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INTRODUCTION

Jammu & Kashmir [J&K] has been regarded as the epicentre of terrorism related violence in India for nearly three decades. The Jammu & Kashmir Security Tracker aims to track the trajectory of the security scenario in the newly formed Union Territory [UT] of J&K. The observations reported maybe useful for experts, practitioners, academics, and scholars in understanding the security trends in the UT of J&K. The findings will be beneficial for scholarly research and evidence-based policy prescription.

The first report in the series was a comparative analysis of the security scenario in the one-year before and after the decision to remove the special status of J&K on August 5, 2019. The previous reports cover the security scenario of August 2020 to June 2021. The current edition will cover the findings and analysis of the period between July and December 2021. The parameters for observation and the methodology of research and data collection have been described in detail in the first report.

In this fifth update report, incident-wise observations have been made for terrorist attacks, arrests, encounter operations, busting terrorist hideouts and recovery of arms, ammunitions and incriminating material, destroying explosives, suspicious drone activities and unprovoked ceasefire violations.

District-wise observations include nineteen of the twenty districts in J&K, namely – Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Doda, Ganderbal, Jammu, Kathua, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Kupwara, Punch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Ramban, Riasi, Samba, Shopian and Srinagar.

Additionally, the activities of different terror-outfits have also been quantified. However, since some outfits are offshoots of the other, often there are discrepancies in reporting. Nonetheless, the activities have been quantified to the extent possible. These outfits include Al-Badr, Ansar Gazwat ul Hind, Hizbul Mujahideen, Islamic State of J&K, J&K Gazanavi Force, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and The Resistance Front.

KEY FINDINGS



Incidents of terrorism-induced violence had seen a slight surge in the second quarter (Q2) of 2021. This surge has continued in the third i.e., July – September (Q3) and the fourth quarter i.e., October - December (Q4) of 2021. In Q3, 28 terrorist attacks were reported targeting the civilians and the security forces (SF). This further surged to 34 attacks in Q4 as opposed to 24 in Q2 and 16 in the first quarter (Q1) of 2021. Few months of Q3 and Q4 witnessed most violent incidents in J&K since August 2018. Prior to these two quarters, most violent incidents were seen in the immediate aftermath of the

abrogation of the special status of J&K in October 2019. However, October 2021 became the most violent month with the reporting of 21 terrorist attacks targeting the civilians and the SF. While the attacks on civilians were largely political assassinations, targeting of non-local migrant workers and minorities were also seen in J&K.

The number of terrorists arrested has seen a surge in the last two quarters of 2021 as opposed to Q2. 61 terrorists were apprehended in Q3 and 64 were apprehended in Q4. The increase in number of terrorists eliminated by SF as seen in Q2 has continued in Q3 and Q4. 61 terrorists were neutralized in Q3 and 34 in Q4. It is instructive to note that after 59 terrorists being neutralized in June 2020, the most number of terrorists being neutralized was seen in July 2021. This surge can be attributed to the surge in terrorist attacks that were seen since Q2 till Q4.

In an interesting development it is seen that there has been a constant surge in suspicious drone activities in J&K. These have been seen largely in the Jammu division and has been restricted to the border districts of Jammu, Kathua and Samba. In most cases the SF have acted promptly and successfully shot down the drones. While the busting of terrorist hideouts and recovering arms and ammunitions have continued, in Q3 and Q4 at least 15 explosives were diffused by the SF, thereby averting major attacks. To some extent, increase in attacks can be attributed to the renewed vigour

in terrorist groups following the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban on 15 August 2021. The response by the SF is however indicative of the intensity with which they are clamping down on terrorism in J&K.

It is important to note two specific incidents that took place in Q4. In October 2021 the SF undertook a counterterrorism operation which continued for 21 days in the Punch-Rajouri district. This has been the longest operation undertaken by the SF in J&K in recent times. Four security personnel were Killed-in-Action (KIA) during this exceptionally challenging operation. In another incident in December 2021, few terrorists ambushed a police bus. Three security personnel were killed in the firing initiated by the terrorists and 14 other personnel were injured. After the Pulwama attack of 2019, this was the biggest attack on the SF in J&K. Additionally in Q3, after a successful encounter operation, technologically sophisticated weapons such as rocket launchers were recovered for the first time in J&K.

Incidences of cross border firing have not been reported in both Q3 and Q4 of 2021. However, Pakistan continues to use drones to drop arms, ammunition, and drugs into India. This imposes not just a security challenge but also a legal one as the emerging technologies are beyond the mandate of the 2003 ceasefire agreement. Additionally, the infiltration bids from Pakistani side of the border have continued. The Indian SF have successfully foiled many such bids in Q3 and Q4.

In terms of district-wise analysis, only Udhampur district reported no terrorism-induced violent incident. All the other 19 districts reported at least one incident of terrorism over Q3 and Q4. Bandipora, Baramulla, Kulgam, Poonch, Pulwama, Rajouri, Shopian, and Srinagar districts have shown an increase in incidents when compared with the previous quarters, while Anantnag, Budgam, Ganderbal, and Jammu districts largely continue to remain disturbed as in the previous quarters. It is instructive to note that Doda had been previously declared as terrorist-free district. However, a grenade attack targeting the SF was seen in the district recently. The increasing activities in Jammu division of J&K needs to be observed closely.

In terms of terrorist outfits, Q3 and Q4 of 2021 was largely dominated by the elimination of terrorists affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), followed by Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and The Resistance Front (TRF). Arrests and eliminations were also made of terrorists belonging to Islamic State of J&K and all the incidents were reported from Anantnag district. It must be noted that the smaller terrorist outfits such as TRF are directly or indirectly with larger outfits such as the LeT and thus, while reporting the incidents, the affiliations of the terrorists are not clear. Therefore, there may be some discrepancy in the statistics in terrorist outfit-wise analysis.

Prognosis: While Q3 and Q4 saw a surge in terrorist attacks, we are likely to see a dip in terrorist activities in the first two quarters of 2022 due to the onset of winter, increased vigilance and targeted operations by the SF, weakening of local support to terrorist outfits from within the UT of J&K as well as by their sponsors from abroad, and also due to an improved political climate and more effective administration. The above would likely lead to a surge in arrests and surrenders of terrorists. Anti-terrorist operations will continue to be based on specific intelligence. The threat of drones being used by terrorist groups will however remain a major cause of concern. Also of concern will be the use of sophisticated weapons and technology by such groups.

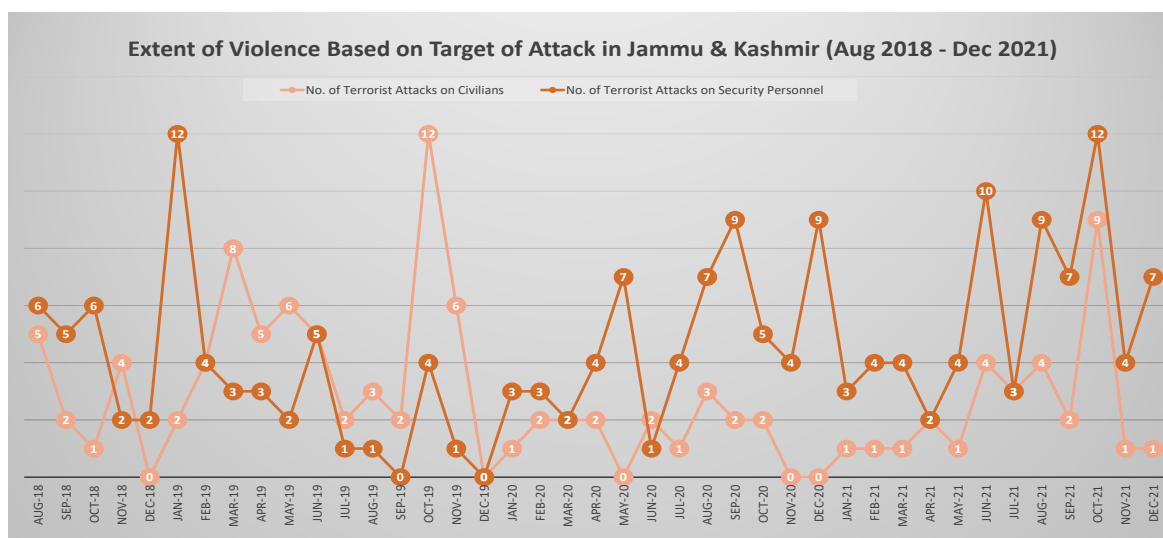
In December 2021, the first draft of the proposed allocation of seats in the new legislative assembly of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, was presented by the Delimitation Commission. The draft report has set right some existing anomalies by allocating six more seats in the legislative Assembly to Jammu and one to Kashmir. This has not gone down well with some political parties in the Valley, who may incite the public to disrupt the peace. Infiltration bids from across the Line of Control are also likely to pick up pace in Q2, 2022, once the snows melt.

