**Wali Muhammad Itoo**



**About** : The bullets aimed at Wali Mohammad Itoo, National Conference leader and former Jammu and Kashmir Speaker, did kill him but were meant to make a more sinister point - forget about the political process.The five suspects who were quickly netted in a police search admitted the same. Said S.S. Wazir, inspector-general of police: "The militants were directed to eliminate all top Kashmiri leaders toeing India's line."The significance was not lost on observers. In fact, it sent shivers through political circles for more than one reason. That politicians would be targeted, now that the Centre is making serious moves to re-start the political process, was expected.

**Murdered on:** April 15, 1994.

**Attack details:** Jammu saw evidence of the spreading network of militants twice in the three weeks preceding Itoo's assassination. Three persons were killed and 40 injured in a bomb blast. And again on March 3 militants opened fire on a crowd, claiming two lives.

**Reason to him target:** It also admits that the militants' efforts are aimed at "changing the demographic profile of parts of the state. The significance was not lost on observers. In fact, it sent shivers through political circles for more than one reason.

**Occupation:**  Speaker J&K Legislative Assembly.

**Belief:** He was a people friendly disposition. “A true friend of people, he sacrificed his life for principles he held high.  He cherished the ideals of democracy, human dignity and public cause throughout his life. He tirelessly worked for the benefit for his people and constituency,”

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