Ceasefire Violations in LoC

Why in news?

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2017 has marked highest number of Cease fire violations between India and Pak in LoC.

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What is the status of cease fire violations in Line of Control?

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- The ceasefire between India and Pakistan has been in place since 2003, but there are increasing breaches in the agreements from both the sides.
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- As per official data there have been 820 ceasefire violations so far in 2017.
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- This is a fourfold increase when compared with previous year violations.
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- In 2017 Indian Army has lost 31 soldiers on the LoC, including 14 who died in ceasefire violations.
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- Another 17 died in counter-infiltration operations and other incidents on the LoC.
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- Sources estimate that the Pakistan army would have lost at least 12% to 15% more soldiers than India on the LoC this year.
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Why ceasefire violations has increased in 2017?

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- The cease fire violation and cross border infiltrations had started after terror strike on the Uri Army camp, in which 19 Indian soldiers were killed.
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- This was followed by the Indian Army Special Forces surgical strikes on terror launch pads across the LoC.
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- After which the Pakistan army came under a lot of pressure and started firing all across the LoC.
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- In retaliationthe intensity and gauge kept increasing, the attacks started with direct firing weapons had transformed into indirect firing weapons later on.
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- At the same time, actual violence on the LoC is driven by the Pakistani government’s alleged desire to push more militants into the Kashmir Valley in order to capitalise on the unrest.
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