ANALYSIS - I

INCIDENT-WISE

- Terrorist Attack
- Arrest
- Encounter
- Miscellaneous Incidents
- Unprovoked Ceasefire Violation

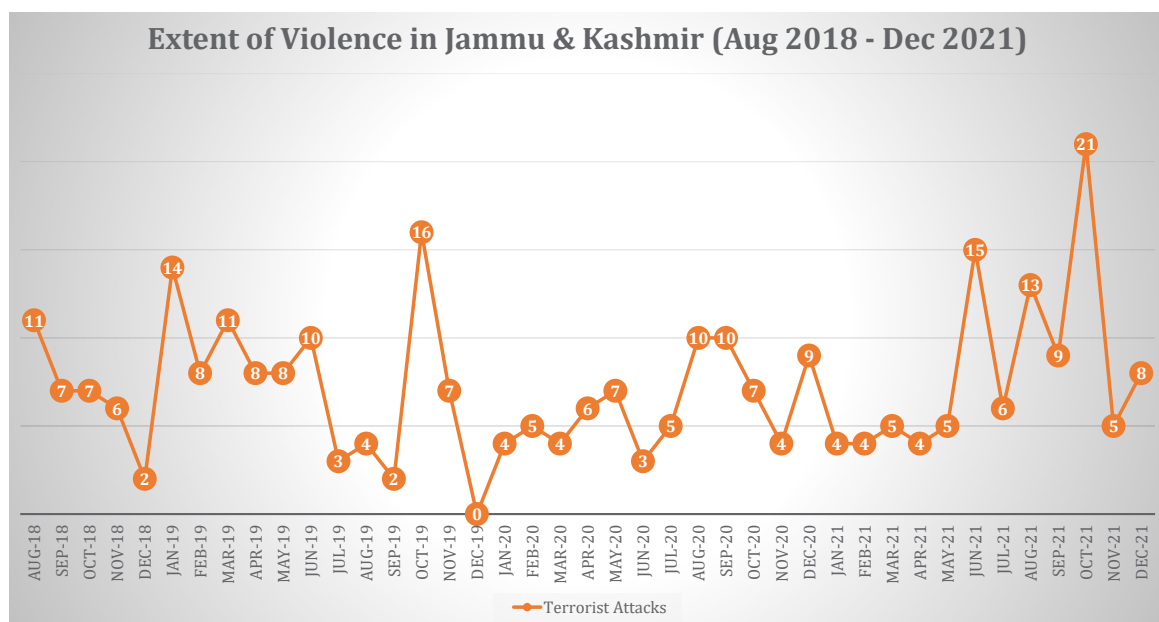
- Terrorist Attack



The terrorist attacks in Jammu & Kashmir have been analysed based on (a) target of attack and (b) the mode of attack. Based on the target of attack, there were 20 terrorist attacks targeted on the civilians which resulted in 22 civilians being killed and nearly 10 being injured. Out of these, nine attacks took place in Q3 and the remaining 11 in Q4. 42 attacks were orchestrated targeting the security forces (SF) in which nearly 12 SF personnel were killed and 38 were injured. 19 of the attacks targeting SF took place in Q3, while 23 attacks took place in Q4.

Based on the mode of attack, the terrorist attack on SF can be divided into (i) grenade attack, and (ii) incident of firing. Cumulatively in Q3 and Q4, there were 16 grenade attacks and 26 firing incidents. Q3 witnessed 10 grenade attacks whereas there were six such attack in Q4. A total of 10 SF personnel and over 16 civilians were injured in these attacks. There were 9 incidents of firing on SF reported in Q3 and 17 incidents in Q4. As a result of these incidents, at least six terrorists were neutralized, one civilian was killed, and three civilians were injured. Additionally, 12 SF personnel were KIA and another 28 were injured.

The extent of terrorist attacks in J&K in Q3 and Q4 of 2021 has seen a slight surge when compared to the situation in Q3 and Q4 of 2018, 2019 and 2020. Of the six months in consideration in this Report, October 2021 witnessed a cumulative of 21 attacks. This was also the most violent month in terms of terrorist attacks in the past 4 years followed by 16 attacks in October 2019, 15 in June 2021 and 13 in August 2021. A significant splurge in attacks was observed in the second half of 2021 as compared to the first half of 2021.



• Arrest

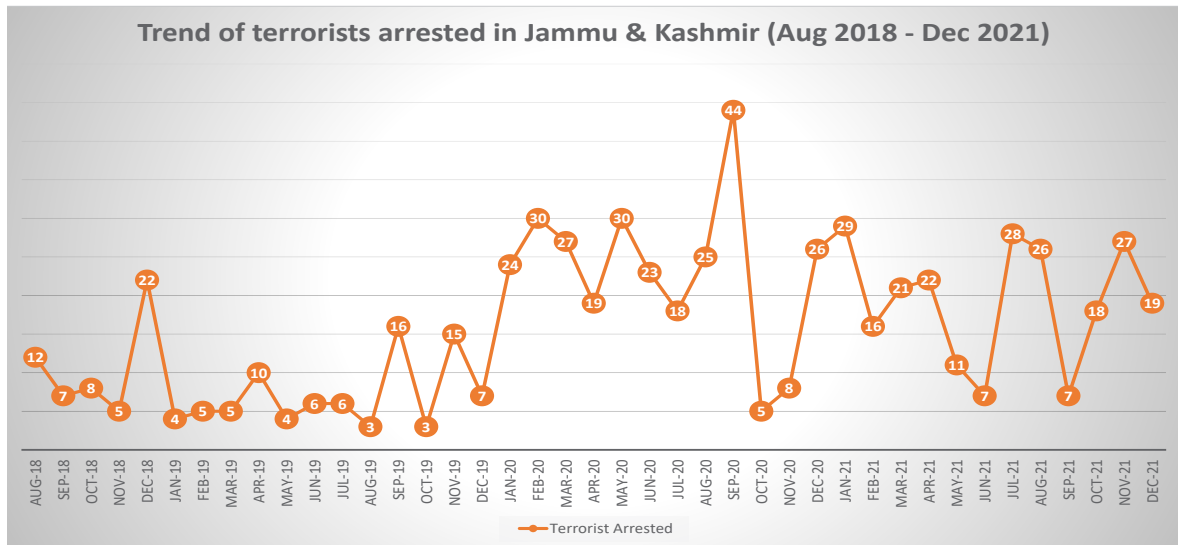
125 terrorists were arrested in the second half of 2021, out of which 61 were arrested in Q3 and the remaining 64 in Q4. Additionally, few more terrorist associates and over-ground workers were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). However, the exact numbers of those arrested by NIA could not be ascertained due to discrepancy in reporting by the media houses.



Of the 125 terrorists arrested, 10 were affiliated with Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), 44 with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), 16 with Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), 12 with The Resistance Front (TRF), 3 with Islamic State of Jammu & Kashmir (ISJK) and 3 with J&K Gazanavi Force. The affiliations of nearly 37 terrorists were not ascertained at the time of reporting of the arrests.

