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PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th October 2002.

No.182-Pres/2002 - The President is pleased to award the Police Medal for Gallantry to the under-mentioned officers of Jammu & Kashmir Police:-

NAME & RANK OF THE OFFICERS

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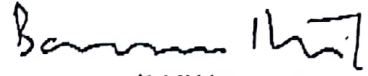
1. Dr. S.P. Vaid, IPS DIGP, Srinagar
2. Sonaulah Ganai, Constable.
3. Abdul Hamid Lone, Constable.

Statement of Service for which the decoration has been awarded:-

On January, 29, 2002, on a specific information that a group of Albadr militants under the command of a dreaded foreign mercenary Saifullah, Distt. Commander, his Dy. Distt. Commanders Hizbi and Usman Bhai, all residents of Pakistan were present in the house of one Gh. Mohi-ud-din Parray R/o Ahmednagar and were waiting for other terrorist associates to conduct a meeting to plan subversive activities in Srinagar city. Dr. S.P. Vaid, DIG of Police Range, Srinagar, planned a joint operation meticulously alongwith BSF/SOG to apprehend the dreaded militants. As the cordon was being laid, militants opened fire which was retaliated by the police party of SOG Ganderbal and 18 Bn. BSF. During the firing, two personnel of BSF got trapped inside the building and firing had to be stopped in order to save their lives. During the night Dr. Vaid got the area cordoned off effectively with the help of BSF, SOG and local police, so as to ensure that militants do not escape during night taking the advantage of darkness. The holed up militants tried to take the BSF personnel hostages who were trapped inside but an assault was launched by Dr. Vaid alongwith other officers and men and in the process managed to rescue one BSF Jawan but the other one i.e. HC T.B Chatri was shot dead by militants. Dr. Vaid in a conspicuous act of gallantry led a group of SOG personnel into the house in the face of heavy firing and ensured lobbing of grenades into the rooms where the militants were taking shelter. Constable Sonaulah and Abdul Hamid went ahead and continued lobbing grenades apart from firing on the militant, as a result of which all the three militants were killed. In the encounter, both the Constables also sustained bullet/splinter injuries. One AK 56 Rifle, one AK 56 Rifle with Grenade launching attachment, one Chinese grenade, 9 AK 56 magazines, 154 rounds of AK 56 and Rs.1960/- were recovered after search of the house.

In this encounter Shri Dr. S.P. Vaid, IPS DIGP, Sonaulah Ganai, Constable & Abdul Hamid Lone, Constable, displayed conspicuous gallantry, courage & devotion to duty of high order.

This award is made as gallantry under Rule 4(i) of the rule governing the award of the Police Medal and consequently carries with the special allowance as admissible under Rule with effect from 29.01.2002.



(BARUN MITRA)
DIRECTOR