# STATEMENTS AND TWEETS FROM THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS ON THE PULWAMA TERRORIST ATTACK

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

The United States condemns in the strongest terms the heinous terrorist attack by a Pakistan-based terrorist group that killed over 40 Indian paramilitary forces and wounded at least 44 others. We express our deep condolences to the victims' families, the Indian government, and the Indian people for the loss of life in this brutal attack. The United States calls on Pakistan to end immediately the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating on its soil, whose only goal is to sow chaos, violence, and terror in the region. This attack only strengthens our resolve to bolster counterterrorism cooperation and coordination between the United States and India.

#### **U.S DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

The United States condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack today on an Indian Central Reserve Police Force convoy in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. We extend our deepest condolences to the victims and their families, and wish a speedy recovery to those injured. The United States is resolutely committed to working with the Indian government to combat terrorism in all its forms. The UN designated, Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Muhammad has claimed responsibility for this heinous act. We call on all countries to uphold their responsibilities pursuant to UN Security Council resolutions to deny safe haven and support for terrorists.

#### **National Security Advisor Ambassador John Bolton**

I expressed condolences to NSA Doval yesterday for the reprehensible terrorist attack on India. Pakistan must crack down on JeM and all terrorists operating from its territory. Countries should uphold UNSC responsibilities to deny safe haven and support for terrorists

#### Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo

The U.S. condemns yesterday's horrific terror attack on Indian security forces. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. We stand with <u>#India</u> as it confronts terrorism. Pakistan must not provide safe haven for terrorists to threaten international security.

#### **U.S. CONGRESS**

#### **SENATORS**

#### 1. Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

• Infuriated to hear about the <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> in India today—one of the deadliest in the region since 1989. I unequivocally condemn this brutal terrorist attack and am keeping the victims and their families in my prayers.

# 2. Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

• My heart is with the victims of the <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u>. The United States stands with our Indian allies against those behind this heinous act of terrorism.

## 3. Senator John Cornyn (D-TX)

• Today, more than 40 Indian military police were killed by a radical Islamist terrorist group in the deadliest attack in 30 years on Indian forces in Kashmir. I send my deepest condolences to the soldiers injured and killed in this senseless attack, to their families, and to India, a critical ally in the global war on terror.

#### 4. Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR)

• The United States stands with our partner India as it recovers from a terrorist bombing in Kashmir. Jaish-e-Mohammed and its state sponsors must face consequences for this attack.

#### 5. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)

• I condemn today's terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir. I send my heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. The United States stands alongside India in confronting terror and defeating it. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 6. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK)

 Terrorism has no place in our society. The <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> today is devastating and deeply saddening. To the families and victims, we are praying for you.

### 7. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)

• I condemn in the strongest possible terms the terrorist attack in India's Jammu and Kashmir state today. My heartfelt condolences go out to the families of the victims. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 8. Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)

 The United States stands with India following the brutal terror attack today in Jammu & Kashmir. My prayers are with the victims, families, and all affected by this heinous act. We must stand united in condemning and defeating terror around the globe. #KashmirTerrorAttack

## 9. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

• I condemn the terrorist attacks in Kashmir and Jammu, India, in the strongest possible terms. I appreciate our @USAmbIndia's swift response. I pledge to stand with India in defeating terrorism, and I send my sympathy to the families. #KashmirTerrorAttack

# 10. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

• Praying for the victims, and their loved ones, of this heinous terror attack that's already taken 45 lives. I will continue to monitor the situation and hope to be briefed when more information is available.

#### 11. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

• I strongly condemn the terror attack in Kashmir. The United States stands with our friends in India, and I send heartfelt condolences to the families that lost loved ones. #KashmirTerrorAttack

# 12. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

• U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) today released the following statement in response to Thursday's terror attack in Kashmir that killed at least 40 people.

"I condemn the terror attack yesterday in Jammu and Kashmir. My thoughts are with the families who lost loved ones in this horrific attack."

#### 13. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)

• My sincere condolences to the Indian people after the horrific terrorist attack yesterday in #Kashmir. The United States stands strong with India in the face of terrorism. We must work together to fight this evil.

#### 14. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)

• I strongly condemn the heinous terrorist attack in <a href="#Kashmir">#Kashmir</a>—one of the deadliest attacks in the region in decades. My prayers are with the families of the victims.

### 15. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)

• The <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> yesterday was a horrific and devastating act of terrorism. These cowardly terrorist acts have no place in our world. The United State stands in solidarity with <u>#India</u> in condemning this attack.

# 16. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

 What a terrible terrorist attack in India. America stands with our Indian friends and allies against this despicable atrocity. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families.

