

The Hindu 2 January 2006

Evidence of Lashkar link with IISc attack mastermind (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: Central security agencies have established links between the mastermind of the attack on the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba, sources here said on Sunday. Three persons were detained - two in Bangalore and one in Hyderabad - in connection with the attack on the evening of December 28 and the security agencies have found evidence of their links with Al-Hadees group based in Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia. Lashkar reportedly has cells in Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia.

The Hindu 3 January 2006

Terror plot foiled in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: Hours before Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was to arrive here, the police busted a terrorist plot with the arrest of two persons on Monday. The police seized two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) with an intricate detonation mechanism that could be activated by a cellular phone. They said terrorist groups backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) planned to attack the offices of the DGP, the city Police Commissioner and the Hi-tech city, from where a majority of software companies operated. The uncovering of the plot and the arrest of Shakeel and Syed Hazi, both residents of Sapota Bagh in the city, comes on the heels of the terrorist attack at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. On October 12, the office of the police task force in Hyderabad was attacked by terrorists. Security has been tightened in the city, where major events such as the Indian Science Congress, the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas and the AICC plenary are to be held...

The Hindu 3 January 2006

Explosives seized from KSRTC cloakroom

KOZHIKODE: The police have seized 45 gelignite sticks from the cloakroom of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus station here on Mavoor Road... The police control room attached to the Office of the Kozhikode City Commissioner of Police received a phone call on Sunday from a public booth at Vellayil, a coastal area in Kozhikode city, threatening that a bomb had been planted at the KSRTC bus station. A person, who gave his name as Sainudeen, had kept the carton at the cloakroom on December 28. The cloakroom keeper told the police during interrogation that the carton had been there for almost a week. The carton also contained a letter in which it was said that the explosives would be used against some private hospitals in the city for allegedly fleecing the patients. It also mentioned that these would be used against the Regional Transport Authority for giving permits to private stage carriers violating stipulations... It had a label - Industries Explosives Limited, Vellore in Tamil Nadu... Intelligence officers said that they had been suspecting the flow of explosives meant for some fundamentalist outfits in North Kerala...

The Hindu 4 January 2006

Suspected LeT operative held

BANGALORE: The Bangalore police claim to have achieved a breakthrough in the probe into the attack on the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) by arresting Abdul Rehman, said to be the chief of the Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) "violent operations in south India." Police Commissioner Ajai Kumar Singh told presspersons on Tuesday that a team from the city arrested Rehman (35) in Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh, on January 1. The police are yet to ascertain Rehman's role in the attack. An Indian national and resident of Nalgonda, he had been in Saudi Arabia for the past few years and was visiting India frequently. A businessman, he occupied a top position in the LeT hierarchy, Mr. Singh said... Meanwhile, another police team has reportedly secured two persons in Chennai for questioning... Asked whether Rehman masterminded the attack and whether he was in Bangalore that day (December 28, 2005), Mr. Singh said: "His arrest indicates that we have some information that he is connected with the incident"... Sources in the city police told The Hindu that Rehman was recruiting cadres in south India and he provided funds to the Lashkar from Saudi Arabia. Intelligence Bureau inputs led to his arrest. An IB team would soon come here to question him...

The Hindustan Times 4 January 2006

Institutes target as India emerges a knowledge power: PM (Press Trust of India)

HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said terrorists were targeting research and scientific institutions because of emergence of India as a knowledge power... "It is a symbol of success of Indian science and technology, of our emergence as a knowledge power, that the symbols and temples of our knowledge society are today being targeted by terrorists," he said referring to the killing of Prof MC Puri in the terror attack at the IISc in Bangalore last week. Inaugurating the 93rd Indian Science Congress, the Prime Minister said "I am confident that all our knowledge workers will close ranks and join the struggle to make India a great nation, a humane and a modern nation in knowledge power. No force on the earth weakens this resolve of the Indian people" ...

