Defense Analysis Report

21 June 2002

Subject: Pakistani Support for Kashmiri Militants (14 June – 20 June 2002)

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

Key Points:

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(b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)
• PM Vajpayee, noting Pakistan's决定 to stop infiltration, publicly declared "victory without war" on 17 June.

• Defense Minister Fernandes, and Chief of Army Staff, Padmanabhan, on 19 June, told Indian television there had been a considerable decline in Pakistan's cross-border terrorism.
Enclosure 5. Militant-initiated Attacks in Indian Kashmir (U)

1. (TS) Open-press reporting in the past week indicates that militant-initiated activity in Kashmir has increased (Figure 1 and Figure 2). This increase can possibly be attributed to the easy targeting of Hindu pilgrims on their annual pilgrimage and increased efforts by “recalcitrant” militants to initiate and spread communal violence against Kashmir’s Hindu minority.

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

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(U) Figure 1. Militant-Initiated Incidents in Kashmir
(Open-Source Reporting).

2. (C) Every year around mid-to-late June, the militants have targeted the Hindus that begin arriving in Kashmir to undertake the pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave temple in the Himalayas.
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Figure 2. Militant-Initiated Incidents in Kashmir by Week.
This assessment reflects different data than previously reported due to review of additional information.

Besides the militant-initiated attacks on “soft-targets” there were other key events including an unsuccessful militant attack in Srinagar on the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah. He survived a similar attack in Srinagar last year. The attack was later claimed by a previously unknown militant group, Al Madina.

Between now and October, when elections for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly are to be held, militant activity in Kashmir may be expected to increase and may include a catastrophic militant attack. Open-press allude to threats of “sensational” militant attacks that could reverse the de-escalatory process. “Sensational” events are undertaken to increase publicity and international visibility of the Kashmir problem, as well as disrupt the Kashmir electoral process.