alongside and soldiers ordered him to look at them, and upon doing so he was shot through the throat. He was left where he fell until some other civilians took him to the hospital. A doctor explained that the bullet tore through the young man's trachea and oesophagus, finally crushing his spine. This handsome young Kashmiri was unable to speak, and the doctor continued to tell the effects of that single bullet, that this young man could not eat, could not breathe, could not even move and was only awaiting the peace and freedom of a hastening death. It was asked for the young man's prognosis; "He is going to die very, very soon" was the reply. Mercifully, this innocent youth died several days later.

Masroof Sultan, 19, takes off his shirt to reveal ten bullet wounds and the scars of torture by electric shocks. A doctor's report states that bullet injuries were sustained to the right thigh, left thigh, both arms, neck, chest and head. That he lived is embarrassing to those who shot him; he is scared they will come back to complete the job. His story tells much about the tactics of Indian Security Forces in Kashmir. The official version is that he was shot in 'crossfire', which must be dismissed as nonsense by anybody who has seen Mr. Sultan's multiple wounds. According to him, he was put up against a tree by soldiers from the Border Security Forces, a paramilitary group, and shot by men with rifles. He said he was shot again when he was seen to be alive. A third wave of bullets smashed into him to make sure. "An officer put his hand in front of my mouth to feel if I was breathing. I held my breath. I was semi conscious", he said. He has had four operations so far, and doctors say he needs two more. He cannot walk properly because his thigh was broken and his knees were injured, he says, from being beaten with sticks during interrogation. The doctor's report, from the bone and joint hospital in Srinagar, is unequivocal in its prognosis: "permanent disability". Until recently, before soldiers ordered him off a bus and decided he was a freedom fighter, he was a science student. He was apparently singled out for interrogation because he came from an area of Srinagar with a reputation for resistance. He had not even been identified by "cats" - informants. They are called cats because only their eyes can be seen i.e. they wear a hood. "The cat has the power of life and death", says mufti Bahauddin Farooqi, former chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir and now a human rights worker. "He can get anyone arrested and murdered just by pointing a finger"; cats usually turn informer because they are threatened or tortured; it is probable that some are paid. Mr. Sultan's life changed forever when, some hours

after being taken off the bus, he was sent to an interrogation centre. He said there was a rope hanging from the ceiling, a big roller - this heavy device is used for rolling over the legs and body, a common and well documented form of torture in Kashmir - and a piece of apparatus that turned out to be an electric shock system. He said bare wires were attached to his penis and big toes, then water thrown over him. "I was given three shocks. I lost my senses. Blood came from my nose and mouth. They beat my knees with sticks." After the torture, he was taken away, and outside a building used by the Border Security Forces, he was shot. No young man in Kashmir is safe from the Security forces. That is why so many of them live in refugee camps on the Pakistan side of Kashmir. It is exceptionally hard to find anyone, young or old, in the Kashmir Valley who does not want Kashmir to secede from India.²⁶

Organ removal and the black market, section from "Kashmir, Happy Valley, Valley of death":

Quote:

Nothing could ever have prepared me for another encounter with a young Kashmiri victim of the occupation forces. Twenty year old Mohammed Rafiq Mir, son of Abdul Gani Mir from the area of Khomoh, Shutloo, Baramullah, was picked up by security forces January 1st of 1991 when he and twelve other Kashmiris were attempting to make their way to the freedom of Azad Kashmir (an outlawed and illegal emigration). I will let his own words, taken from a signed document tell what happened next: "We were taken to a place which looked like a

²⁶ Christopher Thomas, The Times, London, 10 August 1993

hospital because some people were in green uniforms and masks and others in military uniforms. I was put on a table, blood was taken out from my arm. A wire was put from my groin and something was viewed on a screen. During this process, I felt heat in my body. After that, all I know is that I was feeling pain. One doctor told me my left kidney had been removed." The next day, the young man was taken along with others who had undergone surgery and thrown from the back of an army truck alongside the road. He was given a ride to the hospital where he complained of severe pain. On the bottom portion of the testament of Rafiq Mir are the comments of the examining physicians who, after careful examination and x-rays conclude: "A 20 year old male, Mohammed Rafiq Mir is apparently in good health with a left lumber scar. The scar is about 8 inches in length well healed. The pink colour of the scar indicates that it is a recent one. On questioning, he does not give history of any complaint referable to his urinary system. He has never had any hematuria, dysuria, obliqurea or urinary colic. He had no pain in the region of the scar. He has never been told by a doctor that he had any problem with his kidneys. Upon examination, he does not reveal any clinical abnormality except the scar in the left lumber region. Further tests indicate the absence of his left kidney. It appears a normally functioning left kidney and urethra have been surgically removed! The circumstances of his operation suggest his kidney has been used for a transplant and was removed against his will!" While in the Valley of Kashmir I learned of several other citizens who had likewise had healthy organs removed, although most of the others were found dead with kidneys, livers and other organs missing. I have the sworn testimony of Younis Khan of the Ganderbal District where I was staying, which testifies that his brother was taken off a bus along with twelve others by Border Security Forces. One month later his body was found and taken

to the Institute of Medical Science whereupon the doctors determined that his brother, twenty-nine year old Bashir Khan, died of physical torture and one kidney was missing from the body. As incredible as this may seem, since returning to the United States there have been a number of special documentary programs on American television, especially on "The Discovery Channel" December 11, 1993 which exposed the huge black market in India for human organs!

Unquote

Additionally, various other vile torture methods are also brought into force. One other such instrument being a rolling pin with nails which jut out from the wood piece as described to us by an unfortunate victim who was subjected to this type of ordeal. This apparatus is rolled over various parts of the victim's body, the sequence of events being thus:

Firstly, the layer of the human skin tissue begins to peel off after which the inside tissue is penetrated which also starts to remove until finally the bone is reached. The examples are macabre and plentiful, and yet inspite of the perpetration of all this savage violence, the will of the Muslims from Kashmir remains well intact, unbroken.

The above mentioned victim, a young man, in fact following his torture ordeal still allowed us not only to secretly bath in his house but also granted us a fresh change of clothes. All this without even requesting a single penny of payment from us for all his efforts and material. Of a surety, the severe brutality of the Indian occupational forces has only served to strengthen

relations between the civilians and the Mujahideen. It has caused a bond of some great magnitude to develop, one of mutual love, respect, appreciation and moreover, a heartfelt brotherhood united in their efforts.

Nu'man Ibn Bashir ؓ relates that the holy Prophet ﷺ said...

*"The Muslims in their mutual love, kindness and compassion, are like the human body where when one of its parts is in agony the entire body feels the pain both in sleeplessness and fever."*²⁷

And:

الْمُسْلِمُونَ كَرَجُلٍ وَاحِدٍ إِنْ اشْتَكَى عَيْنُهُ اشْتَكَى كُلُّهُ وَإِنْ اشْتَكَى
رَأْسَهُ اشْتَكَى كُلُّهُ (مسلم ٤٦٨٧)

*"The example of the Believers is as if they are one body, if the eye is in pain, the whole body responds (and) if the head is in pain the whole body responds."*²⁸

²⁷ Related by Bukhari & Muslim

²⁸ Muslim, 4687

A popular chain of events for a plotted interrogation by the army is thus:

A make shift caravan will be made and driven to a certain area. Understandably, the arrival of this wheel-bound torture set up heralds severe panic amongst the unarmed civilians who naturally make their departures with utmost of speed if possible. This is known by the military, hence the arrival of these caravans will nearly always be at early dawn. This is a time when most of these Muslims will be offering their prayers and devotions, thus enabling the enemy to catch their victims mostly indoors at home.

Cats (informants) will be brought and fingers will be pointed. This 'caravan' is in fact a mobile interrogation unit into which will be bundled their most unfortunate, innocent victims where nothing short of barbaric brutality will be inflicted upon them and so on.

Often, men are slaughtered and womenfolk impregnated and left to fend for themselves. It is a vicious cycle of events designed to have devastating effects, ruining the social family order of balance and their way of life of al-Islam. As did Adolph Hitler once attempt to bring about a nation of blond hair and blue eyes through biting strong arm techniques, the idolatrous Hindus have indeed also taken up this flag for they are a covetous nation.

In order to repel all this persecution, the civilians have only the Mujahideen to turn to for help; the Mujahideen are the Army of Madinah in Kashmir - the army of Allah ﷻ.

Young Kashmiri males are sometimes forced to abandon their homes and are conscripted to go and live in the enemy camps themselves, among the heathen, army soldiers. Access to return home to ones family is limited, as too much of this would break the indoctrination pattern, although this is indeed a rather pathetic attempt at a colonisation of the mind.

Through our time spent inside fighting we met and spoke with young such men who after either being released or escaping, chose to become none other than Mujahideen members joining the resistance for which we can only praise Allah ﷻ who turns the hearts.

CURFEWS

A favourite ploy used by the Indian forces in their attempt to control the Kashmir valley is the enforcement of curfew. During these ever tense hours to venture out from ones home for any reason, including a medical emergency could very well mean fatality to any who dared violate these 'illegal' times. Doing so is considered to be an open challenge to the authorities.

The psychology of such martial law mentality is intended to break the spirit of the local resistance to Indian occupation and annexation of Kashmir. The

security forces to humiliate and punish the Kashmiris use curfews. Merchants are unable to open their shops thus preventing earning of monies needed to make a basic living so that their families may survive.

Schools are shut down and banks indefinitely closed, unable to operate or open. Not even a pregnant woman or the most seriously ill civilian may travel to a hospital or physician for lifesaving care. The ambulance service is also called to a halt, they are forbidden to transport even the critically ill individual. Simply everything must come to a standstill, a ghost town scenario.

SHAM ELECTIONS IN KASHMIR

In May 1996 through to the summer months, India staged their most recent plebiscite saga of fraud. Innocent Kashmiri civilians all over the State were ordered to cast their votes under duress.

Candidates on offer were and only ever are, those who carry the blessings of New Delhi. India through massive rigging of polls has made it clear that it is for them to choose its managers in Kashmir and no other.²⁹



²⁹ For more insight into Kashmir's almost comical elections, refer to a booklet written by the author Nazir Kamal, entitled: "India's farcical elections in Kashmir" Institute of strategic studies Islamabad, Pakistan

MUJAHIDEEN MEMOIRS

Sheikh Abdullah Azzam (r.a) said that: "Islamic history is not written, except with the stories of the Shuhada - and with the blood of the Shuhada".