The Hindu 5 January 2006

Delhi police on alert (Devesh K. Pandey)

NEW DELHI: Intelligence agencies have received specific inputs about possible terrorist strikes at certain military and government installations in the run-up to the Republic Day celebrations here. They have also indicated the presence of militants in the Capital. It is learnt that the Central intelligence have informed the police about recent reconnaissance by suspicious persons of certain vital installations in the Cantonment area that houses mostly military infrastructure. Another report indicates that militants recently conducted a survey of the Delhi Golf Course, a place where top bureaucrats and politicians gather almost everyday... Agencies have also cautioned the police about plans of terrorist organisations to target Army Headquarters. They have also been provided with the names of a dozen suspected militants belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Al-Badr on the basis of which raids are being conducted across the city and in neighbouring States...

The Hindu 6 January 2006

Nalgonda, a hub of militant activity? (K. Srinivas Reddy)

HYDERABAD: The recent arrest of a suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative, Razi-Ur-Rehman alias Abdul Rehman, from Nalgonda in connection with the terror strike at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, has jolted law enforcement agencies in Andhra Pradesh... Though the claim of the Karnataka police that Rehman is the LeT's south India in-charge is yet to be substantiated, the arrest brings into focus the discomfiting idea that Nalgonda - about 100 km from Hyderabad - continues to be a centre for subversive activities by fundamentalist organisations, which are backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence... The police suspect that at least two dozen youngsters hailing from the town have gone underground. Intelligence agencies suspect that they were trained in terrorist camps in Bangladesh and Pakistan... Nalgonda's tryst with fundamentalism is not a new phenomenon. It is an offshoot of the ISI's K2 plan to "liberate" Khalistan and Kashmir in the late 1980s...

The Hindu 6 January 2006

Tiger force to fight terrorists

BANGALORE: An exclusive operational unit, "Operation Tiger Force," will be raised to fight terrorists in Karnataka. Chief Minister N. Dharam Singh has agreed in principle to the police proposal, Director-General and Inspector-General B.S. Sial said here on Thursday. The force would comprise commandos trained by the National Security Guards. Cabinet approval was awaited, Mr. Sial said.

The Indian Express 6 January 2006

Modern armed forces, but peace with neighbours: Pranab

CHENNAI: Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said today that the country was making major strides in modernising its armed forces, but Congress led-UPA government maintained its policy of peace with its neighbours... He said, "We do not have any territorial ambitions at the cost of others. That is why we are inviting Pakistan for a dialogue and even asked our armed forces to extend a helping hand to the earthquake victims in Pakistan." While India wanted all its neighbours to live in peace, they in turn should ensure that that India did not suffer due to their policies, he said ...

The Hindu 7 January 2006

Three with arms, detonators held in Mumbai

MUMBAI: The Anti-Terrorist Squad of the Mumbai Police has arrested three Kashmiris from the city's central neighbourhood Nagpada and seized a revolver and electronic items used in making improvised explosive devices. Mumbai Police Commissioner A.N. Roy told reporters that 20 detonators, five timers, a .32 bore foreign-made revolver and five electronic circuits were seized... Mr. Roy said that their links with terrorist outfits were not known. They have been booked under the provisions of the Explosives Act, Arms Act and the recently legislated Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)...

The Hindu 9 January 2006

Explosives seized

MALAPPURAM: Police seized a large quantity of explosives from a house belonging to one Ibrahim Kutty at Alungal, near Kondotty, on Sunday evening. Ibrahim Kutty has been arrested. The police team that raided the house found eight boxes of detonators hidden in a chamber under a cot. The police also recovered 325 kg gunpowder from the house. About 50 detonators were recovered from a van, said the police.

The Indian Express 10 January 2006

Hand grenades found near Golden Temple (Agencies)

New Delhi: A total of 114 live grenades were recovered from the premises of the Golden Temple complex on Tuesday, police said. The "rusted" ammunition was noticed by workers digging the area close to Hargobind Niwas near the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbhandhak Committee guest house in the premises of the Golden Temple, said Additional Director General of Police J P Birdi. The ammunition was stacked in two sacks of cement and was around ten feet beneath the earth, Amritsar police Chief R P S Brar said. ...sources said the ammunition might be

dumped during the days of militancy in the state.