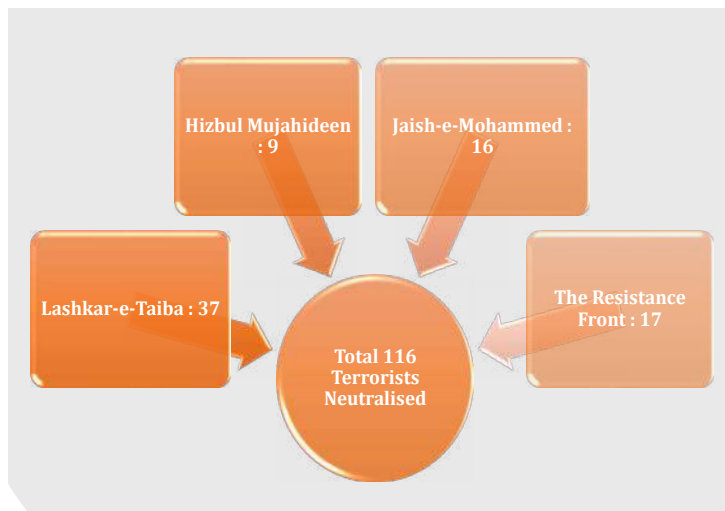
A massive surge of terrorist arrests was observed in J&K since the September of 2019. Barring

a few months, this momentum of arrests has continued till December 2021. On an average the number of terrorists arrested has remained nearly constant in all the four quarters of 2021. When Q3 and Q4 of 2021 are compared with that of 2020, the total number of terrorists arrested is nearly the same with 125 in 2021 and 126 in 2020.



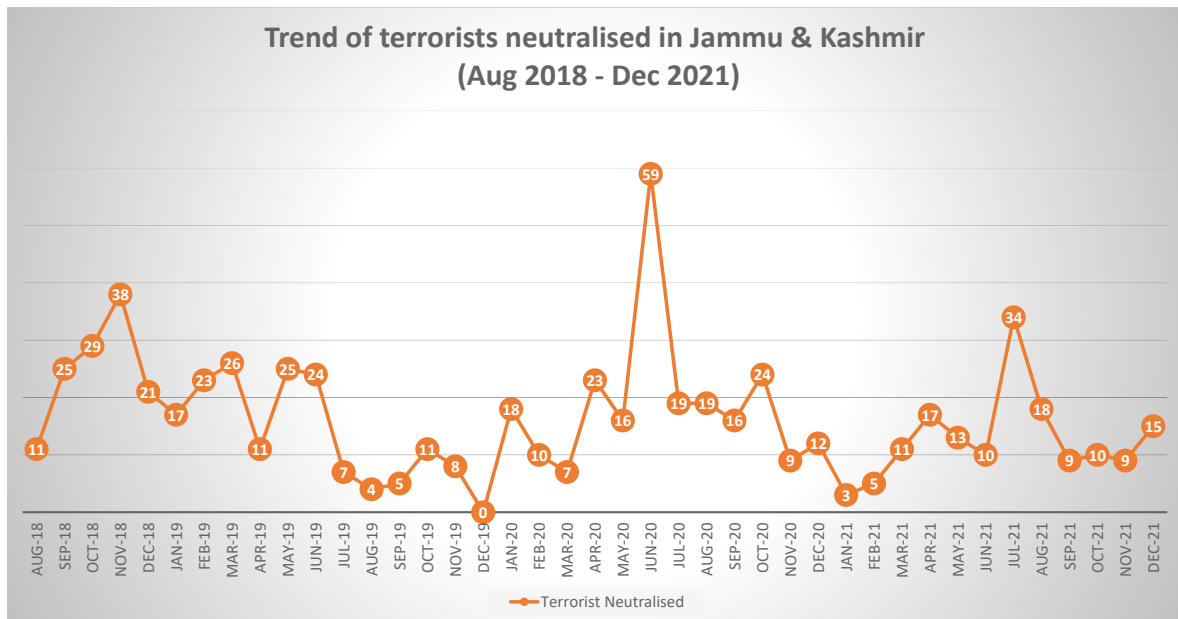
• Encounter

The SF neutralized 116 terrorists in 62 encounter operations in Q3 and Q4 of 2021. Out of these, 9 belonged to HM, 16 to JeM, 36 to LeT, 17 to TRF, 1 to Al Badr, and 3 to Ansar Gazwat ul Hind. The affiliations of nearly 35 terrorists were not ascertained at the time of reporting of the encounter operations. Nine SF personnel were KIA during the encounter operations, along with six others being injured. Three civilians were also killed in these operations.



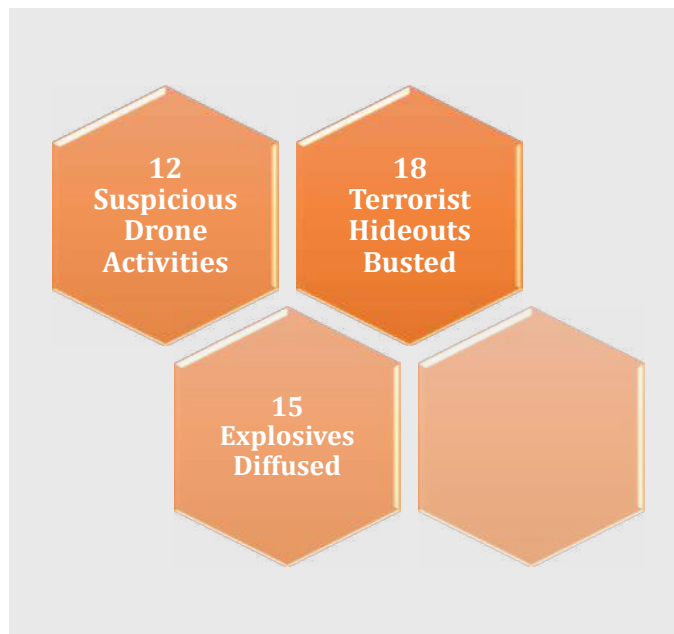
Over the last two years there has been a decline in number of terrorists neutralized by the Indian SF in J&K when compared to scenario until June 2019. There was surge in numbers

in the summers of 2020. However, the number of terrorists neutralized came down in the following months. A similar surge, to a much less extent, was seen in July 2021 but the numbers came down again in the following months of Q3 and Q4 of 2021. Barring July 2021, the average terrorists neutralized in both the halves of 2021 have largely remained similar. It is instructive to note that the most number of terrorists neutralized in the past four years was 59 in June 2020, 38 in November 2018 and 34 in July 2021.

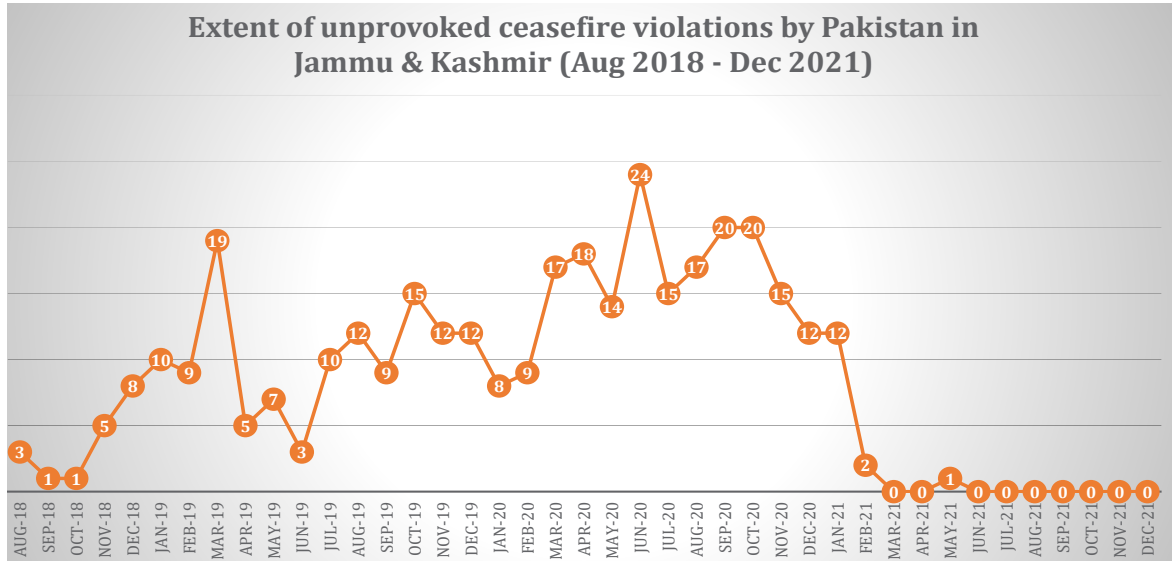


• Miscellaneous Incidents

In Q3 and Q4 the Indian SF busted 18 terrorist hideouts and recovered arms, ammunitions, and incriminating material. Of the hideouts busted, at least one belonged to LeT and one to HM. Over the six months, 15 explosives were diffused and destroyed. A total of 12 incidents of suspicious drone activities were also reported in J&K. Of the 12 incidents, four were reported in Samba district, one in Kathua district and the remaining seven in Jammu district.



