

# Action against Pak? 'Something big has happened', says Rajnath

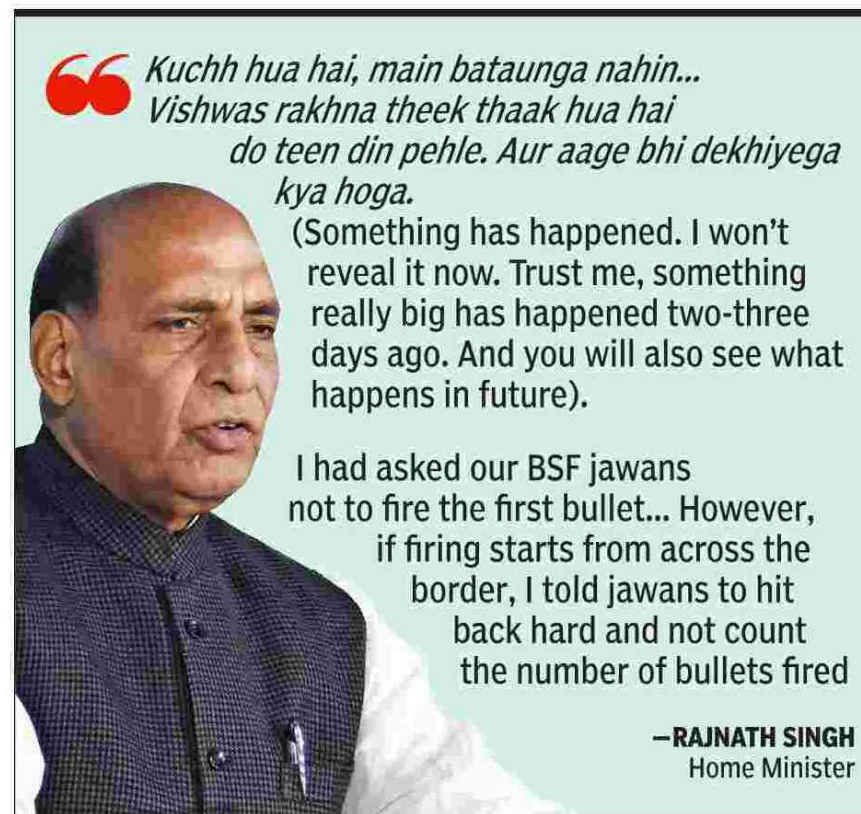
## Heavy Casualties Inflicted To Avenge BSF Man's Killing: Sources

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**Muzaffarnagar:** Home minister Rajnath Singh on Friday indicated that Indian forces may have hit Pakistani targets across the border with heavy artillery to avenge the brutal killing of a BSF trooper in unprovoked firing by Pakistanis earlier this month.

Referring to the killing of Narendra Singh on the International Border (IB) in Samba district, the minister said, "Kuchh hua hai, main bataunga nahin. Theek thaak hua hai. Vishwas rakhna theek thaak hua hai do teen din pehle. Aur aage bhi dekhiyega kya hoga. (Something has happened. I won't reveal it. Something big has happened. Trust me, something really big has happened two-three days ago. And you will also see what happens in future)."

Sources in the BSF confirmed that Pakistan suffered significant casualties in the heavy retaliatory shelling.



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The jawan, part of a patrol party that had gone to cut wild grass along the IB fence in Ramgarh sector on September 18, was killed when he and his colleagues came under unprovoked firing by the Pakistanis. His body was dragged over to the Pakistani side and when it was recovered a day later, it had three bullet wounds in the chest and the throat was slit.

The incident prompted an alert across the IB and LoC. Reacting to the killing of the jawan, Army chief Bipin Ra-

wat had said the time had come for another surgical strike and paying back Pakistan in its own coin.

The minister, who was in Muzaffarnagar to unveil a statue of Bhagat Singh, told a small gathering, "I had asked our BSF jawans not to fire the first bullet as Pakistan is our neighbour. However, if firing starts from across the border, I told jawans to hit back hard and not count the number of bullets fired."

The disclosure came on

## Sushma calls for ending terror, then snubs Pak minister

Foreign minister Sushma Swaraj and her Pakistan counterpart, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, came face to face for the first time since the Imran Khan government took over, at a Saarc meeting on the sidelines of the UN general assembly on Thursday. Speaking at the meeting, Swaraj called for efforts to eliminate the scourge of terrorism and end the "ecosystem of its support" in South Asia. Immediately after her speech, Swaraj left the meeting, without waiting to hear Qureshi, "to attend other meetings". **P 11**

the second anniversary of the surgical strike carried out on terror launch pads across the border to avenge the strike on the Army's Uri camp.

Recalling the 2016 surgical strikes, Singh said, "I remember the day the prime minister, showing his strong will power, gave the go-ahead to the Army and our soldiers entered their territory and hit the enemy hard. Only one of our commandos sustained injuries."

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Talking about border tension with China, home minister **Rajnath Singh** said, "I was told by ITBP jawans that India-China face-off these days is restricted to pushes and shoves without the use of weapons. This is the same country that once attacked us. Today, they only push and shove and this shows that they have realised that India is no more a weak country."

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