

INDIAN ARMY CHINAR CORPS

ANALYSIS OF OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT OF

AN INSIGHT INTO

MILITARY COMPUTATIONAL PROPAGANDA

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Context

XV Corps, or 15 Corps, also known as Chinar Corps, is a Corps of the Indian Army which is presently located in Srinagar and responsible for military operations in the Kashmir Valley. It has participated in all military conflicts with Pakistan and China till date. Lieutenant General Amardeep Singh Aujla is its current Corps Commander since 9 May 2022 taking over from Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey.



XChinar Corps Twitter account (@ChinarcorpsIA) is a verified account of Indian Army's Kashmir based Chinar Corps (XV Corps). The account mostly proliferates patriotic Indian narratives but has also been observed to run an online campaign to malign/ discredit Pakistan Army and project pro Indian sentiments in IJOK. In this regard an analysis on activities of the account has been carried out.

XV CORPS (CHINAR CORPS) - SENTINELS OF KASHMIR

- HQ 15 Corps was raised in Egypt at Port Said on 12th January 1916 (World War I).
- Disbanded in 1918, it was re-raised on 20th March 1942, at Barrackpore for combat operations in Burma during World War II.
- Disbanded at Karachi in 1947 after repatriation, it was re-raised as part of the Indian Army, in 1948 as Jammu and Kashmir Force.
- After Kargil Conflict, 15 Corps was made solely responsible for military operations in Kashmir valley.
- Part of Northern Command, it has 19 Division, 28 Division and 2 or 3 Task Forces.
- Despite having a rich and enviable history, 15 Corps would always been seen as a military force employed to suppress Kashmiris for decades. However, post August 2019, HRVs and brutality quotient of 15 Corps has been known for no bounds duly consented by political leadership.
- Human Rights Watch Report - 2022, Amnesty International Report - 2022, Genocide Watch Report - 2022, US Commission on International Religious Freedom Report - 2022 and UNHCR Reports - 2018 and 2019 all point to gross HR violations by Indian Govt/ Military and called for impartial probes / enquiries.



Recent Trends Initiated by Chinar Corps Account

Major themes being proliferated during these organized campaigns revolve around IIOJK and free Gilgit-Baltistan

Nagma Queen @NagmaQueen3 · Nov 1, 2022

From decades pak killing the voice and the people of #BalochwithBLA Through out world
 #standwithGilgitBaltistan
 #FreeGilgitBaltistan
 #pakistanoccupiedGilgitBaltistan
 @Baramulla46



Young doctor Usama Riaz died of Pakistan's apathy and systemic bias against Occupied Gilgit Baltistan. Never forget.

#PakMurdersHumanity

Fatima Khan @FatimaKhan898 · Oct 23, 2022

On 22Oct 1947 the #world witnessed the bloodiest & most cowardly attack on J&K by #PakArmy. Raiders killed, raped and kidnapped innocent women across J&K. The state forces and bravehearts like #BrigRajinderSingh made the highest sacrifice to save J&K.
 #ShauryaDiwas
 #GaliantGurez



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Praveen Rwt @PraveenRwt8 · Nov 2, 2022

#StandwithGilgitBaltistan
 #FreeGilgitBaltistan
 #PakistanOccupiedGilgitBaltistan
 #independentgilgitbaltistan
 Jai hind Indian army 50

khalil ahmad @khalila33652653 · Nov 2

StandwithGilgitBaltistan
 #FreeGilgitBaltistan
 #PakistanOccupiedGilgitBaltistan
 #FreePoKfromPak



Themistocles @Themist81737121 · Nov 3, 2022

"We feel pain of residents of aGiloitBaltistan facino atrocities at hands Pakistan. Mission will complete once Gilgit Baltistan & areas of Pok REUNITE win India" and prosper #standwith GilgitBaltistan
 #FreeGilgitBaltistan #1stNovember #= juLiyludis#Halloween2022



3 October 2022 @30October2022

Thousands of people have taken to streets in #GilgitBaltistan protesting against the atrocities by Pakistan government & Army People of POK Protest #standwithGilgitBaltistan. We support their struggle for self-determination #standwithGilgitBaltistan #FreeGilgitBaltistan



Campaigns are often based on fake news and disinformation, similar to state narrative of India on GB and Kashmir issue

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Findings and Analysis

Chinar Corps focusses primarily on proliferation of Indian narratives on welfare measures, paying tribute to fallen soldiers and operational successes. However, it also propagates Anti-Pakistan and Anti Pakistan Army narratives. It was also found that several followers of Chinar Corps account on different occasions ran a coordinated campaign to malign Pakistan and to project Indian Armed Forces' soft power/ image.

