

The Cruel Irony: While One Pilot Gets a Hero's Welcome, the other pilot is not even named!

On the day Pakistan handed back IAF fighter pilot Abhinandan Varthaman to India at Wagah, news has emerged that the Pakistan F-16 pilot Wing Commander Shahaz-ud-Din, whom Abhinandan had downed earlier ended up being lynched by a mob in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) after being mistaken for an Indian.

According to journalist Aditya Raj Kaul, the pilot of the crashed PAF F-16 was Wing Commander Shahzaz-ud-Din of the No 19 Squadron (sherdils). He was the son of a senior officer of the Pakistan Air Force. Russian TV channel RT news also quoted another journalist Ajay Jandyal confirming that the pilot was Shahzaz.

After the Air Strike, carried out by the IAF on Jaish's bases, the use of the F-16 aircraft by Pakistan to attack Indian borders can be a huge embarrassment. According to media reports, the US, which has given F-16 aircraft to Pakistan on certain conditions, has now begun investigations on its use against India, the US would like to determine whether Pakistan has used its F 16 planes and missiles to deal with Indian military bases.

The F-16s were supposed to destroy terrorism emanating from Pakistan. That job was finally done by IAF's Mirage 2000s on Feb 26, 2019. Needless to say, the U.S. has its own ways of investigating such incidents; the FBI, satellite inputs, human intelligence, etc.

Pakistan denies, India gives evidence

After the pressure from the U.S., Pakistan is in denial mode that it used F-16 to attack Indian defense establishments. However, senior officials of the Indian Army have presented evidences of the use of F-16 in this attack. According to media reports, US officials are studying those reports. it has sought answers from Pakistan on the use of F-16 aircraft against India. The unhappy U.S. has considered it a violation of the terms.

This indeed is a cruel irony.

Pakistan has, thus, effectively disowned its own pilot. This act will surely not go very well with the rest of the pilots, soldiers and officers in the Pakistan Military. They, too, are seeing hero's welcome of Abhinandan in India along with ridicule of Wing Commander Shahaz-ud-Din by none other than its own government. This will surely not do any good to their morale.

Home Coming

Indian Air Force Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman has finally returned home. The whole country is overjoyed on his return.

He returned to India after about 60 hours in Pak. At about 9:10 pm Friday, the Pakistani officials handed over Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman to India at the Attari border in Amritsar.



However, under the pressure of Pakistani Army and ISI, the Wing Commander's release was deliberately delayed till night in the guise of the procedures.

As soon as Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman stepped on India's soil, the cries of 'Bharat Mata ki jai' resonated from

the Attari border to Kanyakumari. The parents of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman along with the Air Force officers welcomed him. Thousands of people, too, had gathered on the border to welcome him with patriotic songs and beats of drums.



The whole country salutes the zeal of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman's, bravery and fondness. Today, every Indian's chest has swelled with pride, and the country is full of praise for brave soldier.

The country is seeing an atmosphere of celebrations as never seen before.

Following the return of the Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, many veterans including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defense Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Union Minister VK Singh and Congress President Rahul Gandhi have expressed their happiness.

Many veterans of the sporting world saluted the zeal, bravery

and enthusiasm of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman .

These include the BCCI, Team India captain Virat Kohli, VVS Laxman, Anil Kumble who greeted the valor of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman :

Several other celebrities on social media are tweeting the bravery of Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman .

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