- Unprovoked Ceasefire Violation



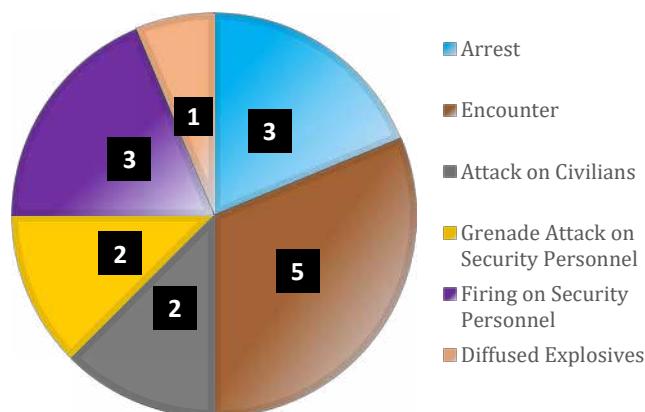
There was an unprecedented surge in the unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan since October 2019. However, in the aftermath of agreement between the militaries of both the countries to observe the ceasefire agreement of 2003, the number of such violations has reduced to zero. The only exception to this was observed in Samba district where unprovoked ceasefire violations were seen on one day in the month of May 2021. Post this, no incidents were reported in Q3 and Q4 of 2021. However, several infiltration bids were foiled by the Indian SF along the shared borders of Baramulla, Jammu, Poonch and Rajouri districts in which at least nine terrorists were killed and one surrendered. The surrendered terrorist was affiliated with LeT and had surrendered in a failed infiltration bid along the borders of Baramulla district.

ANALYSIS - II

DISTRICT-WISE

- Anantnag
- Bandipura
- Baramulla
- Budgam
- Doda
- Ganderbal
- Jammu
- Kathua
- Kishtwar
- Kulgam
- Kupwara
- Punch
- Pulwama
- Rajouri
- Ramban
- Riasi
- Samba
- Shopian
- Srinagar

• Anantnag

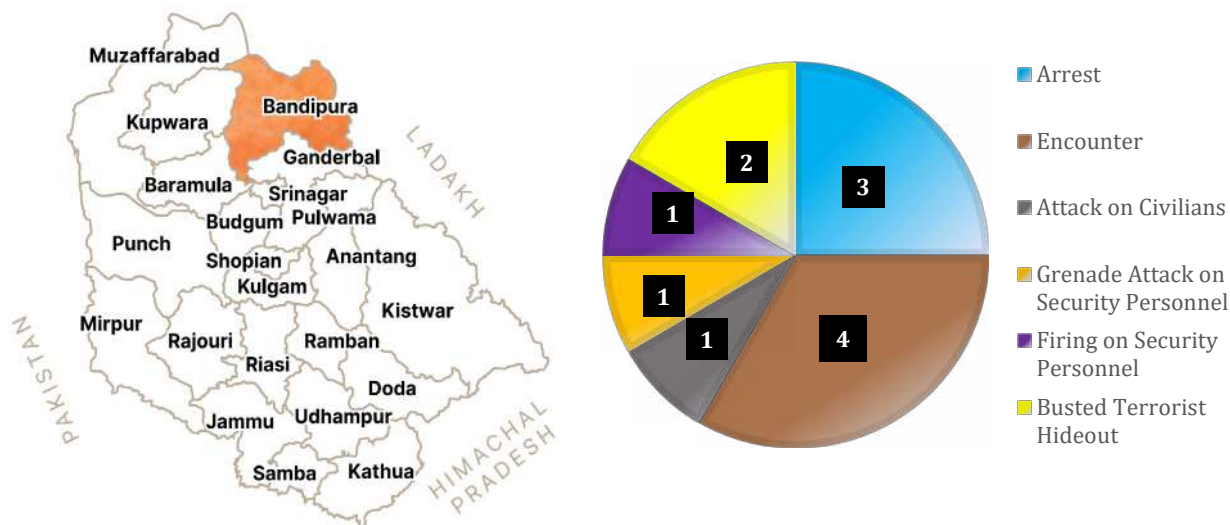


In the Anantnag district there were three incidents of arrests, eight terrorists were arrested in the district of which three were affiliated with ISJK and the remaining with LeT. There were five successful encounter operations in which nine terrorists were neutralized. Of the nine, at least three belonged to LeT, three to JeM, one to ISJK and one to HM. In three incidents of arrests, eight terrorists were arrested in the district of which three were affiliated with ISJK and the remaining with LeT. There were two terrorist attacks targeted on civilians in which four civilians were killed. Of the four two were a sarpanch affiliated with the Bharatiya Janata Party and his wife, while the other two were family members of a police constable. There were three incidents of firing on SF in which one SF personnel was killed and 1 was injured. There was another death casualty, but the identity of the deceased was not ascertained at the time of reporting of the incident. There were two incidents of grenade attacks on SF, however, there were no casualties. Additionally, there was one incident of explosive being diffused which assisted in averting a major incident.

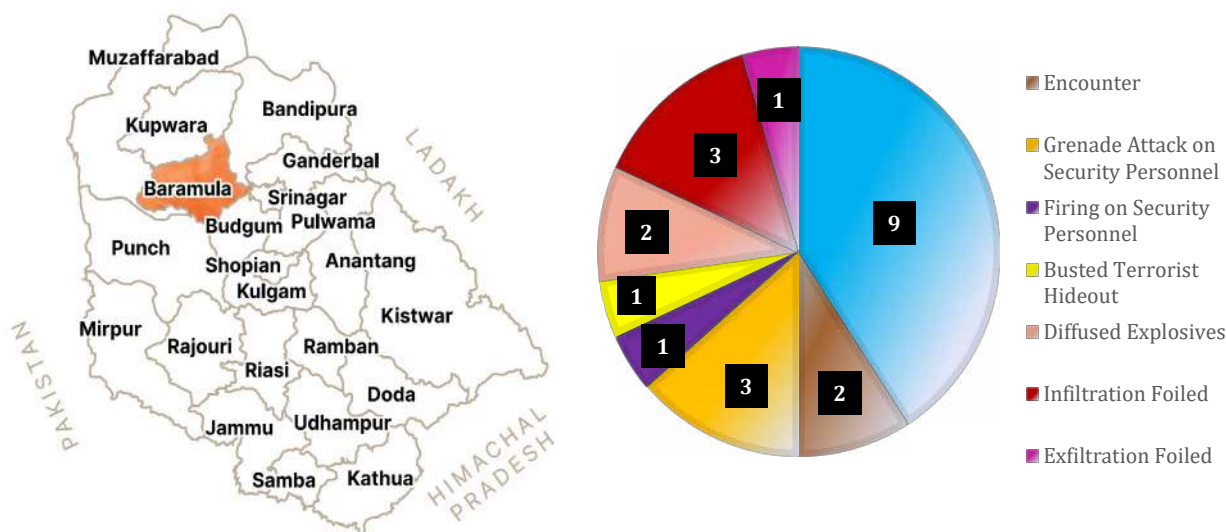
• Bandipura

In Bandipura district there were three incidents of arrest in which eight terrorists were apprehended. Half of the arrested were affiliated with LeT and the remaining with TRF. There were four successful encounter operations in the district in which seven terrorists were neutralized. Of the seven, five were affiliated with LeT and at least one foreign terrorist from Pakistan. One attack was orchestrated targeting a civilian in which one local civilian was killed. In one incident of firing on SF, two SF

personnel were killed. There was one grenade attack on the SF in which a few civilians were injured. Additionally, the SF busted two terrorist hideouts in the district.