Key narrative proliferated by followers are as under:-

01 Admiration for India and its armed forces including congratulations to good performers

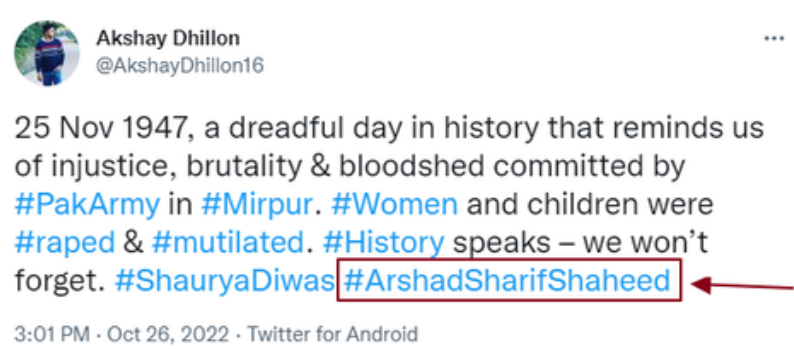
Development work of the Indian Army in IIOJK

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03 Efforts to disparage Pakistan/ Army/ Mujahedeen.

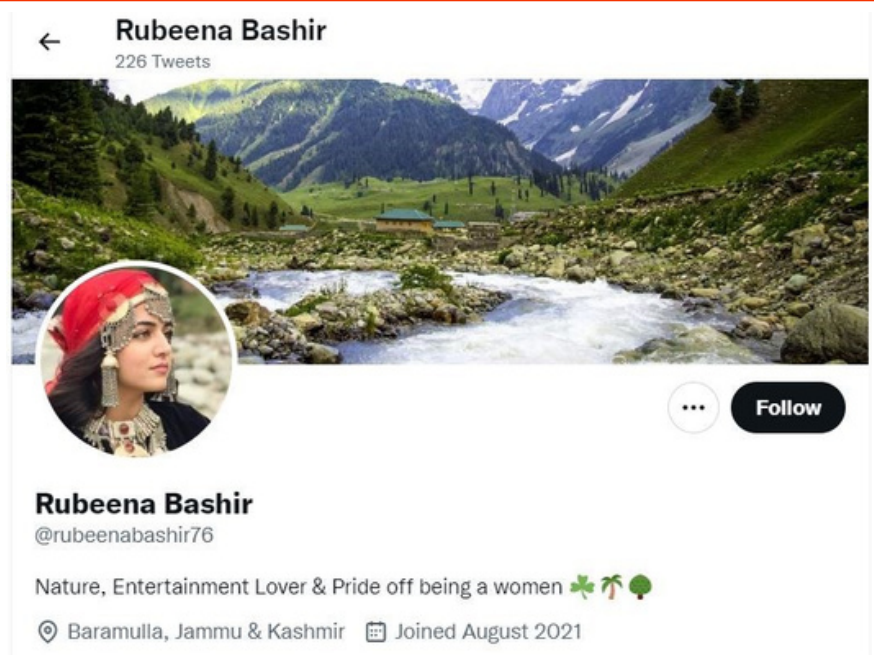
These coordinated campaigns are designed so as to project independence struggle of Kashmiris as terrorism/ militancy struggle in IIOJK. Detailed analytics of the Followers account revealed following:-

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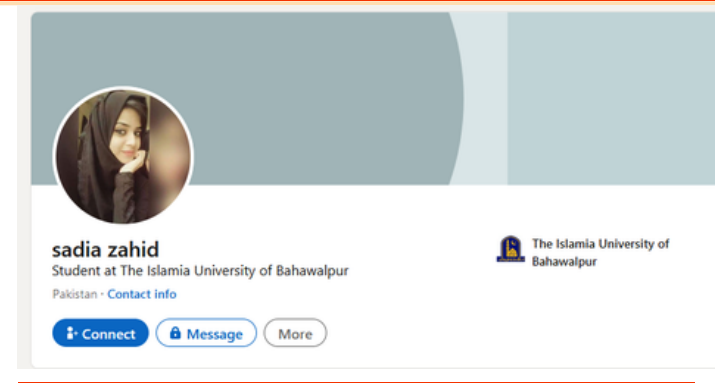


Twitter users of such campaigns uses social media marketing gimmicks such as adding top trending hashtag in the tweet to get more engagements and to put across their narrative. Such behavior is unlike common twitter users.

