

The Times of India, 3 December 2007

Terror strike in Delhi within 2 weeks, warns IB

NEW DELHI: The Capital has been put on alert after police received inputs from the Intelligence Bureau about the possibility of a terror strike in the near future by Lashkar-e-Toiba and Harkat-ul-Jihadi-al-Islami militants. The Intelligence Bureau has informed Delhi Police Commissioner YS Dadwal and security agencies that they have received inputs that market places and crowded areas may be targeted by LeT and HuJI militants along with local support, a senior police official has said. "The Commissioner had received inputs from the IB that there is a possibility of a terror strike in the Capital within two weeks time," the official said. The inputs come barely a week after security was beefed up in the Capital following a series of explosions in courts in Uttar Pradesh claiming 11 lives.

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More attacks coming, claims e-mail

NEW DELHI: A fresh "terror" e-mail on Saturday threatening to target the Pakistani cricket team if it did not withdraw from the current test series and also claiming that plans were afoot to carry out strikes in Delhi, Islamabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Ghaziabad kept security agencies on tenterhooks. The email sent to TV channels follows Friday afternoon ♦??s message claiming the bombings at Lucknow, Faizabad and Varanasi were meant to extract revenge for the arrest of "innocent" Jaish-e-Mohammed men held for plotting to kidnap Rahul Gandhi. A TV channel also claimed to have received another email threatening to target three railway stations in Mumbai on Saturday night.

Hindustan Times, 3 December 2007

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The Indian Express, 4 December 2007

Red Fort attack case: Death sentence of LeT militant stayed

New Delhi, December 3: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the execution of death sentence awarded to a Lashar-e-Toiba militant, Mohammad Ashfaq, in the Red Fort attack case of 2000. A Bench comprising Justices G P Mathur and P Sathasivam also sought the response of the Delhi Police on a petition filed by Ashfaq, who had challenged a Delhi High Court verdict which confirmed the capital punishment awarded to him by the trial court. Recently, a Division Bench of the High Court had set aside the conviction of six other accused, including Ashfaq's Indian wife Rehamana Yusuf Farooqui and that of Srinagar-based father-son duo Nazir Ahmed Qasid and Farooq Ahmed Qasid.

Deccan Chronicle, 4 December 2007

Navy: Terror groups sail into India

On board the Jalashwa (Bay of Bengal), Dec 3: Intruders were slipping into India through the sea exploiting the lack of coordination between the Navy, Coast Guard and inland police. The Eastern Naval Command flag officer commanding-in-chief, Vice-Admiral Raman Prem Suthan, admitted this while talking to mediapersons on board the Jalashwa on Monday. He said that without cohesive efforts from the three agencies it would be difficult to end such intrusions. "We are patrolling the coast round-the-clock, with a special lookout for Pakistan-based vessels," said Admiral Suthan. The Admiral said he was also worried about the security aspects of the extensive works being planned at the naval base in Vishakapatnam. "We are concerned about private players being allowed to take up navy works," he said. "It is unavoidable as we cannot handle the entire load ourselves. We will make sure that a thorough background check is performed on every person who comes to work there."

The Indian Express, 6 December 2007

Six HuJI militants sneak into Delhi, high alert

New Delhi, December 5: Six people suspected to be militants of Harkat-ul-Jehadi Islamia have sneaked into Delhi from Deoband in Uttar Pradesh possibly to carry out attacks, sparking a state of high alert in the national capital ahead of anniversary of Babri Masjid

demolition on Thursday. Intelligence Bureau inputs to Delhi police said the six people entered Seelampur area of East Delhi on Wednesday and could possibly carry out strikes in the national capital, police sources said.

The Hindu, 7 December 2007

Two carrying crude bombs arrested

Rae Bareli: Two persons, carrying three live crude bombs of low intensity on the court premises here on Thursday, were taken into custody, police said.

The Times of India, 7 December 2007

Malaysian govt accuses Indian activists of terror links

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's police chief has accused Indian activists of having links with terrorist groups, charges they said on Friday could see them detained without trial under internal security laws. Leaders of ethnic rights group Hindraf, which last month organised mass anti-discrimination protests that were broken up with tear gas and water cannons, already face being hit with sedition charges on Friday. Police Inspector-General Musa Hassan accused them of seeking support from terrorists, smearing Malaysia's reputation, and inciting racial hatred -- a serious charge in the multicultural country dominated by Muslim Malays.

