

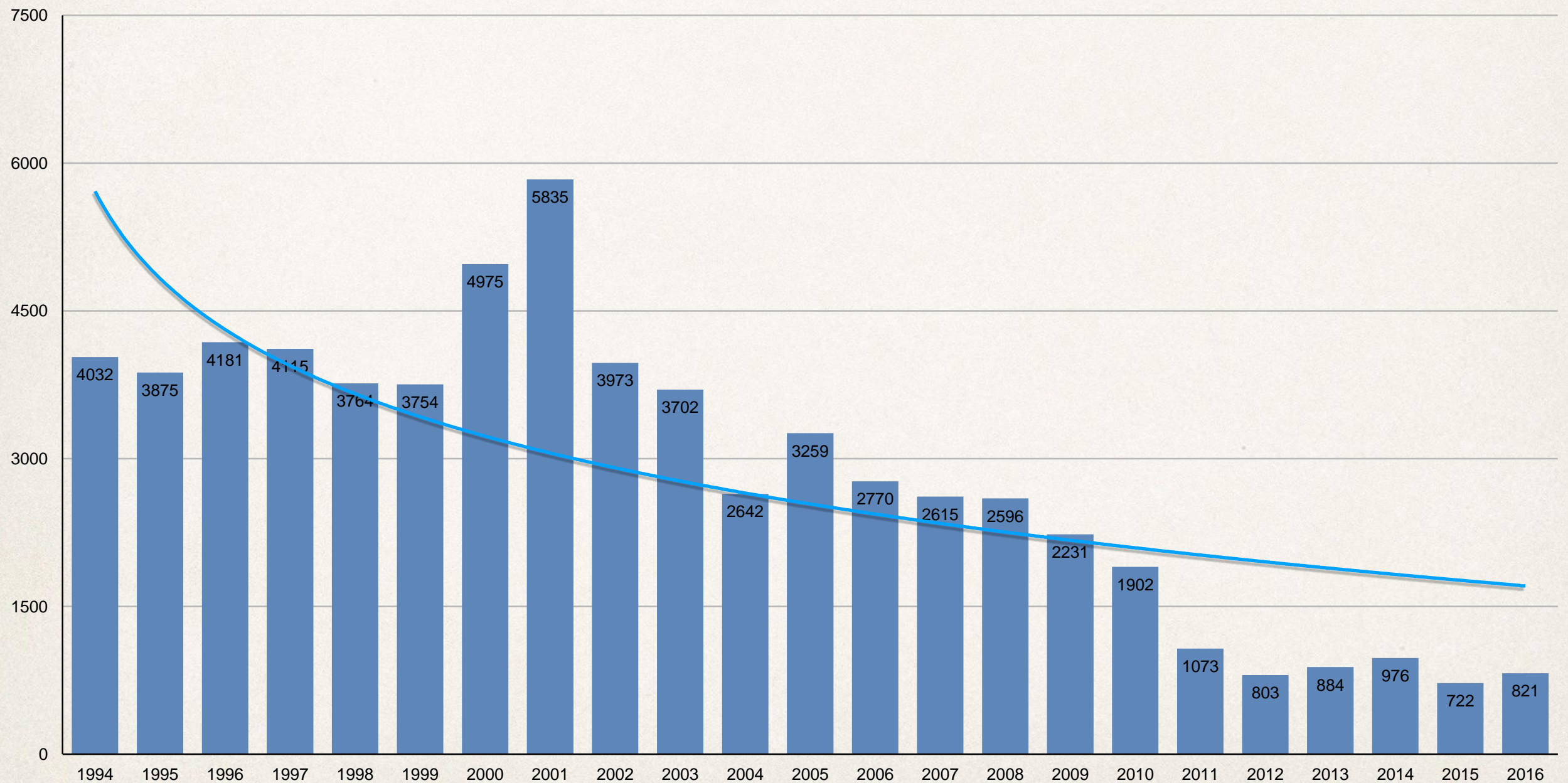
Rethinking India's internal security

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The scale of the problem

Fatalities in terrorism and insurgencies



The *good* news

- ❖ For all the hype, India's been becoming less violent every year for more than a decade
- ❖ India loses 150,000 people each year to traffic accidents—but less than 1,000 to terrorism and insurgencies