The India Express 13 January 2006

8 Lashkar terrorists in Delhi? (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: An alert has been sounded within the security apparatus in the wake of intelligence inputs that at least eight terrorists of Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) had sneaked into the national capital to carry out a suicide attack around the Republic Day. The inputs warn that five more terrorists would be joining them to carry out the attack in the capital... The information, received from intelligence agencies, has been passed on to Delhi police and other security agencies, police sources said on Thursday. According to the information, the eight terrorists were armed with a large quantity of sophisticated weapons and could be hiding somewhere in South Delhi, they said. The terrorists are believed to have planned to carry out a strike in walled city, possibly in the proximity of the Red Fort around the Republic Day, the sources said...

The Indian Express 14 January 2006

Terror break: 2 J&K politicians on the run; IISc & Lashkar link (Muzamil Jaleel)

SRINAGAR: A week after the arrest of a National Conference municipal councillor in Mumbai for his alleged Lashkar links, the J-K Police are looking for two "mainstream politicians" who they allege have been "running the fidayeen networks in Srinagar and Ganderbal." One of them is a municipal councillor, said Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, K Rajendra, who confirmed the search to The Indian Express. "It's a fact that we are looking for two politicians (from mainstream parties). They are involved." Top sources say the politicians are from the ruling Congress-People's Democratic Party alliance... "We are keeping an eye on them. They are hiding in the homes of senior politicians. We have sent word and want them to surrender as soon as possible," a police officer said...

The Hindustan Time 15 January 2006

Imam having links with LeT arrested in Mumbai (Press Trust of India)

MUMBAI: An "imam" of a mosque in Mumbai was arrested on Saturday by the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of Mumbai Police for his alleged links with three suspected terrorists of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, arrested last week in the city. Maulana Ghulam Yahya Allah Baksh, hailing from North 24 Pargana district in West Bengal, was picked up from the Haj House in south Mumbai by ATS after the three suspected terrorists spilled beans during interrogation. The "imam", who leads prayers in a mosque, was arrested under several sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 2004, Jaijit Singh, Additional Commissioner of Police Jaijit Singh informed a news agency... According to ATS, Maulana was instrumental in providing shelter to the three terrorists from Jammu and Kashmir, arrested last week. Maulana, who had been working as Imam in Haj House Masjid since 1996, had also helped them to conceal arms and material used for making bombs, ATS alleged.

The Hindu 17 January 2006

Architect of Delhi serial blasts killed (Praveen Swami)

NEW DELHI: Abu Huzaifa, the Lashkar-e-Taiba commander who ordered the October 2005 serial bombings in New Delhi, was shot dead on Monday morning in an encounter near the frontier town of Baramulla. Based on information provided by the Delhi Police, troops of the 2 Rashtriya Rifles and personnel from the Jammu and Kashmir Special Operations Group cordoned off a home, three kilometres from the hamlet of Hanjiverea, in Patan tehsil. Huzaifa was killed along with his bodyguard, Ali Mohammad, after an exchange of fire. Both terrorists are thought to be Pakistani nationals. Tariq Dar, a Srinagar-based Lashkar operative who is charged with having run the cell which executed the Delhi serial bombings, recently told the court of Delhi Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Madhu Jain that he had held several meetings with Huzaifa in the months before the pre-Diwali terror attacks...

The Indian Express 17 January 2006

'LeT plan to blow up Kaiga N-plant'; IISc: Suspect held in Karnataka says he was asked to plan explosions

BANGALORE, JANUARY 16: In course of their investigation into the terrorist attack at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), the Bangalore police have stumbled upon a wider conspiracy to spread terror in the south. They claimed to have unearthed a plot to bomb the Kaiga Nuclear Plant, Almatti Dam and the Sharavathy power transmission lines in Karnataka. Based on information provided by alleged Lashkar-e-Toiba operative Abdul Rehman, the first suspect arrested in connection with the IISc case, the police today placed under arrest a second suspect, Habeeb alias Mehaboob Ibrahim alias Chopdar, 35, a resident of Bagalkot in north Karnataka. Interrogation of Habeeb revealed that he was, along with others-on the instructions of Rehman-planning blasts at the three sites in Karnataka, Bangalore Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Singh said today. The police claimed to have found gelatine sticks at the residence of Habeeb, a "fabrication mechanic" described as an important LeT activist in Karnataka... The interrogation of Rehman and Habeeb has "revealed a LeT-backed conspiracy to indulge in violent activities by organising attacks on vital installations, places of economic and national

importance, and by disrupting communal harmony," the Police Commissioner said...