The Hindu, 10 December 2007

Sea Tiger, two aides arrested

CHENNAI: A Sea Tiger was among the three persons arrested by the Q branch of the Tamil Nadu police in the car parking area of the Chennai international airport terminal on Saturday. The three were allegedly involved in the purchase of a boat for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. According to the police, the special unit personnel detained three persons, James alias Raja (45) of Chinnakadai, Mannar, Sri Lanka, Jayakumar alias Gaurishankar (34) of Jaffna and Ravikumar (42) of Subbaraya Nagar, Choolaimedu, on suspicion. During questioning it was found that Jayakumar was a Sea Tiger and had illegally come to India in February this year. James had visited India three times this year on his passport, the last time in October.

The Hindu, 11 December 2007

Terror links of couple held in fake currency racket being probed

LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh police and the intelligence agencies are probing the role of a couple involved in a fake currency racket in allegedly funding terrorist activities in the State, including the November 23 serial bomb blasts in Varanasi, Lucknow and Faizabad. The racket was busted in Aligarh on December 6. Mohammad Liaquat Ali and his wife Shakila Bano were arrested by the West Bengal police from their village in Malda district on December 8. The village is barely 10 km from the Bangladesh border. Their arrest followed a tip-off from the Aligarh police, which found that the husband-wife duo operated two separate accounts in Axis Bank, Malda Town in which the money was deposited online from Aligarh and other places.

The Indian Express, 12 December 2007

After LTTE air strikes in Lanka, IAF tests defence in South

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11: In the first military exercise in south India after the LTTE carried out aerial strikes in Sri Lanka, the Indian Air Force (IAF) practiced scenarios to protect commercial targets against attacks by non-state actors in the region. The week long war games codenamed Dakshin Prahar tested Indias capabilities to protect high value assets like oil tankers, nuclear installations and ports against air raids. The exercise practiced rapid deployment of air defence systems, radar units and portable anti-air missiles to counter specific threats. Scenarios like protecting an oil tanker under attack by a hostile aerial force were also played out, an IAF officer said. The Coast Guard and the Armys air defence units were also roped in for the exercise. The Army facilitated communication networking and troops for exercise, the IAF spokesperson said.

The Times of India, 12 December 2007

Another arrest made in RDX case

LUDHIANA: The district police claimed another breakthrough in the RDX seizure case with the arrest of Bhagwan Singh Sandhu here on Tuesday evening from near the bus stand. Gurpreet Singh, a resident of Mullanpur near here is the main accused in the case. Booked for conspiracy, Dr Sandhu's is the third arrest in the case. Earlier, Bhavdeep Singh, said to be a close aide of Gurpreet Singh and Gurinderjit Singh, was arrested while Gurpreet is still at large. A self-proclaimed follower of the ideology of Sirdar Kapur Singh and Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Dr Sandhu has also written a book, "Operation Bluestar, a Holy War of the Sikhs and a Peep into the North East" drawing parallels between the Naga struggle for self-determination and Punjab.

Daily Excelsior, 14 December 2007

3 terrorists held with explosives

PHAGWARA, Dec 13: The Punjab Police have foiled an attempt by Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorists to assassinate Sirsa-based Sacha Sauda head Gurmeet Ram Raheem Singh and heads of two other sects. Kapurthala SSP Rakesh Aggarwal told mediapersons that three members of the BKI module identified as Gurinder Singh, a local Friends Colony resident, Zorawar Singh alias Zora of Mandi Gobindgarh and Parminder Singh alias Babloo of Amlah in district Fatehgarh Sahib were arrested and two Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) assembled by using 9.75 kg high quality RDX recovered.

The Kashmir Times, 14 December 2007

Menon hits out at Pak for funding terror

NEW DELHI, Dec 13: Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon on Thursday indirectly hit out at Pakistan for hurting India by supporting and funding terrorist organisations that transcend national borders. He did not name Pakistan as such, leading to speculation that he may be accusing Bangladesh and Nepal as well while referring to "our immediate neighbourhood," but he left no doubts by specifically referring to "large areas abutting India to the west" that can be none except Pakistan. "Large areas abutting India to the west have seen the collapse of state structures and the absence of governance or the writ of the state, with the emergence of multiple centres of power," he said, adding that "the results, in the form of terrorism, extremism and radicalism, are felt by us in India."

Zee News, 14 December 2007

Terrorists may attack Indian, US embassies: Pak Intelligence

Islamabad, Dec 14: Pakistani intelligence agencies have warned against suicide attacks by terrorists based in the tribal areas and Swat targeting Indian and US embassies.