لشَهِيدٍ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ سِتُّ خِصَالٍ يُغْفَرُ لَهُ فِي أَوَّلِ دَفْعَةٍ مِنْ دَمِهِ وَيَرَى
مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ وَيَجَارُ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَيَأْمَنُ مِنَ الْفَزَعِ الْأَكْبَرِ
وَيُوضَعُ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ تَاجُ الْوَقَارِ الْيَاقُوتَةُ مِنْهَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا
وَيُزَوَّجُ اثْنَتَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ زَوْجَةً مِنَ الْحُورِ الْعِينِ وَيُشْفَعُ فِي سَبْعِينَ مِنْ
أَقْرَبِهِ (ترمذي ١٥٨٦ - ابن ماجه، أحمد)

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: "The Shahid is given seven special favours from Allah":

- 1) All his sins are forgiven at the first spurt of his blood
- 2) He sees his place in Paradise as soon as he is killed
- 3) He is saved from the punishment of the grave
- 4) He is saved from the great terror on the Day of Judgement
- 5) There is placed on his head a crown of honour, a jewel of which is better than this whole world and what it contains
- 6) He is given intercession for 70 members of his household (Believers)
- 7) He is married to 72 women, of the most beautiful women of Paradise (Houris)³⁰

³⁰ Related by Ahmed, Ibn Majah & Tirmithi - 1586

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا

تَشْعُرُونَ

"And say not of those who are killed in the way of Allah, 'They are dead.' Nay, they are living, but you perceive (it) not."³¹

ACCOUNT, SPRING 1996

ABU HEBAT BRINGS HOME HEAD OF INDIAN SOLDIER

According to reports, Mujahideen from the 'Army of the Kalimat' having travelled six hundred kilometres from headquarters administered a border incursion upon an army patrol unit.

Mujahideen having reached their desired place of operation, were caught sight of by the vigilant army who commenced to flee from the scene.

Abu Hebat attempting and succeeding to capture an Indian foot soldier had to at first subdue his foe, when a fierce engagement erupted between the two.

³¹ Holy Quran, 2:154

Finally, their grappling with each other subsided when Abu Hebat fired a round into the head of the army man. With his victory complete, he beheaded him and returned to border sector Dawdunyal.

In this altercation, Abu Hebat sustained a slight flesh wound in his toe from a stray bullet.

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أحيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ
يُرْزَقُونَ

*"Think not of those who are killed in the way of Allah as dead. Nay they are alive, with their Lord, and they have provision."*³²

In commentary of the above verse we have a *Hadith Qudsi*, related on the authority of Masruq ؓ, who said...We asked (or I asked) Abdullah (i.e. Ibn Mas'ud ؓ) about this verse (above mentioned). He said: We asked about that and he (i.e. Prophet ﷺ) said:

"Their souls are in the insides of green birds having lanterns suspended from the Throne, roaming freely in Paradise where they please, then taking shelter in those lanterns. So their Lord cast a glance at them (i.e. at those who had been killed in the cause of Allah) and said: Do you wish for anything? They replied: What shall we wish for when we roam freely in Paradise where we please? And thus did He do to them three

³² Holy Quran 3:169

times. When they saw that they would not be spared from being asked (again), they said: O Lord, we would like for you to place back our souls into our bodies so that we might fight for your sake once again. And when He saw that they were not in need of anything they were let be."³³

ACCOUNT, WINTER 1997

*The Mujahideen launched a massive attack on Indian army camps to avenge the death of 14 of their men in Budgam last month. This unprecedented high number has enraged all groups. Lashkar Tayba (one particular group) claimed to have inflicted heavy loss of life and ammunition in their missile attack on high security Indian army Nogam brigade headquarters in Leepa sector on October 7th. The camp is reported to be used for supplies to Chamb sector. The supply and transport camps suffered maximum loss.

Several cars lay wrecked in a crowded Srinagar district when a powerful car bomb exploded on Oct. 30th. This resulted in the death of two security men and wounding several others.

فَرِحِينَ بِمَاعَاتَاهُمْ اللهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ
مَنْ خَلْفَهُمْ أَنْ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

³³ Muslim, Tirmidhi, Nasa'i & Ibn Majah

*"They rejoice in what Allah has bestowed upon them of His bounty, rejoicing for the sake of those who have not yet joined them, but are left behind (not yet martyred) that on them no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve."*³⁴

GHAZI DESCRIBES TRECHEROUS DEPARTURE ROUTE FROM OCCUPIED TO AZAD

"The route which we embarked upon was the one which N'aeim (a guide) had recently been *Shahid* upon *insha'Allah*, having fallen to his martyrdom. We consider it to be a mid lengthy one, spreading over a dangerous journey of approximately four to five days.

This notorious crossing, as most routes are, is known for the steep mountain faces that it harbours, ridges, some of which are, located over and above cloud level which the Mujahideen return would cover. Steep ledges coupled with river crossings that involve leaping over and onto huge boulders and small rocks, both of which can be wet - moss covered and dangerously slippery.

Under and around these rocks, fast flowing rivers gush forth at white water rapid speed. This sort of river hopping will spread across entire nights, nights of profound desperate exhaustion and extreme chills, worse still when raining and the wind may be blowing powerfully. Exhaustion which cannot be confounded

³⁴ Holy Quran, 3:170

simply by resting because, not only are they on a minimal supply of sustenance but also the bitter cold at this altitude allows not the resting of lengthy periods. This is to say one must constantly be on the move in order to preserve at least a minimal amount of body warmth at these levels.

Enemy camps and bunkers are strewn across the entire area with parts where the Mujahideen cannot even walk across, parts such as manmade tracks or the soft sand to be found on river banks. This is for fear of leaving distinctive 'stud' marked indentations in the malleable ground with ones footprints.

Point in case, stud tipped, ankle boot training shoes are worn by the fighters when crossing in or out of the Occupied State. The rest of the time inside, they are usually fitted with flimsy plimsolls the likes of which are commonly worn by primary school children in the west; unfortunately their resources do not reach much better than this in the Occupied Territories.

Most of the time the Mujahideen cannot simply go in a vertical or horizontal line, even if the landscape permits, rather they are forced to go around mountain peak after peak. Unfortunately, these stretch to their very highest on the borders. Darting in and out and evading enemy camps in fact more than doubles their journey.

In fact, in many ways it can be said that return trips are even more perilous than the ones to venture in. This is so because the weaponry which they emphatically struggled

to bring inside initially will, rather than accompany them upon reverting, be buried in a cache, stashed away deep in some safe haven as back up for those staying inside. Hence, it is that this renders each man returning to be equipped with only either pistol - or a grenade and dagger. The guides will probably be the bearers of one or two rifles (AK-47) with minimal ammunition all around.

It is a route not only littered with natural hardships and hurdles such as the long sweeping sheets of ice, frozen and lying dormant mostly all year round, but also manmade ones such as anti personnel mines and trip wire.

It follows that even the most experienced of men can, if willed by their Lord, fall prey to a natural order, one that of course we do not deem to be a disaster. Footing can all so easily be lost, mines can be stepped upon as of a surety they have been in the past. Hazardous injuries of many sorts, including fracturing of bones can easily happen; the list is long with the torments that can and do effect the zealot. It is the most soul searching experience one may envisage."

وَلَئِنْ قُتِلْتُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَوْ مُتُّمْ لَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَحْمَةٌ خَيْرٌ
مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ

*"And if you are killed or die in the way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all that they amass (of worldly wealth etc.)."*³⁵

³⁵ Holy Quran, 3:157

ABU HAFS KILLS OFFICER WHILST ACQUIRING THE HONOUR OF MARTYRDOM

And,

SAIFULRAHMAN, COMMANDER OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE OF OPERATION HARB REACHED PAKISTAN AFTER HIS SUCCESSFUL BATTLES

Operation Harb's special task force destroyed two jeeps and a vehicle weighing 2½ tons, in four different battles as well as killing 67 officers and wounding many more.

Saifulrahman, who recently returned from the area of Kashmir, spoke of activities related to the special task force. He said that the first battle erupted when the Mujahideen of operation Harb planted gunpowder in the path of a mining field and ambushed this area of the Indian army via a remote control, as a consequence of the imprisonment of one of their Ghazi's. In the course of this event a jeep and vehicle weighing 2½ tons were completely destroyed killing 40 officers.

In the district of Hindwara the Mujahideen of operation Harb attacked the camp Wadarbala with rockets killing 15 officers and wounding many more. The Mujahideen however returned safely to their headquarters.

It was the evening between 16th and 17th September when the Mujahideen of operation Harb under the leadership of Saifulrahman were passing through the

area of Nagri or Kupwara district, when they were informed of the Indian army awaiting in ambush.

Mujahideen reacted via an anti ambush program and systematically organised their parties for an attack against the Indian army in which 15 officers were killed and 14 officers went missing.

The Indian army was assisted by locals in their search for the missing officers. A member of operation Harb (Abu Hafs) was martyred in this battle.

An Indian officer considering Abu Hafs to be dead tried to straighten/turn him over. Abu Hafs who was actually wounded grasped this opportunity to stab the officer in his stomach, and then sitting on his chest killed the officer. A lady living in a house nearby witnessed the whole incident.

Army Harb in retaliation planted gunpowder on Budgam Road destroying a jeep and thereby killing its accompanying officers.

Saifulrahman commenting on the current Jihad situation in Kashmir said that the Mujahideen have a great stronghold in the Valley and the future Jihad incursions will no doubt erase India from the map of the world. "We are committed to this, no matter how many set backs we may face, no matter how long it takes. We have the firm conviction that our Lord is with us, it has been frequently proven to us through the occurrence of miracles!"

(Saifulrahman was formerly a long serving officer in the Pakistan army, after dedicatedly spending nearly half his life therein he resigned in order to pursue a full time career with the Mujahideen. He is now responsible for the training of new recruits).



DIARY OF A MUJAHID

While we dream of Jihad and some deny it, while others explain it away, and yet others frown upon it to hide their own weakness and reluctance towards it, here is a snapshot from the diary of a Mujahid who fulfilled his dream to be on the battlefield. No doubt, Jihad is a part of our noble *Deen* and holds a lofty position in worship.

The brother was launched and formed part of our team inside Indian Occupied Kashmir and the following diary which he endeavoured to keep from day to day records his operations in the recent past.

I have refrained from mentioning his name for obvious reasons.

