

India says military actions over for now, Pak acts on Jaish



After handing over the dossiers of Pulwama attack and its military aftermath with Pakistan in the UNSC, India has made it clear that military actions are over for now, unless in case of another terror strike. And on the other hand, Pakistan has taken first steps to act on Jaish, by making preventive detention of two of JeM Chief Masood Azhar's relatives.

Underlining the entire Pulwama attack and the actions taken by Indian armed forces as "pre-emptive measures", India submitted a detailed dossier to Islamabad - as sought by Pakistan PM Imran Khan and to all Indian convoys all over the world. The dossier clears that the "military actions are over for now", and added that the military actions taken recently "demonstrate the will and capacity to hit the terror infrastructure inside Pakistan". Although India has ended the military actions, it also puts out the fact that in case of another terror strike, "all options will be on the table".

As of now, India has been pushing international interlocutors to create pressure on Pakistan to act upon the terror groups that are grounding on its soil; and especially the global ban of JeM chief Masood Azhar. So far, India has received backing from US, UK and France - all three permanent members of the UN - who have passed a resolution in the UNSC to list Azhar as a "global terrorist". The deadline for any country to object the resolution is March 13, and with China blocking the ban on Azhar since 10 years, it is difficult to know if it will use the UNSC veto again.

However, from the Pakistani end of the border, the Pakistan's Interior Ministry officially announced on Monday that they have made "preventive detention of Terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar's brother Mufti Abdul Rauf and son Hamaz Azhar". Also, 44 other members of banned groups that have been detained and the government has decided "to speed up action against all proscribed organisations". This is seen as Pakistan's first move to act upon Jaish after Pulwama attack, amid the mounting international pressure. Perhaps, Abhinandan Varthaman's release and the progression from both ends this week are likely to help de-escalate tensions between the two countries.