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The Hindu, 19 December 2007

Naxalite activity on top of agenda

NEW DELHI: Heightened naxalite activity in some States, the recent jailbreak in Chhattisgarh, the situation in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir and recent bomb blasts are expected to figure prominently at a crucial meeting of Chief Ministers on internal security here on Thursday. Convened by the Union Home Ministry, the meeting will be presided over by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and attended by Home Minister Shivraj Patil. Top officials of the Home Ministry, the Intelligence Bureau and paramilitary forces are likely to take part.

The Indian Express, 20 December 2007

Delhi HC receives threat from al-Qaida

New Delhi, December 20: The Delhi High Court on Thursday said it has received a threatening e-mail from terrorist outfit al-Qaida a few days after the serial blasts in Uttar Pradesh district courts last month. According to court sources, the e-mail was forwarded to the Home Ministry following which the security in the High Court was beefed up. Refusing to disclose the contents of the e-mail, the sources said it had issued threats to the High Court, Parliament and the Taj Mahal in Agra.

Hindustan Times, 22 December 2007

RDX recovered in Punjab on Saturday

The police on Saturday recovered 330 grams of RDX, sufficient to blow up a big mall, from an agriculture field near RDX recovered in Punjab. The explosive was recovered at the instance of one Gurinder Singh, a suspect in Shingar cinema blast, from Mullanpur, 15 kms from here. Police said that the RDX was recovered at the instance of Gurinder Singh, a Shingar cinema blast suspect. The police brought him from Phagwara for questioning, where he was arrested recently. The recovered RDX was hidden in a drainage, police said. The explosive was sufficient to blow up a big shopping mall.

The Hindu, 23 December 2007

Arrests reveal HuJI's deep roots in U.P.

LUCKNOW: The arrest of two Harkat-ul-Jehadi Islami (HuJI) militants involved in the November 23 serial bomb blasts in Lucknow, Varanasi and Faizabad, and May 22 Gorakhpur blasts has exposed the deep-rooted presence of the terror organisation in Uttar Pradesh. Mohammad Tariq Qasmi and Khalid Mujahid were arrested by the Special Task Force of the Uttar Pradesh police at the Barabanki railway station on Saturday morning.

The police also seized a huge quantity of RDX, ammonium nitrate, mobile phones and SIM cards from their possession. The third HuJI operative, Mukhtar alias Raju, the mastermind behind the bomb blast in the Varanasi civil court, has not been arrested.

The Hindu, 24 December 2007

76 bombs recovered

Nandigram (WEST BENGAL): A total of 76 bombs were found near a brick kiln here on Sunday, CRPF officials said. On March 17, the CBI arrested 10 persons hiding in the Janani brick kiln on charges of rioting.

The Hindu, 24 December 2007

Two LeT men shot dead in Lucknow

LUCKNOW: The Special Task Force of the Uttar Pradesh police on Sunday shot dead two suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists in an encounter on Dewa Road here. Talking to journalists, Brij Lal, Additional Director-General of Police, Law and Order and STF, said efforts were on to identify them. Mr. Lal said the two had planned a big terror attack in the State capital. A map with notings in Urdu recovered from them seemed to be that of Chief Minister Mayawati's residence. Asked whether there was a threat perception to Ms. Mayawati, he said investigations were on.

Daily News, 24 December 2007

Be vigilant about Naxal, LTTE activities, BJP tells TN Govt

Tamil Nadu BJP yesterday warned the State Government to be cautious and vigilant on the increasing activities of the Naxals and LTTE, which would prove dangerous in the near future. Even as the law and order situation started deteriorating in the state, considering the recent murders and dacoity and attacks on political leaders, the presence of these two groups or their supporters would add to the security threat, BJP State President, L Ganesan told a press conference. Referring to the arrests of Naxals in Theni district of the state, Ganesan asked the Government to keep strict vigil on forest areas of Coimbatore district and Western Ghats, for the possible hideouts of the group. He said it was a fact that LTTE activists and their close aides were present in the state and two LTTE cadres were arrested recently in the state.