START

Stationed: In Lolab Valley (Occupied Kashmir)

15th July '96: Launch operation at Att Makam sector.

3rd Aug. '96: Ambush by enemy. 4 to 7 of them dead. All 6 of us survived. Civil report says 15 enemy dead. Fight lasted half-hour.

9th Aug. '96: Confrontation with enemy at 0800 hours above hideout by our patrol. Do not know how many dead - maybe 6 of them.

10th Aug. '96: Raid on enemy camp cancelled. Make preparation for ambush instead.

Condition of the Mujahideen: low in ammunition. Not many actions. Insha' Allah will leave after three actions. Enemy is very active in ambushing us but unsuccessful.

13th Aug. '96: In Rajwal - our brothers have been ambushed by the enemy. 3 are *Shahheed insha' Allah* - Abu Qataadah, Abu Umar and Abu Soban. Abu Umar was with our group when launched. Abu Soban is the brother of a friend of ours in my group called Abu Mu'ziyyah. Our group consisted of approximately 25 Mujahideen.

We have been in three groups since launching. The brothers fought for four years before being killed.

The army took 4 buses of dead brothers away. 28 *Kuffar* killed.

15th Aug. '96: 10.30 to 12 am - we pulled guard duty on India's "Freedom Day". The army is very active these days. After this action we will make our way out of Occupied Valley *insha' Allah*.

Every 2 kilometres in Kashmir there is an enemy camp. They torture the locals, but still they never tell where the Mujahideen are located. Practically every village has an army camp. In Lolab, there are 36 enemy camps.

When you see the eyes of the women, you know they have been raped and the men tortured.

We ask; how can you have any fear of these Indians? If you could only see the eyes of these Kashmiris!

16 Aug. '96: 4 brothers are caught in ambush. Crackdown in Rajwal. We are waiting for further reports. 5 *Shaheed insha' Allah*. 18 enemy killed.

The group that I have been functioning with has been inside the Kashmir valley for five years. In that time only around two hundred Mujahideen have been killed whereas over three thousand enemy troops have been killed (*Alhumdulillaah*). The first one killed from amongst us in the Valley was brother Ashraf at the border.

5 Mujahideen were besieged by a large number of enemy troops who fired around 35 mortar shells at them before running away. 1 Mujahid was injured and 2 killed.

Most first time launchers are getting killed nowadays!

Abu Sufyan was 15 years old when he was injured in the abdomen in an enemy ambush. He took his knife and leaned over in *sujood*. When the enemy came to pick him up he stabbed one in the stomach and slit his throat. Then he was killed in turn.

27th Aug. '96: For the time we have been here in the valley, 17 of our brothers have died and approximately 350 enemy killed.

30th Aug. '96: 4 brothers killed in Rashicund. Maybe 28 *Kuffar* killed. The army ran away after their officer was killed.

Also in another operation, 7 enemy troops were killed and 11 injured after the Mujahideen threw 2 grenades into an enemy truck. The brothers were all safe, *Alhumdulillaah*. This was in Baramulla district.

The enemy has announced a bounty of five million rupees for the head of any one of our Mujahideen.

4th Sept. '96: 2 brothers from my training group *Shaheed insha' Allah*. Both of them were *haafidh* of the *Qur'an*.

16th Sept. '96: The enemy army has camped at all the mountaintops around us for jungle operations for five days. Our group is between 10 to 25 strong and we are sufficiently armed. Maybe *Shahadat* awaits us in these 5 days. May Allah s.w. grant us clear victory over our enemies, *Ameen*.

END

In the aftermath, as it stands, it can be informed to the reader that the author of this diary was granted a new lease of life in the *dunya* by Allah s.w. and eventually returned successfully from Indian Occupied Kashmir as a *Ghazi*; having killed, but not yet been killed. (He was

none other than an ex Canadian soldier who having cast aside the *Deen* of his forefathers had reverted to al Islam). This was not the case however for another who hailed from America, Abu Aadam; he never returned for he was martyred...

فَلْيُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يَشْرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ وَمَنْ
يُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُقْتَلْ أَوْ يَغْلِبْ فَسَوْفَ نُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

"Let those (believers) who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter fight in the cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the cause of Allah, and is killed or gains victory, we shall bestow on him a great reward."³⁶

Finally, to end this chapter we mention some lines from the parents of some of these young men who fell in the path of their Lord. Their words speak for themselves...

"Allah by granting my son martyrdom fulfilled my son's and my own wish."

(Mother of Abu Talha)

"Why should I cry! I sent my son myself in the path of Allah."

(Mother of Abu Hafsa)

³⁶ Holy Quran, 4:74

"He was my youngest son, but he jumped into Paradise and became the older/greater one."

(Father of Abu Muaqqal)

"Do not give me condolences, for I am proud of my son."

(Mother of Abu Sakhar)

"All of my children will follow this path."

(Mother of Abu Ali)

يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِنِعْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

They rejoice in a Grace and a Bounty from Allah, and Allah will not waste the reward of the believers.³⁷

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³⁷ Holy Quran, 3:171

SHORT TERM REACTIONS

It has been endeavoured to present this treatise in an impartial way, to educate and inform the reader of the true conditions that prevail in Occupied Kashmir today. All the facts that have been presented here have been for sometime now well known and documented by the enemies of Islam and even more so by the enemy at hand (the Indian authorities).

With these writings it is now hoped that the picture may also be clearer for the Muslim reader, who if living in the west will probably have found there to be a blackout on the issue. To finalise I think it quite appropriate to be candid with the reader and advise him or her of some truths enshrouding the Kashmiri Jihad. Unfortunately, although not all glossy, they carry truth and should be spoken of and a stance taken.

It is a sad fact that the majority of wars which these days involve the Muslims and have been transpiring in the world have more or less all fallen to be completely of a defensive, *Da'wah* type nature. That is to say, that it is Muslim lands that have been appallingly invaded and usurped, indiscriminately plundered and divided up. It appears that this is because the indigenous population of believers in these countries did not initiate or carry out any attempts for reform or offensive action themselves.

Sadly, in fact for the most part, we find that many a time they were actually residing semi peaceful coexisting lives.

Coexistence in lands such as Bosnia with the Christians, in Burma with Buddhists, in Chechenya with the Russian atheists and of course Kashmir with the Hindus and so on. We have heard and seen the treachery which has occurred in these lands and which continues to occur daily throughout the globe upon Muslims, but this is not an excuse for complacency for the Prophet (saws) said:

لَا يُلْدَعُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ وَاحِدٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ

(بخاري 5668 - مسلم، أبو داود، ابن ماجه، أحمد، الدارمي)

"A Believer is never stung from the same hole twice".³⁸

Regrettably, it seems that in contemporary times, this phenomenon of systematic savage attack after attack that has been unleashed on this shattered nation is still yet to educate many peoples. Young educated Muslim males in particular seem to be all too eager to clutch hold of their passports and backpacks with borrowed monies and leap over onto the grounds of these defensive type Jihad.

These defensive wars are more than just a random onset in which some given foe simply fancies their chances to confound. They are a symptom of just how fragile the nation of believers has become; it is now exactly as the Prophet (saw) foretold it would be fourteen hundred years ago:

³⁸ Bukhari - 5668, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, Ahmed, Darami

كَيْفَ أَنْتَ يَا ثَوْبَانُ إِذْ تَدَاعَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْأُمَمُ كَتَدَاعَيْكُمْ عَلَى قِصْعَةِ
 الطَّعَامِ يُصِيبُونَ مِنْهُ قَالَ ثَوْبَانُ بِأَبِي وَأُمِّي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَمِنْ قَلْبِ بَنِي
 قَالَ لَا أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنْ يُلْقَى فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنُ قَالُوا وَمَا الْوَهْنُ
 يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ حُبُّكُمْ الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَتُكُمْ الْقِتَالَ

(أحمد ٢٣٥٦)

Abu Hurairah (raa) said, "I heard the Prophet (saw) saying to Thawban, 'O Thawban, what will you do when the nations call one another to invade you as people call one another to come and eat from one bowl?' Thawban replied, 'May my father and my mother be sacrificed for you, O Messenger of Allah! Is it because we will be so few?' 'The Prophet (saw) answered, 'No, on that day you (Muslims) will be many, but Allah will place weakness (wahn) in your hearts.' The people asked, 'What is that weakness, O Messenger of Allah?' He said, 'It is love for this world and dislike of fighting.'³⁹

Each and every single Muslim land which has been encroached upon, to be mild of term, is in fact rather than being an outstanding case of its own, simply a symptom of this feasting by the enemies of Allah s.w, who by that fact are automatically our enemies.

It is these people who seek to, in a pragmatic way, restrain this nation from returning to it's former self of

³⁹ Ahmed, 2356

glory when it was once the cradle of civilisation; the best nation as Allah s.w. personally described it. Notwithstanding the fact that it was also due to the calibre of the people that warranted such an esteemed honour. Their grasp of statehood power could be described as the fruit that was bore due to their assiduous personal condition.

A symptom of the ills that has befallen this nation is Kashmir and many other Muslim lands that strike a similitude with it. This area is just one of the now diseased branches of this once magnificent tree. In this tree the answer and solution can only be found by looking at the fundamental root of the problem. Therein lies the truth and remedy.

One gaze at our predicament infers clearly that there hitherto exists no place on the face of the globe that can purport to be even a nascent system of undiluted government in which Allah s.w's attributes of Legislator and Sovereign is being implemented as it rightfully should. Perhaps Afghanistan today as it stands is the only exception. As for the other Muslim nations, it is as yet simply a utopia.

Perchance Muslims are frightened to advance and take the initiative, afraid of being branded as terrorists or deviants, by the people who engineered human destruction themselves - the enemies of al Islam. Maybe we harbour a 'fundamental' fear of being labelled as innovators and terrorists even in our own communities by our very own brethren in faith. Simply because we

wish to wrest power from those who are diametrically opposed to this *Deen*; but terror works and that is why the believers are commanded to enforce it by Allah s.w, for he says...

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ
اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَعَآخِرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ وَمَا
تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ

*"Against them (disbeliever's) make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including Steeds of war, to terrorise the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides whom you may not know. Whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly."*⁴⁰

Inevitably, we are forced to question: Do we put the fear of Allah s.w. into the enemies of al Islam today?



