The Pulwama attack was a terrorist attack on a convoy of Indian security forces on February 14, 2019. A convoy of security forces traveling on the Jammu- Srinagar national highway was passing through the village of Lithpura near the town of Ontipur in the Indian Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district when a suicide attacker struck an explosive-carrier vehicle with one of the convoy’s buses. As a result of this attack the terrorist and 46 members of Central Reserve Police Force CRPF were killed. An separatist organization named Jaish-e-Mohammed accepted the responsibility of this attack.

A local resident Adil Ahmed Dar was identified as the attacker.

On a Monday morning of February 2019, in the village of panglina of district Pulwama, Indian forces had a clash with some house- hidden militants. Four army men including a Major were killed.

Background:

A separatist militant organization started in 2015, proved their dominance over Indian security forces by suicide attacking. In July 2015, three armed men attacked a police station and a bus in Gordaspur. In the start of 2016, six armed men attacked PathanKot air base. In June and July 2016 militants killed 9 and 8 security officials in pampoor. In September 2016 four militants attacked army brigade headquarters in Oori and killed 19 soldiers. On 31st Sep 2017, a commando training centre in leathPura was attacked and five security members were killed. The location of these events was the neighbouring areas of Jammu-Srinagar Highway.

Attack

On February 2019, in 78 vehicles a convoy of 500 Central Reserve Police Force officials was passing through National High way- 44 while going from Jammu to Srinagar. According to India standard time the convoy departed at about 3.30 from Jammu including several officials. The convoy was to reach the destination before sunset according to the time.

In lithpura near ontipura a Mahindra Scorpio SUV truck against the bus carrying security officials at 15:15 india time. This car had explosive material. There was an explosion killing atleast 40 officers and several others were wounded. The wounded were shifted to army base hospital Srinagar. Separatist group Jaish-e- Mohammed accepted the responsibility of the attack. They released a video of Adil Ahmad Dar aka Adil Ahmad car striker aka Waqas commando. He was 22, a resident of Kakapur and joined the group a year ago. Pakistan denied any link with this attack and India claimed that Masood Azhar the head of Jaish-e- Mohammed is in Pakistan.

This attack has been declared the biggest of all attacks since 1989 till date.

Investigation:

National investigation agency along with Jammu and Kashmir police has made a 12- member committee to investigate the attack. Primary level investigation revealed that a car was carrying 800 kg explosive including 80 k.g RDX (explosive material)

Response:

India: PM of India Modi tweeted: the attack on CRPF in pulwama was illegal. I strongly condemn this unfortunate attack. The martyrdom of our protectors will not go in vain.

The whole country is standing shoulder to shoulder with the families of martyrs. I pray for the speedy healing of the wounded.

International;

Nepal: PM Nepal phone called Modi and express his grief over the martyrdom of security forces.

Pakistan: Foreign office issued a press release and said "Pakistan has nothing to do with pulwama attack"

Russia: Russian Embassy present in India released a statement: "We condemn any terrorist attack and we strongly advocate a collective answer with neutrality against these inhumane attacks.

We express our condolences with the families of martyrs and pray for a speedy recovery of wounded"

Sri Lanka: president of Sri Lanka condemned attacks by saying these words : "We are greatly shocked at this attack on Central reserve police force killing 40 of them. The whole word should condemn this attack and should take strong action against it so that such incidents do not happen in the future".

UAE: ministry of foreign affairs UAE expressed their sorrow on this incident and advocated the global security,perseverance and unity of international organisations against terrorism.

USA: Ambassador of USA in India Mr.Canath tweeted: "American mission present in India condemn this attack in JnK. We express our deep grief with the families of martyrs.America is standing with India in encountering and defeating terrorism in India"

France Bangladesh Maldives and Bhutan have also condemn the terrorist attack.

International organisations:

UN: the spokesperson of UN secretary general Stephanie said: "we strongly condemn the terrorist attack in pulwama district of JnK.

We express our deep grief with the families of martyrs

and we are standing with the government of India"