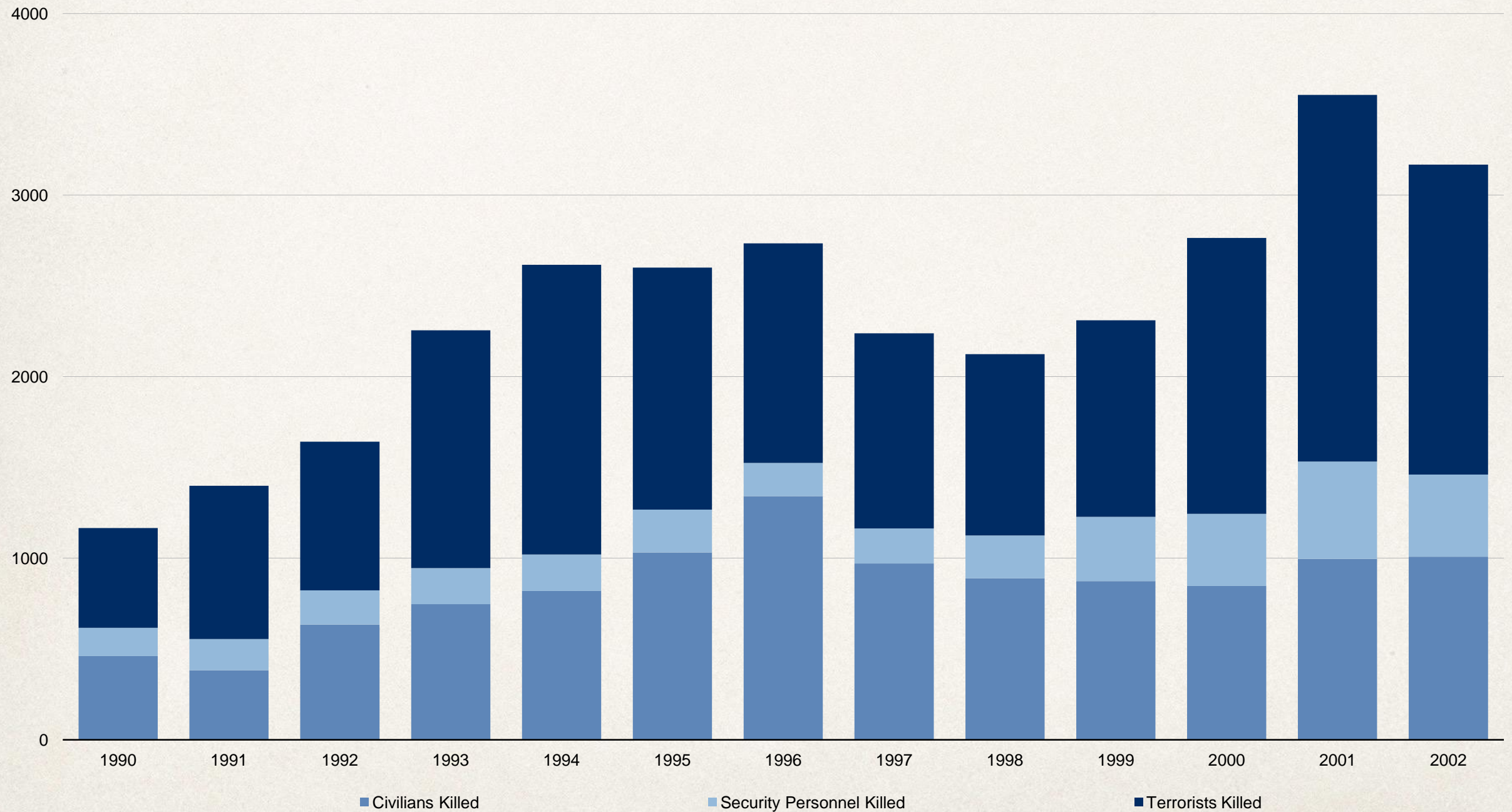
The *bad* news

- ❖ The nature of the internal security challenge is changing; security is enmeshed with new political, ethnic and demographic challenges
- ❖ Police and intelligence capacity is anaemic—and may not be able to cope

