

Army school in JK renamed in honour of martyr Lt. Ummer Fayaz



The Indian Army declared that a school has been renamed in honour of the late Lieutenant Ummer Fayaz who was abducted and slain by a group of militants in Jammu and Kashmir; and his family was handed over a cheque of Rs 75 lakh.

Lieutenant Ummer Fayaz, 22-year-old army officer of Rajputana Rifles regiment of Indian army was kidnapped and murdered by terrorists on the fateful night of 9th May, 2017 while he was in Kulgaon in South Kashmir to attend his cousin's wedding. Lt. Fayaz was commissioned on 10th December 2016 from the National Defence Academy and was set to head for the Young Officers Course in September this year but the grim mishap put an end to every dream that this young officer and his family had dreamt of.

To honour the late army officer, the Indian Army has decided to rename a school in Behibagh after the former as 'Lt. Ummer Goodwill School' so that his martyrdom can always be commemorated. The General Officer in Command of south Kashmir-based Victor Force, Major General B S Raju, who visited Fayaz's residence on occasion of chahrum (the fourth day mourning), praised the "brave family" of the officer and said the army will always stand by them.

The army commander handed over a cheque of Rs 75 lakh under the army group insurance fund to Lt. Fayaz's parents. He also said that the terrorists who carried out the cowardly act will be brought to justice. The Kashmir police has already issued posters of the three suspects responsible for Lt. Fayaz's felony case and special search operations are being carried out.