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FOILING OF INFILTRATION BID AND KILLING OF MILITANT BY BSF AT LOC IN KERI SECTOR, DISTT RAJOURI J&K

In another display of vigil and dogged determination, troops of 163 Bn BSF deployed in Rajouri sector have foiled an infiltration attempt by heavily armed Pakistani militants on the Line of Control.

During intervening night of 20th & 21Feb 2017 at around midnight, BSF troops deployed on forward duty points along the LC Fence in the Keri Sector of Distt Rajouri observed suspicious movement of 3-4 Militants moving towards the fence. The BSF sentries immediately alerted the nearby duty points and also simultaneously kept the movement & the entire area under close observation. As the Militants approached the LC fence, one of them tried to negotiate it.

However, the alert BSF troops brought down effective fire on them on realizing that they had been spotted, the militants opened up with automatic weapons and also fired UBGL grenades on the BSF troops deployed on the duty points along the fence. BSF troops retaliated with aimed fire, as a result one of the terrorists was neutralized at the fence itself. Due to the effective firing by the BSF troops, the other three militants were unable to move further and retreated back towards POK taking the advantage of the darkness as well as undulating ground. As they were escaping, it could be observed that one of slain / injured militant was also being dragged along. After that, the area was kept under close and intese surveillance throughout the night.

At first light around 0700 hrs, BSF party carried out thorough search and mopping up of the entire area in cautious manner Subsequently, the dead body of slain militant was also retrieved after following necessary safety drills.

Following items were recovered from the slain militant and the surrounding

(a)	AK-56 Rifle-01 No	(b)	AK Magazines- 16 Nos
(c)	AK Live Amn - 267 Nos	(d)	AK Series EFC - 89 Nos
(e)	Radio Set - 01 No	(f)	Binocular -01 No

(g)	Grenade - 05 Nos	(h)	Wire cutter- 03 Nos
(j)	Back pack bag -04 Nos	(k)	IED - 02 Nos
(l)	AK Mag fitted with IED-01	(m)	Knife - 01 Nos
(n)	Pencil cell - 48 Nos	(o)	Charger - 02 Nos
(p)	Walking sticks-04 Nos	(q)	Liquid material bottles for fire burning
(r)	Hand Gloves - 05 Pairs	(s)	Rain coat, Jacket, Bed Sheet and survival item like Dry fruits/ Juices etc.

In this regard, it would be pertained to mention here that, had the BSF not successfully eliminated the militant and foiled the infiltration bid, these heavily armed militants could have caused havoc in the hinterland. It would be apt to mention that since the neutralization of three militants in encounter on 29 Nov 2016 in area of BOP Chamliyal under Ramgarh sector, BSF has successfully foiled 11 Infiltration bids suspicious movements on International Border and 15 on Line of Control under Jammu region. BSF is fully committed for maintaining the sanctity of International Borders and alongside also responsible for effectively guarding part of LC under Jammu Region.

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