

15 IMPORTANT VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Explosive

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Likely to cause an outburst, anger or controversy

- **Sentence:**

- THE Pulwama-Balakot crisis of February 2019 brought Pakistan and India close to war, and as an explosive interview given by a former governor of held Kashmir has revealed,

2. Stand-off

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A deadlock between two opponents

- **Sentence:**

- the stand-off was cunningly milked by the BJP government in New Delhi.

3. Spiral

Verb

- **Meaning:**

Show a dramatic increase

- **Sentence:**

- This incident started to spiral into a bigger situation, as India launched ill-advised air strikes inside Pakistan, hitting what it wrongly said was a 'militant camp' in Balakot.

4. Soon enough

Phrase

- **Meaning:**

Without any delay

- **Sentence:**

- Soon enough, Pakistani and Indian jets

5. Face off

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

A competition or confrontation

- **Sentence:**

- Soon enough, Pakistani and Indian jets faced off against each other and Pakistan downed an Indian aircraft, capturing Indian airman Abhinandan and later returning him to his country after offering him 'fantastic' tea.

6. Veteran

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

A person who has had long experience in a field

- **Sentence:**

- But as Satya Pal Malik, who was J&K governor during the crisis, recently told veteran Indian journalist Karan Thapar in an interview published by *The Wire*,

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7. Hush up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To hide information about a situation

- **Sentence:**

- the BJP government at the time had tried to hush up certain aspects of the Pulwama episode in order to blame Pakistan

8. Stir up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To provoke a bad feeling

- **Sentence:**

- the BJP government at the time had tried to hush up certain aspects of the Pulwama episode in order to blame Pakistan — which had denied involvement in the attack — and stir up

9. Fervour

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Intense and passionate feeling

- **Sentence:**

- which had denied involvement in the attack — and stir up nationalist fervour to benefit the Hindu nationalist party in the 2019 Indian elections.

10. Incompetence

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Inability to do something successfully

- **Sentence:**

- Mr Malik says the Pulwama episode was a result of India's "incompetence", particularly of the home ministry.

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11. Czar

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

A person appointed by government to advise on and coordinate policy in a particular area.

- **Sentence:**

- He adds that when he discussed the issue with Mr Modi, as well as India's then security czar Ajit Doval, he was told to keep quiet

12. Acolyte

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An assistant or follower

- **Sentence:**

- which gave him the impression that the prime minister and his acolytes wanted to blame Pakistan for the incident and gain electoral advantages therefrom.
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13. Aftermath

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Consequences or after effects

- **Sentence:**

- As some Indian opposition figures have noted in the aftermath of the Malik interview, when they had raised questions about the Pulwama episode, they had been accused of 'speaking in Pakistan's voice'.

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14. Reckless

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Done without thinking about the risks involved

- **Sentence:**

- but the fact is that Delhi's reckless actions had set both Pakistan and India on the course to war.

15. On the verge of

Idiom

- **Meaning:**

At the point when something is about to happen

- **Sentence:**

- And as former US secretary of state [Mike Pompeo has said](#), both states were on the verge of deploying their nuclear assets following the Pulwama-Balakot events.

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