

## Terrorism

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The Pakistan's ISI thrust on subversive activities and secessionist plans to destabilize the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India is a matter of grave concern.

The increased infiltration from across the border and the frequent spurts in terrorist attacks across the country unfold the sinister game plan. Reports suggest continuous brainstorming in an Arab state. Expatriate Indians fall easy prey, lured and brainstormed to eliminate the so-called infidels. They are reduced to mere tools.

India's demand for the extradition of the 20 hard-core fugitives met with refusal from its Pakistani counterparts. They vehemently deny the existence of these criminals, including Dawood Ibrahim, the brain behind the 1993 Bombay serial bomb blasts in their land. But on September 21, Pakistan's de facto Home Minister admitted the presence of Dawood Ibrahim in Pakistan. It is a well-known fact that the ISI is under the direct control of Pak Army; naturally the onus is now on the Army's top brass to restrict ISI from its nefarious designs.

The misinterpretation of "Jihad" was first legitimised by none other than the hanged former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr.Z.A.Bhutto, referring to the 1969 Ahmedabad riots, he said, "we shall wage a "Jihad" for the cause of Islam, not only in Pakistan but anywhere in the world if required". Unfortunately, there are no concerted efforts from among the civilized world to isolate nations and impose sanctions for providing the infrastructure to train terrorists indulging in the dastardly acts of the worst kind.

The ISI had taken advantage of India's lack of seriousness in dealing with extremism and simmering discontent in sections of the Muslim youth, which ultimately went about the task of creating a Jihadi network which is Jammu and Kashmir specific and India centric. Their main objective is the annexation of J&K and to keep the Indian security forces pre-occupied with internal security. Prominent among the Pan-Islamic Organisations are the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HUM), the Harkat-ul-Jehad-al-Islamic (HUJI), the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and the Lashker-e-Thoiba (LeT). Students Islamic Movement India (SIMI), Al Ummah of Tamil Nadu, the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh are some of the other fundamentalist groups. Their agenda extends to the so-called "liberation" of Muslims all over India and from the "Hindutva rule".

Indian Intelligence sources are of the opinion that Pakistan is in the process of relentlessly luring disgruntled and misguided elements from its neighbours (Bangladesh and Nepal) to act as possible conduits in terms of dumping arms, ammunitions and funds. The North Western corridor is vulnerable to Pakistan's machinations; obviously, the ISI has also shifted its focus of attention towards North Eastern border. Now that the entire North Western and North Eastern region is under their concentration, their attention towards the maritime borders of Gujarat and Maharastra cannot be ruled out.

Their modus operandi in not revealing the target's name even to their hit men, to ensure the accomplishment of their mission, speaks volumes about their efficiency and meticulous planning. The high profile attack on the former Gujarat Home Minister is a classic example.

## **Pakistan**

India has larger Muslim population than Pakistan, and is home to the second largest Muslim population in the world. Pakistan and ISI's tendency has been to increase the level of disturbances in India to earn plaudits from their own people in Pakistan. India has had to deal with Pakistan as an adamantly un-repenting neighbour. Educating and enlightening the people from both sides in terms of the futility of such an exercise can effectively tackle the proxy war unleashed by Pakistan. In the context of the above, the relations between Hindus and Muslims requires to be cemented further, taking special care in the areas and pockets where either of the communities is in a miniscule minority. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have been a victim of capricious designs of Pakistan. The people have also gone through a traumatic period. India had lost over 78, 114 Sq. Kms, which adds up to 1/3 of the total area of Jammu and Kashmir, it includes the strategic region of Baltistan – Gilgit in the northern highlands, Muzaffarabad district in the Jhelum Valley, Mirpur district of Jammu division and half of the Poonch Jagir.