⁴⁰ Holy Quran, 8:60

HINDSIGHT

In retrospect, it is hard to see that the war that is transpiring today in the State of Jammu and Kashmir can be classified as anything but a Jihad. Of a surety, the defence of innocent Muslim men, women and children could not be described as anything else.

Even if we are speaking of the political issue of a true hegemonic Islamic system of government wherein Allah ﷻ is the Sovereign, one cannot totally dismiss the possibility of such a desired ideal bestowing itself only after having gone through an evolutionary process of gradation.

This is to say piecemeal gradual stages of development. Indeed the revelation of the *Qur'an* was one which was subjected to a time period of developmental stages. Evolving revelation was completed after twenty-three years as opposed to overnight because as a matter of course, it takes humanistic nature and approach into consideration. So much so that it even utilised the science of abrogation.

For example, for those who subscribe to the theory that necessitates fully implementing the *Shariah* within three days of subduing any given land, should carefully consider certain facts before they solidify this thought and attempt to propagate it. Hypothetically speaking, lets say that India for instance was occupied by Muslim forces - are we to believe that because the Prophet did not make it a practice to accept *Jizya* from the *Mushrikeen* that we

should not budge from this practice? After a lapse of three days, failing a one hundred percent complete submission, should we embark on beheading every single Hindu throughout this vast country?! This is what this kind of staunch thought pattern inevitably entails.

In another instance lets say several million civilians of a confounded nation are demanded to submit what remains of their usury within three days. In this case, people who have considered it to be an acceptable way of life – all their lives for that matter, would stand to lose vast sums of monies.

The unfortunate resulting factors of such events could very well be a further uprising from the indigenous population with a possibility of recourse to violence, thus sparking a new war. Moreover, an ever-imminent interference from other powerful *Kuffar* 'circling vulture' type nations would probably be unavoidable, for there will always be those who will look for pickings and seek to exploit the rift.

It follows, that due to such delicate issues, various classical scholars have passed *Fataawa* that under such ever-fluctuating conditions, dead lines can be subjected to increased time periods eventually aiding the process of reform in the long term.

It was Umar ibn al Khattab that was apt to administer this common three-day ultimatum upon the nations that his army had conquered. And, he was correct to do so, for he and the other *Sahaba* were in a domineering position of

authority whereby they were able to fulfil such demands; verily their enemies were well aware of this. Under him the *Khilafah* escalated into a "superpower", much as America is today, and as the Soviet Union was yesterday.

Realistically and logically speaking, what is going to return at first is a home of Islam, a nascent safe haven – *Dar-ul-Islam*, which will *insha'Allah* grow into the stable *Khilafah* once again.⁴¹ Only then will we be able to emulate the great Muslim forces of old to the letter of the law – until then we are relegated to following the spirit of the law in many ways. In effect, a lesser of the two evils scenario.

Under such intricate political power struggles it may even be sometimes necessary to conclude a temporary peace treaty (*Dar-ul-Aman*) with other nations as a stratagem of war. Such as was signed at *Hudaybiyah* by the Prophet and later by many other far seeing revolutionary military leaders of old.

We are not speaking of compromise - far from it. Compromise does not exist where it implies an association of partners with the True Oneness. What is being spoken of is logical methodology as closely linked to the methods adopted by the Prophet of Islam as is feasible here and now.

⁴¹ In all probability, the state will at its inception aim to unify its neighbouring countries in order to provide buffer zones on all bordering areas.

Looking at it in this fashion, one cannot be so bold as to totally dismiss the Kashmiri Jihad. Although it registers that it is not currently being fought for Statehood since its inception, through the defensive Jihad there utilising parrying techniques, the seed of Islam is surely being deeply sown.

Allah willing, this will prove to be a milestone in Kashmir's future career. We strive for an ideal in a place such as this; liberation from her enemy first of all is simply a prerequisite. Whether or not it is the best way however, is something altogether quite different and must be deeply pondered over and evaluated.

Questions such as 'can order arise out of chaos?' need to be addressed. A penetrating insight into what may lie in store for the future of Kashmir can be conjured up by looking at other places in the globe. Similar situations have already arisen and are currently more advanced such as Afghanistan as it hitherto stands in the nineties.⁴²

⁴²In such blistering wars, when you have many different factions that are operating, this - ipso facto, informs you that people are being driven by different goals in mind. Moreover, with seeds of disunity existing amongst themselves. Often the motivation that exists behind the action is strikingly in contrast from person to person. Some, for example, may be fighting for spoils of war i.e. financial and material gains, whilst others may be fighting in the name of nationalism. Some may even be in more of an accurate direction by fighting in order to repel the aggressor from his brethren and their lands. Perhaps it may even be a melting pot whereby many a corrupt, and warped reasoning may occupy the mind of the insincere. If we are fortunate however, maybe at least a minority may be taking up arms in order to restore Allah s.w.'s governance on earth. Nevertheless, even here any scepticism may be warranted, for if indeed this is one's claim then why is it we may ask, did such folk wait to rise up and challenge the despots which

POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY OF THE KASHMIR CONFLICT

There are many corrupt truths which lay hidden under the surface which I think are quite appropriate to mention, suffice it to say that perhaps if anything it could be considered to be a secondary rate Jihad. We shall expound ahead.

Let the reader contribute towards aiding and helping his fellow brethren there if he wishes, for there is good in it. However let him or her also bear in mind that until a nation can boast to have its own ground, sea and air personnel all the ready for mobilisation, to truly offer a formidable protection to innocent men, women and children, there will always be an essential problem. Until then vast human destruction such as what we are witnessing in the State of Jammu and Kashmir today will realistically not cease to constantly loom over any given nation of Believers.

now govern all of our lands?

Waiting until the very *kuffar* entered in through our doorsteps and began the murder, rape and pillage of our brethren in faith and lands. We must prepare ourselves, for even at this point those who would try and beguile us from our Deen would have us believe that what we are speaking about i.e. pro active, offensive conduct, is against '*Ahkam and Shariah*' as they are apt to put it!? From this we can only deduce that what they must mean is the '*Ahkam and Shariah*' of all corrupt rulers and scholars whom they no doubt follow!

Advice goes out to the zealous Muslim youth in particular that peradventure, it would serve Islamic interests better if all endeavoured to harness and channel efforts into more appropriate causes rather than semi farcical 'doctored' campaigns which have been bloated through sensationalism.

Many of the Believers may have often been on the receiving end of vicious scathing remarks whilst attempting to ask serious, plausible questions concerning genuineness or legitimacy of various destinations. Questions such as, whether or not we can truly consider many of these places to be legitimate arenas of Jihad. This type of question is more than appropriate.

The reply however may be - as long as it is for *Da'wah* purposes and the believers are placing the fear of Allah ﷻ into the hearts of the disbelievers - then it is not only permissible, but preferable or even incumbent for one to go. However, what these government deceivers (who usually do not participate themselves) will fail to inform you of is of the reverse side of the coin. For example, how many thousands upon thousands of guest Mujahideen are being slaughtered in such environments at a phenomenal pace. A usual response to this from those who cover the truth would be their harsh words to questioners and that they should fear Allah s.w. for perhaps they may be hypocrites!

This may be followed up with accusations of how many such individuals may be cowards who do not seem to have a love of Martyrdom.

The question is however, that are we to take it that we should fight with sheer *Taqlid*⁴³?! Surely it would be a very mature individual who would ask these serious questions. We must ask: If one is to place his life on the line *Fee Sa Bee Lillah* is this the only way or is there another way whereby, Allah willing it may be possible for us to achieve the same results, minus such a large loss of life amongst the ranks of the precious Muslim fighters. For that is essentially what our communities must understand, they (the Mujahideen) are amongst the most special of the Muslim *Ummah*.

The attentive reader should carefully ponder and reflect long term. These interests can only be best served in destinations where the prevalent believers are attempting to hoist the flag of Islam to the loftiest position. Endeavouring to raise it to the highest levels so that once again *al Tawhid al Hakimiyah* be given its due application and legislation is in accordance to the Oneness of Allah alone.

However even here the pro active Muslims should not allow themselves to fall into yet another misconception. Even when one may have scrutinised enough to affiliating himself to an uprising which is primarily fuelled with a desire to restore the governance of Allah ﷻ on earth, certain crucial set backs must be well prepared for.

⁴³ Blind following

Should the Mujahideen in such a scenario begin to achieve mastery over the national army it will probably be reduced to a short-lived success. Underestimate it not. The bloodiest war is yet to come when the foreign 'peace keepers' undoubtedly intervene, as France did in Algeria and as more recently America has begun to do with their 'terrorist' missile attacks (stylishly termed as surgical strikes) in Afghanistan, which was preceded by their invasion of the Holy Land - the Arabian Peninsula.

This of course was supplemented by aid from the evil and corrupt al-Saud regime. Moreover, it is as NATO has been doing in Eastern Europe. The henchmen of these fiends even have the audacity to label them as 'globo cops'; this glossy terminology has become their well-rehearsed *Sunnah* when it suits them.

In the face of such an adversary the solution may only be 'Flank Protection' to be carried out upon the soil of all interfering nations. The indigenous Believers that reside in these meddling countries however can only do this. For it is they, the locals, and not foreigners who understand the language, culture, area and common practices of the enemy whom they coexist amongst.

In effect to create a big enough problem on their home front, one that is destabilising enough to force them to sway their glances away from the Eastern Muslim world. For this, it would seem that the most favourable target would be the national economy of the western block.

فَإِذَا أَنْسَلَخَ الْأَشْهُرَ الْحَرَامَ فَاقْتُلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَيْثُ وَجَدْتُمُوهُمْ
 وَخَذُوهُمْ وَأَحْصِرُوهُمْ وَأَقْعِدُوا لَهُمْ كُلَّ مَرْصَدٍ فَإِن تَابُوا وَأَقَامُوا
 الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ فَخَلُّوا سَبِيلَهُم إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ
 {التوبة: ٥}

*"Then when the Sacred Months have passed, then kill the Mushrikun wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war. But if they repent and perform As-Salat and give Zakat, then leave their way free. Verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."*⁴⁴

Great stealth (*Tuqiyah*) is required. To attempt to bring any one of these interfering nations to it's knees is a major task which undoubtedly takes a great deal of carefully coerced interaction. At the same time do not be disheartened by those who would dare to brand you as terrorists for perhaps you may even be pro active only as a show of power, minus civilian casualties.

