Defense Analysis Report

19 July 2002

Subject: Pakistani Support for Kashmiri Militants (12 July - 18 July 2002)

1. Purpose: To provide updated information on Pakistani support for Kashmiri militants and to assess Indian perceptions of Pakistani support.

2. Key Points:

A. (TS) Next 6 pgs are denied in full

Declassification: N/A
Classified by: Multiple Sources
Enclosure 5. Militant-Initiated Violence According to Press Reporting

Open-source reporting in the past week showed an increase in the intensity and scope of attacks, although the overall number has decreased (Figure 3: Militant-Initiated Incidents in Kashmir 2001-2002 and Incidents by Week through 18 July 02 (Open source)). The total number of casualties this week was 94 compared to 72 last week, but the number of attacks dropped by five. This week saw the largest and most spectacular attack since the 14 May attack. Four militants hurled grenades and fired at Qasim Nagar labor colony in the Jammu region, killing 29 and injuring 25 Hindus. Although no militant group has claimed responsibility, press and (b)(1)(C) suggests that the Indians are blaming Lashkar-e Tayyiba (LET).

Incident highlights: On 15 July, Militants injured a total of 19 in two separate grenade attacks. In a third attack, a mine blast at a counterinsurgent building killed 3, injured 9, and razed the building. Also, militants killed two village headmen in an attempt to coerce other village headmen to resign.

The increase in the intensity of attacks indicates that the militants, especially recalcitrant militants, plan to continue and will probably increase their attacks on civilians, especially with the upcoming Hindu pilgrimage into August and the October Kashmir elections.

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Militant-Initiated Incidents in Kashmir
(Open-Source Reporting)

16 MAY - 18 JUL

Figure 3: Militant-Initiated Incidents in Kashmir 2001-2002 and Incidents by Week through 18 July 02 (Open source). (Unclassified)