

Hindustan Times, 2 January 2007

**Taj Mahal third on terrorists' hit list (Nandini R Iyer)**

New Delhi (Jan 1): The Taj Mahal is under threat and this time, the danger is real. Recent intelligence inputs suggest that the Taj is the third most threatened structure in the country. The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and various nuclear installations have been on top of the list for many years. While there have been random threats to the monument in the past, it has never made it to the list of top ten threatened structures. And when it did, it went straight to the third slot. "When we interrogated terrorists earlier this year, they said that striking the Taj would help them target a large number of tourists in one stroke and also send out a global fear perception about India. Moreover, the Taj is irreplaceable," a senior Home Ministry official told the Hindustan Times. Agencies have now been asked to step up security at the Taj, the official said...

Daily Excelsior, 2 January 2007

**LeT ultras were planning blasts (PTI)**

New Delhi (Jan 1): The Lashkar-e-Toiba militants nabbed here on the eve of New Year were planning to carry out coordinated blasts using IEDs in crowded places in the capital. Samiullah Sheikh (21) and Ali Mohammed Sheikh (32) were carrying two kilograms of Improvised Explosive Devices, Joint Commissioner of Police Karnal Singh said. The two ultras were brothers and their father was an active member of Hizbul Mujahiddin, he said. The duo, hailing from Baramullah, were nabbed just minutes before they were to plant two toy-car shaped bombs in crowded Paharganj area next to New Delhi Railway Station. The area is a few hundred metres away from Connaught Place where thousands of revellers were about to gather for New Year celebrations. The IEDs, containing two kg of plastic explosives, were recovered from their bags, Singh said. Terrorists had struck in Paharganj on the eve of Diwali last year, triggering an explosion in which dozens of festival shoppers were killed.

The Times of India, 5 January 2007

**Suspected terrorist nabbed in Bangalore**

Bangalore: A suspected terrorist has been nabbed here, a senior police official said on Friday. Interrogation is on, additional commissioner of police Bipin Gopal Krishna said.

The Hindu, 6 January 2007

**Terror suspect arrested**

Bangalore: The Bangalore police arrested Imran alias Bilal, 32, a suspected terrorist from Jammu and Kashmir, in the early hours of Friday. A bag containing an AK-47 assault rifle, 300 live rounds of AK-47 ammunition, four AK-47 magazines, five hand grenades, a satellite phone, mobile phones, SIM cards, a Bangalore city map and other documents was seized from him...

The Hindu, 9 January 2007

**Anti-Terrorist Squad to be revamped**

Bangalore: The Government is planning to revamp the Anti-Terrorist Squad in the Police Department and convert it into a full-fledged unit with permanent security personnel and sophisticated weapons to effectively combat the rising terrorist activities in the State.

Addressing presspersons here on Monday, Home Minister M.P. Prakash said the rules would be changed to revamp and upgrade the squad. Recruitment will be made separately to the squad and the personnel will be given special training to handle sophisticated weapons. The squad, which was formed about 12 years ago, has become ineffective on account of frequent transfer of officials to various wings within the department, he said...

Hindustan Times, 9 January 2007

### **"LeT expanding base in Delhi"**

New Delhi: Lashkar-e-Toiba, the banned militant outfit, is expanding its base in the Capital, according to the Delhi Police. In 2006, 17 terrorists of the militant group have been arrested from the city. "It seems that Pakistan has started showing more faith in LeT than Jaish-e-Mohammad. One of the most important factors being the success rate of the LeT. They are spreading their operations very fast," said Alok Kumar, deputy commissioner of police (Special Cell). Their spread in the city can be gauged from the fact that in 2006, of the 33 militants arrested by the Delhi Police's Special Cell, 17 belonged to the banned outfit. Three belonged to Jaish, two each of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and one was from Al Badar.