The Hindustan Times 18 January 2006

1997 blasts case: Two LeT men convicted (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: Two Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were among seven men convicted by a Delhi court on Tuesday in connection with bomb blasts which rocked various North Indian cities in 1997 killing 17 persons and injuring nearly 300 others. The Pakistanis -- Azad Mohammed and Mohd Hussain -- were held guilty of conspiring with Amir Khan, Mohd Shakil and Abdul Bagi for waging war against the country. They were also convicted under the Foreigners Act... Besides, the fact that same chemicals and explosive substances were used proves beyond doubt the complicity of the convicts, the Judge added...

The Tribune, 22 January 2006

Two more suspected LeT terrorists held

Bangalore, January 21: The city police has arrested two more suspected Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) extremists, including one allegedly involved in blast in Bangladesh, in connection with the December 28 shootout at the Indian Institute of Science here in which an IIT Professor, Delhi was gunned down, taking the total arrest to four. They are 28-year-old Afsar Pasha, a native of Chintamani in Kolar District and Mohammed Irfan, an Imam of a mosque in Mulbagal in the same district, hailing from Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh. They were arrested in wee hours on January 19 by the Bangalore police at Punganur near Madanapalle in Andhra Pradesh. Afsar, who had received Jihadi training in Bangladesh for nearly eight months in 2002-03, was involved in some bomb blasts in Dhaka. Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Singh told UNI today that the police was on the lookout for a few more extremists.

The Hindu, 22 January 2006

ULFA kills trader blows up gas pipeline (Sushanta Talukdar)

GUWAHATI: Suspected ULFA militants blew up a gas pipeline late on Friday night and shot dead a grocery shop owner on Saturday in two places under Sonari police station of upper Assam's Sivasagar district. Police said that suspected militant blew up the gas pipeline belonging to Assam Gas Company late on Friday night at Sonari cutting off gas supply between Duliajan and Moran. In the other incident, two cycle-borne suspected ULFA militants shot dead a grocery shop owner at Teokghat near Assam-Nagaland border under Sonari police station on Saturday evening. Police said that the ULFA had served extortion notice on the trader demanding Rs. 15 lakh from him. Police on Friday morning recovered the body of a person suspected to have died in Friday night's grenade attack by suspected ULFA militants at the main entrance of the Guwahati Refinery. The Offshore Oil Security Coordination Committee which met here on Saturday evening reviewed the security measures taken up by the police and other security agencies in and around oil companies in the wake of the ULFA demand note of Rs. 500 crore served to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and stepped up attack on oil installations.

Reuters, 24 January 2006

Blasts rock Baghdad a day before Saddam's trial

A series of bomb blasts rocked Baghdad on Monday as insurgents targeted a police checkpoint near the government compound, killing at least two people, fired mortar bombs into a park and attacked a US patrol. The attacks came the day before the trial of Saddam Hussein was due to resume and as political parties prepared for talks on forming a coalition government the United States hopes will undermine support for a Sunni Arab insurgency. The chief judge in Saddam's trial said he was standing by his decision to resign and would not preside over Tuesday's session in the fortified Green Zone compound. Judge Rizgar Amin resigned earlier this month complaining of government interference in the trial.

The Hindu 25 January 2006

Terrorists plan to disrupt R-day celebrations foiled (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: Foiling a terrorist plan to disrupt Republic Day celebrations in the national capital, Delhi police has arrested two Harkat-ul Jihad-e-Islami ultras here and recovered a large quantity of explosives from them. Saidul and Shuabul, both Bangladeshi nationals, were arrested from Shastri Park area of East Delhi last evening after a tip off, Joint Commisisoner of Police (special cell) Karnal Singh told PTI here today. At least 1.4 kgs of RDX, four detonators and two hand grenades were recovered from the two terrorists, Singh said... Intelligence agencies had warned of terrorist activity to disrupt R-Day celebrations, prompting Delhi police to put the national capital on a "red alert" and step up security at vital installations.