#### 17. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)

I condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir and express condolences to the victims and their families. The US will always stand with India and the Indian people to fight terrorism. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

## 18. <u>House Foreign Affairs Committee</u>

 Chairman <u>@RepEliotEngel</u>: I strongly condemn the terrorist attack in India's Jammu and Kashmir state today and send my condolences to the families of the victims. Countries must not allow terrorist groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed to operate with impunity. #kashmirterrorattack

#### 19. House Foreign Affairs GOP

• .@RepMcCaul: "I condemn this despicable attack in the strongest possible terms. My deepest condolences to people of #India affected by this tragedy. The United States is with you and stands committed to eradicating terrorism wherever it exists." #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 20. Representative Bobby Rush (D-IL 1)

• This was a horrific attack and I stand with @USAmbIndia in solidarity in condemning this act of terror. My condolences are with the Indian people, the victims and all families impacted by this tragedy.

# 21. Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI 2)

- We stand with the people of India in condemning the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir, and send our condolences and prayers to the victims families. We must all stand up against these jihadists and their ideology. #KashmirTerrorAttack
- My thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the victims of the terrorist attack in Kashmir today. We must stand together to defeat these jihadists and their ideology.

#### 22. Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC 2)

• I strongly condemn the senseless act of terror today in #Pulwama. The United States will always stand alongside the people of India in the face of those that seek to destroy our way of life. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 23. Representative Joe Morelle (D-NY 25)

• I join all Americans in strongly condemning this act of hate and terrorism, and my heart is with those affected by the #KashmirTerrorAttack. We must continue working to confront and defeat terror in every corner of the world.

## 24. Representative Ted Deutch (D-FL 22)

 An act of terror in India killed at least 40 people. I strongly condemn this hateful attack and I am sending prayers to the victims and families.
 #KashmirTerrorAttack

# 25. Representative Ted Yoho (R-FL 3)

 I condemn today's terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir. America stands with #India in opposing all terror and defeating it. My condolences to the families of the victims. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 26. Representative Pete Olson (R-TX 22)

 Tragic news out of Jammu & Kashmir, India today where a brutal terrorist attack took innocent lives. I strongly condemn this cowardly act and send my deepest condolences to the loved ones of the <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> victims. https://t.co/KeKyXs0bVc

#### 27. Representative George Holding (R-NC 2)

 I strongly condemn the heinous terror attacks in India and am sending my heartfelt prayers to all those impacted. The United States stands with the good people of India and the Indian government in our collective effort to end violent extremism and terrorism.

#### 28. Representative Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ 2)

• My heart is with the victims and families of the <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u>. Any and all forms of terrorism are unacceptable. I unequivocally condemn this act of cowardice.

#### 29. Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA 7)

 Heartbreaking. My thoughts are with the families of the victims of heinous terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir today. We must confront terror and defeat it, wherever it occurs. <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u>

#### 30. Representative Brad Sherman (D-CA 30)

My thoughts are with the victims of today's terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir.
 I strongly condemn this egregious act of terrorism. The US stands by India in confronting and defeating terrorism. #KashmirTerrorAttack #PulwamaAttack

#### 31. Representative Tom Suozzi (D- NY 3)

• I strongly condemn the terrorist attack in Jammu-Kashmir today, the deadliest strike on Indian soldiers in 30 years. The United States stands strongly with India and I send my condolences to the families of the victims

## 32. Representative Will Hurd (R-TX 23)

• I stand with <u>@USAmbIndia</u> and <u>@rashtrapatibhvn</u> in condemning the horrible <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> on CRPF personnel. I spent part of my CIA career in India working to stop terrorist organizations and will continue to do so in Congress in solidarity with our allies across the globe.

## 33. Representative David Schweikert (R-AZ 6)

 Devastating news of a terrorist bombing in Kashmir today. Joyce and I stand with the good people of India in condemning these acts of violence and terrorism.
 #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 34. Representative Don Bacon (R-NE 2)

• Terrible news regarding the terror attack in India. As the oldest democracy in the world, we stand with our friends in the largest democracy in the world during this devastating time. We will keep the victims and their families in our prayers.

#### 35. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL 9)

• I condemn in the strongest terms the cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama. The United States stands shoulder to shoulder with our friends in India. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 36. Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ 4)

 Our ally and friend, India, suffered a serious terrorist attack today. All peace loving peoples condemn this violence and we give our prayers to the families of the victims. The U.S. stands with you. #KashmirTerrorAttack @USAmbIndia

# 37. Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX 8)

• Terrible news out of Kashmir where a cowardly terrorist attack took the lives of several security personnel and critically injured many more. Praying for the #KashmirTerrorAttack victims and their families.

# 38. Representative John Ratcliffe (R-TX 4)

 Praying for all who were impacted by the deadly terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir today, as we stand in solidarity with India against such violent acts of terrorism across the globe.