Daily Excelsior, 26 December 2007

3 Babbar Khalsa militants held

NEW DELHI, Dec 25: Three suspected Babar Khalsa militants were arrested this morning on the Indo-Nepal border for their alleged role in the October blast in Ludhiana that claimed six lives. Two of the three were identified as Gurpreet Singh and Sandeep and were arrested while they were attempting to flee into Nepal, official sources said. They are allegedly involved in the blast in a multiplex at Ludhiana on October 15 in which at least six people were killed and 25 others injured. They are also allegedly involved in transporting deadly RDX into the State, a consignment which was caught by the local police few days ahead of the explosion. (PTI)

Rediff News, 26 December 2007

Two more arrested in connection with UP serial blasts

In a joint operation, the Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir [Images] Police on Tuesday arrested two suspected militants of Harkat-ul-Jehadi Islamia from Doda area of Jammu in connection with last month's serial blasts in three court premises in UP. The two, identified as Sajjad and Tariq Kashmiri alias Akhthar, were arrested from Doda town by the police forces of the two states alongwith sleuths of Central Security agencies and taken to Lucknow on a transit remand, official sources said. The name of the two came up during the interrogation of HuJI militants Mohammed Khalid and Tariq, arrested by UP police's Special Task Force and Central Security Agencies on December 21. The sources claimed that during the interrogation of the arrested HuJI militants, they confessed that they had brought the consignment of Ammonium Nitrate and RDX from Jammu and West Bengal. Sajjad, picked up from Kishtawar, had come in contact with the HuJI militants when he was studying in a madrassa at Deoband in Uttar Pradesh, the sources claimed.

Daily Excelsior, 27 December 2007

Kashmir Police team in Lucknow, UP cops in Jammu

JAMMU, Dec 26: An Uttar Pradesh police team today reached here to join interrogation of two HUJI militants arrested from Kishtwar and Banihal while a high level police team from Kashmir left for Lucknow following reports that November 23 serial blasts in court complexes at Lucknow, Varanasi and Faizabad were masterminded by a Kashmir based HUJI commander after receiving instructions from across Line of Control (LoC). Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, S M Sahai, who has been co-ordinating crackdown on HUJI in UP and J&K after the serial blasts, told the Excelsior that SP Handwara Dr Haseeb Mughal was today rushed to Lucknow to co-ordinate the searches and join interrogation of two HUJI militants ♦??Mohd Khalid and Mohd Tariq, arrested by Special Task Force of UP police from near Barabanki railway station last Friday.

Hindustan Times, 27 December 2007

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The Kashmir Times, 28 December 2007

UP blasts -- Family claims arrested man innocent

JAMMU, Dec 27: The family members of one of the suspects who was arrested by a joint team of Jammu & Kashmir Police and Special Task Force (STF) in connection with the serial blast in Uttar Pradesh from Kuchhal area of Kishtwar last Saturday, today claimed that the victim was innocent. Ghulam Qadir Wani - father of Sajjad Ahmed Wani, resident of Kuchhal claimed that his son was not involved in any bomb blasts that took place across Uttar Pradesh on November 20, 2007. "My son was present in Madrassa where he is undergoing course of Alimyat at Darul-Uloom Deodand at Saharanpur (UP) when the blast took place on the fateful day. The record of his attendance in the Madrassa and the statement of the Principal that he was present in the Madrassa proves his innocence", Wani said.

The Assam Tribune, 28 December 2007

Fight against terror to get boost

GUWAHATI, Dec 27 ♦?? The war on terror can pay rich dividends when two great nations like India and China join their hands against the scourge. This message was sent loud and clear by the first ever Sino-Indian Joint Military Exercise that concluded at Kunming in south-west China today. ♦??A beginning has been made at Kunming as far as joint crackdowns on terrorism is concerned. The joint military exercises ♦?? happening for the first time between the two countries ♦?? were a success, and the process needs to be carried forward, ♦?? Brig DS Dadwal of the Manipur-based 15 JK Light Infantry that participated in the event told the media after their arrival at the LGBI International Airport this evening.

The Times of India, 29 December 2007

HUJI militant arrested in Kolkata

KOLKATA: A HUJI militant was arrested by the CID from Baranagar area of West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Saturday. On a tip-off by the Special Task Force (STF) of Uttar Pradesh police, the CID carried out a raid and arrested the militant, CID sources said. The arrested militant was identified as Altaf Ansari.

Hindustan Times, 29 December 2007

For the first time, Pakistan accepts body of terrorist

Amidst the volatile situation prevailing across the border, BSF on Friday handed over the dead body of dreaded terrorist Mohammad Baksh alias Noora to the Pakistan Rangers. Baksh alias Noora, a sharpshooter of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, was killed in an encounter with the Uttar Pradesh police four days ago. Indian officials from separate security agencies told the Hindustan Times that this is the first time that Pakistan has received the dead body of a citizen responsible for spreading terror in its neighbouring

country. In several other cases in the past, Pakistani authorities had refused to take back the bodies of its terror strikers in India.