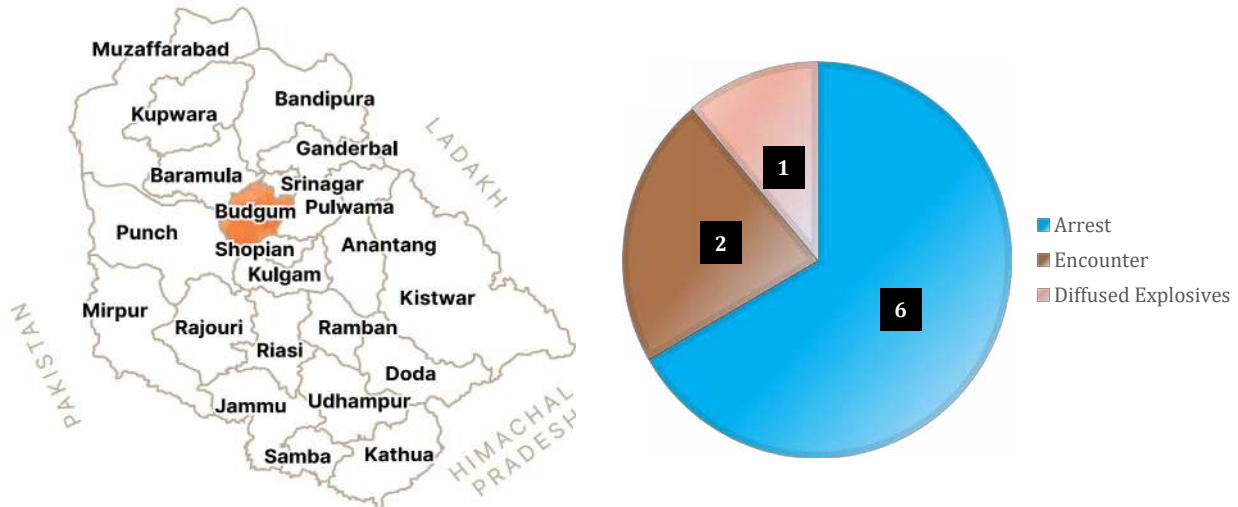
• Baramulla



In Baramulla district there were nine incidents of arrest in which 16 terrorists were arrested. Of the those arrested at least one was affiliated with TRF, one with HM and five with LeT. In two successful encounter operation, five terrorists were neutralized of which at least belonged to LeT. There were three incidents of grenade attacks and one incident of firing targeted on the SF. In these four incidents, one terrorist was killed, one civilian and four SF personnel were severely injured. One HM hideout was also busted and in two incidents explosives were diffused by the Indian SF. There was also one incident of exfiltration bid foiled by the SF in Baramulla district where four were

apprehended. In Q3 of 2021, at least three infiltration bids were foiled by the Indian SF in which four terrorists were neutralized and one affiliated with LeT surrendered himself.

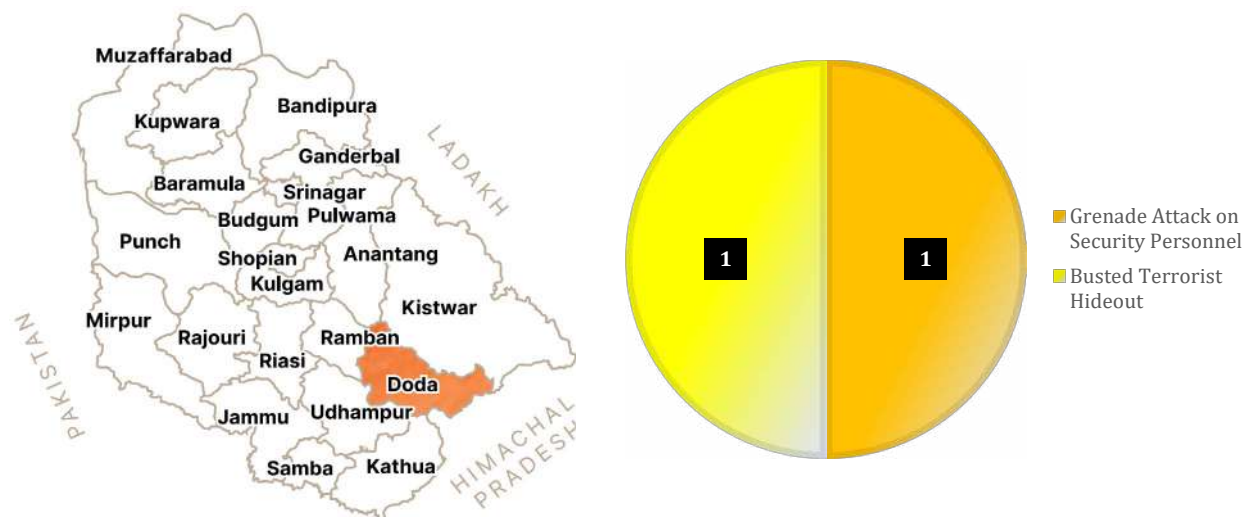
- **Budgam**



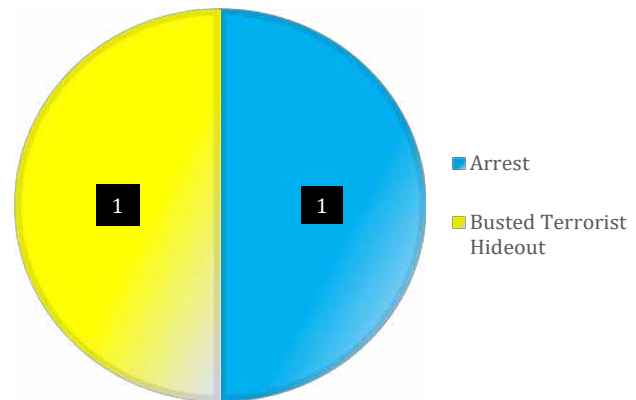
In Budgam district there were six incidents of arrest in which 13 terrorists, all affiliated with LeT were arrested. There were two successful encounter operations, one in each quarter, where a cumulative of three terrorists were neutralized. At least one of the three neutralized was affiliated with Al Badr. There was also one incident where the Indian SF diffused explosive planted in the district.

- **Doda**

In Q3 of 2021, the SF busted one terrorist hideout and there was one incident of grenade attack targeted on the SF in the Doda district. In this attack one SF personnel was severely injured. No terrorism-induced activity was seen in the Doda district in Q4 of 2021.

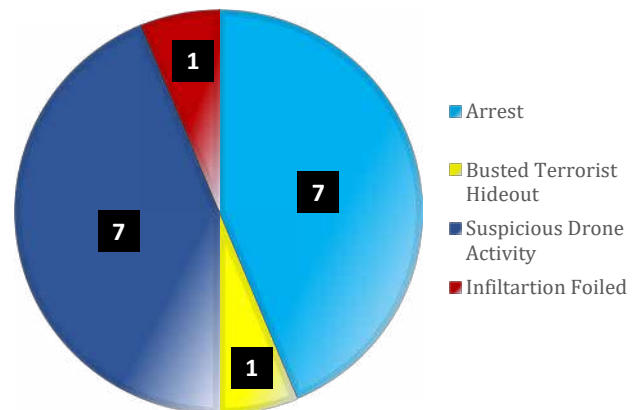


- Ganderbal



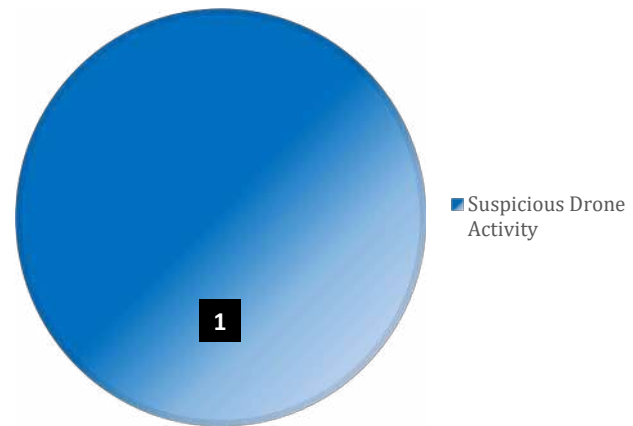
There was one incident of arrest in the Ganderbal district in which one terrorist was arrested by the SF. Additionally, one terrorist hideout was busted, and arms, ammunitions, and incriminating material were recovered.