### **Terrorist Activities in Hyderabad**

ISI's resolve is to envelope the entire Indian territory into insurgency, especially to make Hyderabad the hub of its activities, considering it to be a soft target in the midst of a large Muslim population. On February 6, 2000, at the end of its three day annual conference at Muridke near Lahore, one of the prominent ideologues of the LeT, Abdul Rahman Makki announced that the outfit had a new unit functioning in Hyderabad which would soon be liberated from the 'Indian rule'. The year 1990 witnessed communal flare-up in Hyderabad. In fact communal elements have been on the rise from 1990 onwards. The communal elements formed into action groups, one such group was headed by Mohd.Fasihuddin, Mirza Faiz Baig, Mohd.Azam Ghauri, Mujeeb, and were the brain behind the killings of Sri G. Krishna Prasad, Additional Superintendent of Police, S.I.B., (1992), Pappaya Goud VHP leader (1993), Nandaraj Goud, B.J.P. leader (1993).

Azam Ghauri's Indian Muslim Mohammedi Mujahideen Force (IMMM) has links with LeT. It is estimated that Ghauri alone has recruited over 100 Muslim youth from Hyderabad to train in subversive activities. They were trained by various LeT camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK). Most of the IMMM members are now lodged in various jails. They include Basheer, Muzahid Muqter alias Shafiq, Wahab and Afser. The Muslim Defence Force (MDF) members namely Abdul Bari alias Arif (Yakutpura), Mukthadir (Chandrayangutta), Rafiq (Moghulpura) had left the country and are reported to be staying in Riyadh. These fugitives have established contacts with Pakistan's ISI and are constantly luring the gullible unemployed youth and sending them to Pakistan for training in various types of weapons. After the brain storming sessions, ideological sermons and vigorous training in subversive activities, the militants are sent back to India through Riyadh to accomplish their mission.

Mohd.Azam Ghauri earlier established links with one Jaleel Ansari of Bombay, the brain behind 52 bomb blast cases that rocked Mumbai and other parts of the country killing several innocent people. This group established links with Inter-Service Intelligence of Pakistan. In 1994 the Jaleel Ansari gang planted bombs at the Madina Education Centre, AP Express and Secunderabad Railway Reservation Complex. In 1997 Mahaveer Prasad, a Hyderabad jeweller was suspected to have been killed by the same group. In 1999, Devender Sharma, an RSS worker was killed by the members of the LeT and

IMMM. Azam Ghauri (IMMM), the kingpin of all these ISI based operations was killed in an encounter in Karimnagar on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2000. Jaleel Ansari and his gang were arrested by Special Investigation team of Hyderabad and are now lodged in Ajmer jail. Their activities should be monitored with utmost care by the concerned jail and intelligence authorities.

Mohd.Mujeeb another hard-core militant of Medak, developed links with Hizbul Mujahedeen, a militant outfit of Kashmir. Hizbul Mujahedeen is alleged to have provided him with AK 47 rifles and grenades that were later smuggled to Hyderabad to further their cause. He was instrumental in the killing of Sri G. Krishna Prasad, Additional Superintendent of Police and was subsequently arrested. At present he is undergoing life imprisonment in Vishakhapatnam Jail. His activities inside the jail premises should be watched carefully as he is capable of functioning effectively from inside the jail to carry on the assigned tasks. The I.S.I. has been mustering support of many such fanatics and stated to have provided them with arms, ammunition, and luring them into carrying on their game plan. Special Investigation team of Hyderabad arrested Nisar Ahmed Butt, a native of Kashmir, who was instrumental in imparting training in Arms to gullible unemployed Muslim youths in handling bombs, in the year 1993. One Bilal Ahmed Kullu alias Gora Kullu, a militant of Kashmir and a life convict was acquitted and subsequently fled to Kashmir.

#### **Activities in jails and the sensational escape case of Faiz Ahmed Mirza**

The fanatics have started enlisting the support of convicts lodged in various Jails. Thus the Jails have become breeding grounds for recruiting misguided youth. The classic example is the escape of Faiz Ahmed Mirza from Police custody, when he was brought to Nampally Court for trial, with the active support from Mohd.Asghar Ali and his accomplices. The said Faiz Ahmed Mirza was a known activist of Hizb-ul Mujihideen. Asghar Ali planned the escape of Faiz. As per the plan, Asghar was to wait outside the court on a scooter to make good the escape. The plan went off as expected, and Asghar accompanied Faiz to his room at Naseeb Nagar in Saidabad where they met other militants. Later they shifted Faiz to another room in Amin Bagh. The next morning, they started towards Mahabubnagar on a scooter and stayed at a friend's place. After a couple of days stay, Faiz and Shafi (associate) went to Hubli; Faiz was to spend some time in Aligarh before leaving for Srinagar.

