



IED Blast in Jammu

Why in News?

Militants planted an [improvised explosive device \(IED\)](#) along the [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) in Jammu's Akhnoor Sector, killing two soldiers.

Key Points

- **IED Blast in Akhnoor Sector:**
 - A suspected **IED blast occurred in Laleali, Akhnoor Sector**, during a fence patrol, resulting in two fatalities.
 - **The Army has launched search operations** and is dominating the area to secure the region.
 - **The Lieutenant Governor** of Jammu and Kashmir paid tribute to the soldiers.
- **Security Concerns:**
 - Despite heightened surveillance along the LoC in J&K, **the blast poses a major challenge to security forces.**

Improvised Explosive Device

- An **improvised explosive device (IED)** is a homemade bomb **designed to destroy or incapacitate targets**, commonly used by criminals, terrorists, and insurgents in various forms.
- IEDs can be delivered through multiple means, including vehicles, placement by individuals, or roadside concealment, and **gained prominence during the Iraq War that began in 2003.**

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| | Common uses | Common form | Known IED use |
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| High explosives | | | |
| Ammonium nitrate and fuel oil (ANFO) | Mining and blasting ² | Solid | Oklahoma City bombing |
| Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP) | No common uses; mixed from other materials | Crystalline solid | 2005 bombings in London |
| Semtex, C-4 | Primarily military | Plastic solid | Irish Republican Army bombings |
| Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN) | Component of low-freezing dynamite | Liquid | Millennium Bomber, intended for Los Angeles airport, 1999 |
| Urea nitrate | Fertilizer | Crystalline solid | World Trade Center 1993 |
| Low explosive | | | |
| Smokeless powder | Ammunition | Solid | Olympic Park bombings |

Line of Control

- The Line of Control (LoC) **emerged from the 1948 ceasefire line negotiated by the [United Nations \(UN\)](#)** after the Kashmir War.
- It was designated as the LoC in 1972, **following the Shimla Agreement** between the two countries.
- LoC is demarcated up to **the [Siachen Glacier \(Point NJ9842\)](#)**- the world's highest battlefield.

- LoC is delineated on a map signed by the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of both armies and has the international sanctity of a legal agreement.

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