- Jammu



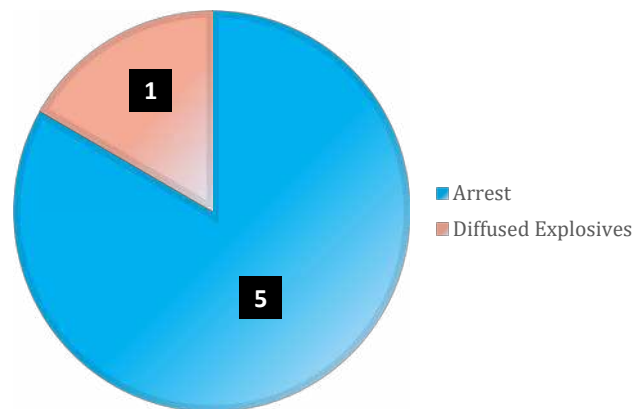
In Jammu district there were seven incidents of arrest in which 13 terrorists were arrested. While one was affiliated with LeT and one with TRF, seven of the arrested terrorists were affiliated with JeM. There were seven instances where drones performing suspicious activities were spotted. In one instance, the SF foiled an infiltration bid and neutralized one terrorist. Additionally, one terrorist hideout was busted in the district and arms, ammunitions, and incriminating material were recovered.

- Kathua



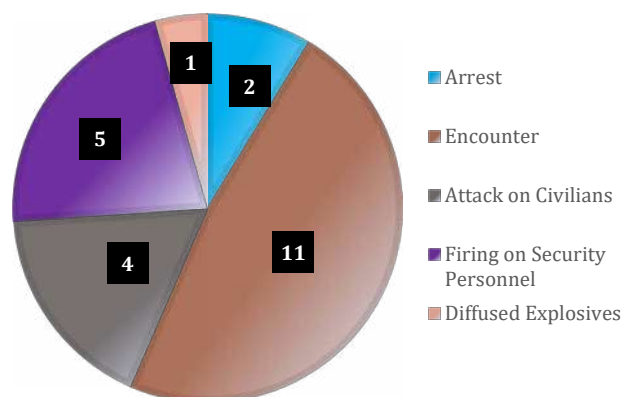
In the Q4 of 2021, a drone was spotted performing suspicious activities in the Kathua district. It is instructive to note that prior to Q4 of 2021, any terrorism-induced activity was seen in the district only in Q1 of 2021.

- Kishtwar



Over Q3 and Q4 of 2021, there were five incidents of arrest in which seven terrorists were arrested. Of the seven, at least five were affiliated with HM and one with LeT. Additionally, there was one incident where the Indian SF diffused and explosive. It is instructive to note that prior to this, any terrorism-induced activity was seen in the district only in Q1 of 2021.

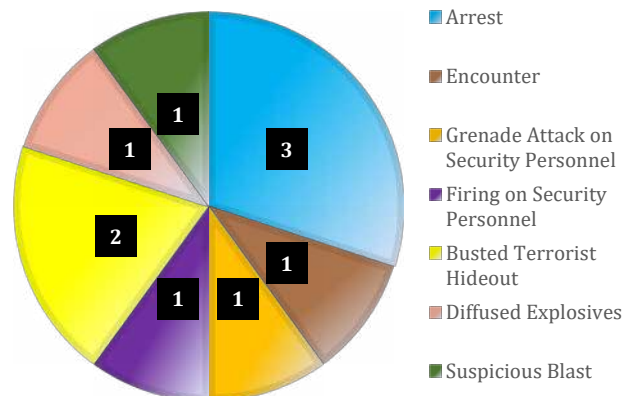
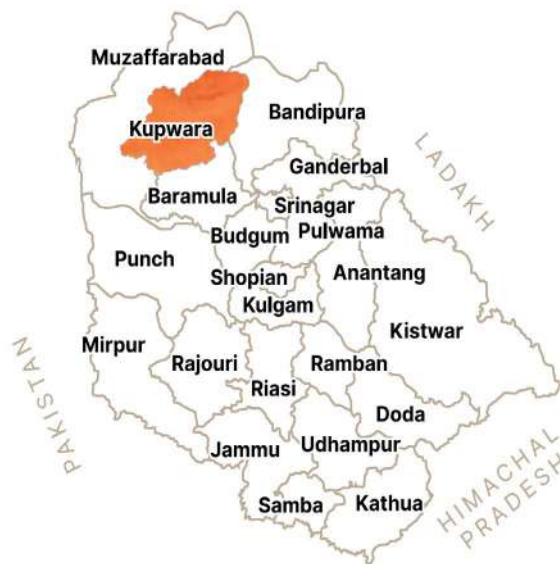
• Kulgam



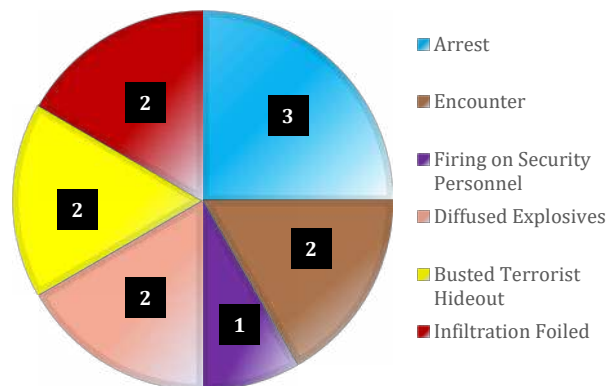
In Kulgam district there were two incidents of arrest in which five terrorists were arrested. The affiliations of all the five were unavailable when the arrests were reported. There were 11 successful encounter operations in the district in which 19 terrorists were neutralized. Of the 19, three belonged to LeT, four to HM, 4 to TRF and three to JeM. Additionally, in one of the encounter operations three terrorists affiliated with TRF and Harkat ul Mujahideen were neutralized. There were four incidents of attacks targeted on civilians in which five civilians were killed and one was severely injured. Of the five, one was affiliated with Bharatiya Janata Party, one with Apni Party and three were non-locals. There were five incidents of firing at the India SF. In the crossfire two LeT terrorists were killed. Additionally, two SF personnel were KIA while six were injured. There was also an incident of SF diffusing an explosive and averting a major incident.

• Kupwara

In Kupwara district there were three incidents of arrests in which seven terrorists were arrested. Three of these were affiliated with LeT, while the affiliation of terrorists remained unknown at the time of reporting of the arrests. There was one successful encounter operation in the district in which a HM terrorist was neutralized. Additionally, there was one incident of firing on the SF in which one SF personnel was killed and one grenade attack targeting the SF in which one personnel was injured. There was also a suspicious blast in which one civilian was killed while six others were severely injured. Two terrorist hideouts were also busted, and one explosive was diffused by the SF.

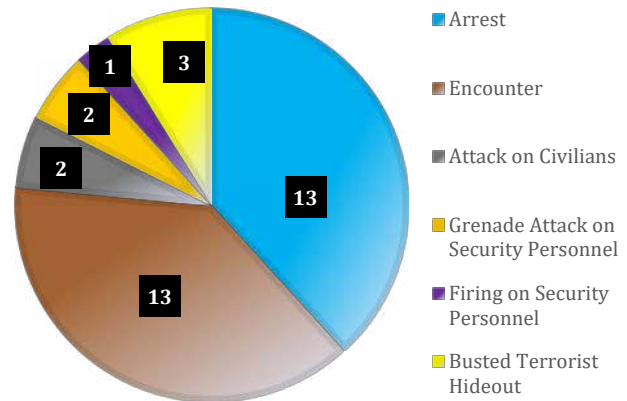


• Punch



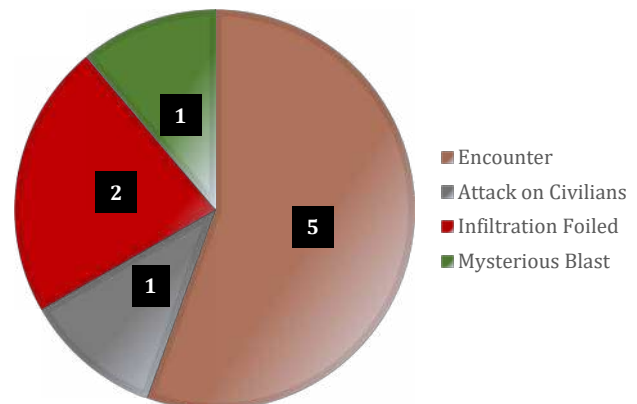
In Punch district three incidents of arrests were reported in which five terrorists were arrested. Of the five, three were affiliated with Jammu & Kashmir Gazanavi Force. There were two successful encounter operations in the district in which one Pakistani foreign terrorist was eliminated by the SF. Four SF personnel were also KIA in these operations. One incident of firing on the SF occurred. In the cross-firing one terrorist was killed and three SF personnel were injured. At least two infiltration bids were foiled by the Indian SF and two terrorists were neutralized in these. Additionally, two terrorist hideouts were busted, and massive stockpiles of arms and ammunitions were recovered indicating that a major attack was averted post the discovery. There were also two instances in which explosives were diffused by the SF.