Meanwhile, on December 26, 1996 Asghar went to Srinagar where he met Kuber and Moosa of the Muslim Mujahideen. They provided him with four kg RDX, two pistols along with 40 lives rounds. On January 10, 1997, as Faiz did not turn up, Asghar returned to Hyderabad along with RDX, arms and ammunition that he kept in wooden boxes. Later he went to Nalgonda and was arrested by the Munugode Police.

Asghar Ali hatched a plan to kidnap former Nalgonda MP Dharma Bhiksham for ransom and to get Bilal Siddiqui released in exchange of the MP. However the plan did not work. Asghar's other associates included Mohammed Rehmatullah alias Tayyaab Mohammed Sujathullah Khan, both residents of Saidabad, Shaik Obaid of Moghalpura, Syed Mumtaaz Jani, Syed Shafi Ahmed Shareef, and Abdul Bari of Chandrayangutta.

The entire conspiracy was unearthed by Hyderabad Task Force Police who arrested the accused and recovered RDX from Asghar Ali. On the information furnished by the A.P.Police, Fayaz Ahmed Mirza was killed in an encounter in Budgam. With the arrest of Asghar Ali's gang and the subsequent gunning down of Faiz Ahmed Mirza in an

encounter, a lot of innocent lives were saved. After jumping bail Asghar involved himself in a couple of communal offences and went on to commit the ghastly murder of Pandya, former Home Minister of Gujarat.

### **Recent Developments**

It is pertinent to discuss the developments of Ahmedabad at this juncture. Rasool Patne and Hanif Khan, both brothers, residents of Gujarat, started their career as liquor smugglers. Later on they went on to become the most dreaded dons of Gujarat. Smuggling, extortion, black money, fundamentalism, fanaticism had made them hardcore militants. Hanif Khan was later killed in an encounter by police. Rasool Patne escaped and took shelter in Hyderabad, where he developed contacts with Raof, Asghar Ali and Nazeer. 25 Hyderabadis had been sent to Riyadh for training. Raof and his nephew Sahid alias Bilal, and Asghar Ali planned to kill some Police Officers and Political leaders. But Gujarat influenced their attention to shift their area of operation. The aftermath of the Gujarat violence was reason enough for Raof and Asghar Ali to physically eliminate Pandya. Bilal fled to Saudi Arabia and continued subversive activities entrusted by Jaish-e-Mohammed. Rasool Patne managed to go to Pakistan, and revived his contacts with Dawood Ibrahim. Aftab Bakti a resident of Bombay, another ISI agent, has relatives in Hyderabad. His job was to circulate counterfeit Indian currency. By circulating counterfeit currency, they planned to hit the backbone of Indian Economy.

It is worrisome to note that the whereabouts of militants like Abdul Aziz, Nasir Liyaquath, Anwar, Naveed, Muzahid is still not known. The front line organizations of Nasheeruddin, Muniruddin, Mohaboob Ali (DJS) are alleged to have been providing necessary ideological support base. The movement of Wahabism meant to reform the Muslim community and to put it in right path is the cradle of the Ahle-Adheez sect, which in turn has given birth to the militant group Laskher-e-Thoiba. Activists of LeT are very much present in Hyderabad and their primary role is to spread fanaticism. After the attack on the Parliament, the militant outfit Hizabul-e-Muzahiddin has changed its nomenclature and activities.

Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) of Maulana Masood Azhar is playing a crucial role. Their Fadayian squads are creating havoc in Kashmir. Jaish-e-Mohammed and Laskher-e-Thoiba had joined hands to destabilize our country with strategic support from the ISI.

Growing unemployment is cited as the major cause for encouraging a section of youth confined to the old city in joining the ISI. There have been reports of youth joining organizations like IMMM and the banned Student's Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). A section of our minorities are being deprived of their property and their business. The depleting job markets in the gulf countries is also a contributing factor.