The Hindu 25 January 2006

PMO in secret talks with secessionists (Praveen Swami)

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and National Security Adviser (NSA), M.K. Narayanan, have held a series of top-secret meetings with key figures involved in Jammu and Kashmir conflict, including the Jammu

Kashmir Liberation Front leader Mohammad Yasin Malik. Mr. Malik, sources told The Hindu , met with Dr. Singh shortly before leaving for the United States on November 28, 2005. Sources said the meeting explored what could be done to facilitate an open dialogue between Mr. Malik and the Prime Minister, of the kind, which recently took place with the People's Conference leader Sajjad Gani Lone. However, no details were available on the substance of the discussions. National Security Advisor M. K. Narayanan, for his part, held a separate meeting last week with Farooq Kathwari, a well-connected ethnic-Kashmiri businessman who heads the U.S.-based Kashmir Study Group (KSG)...

The Hindustan Times 25 January 2006

Two more arrested in IISc attack case (Press Trust of India)

BANGALORE: Two more persons have been arrested in connection with the December 28 terrorist attack at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Police said Nizamuddin alias Munna... and M Noorulla Khan... both residents of Chintamani in Kolar district in Karnataka, were taken into custody near Hesaraghatta on the city outskirts on Sunday ... Based on the information given by Nizamuddin... and Noorulla... police recovered two "tin" bombs, one "tiffin-carrier" bomb, a country-made revolver with three rounds, three electrical detonators and a telephone book that had numbers of other members of the gang. Police said the two, who are now in police custody for further interrogation, were "very keen" to undergo terrorist weapon-training plan drawn by Afsar Pasha, who was arrested earlier...

Nepal News 26 January 2006

25 Maoists killed Palpa clash: RNA

The Royal Nepalese Army (RNA) has claimed that at least 25 Maoists were killed and several others were injured in a fierce gun-battle between the security forces and the insurgents in Bhakunde area of the western district of Palpa on Tuesday. Quoting sources at the RNA's Western Divisional Headquarters in Pokhara, the state-owned Radio Nepal on Wednesday said the rebels were killed when the security forces launched retaliatory action against them. There were no reports of casualties on the security side. A large number of arms and ammunition and various Maoist documents were recovered from the incident site, the report added.

Nepal News 26 January 2006

Maoists abduct mayoral candidate

In a bid to disrupt the municipal polls, the Maoists abducted Ram Kumar Tharu, district committee member of Nepal Sadbhavana Party (NSP), who has announced candidacy for the post of Mayor of the Gulariya municipality from his residence at ward number 6 of Gulariya municipality of western Nepal... Earlier, Maoists murdered Bijay Lal Das, a mayoral candidate of the NSP in Janakpur on Sunday.

The Daily Excelsior 26 January 2006

Two militants held in Delhi

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The Hindu 26 January 2006

Fight terror regardless of faith: Saudi King (Amit Baruah)

NEW DELHI : Saudi Arabian King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz al Saud told Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday that New Delhi and Riyadh should fight terrorism together. The King said the battle against terrorism must be waged "regardless of faith." The two leaders held discussions on increasing cooperation in the energy sector, with Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar telling The Hindu that the foundations of a "strategic energy partnership" between the two countries had been laid. The King, who held one-on-one and delegation-level talks with the Prime Minister at Hyderabad House, said that India-Saudi cooperation would benefit all humanity. The two nations, he said, should also work together to rid the world of the scourge of terrorism ...