Whatever one does, it should be synchronised with other activities for more effective results. However, a word of warning... projects should be carried out professionally and ideally on a frequent basis, or possibly not at all, for depending on action taken, sometimes resulting factors can be more negative than positive.

⁴⁴ Holy Qur'an 8:5 (The Verse of the Sword!)

You must labour with the resources that are at your disposal, being sincere and true to yourself. Also do not insist on just being operational in built up areas, try to be impartial enough to channel your efforts into rural areas if need be - much can be done there. The Irish Republican Army (IRA) is a good example of what can be achieved through commitment, sacrifice and constancy - even if the means employed are a little outdated. Try propaganda as well - just look at the Protestants and Catholics that are pitted against each other. Divide, conquer and rule works!

Perhaps some Muslims, namely the *Qaa'ideen* (those staying back from Jihad) should consider taking up further, higher education with commitment to expediency in mind. This will help enable Muslims to steer themselves into better ranking positions in all the various sectors of employment, thus facilitating further help and assistance to the active Muslims. It is indeed true, that it is the middle class elite and beyond that are the heard voices of the society at large and so this would be a great asset. Moreover, it takes many cogs to turn a wheel. Nevertheless, there is an important note to remember - in such materially motivated environments great caution must be constantly exercised as people are all so easily led astray once they have entered into these corridors.

Why is it that there does not appear to be much middle ground amongst the zealous Muslims? Evidently, the majority of us are caught up in one of two extremes without much balance. On one side of the spectrum, there

is usually the ever-enthusiastic youth that are willing to sacrifice much, and because of this are often easily manipulated; an all brawn no brain scenario. In contrast to this on the flip side, frequently there is the elder generation that has a tendency to subscribe to table talks that bubble with only the hot air of lip service theories.

Where is the level footing in all this, we wonder in amazement? Where is the *Tawakul-Allah*, where is the Ummah of the middle path?

The problem of Kashmir in which the two contestants, Pakistan and India are indirectly fighting each other, is one that the British left deviously upon Muslim Asia's doorstep.⁴⁵ Just as the problem of Israel was also

⁴⁵ Would it be possible for these two juggernauts to come together in an all out war, as was the case in 1965 and 1971? It would appear not, at the offset the United Nations in all probability would most likely douse these smouldering ashes for it would seem that in a direct Asian conflict, the costs would far outweigh the benefits as far as these players are concerned. India is more than aware that in such a heavily destabilising national war she would technically be resolved to defend herself on three different seething battlefronts which would frighteningly result in her being attacked in all spheres and stratagems of war-

1) By Pakistan - not only from the national army but also with millions of insurgent civilians turned Mujahideen. This would be a Conventional battlefront.

2) Against an extremely imminent uprising in main land India from the indigenous Muslims that coexist amongst them amidst already heavily strained relations. This would be an Urban battlefront.

orchestrated by them when these once Colonisers now turned Neo Colonisers or Imperialists withdrew where the Zionists are now fighting the Believers (the worst colonisation is the colonisation of the mind, when your head is enslaved through brainwashing).

Similarly, the withdrawing enemies of Islam also created the encouraged partition of Bangladesh; all this and more throughout the crucible which once held together the Muslim homelands. It was done to ensure that rather than Muslims taking up arms to fight those who cover the truth - the Disbelievers, they would instead, for all

3) They would undoubtedly lose their hold over Kashmir, as the majority of occupying personnel would have to be revoked back to the mainland. Moreover, there would be an unprecedented escalation of violence from the Kashmiri's who would view such an outbreak undoubtedly as an unmissable opportunity for reclaiming their motherland. This would be a Guerrilla battlefield. Inevitable result: India's backbone would be greatly dislodged...However, India may still have an ace in the pack. Sources of all the major rivers of Pakistan are in Occupied Kashmir. From the mountains of Laddakh flows the river Sher Daria (Lion River). It is called River Indus (Sindh) in Pakistan. It flows from Kashmir and enters into Punjab (Pakistan) and after flowing through the Province of Sindh, the greenest part of Pakistan, falls into the Arabian Sea. India has now constructed Salal Dam at Riasi in Occupied Kashmir. This dam gives India the ability to store the water into that dam thus making it possible to render barren all parts of Punjab and- Sindh in Pakistan.

In 1997 India was already busying itself, constructing Wooler Barrage on Wooler Lake in Occupied Kashmir. Once that is completed India will be in a position to stop the water of river Jhelum (in Pakistan) which will dry up Mangla dam (one of the big hydel dams of Pakistan).

By constructing these dams, the Indians have come in a position to manipulate its water reserves. They store water when there is a shortage of it thus causing a drought like situation in Pakistan and in periods of heavy rains release water from these dams causing heavy floods in Pakistan.

their lives remain preoccupied fighting their very own brethren in faith - their Muslim neighbours.

Moreover the scheme does not end here. Once the ever-imminent conflict erupts then the warring nations will require heavy amounts of artillery. Yet again, in this sphere the Western conspirator will stand to benefit by millions through the sale of second rate fighter jets, tanks and general firearms plus vast innumerable supplies of rounds.

Often it is discovered that this 'amicable' western nation is involved in selling to both the warring factions. Either this is the case or frequently the western nation has a direct ally that is filling the 'void' by selling to the side whom the former is not, both therefore selling simultaneously. During all this 'big brotherly' assistance and complex political activity, the pro active Muslims may even be called 'freedom fighters' but rest assured that this is fleeting, and soon they will be branded as terrorists or fundamentalists when it suits the western benefactor.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ This was especially the case with the flagrant manipulation of all the international Mujahideen who took part in the original Afghan/Russian conflict, leaving behind a great legacy for decades to come. In this war, the United States urged them on in a long ten-year plus love-hate relationship. Appeasing them throughout the campaign with words and assets in a 'good luck from your friends in America' scenario.

A final culmination will be reached when either one or both particular warring nations will be considered "harpooned". Inevitably this will happen when the foreign 'peace keepers' march into the Muslim land itself with their armed forces and set up their military bases. This is when the process begins to really take off, for it marks a new breed of colonisation. The most appalling and shameless example of this is the entry of the American troops into the Holy Land⁴⁷. This is a disaster for all Muslims on a phenomenal scale.

It is proper to say that a watershed has been placed amongst every single nation that professes Islam today. The fifty-three independent Muslim states that now exist are an unequivocal testimony to this fact.



In Afghanistan today, for any who may venture there, it is not unusual to come into contact with many a middle aged Arab *Ghazi* there. These are veterans of this blistering conflict. Many are now stranded there being neither able to cross the border into neighbouring Pakistan who has symbolised itself with treachery, and at the same time unable to return home to their Arab lands. This is due to the ever-imminent threat of being tortured, beaten, thrown into prison and murdered by the corrupt Arab governments. Should one be fortunate enough to spend some time with these lions, you will be able to witness their plight by listening to their heartfelt prayers and supplications. Teary eyed they will be able to inform you of a decade or so since they were last able to see their loved ones back home. Thus we wonder, where is the 'amicable' America now?!

⁴⁷ It is crucial that Al Fiqh Al Waqi'ah (Understanding the current situation) as well as the Islamic ruling is fully applied by our scholars before they pass verdicts that have such devastating effects on the Muslim world.

BENEFITS AND COSTS

It has been endeavoured, hopefully with success, to lucidly show the reader that the kind of willingness to commitment, constancy and sacrifice which the majority of these Muslim fighters are inputting, is the blueprint which forms much of the recipe for success (*insha'Allah*).

Nevertheless this is notwithstanding the fact that all this desperately is in urgent need of revamped ideas that will harness and channel all this positivity into truly worthy issues. More than ever, the thinkers of the Ummah are required to bond with the fighters of this Ummah and become one and the same, and pray to Allah ﷻ for success.

Throughout this treatise we have spoken of the plight of the Mujahideen and the civilians of Occupied Kashmir. Their daily lives, how they function and exist and the hardships en masse, which they habitually encounter.

It is true though, that as with most issues there is usually a flip side to the coin. It was during the time that was spent striving inside the Occupied Valley of Kashmir that we were able to witness with first hand viewing and exposure the true vivid picture of Kashmir. Moreover, the candid psychology of the Kashmiri Jihad and those semi farcical underlining falsehoods that overlapped the truth were made apparent to some of us.

I have prepared a few following paragraphs, speaking of some positive advantageous, as well as negative factors that enshroud this war.

POSITIVE ASPECTS

It is a possible destination, in order to gain experience in the field for those who may have never been involved or subjected to a Guerrilla Warfare type of environment. Perhaps it could even be a step up for experienced Conventional Warfare fighters.

One must bear in mind however that of all the standard types of war stratagems, exposure to Guerrilla life is of a surety the most gruelling of experiences, especially when combined with defunct methods of combat, survival and attack which often is the case in the east.

For those of us whose disposition does not incline to this Jihad, it is a good environment to be in. Simply interacting with *Ghazis* even in Azad Kashmir can help to alter ones outlook and influence oneself to procure a taste for this noble path in their blood, making it akin to their nature.

It serves as a reasonable destination to make contacts with other Mujahideen, as do most wars that are fought in the sake of Allah ﷻ whether defensive or offensive in their styles.

The border offensives in particular are a very tough and yet satisfactory way for the previously semi experienced or well trained individual to gain some real exposure.

NEGATIVE ASPECTS

Pakistan today is a puppet state of the western world, namely the United States of America. India on the other hand has Russia as its mentor, although it is now one that has considerably been rendered immobile.

Pakistan harbours many thousands of Mujahideen as well as 'would be' ones - men who are sincere to al Islam and who are completely unsatisfied with the mockery that their country has made of the *Deen*. Hence she must somehow contain this problem, but not by duress for fear of an uprising in her own territory. In order to sway the glances of the Mujahideen, the country must offer an alternative, tangible and practically feasible solution to these fired up zealots; a channel whereby they may relieve their natural instincts and fired up tensions. Thus on a silver platter we have been witnessing Islamabad offering and indeed seriously encouraging these young Muslim males to venture into the Occupied Territories.

At the same time as diverting the national threat in their own home front, the Pakistani authorities receive the services of these mostly sincere but unsuspecting young men free of charge. The Pakistani army, unexpendable for now, is not sponsored to fight in Kashmir. In its place are innocent unaware Muslim males, who are no more than

just pawns in the game that adequately serve as cannon-fodder, performing the country's "dirty work". The government of Pakistan is thus technically killing two birds with one stone through the maximum manipulation of all this compound ignorance which exists among the ranks of her devout, and yet easily impressionable native Mujahideen.⁴⁸

Is it mere coincidence that following the end of the Afghan/Russian conflict a fully fledged 'new' war seemed to be born from the still simmering ashes just across the border in the state of Jammu and Kashmir?