• Pulwama



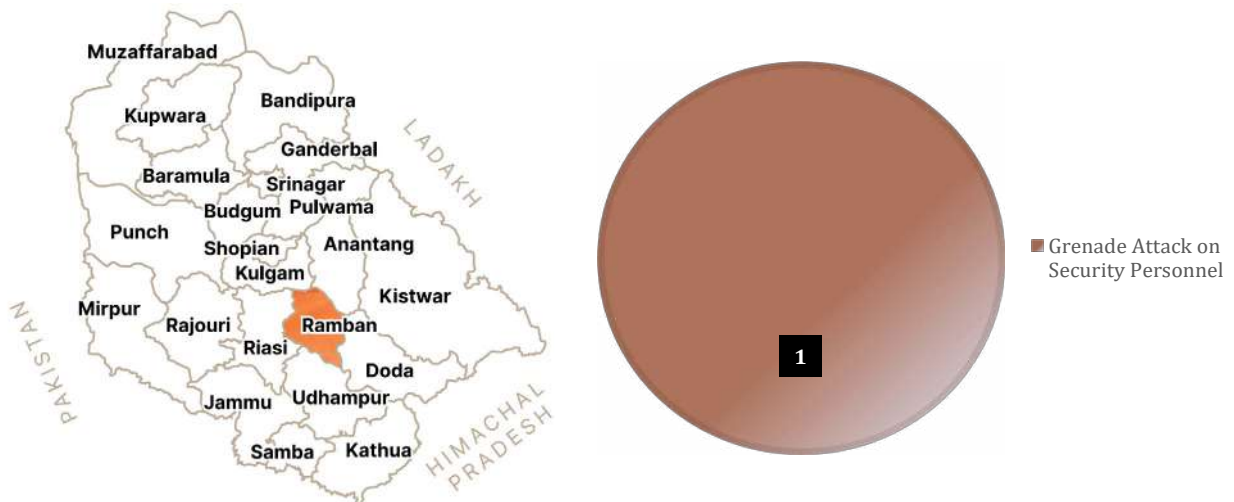
In Pulwama district there were 13 incidents of arrest in which 25 terrorists were arrested. Of the 25, 10 were affiliated with LeT, 8 with JeM and 4 with HM. In 13 successful encounter operations, 27 terrorists were neutralized. Amongst those neutralized, 10 were affiliated with LeT, nine with JeM, 3 with HM and 2 with Ansar Ghazwat ul Hind. Additionally, one SF personnel was KIA during the encounter operation. There were two terrorist attacks on civilians in which two civilians were killed. There was one incident of firing on the SF which rendered one personnel injured. Two incidents of grenade attacks targeted on SF personnel left three civilians injured. The SF also busted three terrorist hideouts in the district and recovered arms, ammunitions, and incriminating material.

• Rajouri



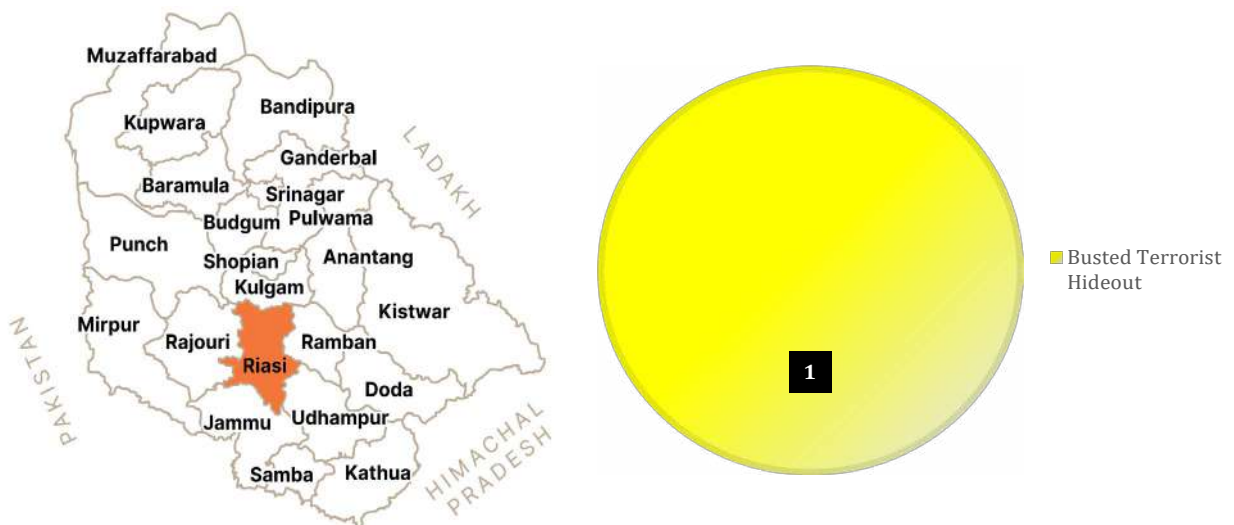
In Rajouri district, there was once incident of attack on civilians where the house of a Bharatiya Janata Party leader was attacked. The leader was killed, and seven other civilians were severely injured in those attacks. In five successful terrorist operations, eight terrorists were killed. Three SF personnel were also killed in these operations. In at least two incidents of foiled infiltration bids, two terrorists were also neutralized by the SF. In Q4 of 2021 there was one mysterious blast in the district. However, no casualties were reported.

- **Ramban**



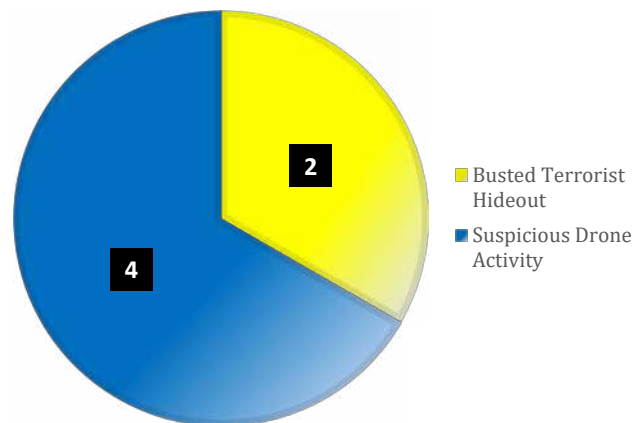
The only terrorism-induced incident reported from Ramban district was a grenade attack targeted at the SF in which two civilians were injured. It is instructive to note that this was the first incident terrorism incident reported from the district in 2021.

- **Riasi**



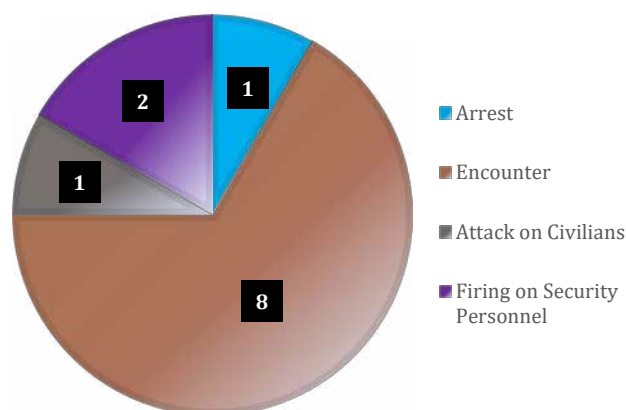
The Indian SF busted one terrorist hideout in Riasi district in Q4 of 2021. It is instructive to note that prior to this incident, two terrorist hideouts were busted in the district in Q1 of 2021.

• Samba



In Samba district there were four instances in which suspicious activities of drones were spotted by the SF. Additionally, two terrorist hideouts were busted, and arms, ammunitions, and incriminating materials were recovered in the district.

