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TO ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

We condemn the dastardly attack in Pulwama Our heart goes to those jawans Who made supreme sacrifice of their life They lost their lives so that we can live

The news about the dastardly and cowardly attack on our jawans in Pulwana near Srinagar in J & K by a JeM militant on 14th afternoon has drowned all of us in deep agony and sorrow. On that black Thursday, in one of the deadliest terror attacks in Kashmir, a CRPF convoy of 70 vehicles was targeted by a Jaish-e-Mohammed suicide bomber, resulting in the death of 42 jawans. The suicide bomber rammed his vehicle loaded with over 3000 kg of explosives into the CRPF bus. Many more have been injured and are struggling for life. We condemn the horrific terror attack on CRPF jawans. We urge upon the Central Government to look at the possible intelligence and security lapses self-critically.

Considering the deterioration in the situation of Jammu & Kashmir, we emphasise that the government should realise that the Jammu & Kashmir problem is a political problem which needs a political solution. These misguided elements and militants should realise that violence is not the answer to resolve issues which require the engagement of all stakeholders in the State. J&K problem is a sensitive issue and terror will only breed hatred and animosity and the problem will get more complicated. Government should sternly deal with those forces which foment terrorism. The Government had promised, three years ago, to initiate a political process involving all stakeholders through a dialogue. This has not happened. This brooks no delay.

We join the nation in mourning the loss of these brave sons and express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of the jawans who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Yours Comradely

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