End of Afghan/Russian conflict, 1992

Escalation of Kashmir conflict, 1992

It would indeed appear that some of the wretched powers that be are bent on keeping the Mujahideen preoccupied. In addition, it seems likely that sooner or later the government of Pakistan will pit the traditional 'Deobandis' of Asia against the now up and coming 'Ahle Hadith' organisations there.

Of a surety, Islamabad will continue this charade as long as it can fool the Mujahideen into succumbing to her

⁴⁸ Not dismissing the 1999 shooting down of two Indian planes by Pakistan forces, however we must remember that this was carried out insincerely with solely nationalism in mind. Only a year prior to this, the government of Nawaz Sharif shamelessly allowed American cruise, surface to air missiles to detour through Pakistani airspace in order to kill innocent Muslims across the border in Afghanistan.

game. The Pakistani authorities have ensured, to the utmost of their ability, that there exists no one single Jam'ah, not only their own soil, but also within the Occupied Territories.

When the important and inevitable day finally comes and the Hindu aggressors are to be dismissed, then any strong solidarity that exists amidst the various Mujahideen groups would be very hazardous. Should it transpire that the Mujahideen ratify a unilateral agreement then perhaps Pakistan's worst nightmare could yet come true - that of a refusal to peacefully hand over Jammu and Kashmir, to allow it to be annexed off with mainland Pakistan.

But what can be the inevitable result of such flagrant usage of men, if not a tremendous backlash? Even those who promulgate and participate in defensive, parrying type Jihads, cannot fail to eventually arrive at a crossroads. At this junction they realise that there is a serious question which needs to be addressed. This is a curiosity which asks about the offensive revolutionary Jihad that is designed to implement and spread Allah s.w's governance on earth.

Her big authoritarian sister America may well have ordered Pakistan not to permit an all out openly declared national war between itself and India. The United States of America today as we know it could be described as the tip of the spear against al-Islam in modern times. It is the foremost member of the elite Grand Seven (these are predominantly a collection of caucasian, racist

supremacist nations) in the United Nations, and has the greatest sway over the right to veto. Being in the driving seat of this alliance, one would think it quite easy for her to strongly urge, through sanctions and even military means, the government of New Delhi to bring to a cessation its mass violations of numerous U.N policies.

Several times have we seen her do so, interfering in foreign transactions when it suits her own benefit and self interest. Logically speaking India would have to comply, for it is after all a member of this coalition of countries. Certainly other nations in the past have been brought to their knees through the use of embargo, that has been lavished upon them by the USA and its allies, the most popular of which in recent times has to have been Libya.

On December 27, 1993, President Clinton speaking on the Kashmir issue read.

"I share your belief that, in order to face the dilemmas of a post-cold war global landscape, we all must look closely at our policies with regard to human rights. I am confident that we can bring about changes that are consistent with what the U.N founders envisioned. I look forward to working with you and others to help bring peace to Kashmir."

And...

Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, during his 1997 election campaign said,
"It is the responsibility of Britain to solve the problem of Kashmir".

No doubt this was aimed at the ever-growing indigenous Asian populace in the U.K and used as a vote-swinging ploy to work in favour of the Labour Party. How ironic, that after several years of empowerment we have yet to see even initial steps that would lead to the fulfilment of such a promise.

These utterances were made several years ago. There is a specific reason why the members of the United Nations have opted to offer only waffling, rhetorical words of baseless politics with no real action taken whatsoever. It is that Kashmir is a golden opportunity for them to rid themselves, through the manipulation of others, of the only nation of people who stand between themselves and their ascendancy to complete secular global domination - the Muslims. They are the masters of illusion; showing a pretentious concern whilst all the time constantly seeking new vents and corridors through which they can terminate that which challenges their *Dajjal* system.

Also targeted, successfully may we add, was Bosnia Herzegovina, a land that was a potential threat right on the very doorstep of Europe itself. A country with whose destruction western economic interests were not threatened but rather made safer and better manifold times.

The United States has already been upgrading its relations with New Delhi by granting millions of dollars to India in 'emergency' economic assistance.

All the while India spends more than one million dollars a day in order to keep an iron grip (through its massive armed forces) on the State of Kashmir. Whilst at the same time choosing to ignore the millions of starving, homeless, poverty stricken people who miserably exist in every single city in India in multitudes.

It is not surprising that India is also requesting military assistance, to which the U.S. has been rather accommodating to say in the least. Rumours even circulate that Israeli forces have been responsible for the training of some Indian army personnel. This should come as no surprise for often it has been confirmed that the Israelis who are experts in the 'quelling of terrorist insurrection' have exported their services to other nations. An exemplification of this is the island of Trinidad after the attempted coup d'etat by Muslims that was met with fierce resistance and smashed.

In the face of all these attitudes towards our kind, we should remain unperturbed that the western block have not opted to assist us. Certainly, it would be a foolhardy notion to entertain that they would have anything on their minds other than personal benefit and increase.

It is better that our lines should be made up of Believers and nothing alien - period; when we can help it, for it was the practice of the Prophet ﷺ

Moving on, we reveal to the reader how the government of Pakistan is playing this dangerous game of fire while trying not to get its fingers burnt at the same time. It is directly responsible for furnishing these gullible lads with

arms, raiments and other necessary equipment. Even covertly responsible for the printing and publication of fraudulent Indian Rupee stocks when on a national level they are vehemently denying this and indeed any involvement in every possible way.

The answer is that they are simply using these men. Even Kashmiri males are tempted by the ISI of Pakistan (Inter Services Intelligence agency) to flee to the safety of Azad Kashmir with offers of free military training and income upon their return to the Occupied Territories, should they be willing to take up arms against the Indian occupational forces. Always the underlying factor is to keep 'Islamists' distracted with semi farcical issues, far and away from upholding any 'Islamism'. The final thought that ceases not to rear itself up is that of manipulation.

A question mark arises as to exactly how many unnamed or unidentified nations are all part and parcel of this carefully coerced and plotted genocide of innocent Muslim men, women and children. Certainly, there are manifold demagogues throughout Pakistan in every province who manipulate their audiences by whipping up intense feelings through shouting and screaming until their throats must feel like scouring pads! These orators are either suffering from a surging tide of ignorance which in turn sweeps their public off their feet, or they are surprisingly as an added propaganda ruse. On occasion, rogue governments temporarily incarcerated such corrupt icons. This is done in order to make things

more believable, as it sends a message to the people that the man in question is a perfectly *bone fide* figure.

Such cases are beneficial for bent governments, who are perfectly capable of assassinating their enemies, but choose to monopolise and feed off the situation

Note: we are in no way dismissing the victimised people of the Occupied Territories, for whom we are not indifferent to and still often rush to aid. Nevertheless, perhaps after considering all this, possibly it can be deduced that aid to them should be better constructed and planned. Failing this, we may continue to fall into semi suicidal 'attractive packages' schemed and plotted by the enemies of Islam in which the percentages of benefit always vastly tip towards the scale of the foe.

We ask the attentive reader a hypothetical question - O' Muslim, do you think that if Pakistan were a country today where the legislative word of Allah ﷻ ran supreme, would India - a land of wretched idol worshippers, have dared to invade Kashmir and run it amok? This is what can happen when one chooses to turn a blind eye and bypass their own immensely corrupt territory in preference for another.



EVALUATION

It is sincerely hoped that this treatise may one day very soon, be considered simply a historical essay, a once upon a time in Kashmir rather than simply a 'target India'. To be something of the past in that it is wished and prayed for, that the enemies of Allah s.w, who are undoubtedly also our enemies, are thoroughly subdued and obliterated in the near future. However, one could duly suspect this to be a long time in transpiring. It is a principle, that a nation will not simply withdraw its armed forces without making a careful illusionary show of things on the surface.

Scratching this surface, if for example, a country withdrew after several hundred years or so of colonisation and heinous crimes against the indigenous population without a slow series of abrogating sequences due to 'freedom fighter' pressure, it would certainly lose face in front of an ever-vigilant global audience. This would prove to be a direct gruesome inconsistency of the famed western slogan, 'never give in to terrorism' waffle. And so instead, many table talks will be held giving way to 'treaty and truce' negotiations, sequentially followed up with full fledged 'bringing about peace' dialogue with the oppressed state in particular.

All this will be no doubt coerced by several 'big daddy' advisory nations to accept what is apparently in their best interests.

As an added propaganda ruse, from time to time may even occur a 'hemorrhaging' of the peace accord, that is

to say, a start-stop process, just in order to make things that little bit more believable. Usually, this is blamed on the likes of 'separatists' who almost always are in reality Mujahideen. But we do not fear the blame of the blamer!

Probing the Kashmir issue, we can see that even the primary stage has not as yet been reached, and hitherto, we can still find no indications that the Indians are willing to budge in the slightest. History will inform us of how to read the signs of the weakening will of a nation; it tells us much if we consult it. Indeed it helps greatly to know the past mistakes of others so that we may protect ourselves from falling into the same pitfalls.

'Life may only be understood backwards, but must be lived forwards.'

In order for the world wide Jihad to escalate to an offensive frontier, one in which the believers are taking up the initiative to work for at least some 'Muslimness', ultimately with sovereign goals in mind, the nation involved must endeavour to be at an economically sound level. To try and attempt to restore Allah s.w's governance on earth is no simple thing and should not be underestimated as we so frequently do.

Monies need to be systematically generated as a prerequisite. Funds are essential for armed forces to be trained, to accommodate the procuring of military equipment, for feeding and sustaining, and for counter media/propaganda. Essentially to simply be able to exist in the Islamic frontiers throughout the globe with a

realistically formidable chance of gaining mastery over ones enemies.

