

PRESS RELEASE

On 07-12-2016, a reliable civilian source gave an input to Awantipora Police about the presence of 2-3 terrorists in the house of one Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie S/O Gh Qadir Ganie at Hassanpora Tavila Arwani. As per the input, Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie works as an Over Ground Worker (OGW) of terrorists of Lashker-i-Toiba (LeT) outfit and not only harboured terrorists in his house, but also provide all sort of logistical support to the ANEs. Based on this input, an operation was launched by joint team of Anantnag/ Awantipora Police alongwith Army and CRPF. The said house was cordoned off and when the SF party entered into the house for searching, terrorists fired on security forces. The fire was retaliated and the ensuing gun battle lasted for almost two days. However, the operation was concluded when a joint team of J&K Police's SOG and CRPF's Quick Action Team (QAT) stormed the house and cleared it. The cover fire to the storming team was given by Army troops.

In the search operation two dead bodies of the terrorists and 03 AK Rifles alongwith other incriminating material has been recovered so far. The DNA samples from killed terrorist bodies have been collected.

The harbourer of terrorists, Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie is absconding and efforts are on to arrest him. The Police has requested the Banks to freeze all his bank accounts, and matter has also been taken-up with Revenue authorities for the forfeiture of all his land and houses which, as per the inputs and preliminary investigation, were procured by him from the proceeds of terrorist activities.

People of Arwani have heaved a sigh of relief by the neutralization of these terrorists, who as per the villagers used to frequently visit their village and disturb the peace and tranquillity of the area.