The Indian Express 27 January 2006

Terror crackdown slackened in 2005

NEW DELHI: ...According to official sources, the total number of subversive or sabotage modules busted by the internal security agencies declined drastically in 2005 - a mere one-third compared to the previous year. These figures do not include operations conducted in the insurgency-hit Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern states. While the Union Home Ministry chose not to comment to a detailed questionnaire sent by The Indian Express, figures indicate that the total number of cases registered by the security forces in 2005 declined to 15 from the previous year's 45... Though Home Ministry officials hide behind the fact that law and order is a state subject and

that the states do not take action even after receiving specific inputs, this has a serious security ramification since it increases the deniability factor...

The Indian Express 28 January 2006

Communal violence in UP village, Muslim homes torched (Arshad Afzal Khan)

FAIZABAD: Communal violence erupted late last evening in Pure Thakur Kadanpur village in Faizabad district's Milkipur tehsil when a mob attacked a Muslim locality and burnt down at least 10 houses, a day after five persons were arrested on the charge of cow slaughter. Seventeen people have been taken into custody for participating in the attack. SSP Faizabad Avinash Chandra told The Indian Express that four platoons of the PAC had been deployed in the village... At least 15 people were injured in the incident...

The Indian Express 28 January 2006

India, Saudi join hands on terror

NEW DELHI: In the first-ever joint declaration signed by Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, India and Saudi Arabia today gave a strategic vision to the relationship and agreed to actively cooperate to fight terrorism and other transnational crimes. The landmark "Delhi declaration", which was agreed between PM Manmohan Singh and the Saudi King, also lays the basis for a strategic energy partnership... India and Saudi Arabia committed themselves to make efforts for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism, a proposal currently before the the UN General Assembly. Also, they would jointly work towards the setting up of an International Counter Terrorism Centre...

The Hindu 31 January 2006

New intelligence links IISc attack to Dhaka-based terror cell (Praveen Swami)

NEW DELHI: New evidence has emerged that the December 28, 2005 terrorist attack on the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore might have been executed by a Dhaka-based cell. Research and Analysis Wing communications intelligence personnel, intercepted a conversation between the Dhaka-based Naved Gul, a suspect wanted since 2003 for his alleged role in an operation to execute terror strikes in Ahmedabad and Hyderabad, and his handlers in Pakistan, sources told The Hindu . In the conversation, the handlers demanded to know what Gul had done with the funds despatched from West Asia for a series of terror strikes in major Indian cities. Gul drew their attention to the strike on the IISc as evidence that the resources were being put to good use. The sources said the conversation was one of dozens in which terrorist operatives based in Dhaka discussed possible terror strikes in southern India in the weeks before the January summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in Islamabad...

The Hindu 31 January 2006

Lashkar planned terror strikes in south India (Praveen Swami)

NEW DELHI: A conversation between the Dhaka-based Naved Gul, and his handlers in Pakistan, intercepted by Research and Analysis Wing intelligence personnel, links him to the December 2005 attack on the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. A suspect wanted since 2003 for his alleged role in an operation to execute terror strikes in Ahmedabad and Hyderabad, Gul was among 14 Hyderabadis recruited to train with the Lashkar-e-Taiba in Pakistan after the Gujarat pogrom in 2002. While recruits who possessed passports travelled to Pakistan by a scheduled flight from Kolkata to Bangkok, the others went through Dhaka after crossing the West Bengal-Bangladesh border. Six residents of Gujarat, from Ahmedabad, Bharuch and Surat, were also recruited for training in Pakistani jihad camps around the same time, as part of a large-scale enterprise to execute terror strikes across southern and central India...

The Indian Express 31 January 2006

Pak-trained militant among 2 held at Kurla terminus with explosives

MUMBAI: Over three weeks after three suspected Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) members were nabbed here, the Anti-Terrorist Squad arrested two men carrying two revolvers and 950 gms of a high-grade explosive powder at the city's Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 4.45 a.m. Mushiruddin Siddiqui (37) and Mansoor Ansari (24)-residents, respectively, of Virar in Maharashtra and Birgunj in Nepal-also had maps of Maharashtra, Mumbai and Manali. "Their targets could not be ascertained as the maps were unmarked," said Joint Commissioner of Police (ATS) K P Raghuvanshi. Tests on the powder, which is to be sent for identification to the Kalina Forensic Laboratory, caused an explosion effective within six feet, he said...