It is regardless of whether they are of Urban, Rural, Conventional or of Guerrilla stratagem in their nature. Even to support the families of those who fell and continue to fall as Martyrs whether in the cities or in the mountains, is a collective obligation on a Muslim society. For this reason, we strongly urge and request the reader to be generous and donate as much as one may be able to sacrifice for the Hereafter. The Prophet (saw) has said to encourage us, of which the reader is reminded:

*"Whoever provides the needs of a Mujahid, he will receive the reward of a Mujahid and the reward of the Ghazi, will not be decreased."*⁴⁹

Donations may be forwarded to anywhere in the entire world where both Muslim men and women may be affiliating and exerting themselves in some form to push revolutionary Pan-Jihadism. Especially where the people may have taken the thorny steps to rise up and challenge the despots who now govern all the Muslim homelands.⁵⁰

⁴⁹ Ibn Majah, p.198

⁵⁰ In practically every single Muslim country there will exist two types of Mujahid. The first kind is normally to be found in those Muslim states that share one or more borders with a non-Muslim one. It follows, that in such a situation hostilities are inevitable and often the Mujahideen will be state aided behind closed curtains, such as is the case with Kashmir. Mujahideen of this sort are usually tolerated by their governments for a temporary 'on and off' period of time. They are normally not too difficult to locate.

With respect to Kashmir, for those proponents who have chosen it as a focal point for their activities and attention, perhaps the following could be suggested. In order for the process of demilitarisation to be hastened to actuality, it might well be necessary, if not long overdue for them to carefully consider and adopt many a new stratagem for onslaught. Peradventure, most importantly it would be the mobilising of urban activities in mainland India, simultaneously combined with propaganda directed at the large Hindu and Sikh populous, aimed at dividing the two communities and exploiting the rift. In actual Kashmir, even stronger ties of unity need to be established between all the sincere Mujahideen factions. In fact international ties need to be established - namely with Afghanistan.

Following this, inside Occupied Kashmir itself, as much mountainous terrain needs to be secured for it is from the mountains that the valley can be guarded and not vice versa. That is to say that it is the mountains that encase and protect a valley. If the opposite should be attempted then safety cannot be assured for either one, for in this

The second kind are the more radical type. Receiving no state funding whatsoever, instead they are the ones that are 'hunted' and sought out by most governments, such as what has recently taken place in Yemen (at-time of writing). These Mujahideen have a very difficult time and are understandably very tricky to locate. They are those who are in no way satisfied with the mockery which their countries have made of the *Deen* of al Islam and are considered to be government enemy number one. These revolutionaries face an extremely uphill struggle in the attainment of their purpose and this is much reflected in the compound failure that most of them have been suffering for many decades, which in itself needs to be reflected on. Both these 'mountain and city eagle' type Mujahideen, may well deserve support.

scenario the absence of Mujahideen on the highlands would ensure mountain loss as well as lowland loss. As we have already mentioned in the 'Mujahideen formations' pages, it is known by necessity and consensus, by most military personnel that firepower is always more effective when 'rained down' from top to bottom rather than the reverse.

India today has en masse a larger Muslim population concentrated in its land area than even neighbouring Pakistan. Such vast multitudes of numbers should realistically be able to formulate large amounts of concerted interaction. To expound further, the likes of railroads that are utilised by the Indian armed forces for shipping their sustenance and raiments could be possible targets for termination. Likewise, road routes could be subjected to various ambush stratagems and incursions administered on army barracks, much as they are inside Jammu and Kashmir and so on. Jihad has many great spheres and it would be a misconception to confine it simply to the mountaintops of foreign countries, as we are so prone to do. In effect, to technically sever the lifeline of the armed forces and attempt to somewhat starve those already deep inside of essentials.

A word of advice; to aim for difficulty and hardships is not an objective - if this is what we are seeking then we should all pack our bags and head off to the likes of the K2 mountain range! If however, we are looking for change and it may be possible to attain this through fewer difficulties, then all praise is due to Allah ﷻ

Nevertheless, if it is not and the road lying ahead of us is littered with thorns then still, undoubtedly all praise is due to Allah s.w. for one must exercise patience which is a virtue and builds character on this difficult journey.

Moving on, a country is only able to embark upon an occupation of another when there is no national threat on its mainland that instigates its home crowd to take recourse to violence. It stands to reason that before attempting to silence the external enemy, one must ensure beforehand that there is peace and stability on the home front. To endeavour to contain and defuse two such hostile situations that are concurring back to back is an extremely difficult task for a nation to undertake.

War in contemporary times has undergone a metamorphosis. Having become by far, a more advanced art than simply toting ones rifle and running suicidal, headlong with a somewhat selfish personal gratification agenda. Often many of us may be guilty of 'placing all our eggs into one basket'. In the blind pursuance of a goal that may have clouded our judgement, we may well have allowed ourselves to lapse in other duties and rights that also deserve attention and should take up part of a healthy daily life.

People should always have a backup plan and prepare for failure as well as success. One should be balanced, placing the *Deen* in front of them - not the opposite way around.

To coin another example, there are those within our ranks who harbour an overpowering desire to be martyred in this cause. Verily, this love for *Shahadah* undoubtedly has no substitute, nevertheless if this yearning is not complemented with a want to exterminate the enemies of Allah ﷻ, for the betterment of the Muslims, he in turn allows himself to fall short. It is however a clear characteristic of Jihad in the way of Allah, as the words of the Merciful bear witness:

“Indeed Allah has purchased from the believers their selves and their wealth for which he They fight in the way of Allah. They slay and are slain”⁵¹

Running with a shout of ‘*Takbeer!*’ straight into the enemy ranks on a well-worn battlefield is a noble and admirable action, but it needs to be complemented by all other fields of the battle arena for a successful operation. Even then victory is in the hands of Allah.⁵²

For the benefit of the reader, to end we outline some of the ‘stealthy’ modern day war stratagems, which are commonly used by the western world to bring others to their knees. An exploration of some of these avenues could well be long overdue...

⁵¹ Holy Quran, 9:111

⁵² Just before the great battle of Yarmuk, with Khalid ibn Al Waleed ﷺ leading the Mujahideen, he overheard a man saying “Look how great the enemy numbers are.” Khalid retorted “Don’t say that. Verily an army is given victory by the faith that it holds”

- ◊ *Ideological warfare* ◊ *Psychological warfare*
- ◊ *Economical warfare* ◊ *Colonial warfare* ◊ *Physical warfare*
- ◊ *Drug warfare* ◊ *Germ warfare* ◊ *Chemical warfare*
- ◊ *Sabotage warfare*

The world around continues to change and develop at a phenomenal pace but many of us do not. Therein may lie one of the answers to the fall of the once glorious empire that was the Muslim *Khilafah*. By and large this demise can also be attributed to 'dropping the cloak of righteousness', for verily piety has no substitute.

For want of a better expression, in order for water to keep pure and fresh it must not remain stagnant but rather should always be kept flowing freely. Decadence of a civilisation can also in many ways be attributed to complacency. Decline sometimes works in such subtle ways that one does not realise it until he or she has reached the end of the line, the point of no return.

Is it a *Sunnah* of Allah ﷻ to strike the rebellious nation down who deviate from the path of righteousness? Certainly it is so. The Holy *Qur'an* bears unequivocal testimony to this fact, narrating examples to us such as the *Ad* and the *Thamud* and the people of *Lut* ﷻ. However, we must also understand that in Allah s.w.'s judgement, therein may also be a test for another set of believers, who perhaps are not suffering directly as a consequence. For when it suits His Majesty, He will do things in multilateral ways for oursakes, He is after all *Al-'Alim*.

Therefore, the question is will we be of those who stay at home (*Qaa'ideen*), or will we be of those who strive hard and fight (*Mujahideen*)? Perhaps this is our test.

SUMMER 1999...

Following a state visit to Washington D.C, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced a 'reshuffling' of all militants who were presently focused within the Kargil⁵³ region of Occupied Kashmir.

Kargil is an area that is located near the Skardu sector, both of which closely border Kashmir's Laddakh side. The area is marked by very mountainous terrain with peaks scaling some 18 - 19,000 feet.

Around 1994 the area witnessed a large insurgency of Mujahideen who had received the green light from the Pakistan ISI agency, both considering that the area was possibly ripe for the taking. According to this early thought pattern the Mujahideen did indeed have some initial success in stamping their presence on the location.

Five years down the line however, the Sharif administration in collaboration with the United States have decided to pull the plug and have instructed all the Mujahideen to agree to an armistice which entails a

⁵³ Following a recon mission 9 years ago by two brothers, it was ascertained that this region was possibly there for the taking. The nearest launching point to Kargil is Scardu, from where it is a 4 day trek by foot. Srinagar is 2 hours away by road Daras which is next to Kargil, the mountains in this region are in some places as high as 22,000 ft.

complete withdrawal from the area. According to the advice that has been put forward to all Mujahideen leaders, we are led to believe that all this is simply in order to 'reassess' the situation which in turn may facilitate a stronger regrouping of all involved, that is to say, a tactical withdrawal?!

In view of such phenomenally paced events which carry grave implications, the following may be deduced.

- a) It may have been concluded that the millennium is the perfect time for a new era, which oversees a Hindu victory and widespread domination. It follows that this will lead to the inevitable escalation of Hindu fundamentalism.
- b) With the Kashmir campaign possibly fading out of the picture can begin the process which sees the cleansing of Mujahideen and the creation of an 'Arab nation' type hostile environment within Pakistan itself. Young men may well find themselves dangerously threatened should they continue to portray an image that is deemed to be synonymous with militancy. Nevertheless, this is a militancy, which has existed for at least some 20 years or so, and to curb it on a scale which no doubt the Pakistani authorities would like to do is a mountainous task.

More and more, there is a growing feeling of uncertainty amidst the government of Islamabad that feels threatened

by a 'monster they have created'.⁵⁴ The government has long struggled to reconcile the differences that exist amongst it and the native Mujahideen within its mainland. All too often they have failed to bridge the massive gulf which has always proved to exist between them.

Justifiably, fear alludes that the Mujahideen will forge even stronger ties of unity with others such as the Taleban forces across the border in Afghanistan, which they have already proceeded to do since 1996. Ties such as these would constantly loom over Pakistan and always threaten its Sovereignty.

Other measures that Pakistan would aspire to implement in the future would no doubt be the eventual closure of all Mujahideen training camps and centres and the road-routes that allow access to them. This would also facilitate a shut down of Mujahideen offices, which can be found in every single city throughout Pakistan, in all of the four provinces.