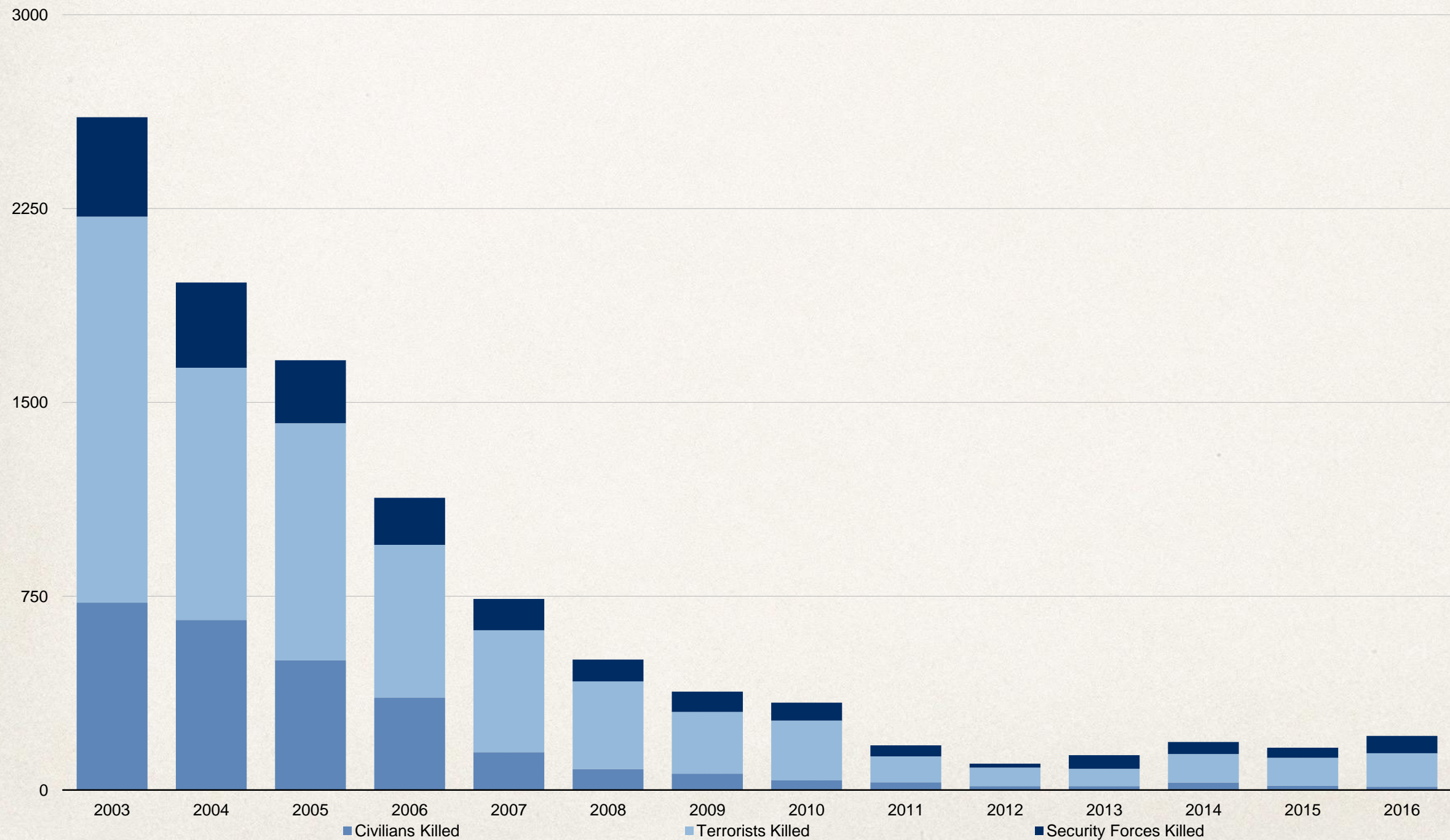
The case of Kashmir

- ❖ In Kashmir, violence has been brought down to what were considered “manageable” levels
- ❖ Yet, there is an unprecedented security challenge, with a generation of youth pitted against the State

The crisis years in Kashmir



From crisis to—new crisis



Lessons from Kashmir

- ❖ Even though Pakistan was coerced, and terrorists marginalised, the problem did not end—a pattern we see in the North-East and Adivasi regions, also
- ❖ In Kashmir, uneven development, lack of entrepreneurship, the youth bulge, lack of leadership: all remain drivers of violence

State capacity: intelligence

- ❖ Intelligence Bureau remains some 30% understaffed, despite efforts
- ❖ RAW short of skilled area experts; linguists; technical staff
- ❖ The National Investigation Agency has a staff strength of 488 to the FBI's 34,019 — of whom 12,979 are agents, or trained investigators.

Plan for action

- ❖ Budgetary support for police and intelligence modernisation there—but no clear benchmarks and templates for improvements sought
- ❖ Funding should be linked to curriculum reform, and training standards benchmarks
- ❖ Parliamentary scrutiny necessary for security services

Time to act?

“There has been no improvement in the methods of investigation”.

“No facilities exist in any of the rural police stations and even in most of the urban police stations for scientific investigation,”

“There has been a fall in the standard of work...”

Crime in India, 1953