#### 39. Representative Dina Titus (D-NV 1)

• I'm sending my heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims of the cowardly terrorist attack in India's Jammu and Kashmir state today. #KashmirTerrorAttack

# 40. Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ 6)

 The <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u> was an act of hateful cowardice, and I stand with <u>@USAmbIndia</u> in strongly condemning it. I also offer my deepest sympathies to the Indian people, especially for the families of those directly impacted by the attack.

#### 41. Representative Al Green (D-TX 9)

 My prayers are with India and all Americans of Indian ancestry as we are saddened by today's massive terrorist attack. I extend my deepest condolences to the families of the many victims senselessly murdered as a result of this tragedy and condemn all acts of terrorism.

#### 42. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL 8)

• I condemn the terrorist attack in Pulwama in the strongest terms, and I send my heartfelt condolences to the victims of this attack and all those touched by it. We must all stand united against terrorism.

# 43. Representative Grace Meng (D-NY 6)

 Devastated by the terrorist attack on the CRPF convoy in India's Jammu & Kashmir state today. I strongly condemn this brutal act of terrorism. My thoughts & prayers are with the families affected by this tragedy. #kashmirterrorattack

#### 44. Representative Rob Woodall (R-GA 7)

 I strongly condemn the terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir. I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to today's victims and their families. Our nation continues to stand with <u>@USAmbIndia</u> & our Indian allies. Together, we will confront terrorism and win. <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u>

#### 45. Representative Elissa Slotkin (D-MI 8)

• I stand in solidarity with the people of India in condemning today's terrorist attack in Kashmir that killed 40 paramilitary officers. I have devoted my career to

combatting terrorism and have seen firsthand these violent acts' impact, and I send my deepest condolences to the victims' families.

# 46. Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA 1)

• I strongly condemn today's terrorist attack in India and send my condolences to the victims and their families. We must all stand against terrorism in all of its forms, by all of its actors, all across the globe #StandWithIndia

#### 47. Representative Dan Crenshaw (R- TX 2)

 Awful news coming out of India today. I pray for the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives. We stand with them against all evil acts of terrorism.
 #kashmirterrorattack

#### 48. Representative Greg Pence (R-IN 6)

Retweeted Representative Michael McCaul House Foreign Affairs GOP's tweet

#### 49. Representative Ami Bera (D-CA 7)

• My thoughts are with the victims and their families today. America stands with the Indian people and strongly condemns this senseless violence.

#### 50. Representative Abigail Spanberger (D-VA 7)

• The attack against Indian security forces in Kashmir was a terrible act of violence. Our nation stands with the Indian people as they defend their communities against terror, and we fight terrorism worldwide.

# 51. Representative Debbie Lesko (R-AZ 8)

Heartbreaking news out of India today. I'm praying for the family and loved ones
of the victims of today's terrorist attack. We must stand united against terrorism
all over the world. #KashmirTerrorAttack

## 52. Representative Joe Kennedy III (D-MA 4)

• Terror cannot be given cover in any corner of our world. As we pray for the families who lost loved ones in the <u>#KashmirTerrorAttack</u>, we stand with India and condemn those responsible.

## 53. Representative Van Taylor (R-TX 3)

• Thursday's terrorist attack in Jammu & Kashmir, India serves as a stark reminder that the threat of terror remains strong across the globe. Our thoughts are with the victims of the #KashmirTerrorAttack & the Indian-American community here in the U.S.

# 54. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D- TX 18)

 Terrorism is a scourge on society and must be rejected. As a senior member of the House of Reps, the Helsinki Commission and the Congressional India Caucus, I stand with my brothers and sisters and condemn this dastardly attack. My statement below: #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 55. Representative Tim Ryan (D - OH 13)

- Another sad reminder of the violent extremism that exists in our world. We must remain vigilant with the international community to address these threats.
- And I unequivocally condemn this terror attack. I send my heart out to those who have lost people close to them. The United States stands with India and its people. #KashmirTerrorAttack

#### 56. Representtaive Josh Gottheimer (D - NJ 15)

 I was horrified by the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir - the deadliest attack on Indian forces in the region in decades. We stand with our ally India in combating violent extremism and condemning terrorist groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed.

#### 57. Representative Steve Stivers (R- OH 15)

• Deeply saddened to learn of the cowardly terrorist attack on an Indian Central Reserve Police Force in Kashmir yesterday. The United States stands firm with our Indian partners in condemning the #KashmirTerrorAttack. We must fight against terrorism in all of its forms.

#### 58. Representative Ro Khanna (D- CA 17)

• Retweeted Representative Pramila Jayapal's tweet