The ISI and its communal related violence are like a two-headed monster. Sustained, proactive and systematic approach is required to counter this menace. Counter-intelligence, constant surveillance and vigilance are the need of the hour. The movements of all the ISI trained people, communal offenders, ex-convicts have to be watched carefully and the Police Force has to be sensitised and motivated. The Madrasas (Muslim religious schools) should be prevented from being used as recruiting centres for militants. There can be no room for complacency and at the same time there should not be any over-reaction. But, unfortunately, the police force gets satisfied with temporary success.

### Prominent terrorist groups

Abu Sayyaf Group	Philippines
Al-Gama's al-Islamiyya	Egypt
Al-Qa'ida	Afghanistan
Armata Corsa	France
Armed Islamic Group	Algeria
Aum Shinrikyo	Japan
Basque Homeland and Freedom	Spain
Chukaku-Ha	Japan
Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine	Palestinian
Fatah – Revolutionary Council	Lebanon
Fatah Tanzim	Palestinian
Force 17	Palestinian
Great East Islamic Raiders front (IBDA-C)	Turkey
Hamas	Palestinian
Harkat ul-Mujahedin	Pakistan
Hizballah	Lebanon
Hizb-ul Mujehideen	Pakistan
Irish Republic Army	Northern Ireland
Jammat ul-Fuqra	Pakistan
Japanese Red Army	Japan
Jihad Group	Egypt
Kach and Kahane Chal	Israel
Kurdistan Worker's Party	Turkey
Lashkar-e-Toiba	Pakistan
Lautaro Youth Movement	Chile
LIBERATION Tigers of Tamil Eelam	Sri Lanka
Loyalist Volunteer Force	Northern Ireland
Manuel Rodriquez Patriotic Front	Chile
Martyrs of al-Aqsa	Palestinian
Moranzanist Patriotic Front	Honduras
Moro Islamic Liberation Front	Philippines
Mujahedin-e-Khaiq Organization	Iran
National Liberation Army Colombia	Colombia
National Liberation Front of Corsica	France
Nestor Paz Zamora Commission (CNPZ)	Bolivia
Palestine Liberation Front	Iraq
Palestinian Islamic Jihad	Palestinian
Party of Democratic Kampuchea	Cambodia
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine	Palestinian
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command	Palestinian
Popular Struggle Front	Syria

Qibia & People Against Gangsterism & Drugs	South Africa
Real IRA	Northern Ireland
Red Army Faction	Germany
Red Brigades	Italy
Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia	Colombia
Revolutionary Organization 17 November	Greece
Revolutionary People's Liberation Party/Front	Turkey
Revolutionary People's Struggle	Greece
Sendero Luminoso	Peru
Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan	Pakistan
Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement	Peru
United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia	Colombia

### People's War Group (PWG)

Naxalism has become a major law and order problem in States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. They are in possession of sophisticated weapons, and also experts in the use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). There are reports of inter-state co-ordination and networking among various extremist groups.

The heartland of Telangana has been rightly dubbed as the breeding ground of the Naxalites. Young and innocent un-employed youths are being lured to take up arms against the state. Their "eye for an eye" principle emanates blindness. **Why not give peace a chance?** The Naxalites are better advised to create a conducive atmosphere for negotiations. They should understand that the civilised society craves for peace, liberty and sustainable development.

OFFENCES COMMITTED BY PW											
YEAR	Murders			Attempt to Murder	Arson	Assault	Blasting / Damages	Attack on PSS	Landmines	Other Offences	TOTAL
	Civilians	Policemen	Political Leaders								
1993	91	36	16	17	79	176	92	6	14	166	693
1994	72	21	10	15	84	124	76	9	24	189	624
1995	65	7	14	23	193	80	107	1	1	200	691
1996	91	47	27	52	216	299	309	12	8	126	1187
1997	110	51	32	36	201	207	224	10	7	346	1224
1998	109	34	24	31	167	132	141	2	10	354	1004
1999	64	37	17	38	91	128	109	3	5	286	778
2000	38	32	11	49	50	60	102	3	4	245	594
2001	91	39	24	37	53	49	93	13	13	255	667
2002	41	14	20	20	34	36	68	6	6	270	511
2003	49	12	39	39	54	33	87	5	5	252	574