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UN rapporteur on fact-finding mission in valley

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Srinagar March 26: United Nations rapporteur on extra judicial, summary and arbitrary executions Christof Heyns Monday met police officials, lawyers, academicians, human rights activists and victims during his one-day visit to Kashmir on a fact-finding mission.

"My mandate covers all killings that are in violation of international human rights or humanitarian law. The focus of the visit is also on prevent of such incidents and that justice is meted out to the victims," he told reporters here.

During his visit, Heyns met police officials, rights activists, academicians, relatives of victims and sections of the society.

"I will submit a provisional report by Friday

followed by a full report to United Nations General Assembly," he said.

Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons president Parveena Ahangar urged the rapporteur to persuade the Government of India to make public whereabouts of missing people in Kashmir.

"We want that the UN should persuade the Indian government in locating our missing relatives," Ahangar said.

Senior lawyer Zafar Shah, while briefing the rapporteur, said there were certain laws like Public Safety Act (PSA) and Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in force in JK which cannot coexist with democracy.

PSA provides for detention of a person without trial for a period of two years, while

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