

## **Indian Army hands over 11-year-old PoK boy to Pakistani side**

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**Srinagar** : The Army has handed over an 11-year-old boy from Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) who had inadvertently crossed into this side of the Line of Control (LoC), to the Pakistani Army.

Sameer Kayani, a resident of Laswa area of Athmuqam in PoK was intercepted by troops deployed in the forward areas after he inadvertently crossed into this side on Thursday, army officials said here last night.

The Army sent an urgent hot line message to the Pakistan side, after the boy was intercepted, they said.

The officials said that the message was initiated to inform the Pakistan Army of the safety and well being of Kayani along with a request for a flag meeting so that the boy could be repatriated and united with his family at the earliest.

"The flag meeting was held at the Teetwal Crossing Point and the boy was handed over to representatives of Pakistan Army by the unit based at Tanghdar frontier area," the officials said.

The Army also gave Kayani a pair of new clothes and sweets for his family across the borders.

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