In the midst of such ever-twisting politics may soon turn a new chapter, one that the authorities have probably

⁵⁴ At the beginning of the original Afghan/Russian conflict, the Pakistani forces were responsible for the training of all Arab civilians who had influxed (numbering up to 25,000) into its mainland in order to cross the border and join the war that was occurring on neighbouring Afghan soil. In turn it was mostly these Arab civilians - turned Mujahideen who trained Pakistan's male civilian populace. It is these same Pakistani veterans who now spearhead most of the active training and fighting in and around their country and have continued the Jihad into this present day and age.

bargained for, though no doubt underestimated. The repercussions that may arise could well be surprising, for in cooling the Kashmir conflict there will of a surety be those who will feel cheated, humiliated and let down. After all, submission tells people that all those who bravely fought and sacrificed their lives in the Occupied Territories did so in vain. As such, feelings will seek to be vented through retribution.

Under the Kashmiri moon, in a land drenched with innocent Muslim blood there will indeed come an era where justice prevails, even though the attainment may well be thorny. The blood soaked clothes will be wrung dry; even so, the stain will always thereafter remain as a reminder to all of what happened. The occupying troops and personnel will be thwarted and the yoke of the entire infidel period lifted. History books will once again change and that will just be the beginning of a new episode.

We ask the Almighty Destroyer to destroy the enemies of Islam, those who seek to sow tremendous discord, oppression and tumult on the earth.



At the completion of this book within a period of three years, approximately eighty five percent of the Mujahideen of one particular faction have been martyred.

They asked for strength...
And God gave them
difficulties to make them strong

They asked for courage...
And God gave them
danger to overcome

They received not what they wanted...
They received everything they needed
Their prayers had been answered.

GLOSSARY OF ARABIC TERMS

Akhirah: what comes later, the next life.

'Alim pl. **'Ulama'**: a man of knowledge. The *'alim* is only one who knows, then acts according to what he knows, and whose knowledge is in accord with his action, Sayyiduna 'Ali.

Allahu Akbar!: Allah is Great!, it was - and still is frequently used by the Muslim forces as their battle cry.

Amir: commander. *Amir al-Muminin* - the Commander of the Believers, a title of respect given to the *khalifah*. *Imarah* - amirate.

Ansar: lit. Helpers, the people of Madinah who welcomed and aided the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. See also *Muhajirun*.

Dar-ul-Islam: Abode of Islam

Dar-ul-Amman: Abode of treaty

Dar-ul-Harb: Abode of war

Da'wah: Propagation of Islam, missionary work, invitation.

Deen: the life-transaction, lit. the debt of exchange between two parties, in this usage between the Creator and the created. Ideology.

Dhimmah: obligation or contract, in particular a treaty of protection for non-Muslims living in Muslim territory.

Eeman: Faith and trust in Allah, materialising through conviction of the heart, followed by utterance of the tongue, i.e. verbal testification and finally practical action that manifests itself through the limbs.

Fatwa pl. **Fatawa:** an authoritative legal opinion or judgement made by a faqeeh.

Fee Sa Bil'illah: lit. 'in the cause of Allah'.

Fiqh-ul-waqia: the fiqh of current events.

Fitna: a trial or affliction whereby one is tried or proved, a temptation, civil war and strife, faction and slaughter. Originally derived from a root meaning of burning with the sense of the burning of a metal such as gold to remove the dross. Can also mean *Shirk*.

Ghazi: An experienced Muslim fighter (a veteran).

Ghazwah: military expedition.

Haram: forbidden by the *shari'ah* also an inviolable place or object.

Hijrah: emigration in the way of Allah. Islam takes its dating (indicated by A.H. 'After Hijrah') from the Hijrah of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, from Makkah to Madinah.

Houris: Women of Paradise.

Hudaybiyah: peace treaty ratified by the Prophet (saw)

Imam: the one who leads, often a term for the *amir* or *khalifah*. 'Leaders and nobles who order them (the people) and they obey them.' (Sayyiduna Abu Bakr). It is now more often restricted to one who leads people in prayer.

Islam: Submission.

Jahiliyyah: the time of ignorance, before the coming of Islam.

Jama'ah: the group, particularly referring to the group of people performing the prayer together.

Jihad: Struggle, particularly warfare to establish and defend Islam.

Jizyah: a tax levied on people of previous revelations who make a contract to live under Muslim rule (see *dhimmah*). The tax was four *dinars* per, adult male per

year. It is interesting to note that this sum in present terms (1995) is approximately two hundred pounds.

Kafara: he covered over the truth, he showed ingratitude, he disbelieved, thus *kufr* disbelief, *kafir* disbeliever pl. *kafirun/kuffar*.

Khalifah pl. *khulafa'*: lit. successor, both the rank of Adamic man, one who stands in for Allah in His creation, and a Caliph or successor of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.

Khatarij: a sect who believed that committing major wrong actions turns a Muslim into an unbeliever.

Al-Khulafa' ar-Rashideen: (see *khalifah* above) the *khulafa'* who took the right way.

Kunya: a respectful and affectionate way of calling as the 'father of so-and-so', the 'mother of so-and-so' or the 'son or daughter of so-and-so'.

Madinah: the first city-state that came under the banner of Islam. It is where the Prophet's masjid and grave are situated.

Al-Masjid al Haram: the Inviolable Mosque of Makkah.

Muhajirun: Companions of the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, who accepted Islam outside Madinah and emigrated to Madinah, particularly those who came with him from Makkah.

Mujahid: someone who is active and fights for Islam. A muslim fighter. The opposite of *qaideen*.

Munafiqun pl. *Munafiq si:* A hypocrite, more dangerous and worse than a *kafir* because the former hides his disbelief (*tokiya*) whereas the latter is open.

Mushaf: a written copy of the Qur'an.

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Nashids: Islamic compositions.

Qaideen: people who remain inactive and do not fight. The opposite of *Mujahid*.

Qur'an: Lit. 'The Reading' (the final revelation of god).

Ar-Riddah: the reneging or apostasy of the desert Arabs after the death of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.

Sabeel: a way, often *Jihad*, 'the way of Allah'.

As-Sabiqun al Awwalun: the First Foremost one, i.e. those *Muhajirun* and *Ansar* who accepted Islam before the conquest of Makkah and strove with their lives and their wealth in *Jihad*.

Shahadah: witnessing, i.e. the first pillar of Islam.

Shari'ah: lit. a road. It is the legal modality of a people based on the revelation of their Prophet. The last *shari'ah* in history is that of Islam, which abrogates all previous *shari'ahs*.

Shirk: the unforgiveable wrong action of associating something in partnership with Allah and worshipping it or them along with Him.

Shuhada pl. Shahid si: martyrs/martyr.

Tawakul-Allah: Trust in Allah s.w.

Tawheed al Hakimiya: One of the four branches of Tawheed (as taught by Prophet Yusef a.s in the dungeon) referring to the sole right of adjudication that belongs to Allah s.w. It is the unified ruler-ship of Allah.

Ummah: a nation. The *Ummah* of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, are the Muslims.

FINAL UPDATE

December 1999 witnessed a great landmark in the Kashmiri Jihad, one that resounded internationally when revolutionary members of the Pakistan based Harkat-ul-Mujahideen group successfully co-ordinated a hijacking of an Indian airlines plane in the Katmandu region in Nepal, managing to eventually steer it successfully to Khandahar in Afghanistan.

In a daring fete that seemed to be a throw back to the heydays of the sixties and seventies when professional revolutionaries such as Illich Ramirez Navas, a.k.a Carlos the Jackal, had waged war on the Capitalist world, the HuM members rewound the tape and pulled off the seemingly impossible in a day and age of a new world which considers itself to be fully conversant in handling hostage situations. Point in case, the last hi-jacking attempt was the equally daring one of 1994 when Algerian Mujahideen members managed to overrun a Royal Jordanian airlines aircraft on Algerian soil.

India has been dealt a severe blow and by its own admission feels that this will only serve to fuel mass resistance through militancy throughout the Occupied Territories. In the aftermath of this milestone only three Mujahideen clerics have been liberated. Therefore in the same breath, we cannot allow ourselves to be consumed by jubilation. There still remain enumerable Mujahideen locked up around India and Kashmir in the filthy dungeons as indeed they are the world round. We

make no distinction between each and every Mujahid, Scholar and Muslim. They must all be liberated.

It is interesting to note that it is activities such as these that often stand a great chance in shaping world politics in support of the 'grassy zone' declared areas of Jihad. We understand that following the event, the reaction of General Musharaf and his administration was one of spoken disgust! Perchance this censor was no more than a ploy to ensure that world favour swings towards the new regime?...

And our real succour is only from Allah, Alone.



UNDER THE KASHMIRI MOON...

ABOUT THE BOOK

The disease of Wahn (love for the world, and dislike of fighting) is now truly rampant throughout the Ummah, and the state of Kashmir is but a symptom of a world wide epidemic.

If it was not for those few international Mujahideen who drive fear into the hearts of the disbeliever's, bringing some semblance of honour to our nation, we would be in total humiliation unparalleled since the time of the Rasul (saw).

Based on first hand experience inside Occupied Kashmir, the author has vividly brought to life through his writings, accounts of the Mujahideen in one of the most treacherous war zones in the world. The pages are presented with a freshness and clarity that leaves the reader feeling as though he has actually been a witness to the events.

Supplemented by a history of the region, combined with some background on the conflict showing the plight of the Believers, it is beneficial for Muslims in general and especially any budding student Mujahideen to pay heed to the advice put forward.

With reflections on Jihads of former, what is presented are highly thought provoking ideas which the author believes may pave the way for the pro active Muslims throughout the world as well as those in Kashmir for the 21st century.

Perchance, with a constant flow of ideas materialising into practical action, we will at least begin to see some light at the end of what currently seems to be a never-ending abyss.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born into a Hindu household and brought up in the UK, the author reverted to Islam at the age of 20. He initially went to Azad Kashmir in the mid nineties to investigate the duty of Jihad. After training and spending time with the Mujahideen, he witnessed a side of Islam, which cannot be found in classrooms. It is the Islam that is felt by living and dying in the cause of Allah s.w. loving Muslims and hating the enemies of Allah.

Once this lifestyle was instilled in his blood, he began his career as a Mujahid. Initially, he fought in Indian occupied Kashmir against the Hindu oppressors for a while, before returning. One of the few not martyred from his group.

Thereafter he returned to the UK during which time this treatise was written. Following this, he returned, this time to Afghanistan for a year, becoming a trainer in one of the many Mujahideen training camps; working alongside other locals.

The struggle is ongoing, as has been since the time of Iblis and Adam (a.s). The Jihad will continue till the day of recompense.

The enemies of Islam plot and plan, but know this, Allah s.w. is the best of planners!

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