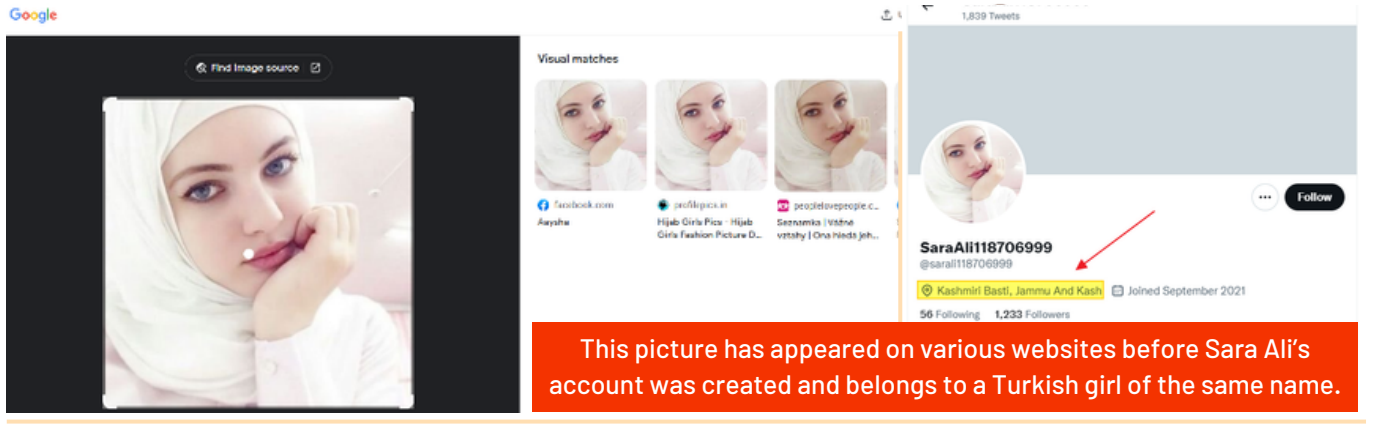
Social Media Propaganda



Rubeena Bashir is Impersonating Wamiqa Gabbi, an Indian Punjabi celebrity with verified Twitter account



Elisa Kiswa Impersonating Sadia Zahid. Original picture belongs to a Pakistani student from Bahawalpur



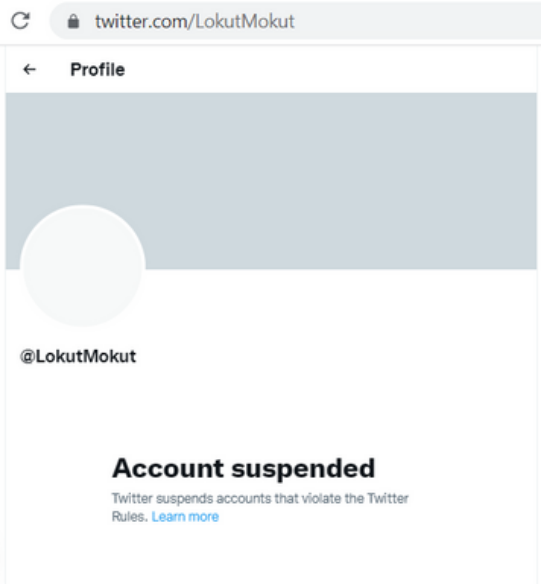
This picture has appeared on various websites before Sara Ali's account was created and belongs to a Turkish girl of the same name.

- Many accounts **claimed to be Indians**, often Kashmiris settled in IIOJK
- Most of these accounts have **fake display pictures**, stolen mostly from accounts of celebrities or sometimes of common people
- Such accounts also have rather **long auto generated twitter IDs**

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Several bot and fake accounts were also used to proliferate content as bulk tweets were carried out. Such accounts were mostly created in 2022 during the time of such campaigns. Twitter is detecting some of their spam activity and have also blocked a few accounts.

Use of bot accounts is not only confined for campaign against Pakistan but were also used for propagation of national narrative. **Analysis of Hashtag #ShauryaDiwas identified 543x accounts, however only 9x accts were confirmed human, whereas remaining accounts were Bots.** Similar techniques used in other Hashtags to increase outreach.



Fake Followers Audit for @ChinarcorpsIA



Conclusion |

Malicious coordinated campaigns to spread disinformation and fake news about Pakistan are being done in IIOJK by fake followers of Chinar Corps account. These accounts use fake display pictures, claim to be Kashmiri while simultaneously calling themselves Indian. Despite their coordinated attempts little to no attention have been given by public to these hashtags as very limited engagement with these accounts exist because of almost negligible followership of the propagators accounts. Nevertheless, other tweets which carry miscellaneous messages gained notable traction. Interesting to note that India's main adversary, Pakistan, has no presence on social media at lower then service level (no signature of Corps/ Division). Considering the importance of digital platforms in 5G era, Pakistan Army may have a lesson to learn from its arch enemy.

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