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## My Mandate covers killings in violation to HR: UN Rapporteur

### Agencies

Srinagar: Mandated to alert the government to its legal obligations in upholding international human rights, Christof Heyns, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Monday arrived on a maiden visit to Kashmir. Soon after his arrival here this afternoon, Christof Heyns divulged itinerary and purpose of his visit to beleaguered valley. "My mandate covers all killings that are in violation of international human rights or humanitarian law. The focus of the visit is also on preventing such



to the victims," he said. Christof Heyns arrived in India on March 19 last and before his departure on March 30, he will submit his interim report to government of India. "I will submit the interim report in New Delhi

lic same day. Later, I will submit two more reports to UN General Council." Parveena Ahangar, president Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons, who hosts the Special Rapporteur in Srinagar, urged him to persuade the Government of India to make public whereabouts of missing people in Kashmir. APDP submitted a report to him and it included copies of the cases of Enforced Disappearances submitted by the organization to the UN WGEID in 2008. Senior advocate, Zafar Shah, in his opening remarks contextualized the political and the legal regime under which the killings are taking place in Jammu

## Govt orders enquiry into Army chief's charges

### News Desk

The government on Monday ordered a CBI inquiry into the allegation made by Army chief Gen. V. K. Singh that he was offered a Rs 14 crore bribe by a lobbyist.

A CBI probe was ordered by Defence Minister A.K. Antony in the wake of the Army chief's allegation, Defence Ministry officials said.

Terming Gen Singh's allegations as "serious", Mr. Antony told reporters outside Parliament, "We have to handle it...I have taken action."

When asked if the Army chief had informed him about the bribe offer, he said, "Parliament is in session."

In an interview to The Hin-



people had taken money before me and they will take money after me," Gen. Singh said.

Reacting to the allegation levelled by Gen Singh, BJP leader Murl Manohar Joshi said, "Both the Defence Minister and the

Army chief should have acted immediately.

"It is a criminal act and nobody should be allowed to go scot free after offering a bribe," he told reporters outside Parliament.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Ambika Soni said, "Whenever such allegation is levelled by any senior official, the government makes sure that it is clarified."

"He (Gen Singh) has said a very serious thing in his statement and every thing should be made clear in

that an equipment lobbyist offered him a bribe of Rs 14 crore, which he had reported to the Defence Minister. He said the lobbyist offered him the bribe in order to have a tranche of 600 sub-standard vehicles of a particular make cleared for purchase.

"Just imagine, one of these men had the gumption to walk up to me and tell me that if I cleared the tranche, he would give me Rs 14 crore. He was offering a bribe to me, to the Army chief. He told me that