**Shujaat Bukhari**



**About:** A leading newspaper journalist and editor in Indian-administered Kashmir**.** He was well-known in Kashmir and was previously a correspondent for the Indian newspaper The Hindu. He was in his early 50s and is survived by his wife, son, daughter and parents.

More recently, about 12 years ago, Shujaat had been kidnapped at gunpoint in Srinagar and pushed into an auto rickshaw. There are two versions of this story. Some remember it this way: that somewhere near Dal Lake the kidnappers pushed him out of the auto rickshaw and tried to shoot him with a pistol. The pistol jammed, Shujaat ran. The other version has Shujaat quickly messaging a friend, tersely, “Kidnapped. May be killed,” before the kidnappers had thrown a cloth over Shujaat’s head. The friend informed the police who set up check posts all over Srinagar.

His college days, he had a penchant for writing and was selected as student editor for Wular — a magazine published by Degree College, Spore. He had an acumen for writing in Urdu and English and loved both languages. Bukhari began his professional career in journalism at a reputed English newspaper — Kashmir Times — when militancy was at its peak in the mid-1990s. He worked as a reporter in various parts of the Valley. He also a member of the Kashmir Initiative Group, sponsored by a UK-based non-governmental organization (NGO). He recently attended a global conference of world editors in Australia. Bukhari was affiliated with several cultural institutions and as the general secretary of the Adabi Markaz Kamraz comprising more than 1,100 writers in Kashmir, he turned the organization into one of the most prominent cultural bodies of the state.

The early 2000s, he joined The Hindu as its state bureau chief and reported on subjects including politics, militancy and human rights, and remained associated with the newspaper until 2008.

**Murdered on:**  15 June 2018

**Attack details:** Shujaat Bukhari, has been shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Srinagar. One of his guards was also killed in the attack and another is critically injured. No group has claimed the killings but police say militants are suspected to have carried out the attack.

**Reason to him target:** He was a journalist,

**Occupation:** Bukhari established his own newspaper, Rising Kashmir.

**Belief:** Bukhari shaped the careers of many young journalists and was loved in the fraternity.

**Link:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shujaat_Bukhari>

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