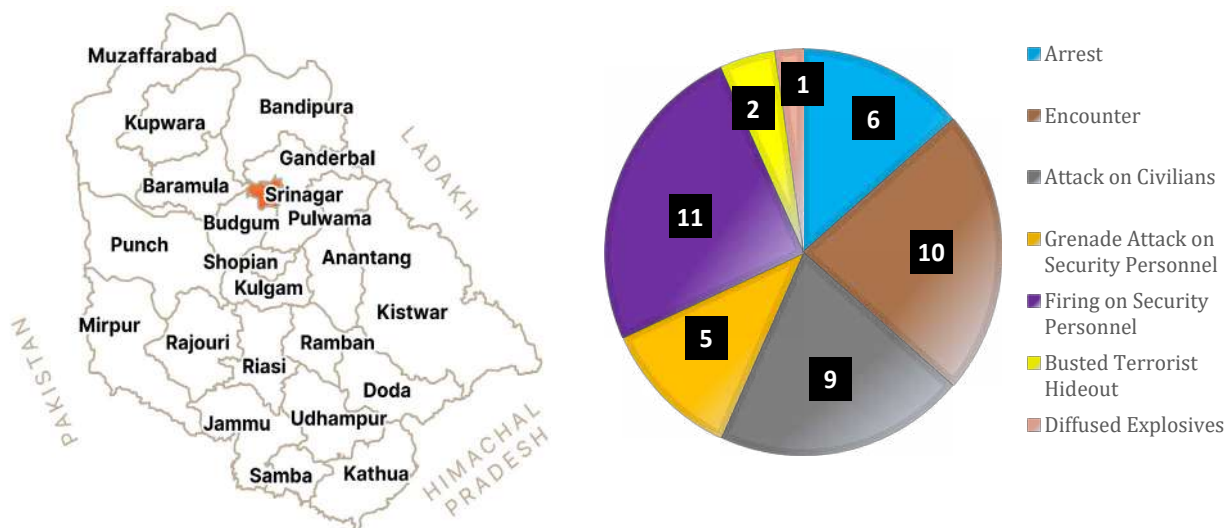
• Shopian



In Shopian district there was one incident of arrest in which 2 LeT terrorists were arrested. In eight successful encounter operations, 19 terrorists were neutralized. Of the 19, seven were affiliated with

LeT and eight with TRF. There was one incident of attack on civilians in which one civilian was injured. There were also two incidents of firing on SF. In the crossfire one civilian was killed and one SF personnel was severely injured.

• Srinagar



In Srinagar district there six instances of arrests in which 10 terrorists were arrested. Of the 10, six were affiliated with TRF and one with JeM. There were 10 successful encounter operations in which 16 terrorists were neutralized. Of the 16, five belonged to TRF, one to LeT, one to JeM and one to Ansar Gazwat ul Hind. In the crossfire, three civilians were killed, and one SF personnel was injured. There were nine attacks targeted on the civilians in which nine civilians were killed and one was severely injured. In five grenade attacks targeted on the SF, at least 10 civilians and four SF personnel were injured. In 11 firing incidents at the SF, one LeT terrorist and one another were neutralized. Six SF personnel were also KIA and at least 16 other personnel were injured in these firing instances. The SF also busted two terrorist hideouts, and recovered arms, ammunitions, and incriminating material. In two instances they also diffused explosives and averted major attacks.

ANALYSIS - III

TERROR OUTFIT-WISE

- Al-Badr
- Ansar Gazwat ul Hind
- Hizbul Mujahideen
- Islamic State of J&K
- J&K Gazanavi Force
- Jaish-e-Mohammed
- Lashkar-e-Taiba
- The Resistance Front

Al Badr	Neutralised	Budgam District : 1		
Ansar Gazwat ul Hind	Neutralised	Pulwama District : 2	Srinagar District : 1	
Hizbul Mujahideen	Neutralised	Anantnag District : 1	Kulgam : 4	Kupwara : 1
		Pulwama District : 3		
	Arrested	Baramulla District : 1	Kishtwar District : 5	Pulwama District : 4
Islamic State of J&K	Neutralised	Anantnag District : 1		
	Arrested	Anantnag District : 3		
J&K Gazanavi Force	Arrested	Poonch District : 3		
Jaish-e-Mohammed	Arrested	Jammu District : 7	Pulwama District : 8	Srinagar District : 1
Lashkar-e-Taiba	Neutralised	Anantnag District : 3	Bandipora District : 5	Baramulla District : 3
		Kulgam District : 5	Pulwama District : 10	Shopian District : 9
		Srinagar District : 2		
	Arrested	Anantnag District : 5	Bandipora District : 4	Baramulla District : 5
		Budgam District : 13	Jammu District : 1	Kishtwar District : 1
		Kupwara District : 3	Pulwama District : 10	Shopian District : 2
	Surrendered	Baramulla District : 1		
The Resistance Front	Neutralised	Kulgam District : 4	Shopian District : 8	Srinagar District : 5
	Arrested	Bandipora District : 4	Baramulla District : 1	Jammu District : 1
		Srinagar District : 6		

Al Badr

One terrorist affiliated with Al Badr was neutralized in a successful encounter operation undertaken by the SF in Budgam district. As opposed to Q2 of 2021 where at least nine affiliated terrorists were neutralized and five were arrested, at the time of reporting of the incident Al Badr was mentioned only once in Q3.

Ansar Gazwat ul Hind

Two terrorists affiliated with Ansar Gazwat ul Hind were neutralized in an encounter operation in Pulwama district and one in Srinagar district in Q4 of 2021. This Al Qaeda inspired outfit has been nearly wiped off from J&K. Over the past two years, terrorism-induced incidents by the outfit have rarely been reported.

Hizbul Mujahideen

Nine terrorists belonging to Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) were neutralized by the SF cumulatively in Q3 and Q4 of 2021. Four of these were in Kulgam district, three in Pulwama district and one each in Anantnag and Kupwara districts. Additionally, ten HM terrorists were arrested over Q3 and Q4 of 2021. Five of these were in Kishtwar district, four in Pulwama district and one in Baramulla district.

There has been a slight surge in Q3 and Q4 with regards to the incidents reportedly orchestrated by the outfit in Q2. However, the surge is bare minimum when compared with the incidents of the other outfits.

Islamic State of J&K

Over Q3 and Q4 one terrorist affiliated with Islamic State of J&K was neutralized and three others were arrested by the SF in Anantnag district. The trend of incidents involving the outfit in Q3 and Q4 are in tandem with the trend in Q2.

J&K Gazanavi Force

In Q3 of 2021, three terrorists affiliated with J&K Gazanavi Force were arrested by the SF. While no incident involving the outfit was witnessed in Q4, one affiliated terrorist was arrested in Q2.

Jaish-e-Mohammed

A total of 16 Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists were arrested by the SF over Q3 and Q4. Eight of these were in Pulwama district, seven in Jammu district and one in Srinagar district. At the time of reporting of the incidents, no Jaish terrorist was reported to have been neutralized in Q2, Q3 and Q4 of 2021.

Lashkar-e-Taiba

37 terrorists were neutralized cumulatively over Q3 and Q4 of 2021. 10 of these were in Pulwama district, nine in Shopian district, five each in Bandipora and Kulgam districts, three each in Anantnag and Baramulla districts and two in Srinagar district. 44 affiliated terrorists were arrested over the six months. 13 of these were in Budgam district, nine in Pulwama district, five each in Anantnag and Baramulla district, four in Bandipora district, three in Kupwara district, two in Shopian district and one each in Jammu and Kishtwar district. Additionally, one terrorist surrendered in Baramulla district. When compared with the previous quarters of 2021, while the trend of incidents affiliated with the outfit has nearly remained constant, it continues to have the most violent and active impact (in terms of arrests and encounters) in the security scenario of J&K.

The Resistance Front

17 terrorists affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF) were neutralized over Q3 and Q4 of 2021. Eight of these were in Shopian district, five in Srinagar district and four in Kulgam district. 12 affiliated terrorists were arrested over the six months. Six of these were in Srinagar district, four in Bandipora district, and one each in Baramulla and Jammu districts. TRF is an off-shoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba and has once again picked momentum in J&K.



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