



Defense Analysis Report

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~~(C)~~ **Subject:** Pakistani Support for Kashmiri Militants (14 - 21 February 2002)

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (S) India's leaders are aware of the reduced rate of infiltration, but will likely wait to make an assessment until spring, when infiltration routes are trafficable.• (U) Indian media generally acknowledged reduced militant activity in Kashmir, but are divided over continued mobilization and follow-on measures.

2. ~~(S)~~ Key Points

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B. ~~(S)~~ While militant activity, particularly cross-LOC attacks, has diminished, Pakistan has taken no irreversible steps to dismantle support infrastructure or to disband militant groups.

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- (C) Brajesh Mishra, Indian National Security Advisor, confirmed to General Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, that Pakistani-backed cross-border infiltration has diminished.

- (U) "There is no question of a pull back," said Defense Ministry spokesman P.K. Bandyopadhyay. "The situation ... is being assessed on a day-to-day basis."

D. (U) **At the same time, some opinion leaders have begun to question the wisdom of continued confrontation.** Mainline Indian daily newspapers carried analyses over last weekend noting that India is unlikely to pull back its troops from the border anytime soon, despite the heavy cost of deployment and seemingly diminishing returns. Prominent retired officers – including the former commander in Kashmir – have also begun to question the deployment, suggesting that India has already made the achievable gains.

- (U) The *Srinagar Greater Kashmir* stated "Although [militant] encounters and killings go on as routine, their ferocity has eased considerably". Security agencies were cited as admitting a 25% drop. The newspaper called on New Delhi to take the initiative during the lull and make "a credible political gesture" toward long term Kashmir stability. The *Greater Kashmir* also published a summary of reductions in militant attacks and security force casualties [Figure 1.], bombings, and militant deaths.

(U) Srinagar Greater Kashmir [newspaper] comparison of Kashmir Militant activity 12 Jan - 14 Feb 2001 and 2002

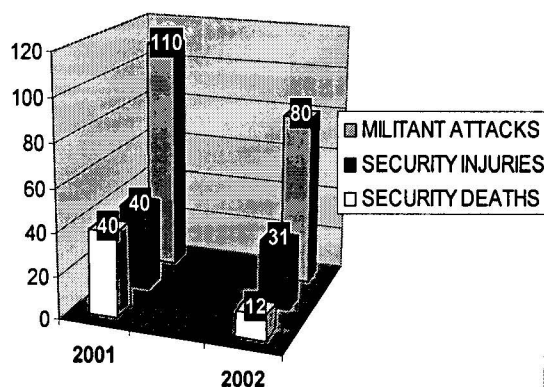


Fig. 1

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1 Enclosure

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