The Pioneer, 10 January 2007

### **High alert in Pune against terrorist strike**

Pune: An alert was sounded in and around Pune following intelligence information about a possible terrorist strike targeting some commercial establishment or a defence installation, officials said on Tuesday. Security arrangements at important places were beefed up following an alert received from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) on Monday, Additional Director General of Police (CID) Jayant Umranikar said.

Hindustan Times, 11 January 2007

### **India's major airports on alert after hijack threat**

New Delhi: The Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi was on high alert on Wednesday after intelligence officials warned of hijack threats at all airports in metros. The reports said terrorist organisations like the Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Toiba and the Bangladesh based Huzai BD were likely to plan retaliatory action if Mohammad Afzal Guru, convicted in the Parliament attack case, did not get presidential pardon.

Indian Express, 13 January 2007

### **Army ready with doctrine on insurgency**

New Delhi: On Army Day, three days from now, the country's first counter-insurgency warfare doctrine will be unveiled and ingested into service. The doctrine will be reviewed again in five years, and for the first time encompasses experiences, methods and processes in places like J-K and the North East, and includes counter-insurgency, counter-terror and low intensity conflict. The doctrine, formulated by the Army Training Command in Shimla, has been sent out to all formations under the Northern and Eastern commands and will be discussed at the next Army Commanders Conference later this year.

The Hindu, 19 January 2007

**Harkat militants planned to carry out blast**

New Delhi: The two alleged Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami (HuJI) militants, including a Bangladeshi national, arrested here by the Special Cell of the Delhi police on January 4 planned to carry out a blast in the Capital in the run-up to the Republic Day celebrations. Deputy Commissioner of Police Alok Kumar on Thursday said Mohammad Ameen Wani was arrested at Adarsh Nagar in North-West Delhi, while the Bangladeshi national, Lutufur Rehman, was arrested at Nizamuddin in South Delhi. Mr. Kumar said the two admitted that they had been directed to carry out a terrorist strike in the Capital before January 26...

The Times of India, 20 January 2007

**Four held with explosives in Mumbai**

Mumbai: Four persons, including a woman, were arrested with 6.5 kg of the explosive substance trinitrotoluene (TNT) in North West Mumbai in the wee hours on Saturday, a senior police official said. "They were arrested with the TNT at Andheri following a tip off. We suspect them to be explosive runners who could have been entrusted with delivering the consignment to a local contact," Additional Commissioner of Police (West Region) V K Choubey said...

The Times of India, 22 January 2007

**LeT raises women jihadis in its terror network**

New Delhi: The presence of women of Kashmiri origin in the ranks of Lashkar-Taiba has set alarm bells ringing. Many of them, in fact, travelled to Pakistan on valid visas along with male accomplices and returned to the Valley after arms training. The women in the LeT ranks came to light after the recent arrest of a 20-yearold woman Khalida Akhtar in Srinagar. Her interrogation revealed that LeT has been raising a band of women terrorists of Kashmiri origin and providing them ideological and arms training in camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir...

Deccan Herald, 25 January 2007

**Five suspected LTTE men held in Chennai**

Chennai police on Tuesday arrested five suspected LTTE men and recovered from them two tonnes of ball bearings used in making explosives. Acting on a tip-off that the consignment had been brought to Chennai from Mumbai by train, the Q branch of the city police dealing with extremists raided a lorry booking office near the Central railway station and arrested the five along with three locals as the ball bearings were being loaded onto lorries for transshipment to Tuticorin...

The Hindu, 26 January 2007

**Militant held, explosives seized in Delhi**

New Delhi: A suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was arrested with 2.5 kg of RDX by the Special Cell of the Delhi police from near the Seelampur Metro station on Thursday. The militant was to hand over the explosives to an LeT module that was to carry out blasts here on Republic Day. A hunt has been launched for the other militants. According to Joint Commissioner of Police Karnal Singh, the Special Cell had in March

2005 smashed an LeT module by killing three terrorists in an encounter and arresting six others...

Deccan Herald, 31 January 2007

**LTTE arms case: 2 more arrested**

With the Mumbai police arresting two more persons in connection with the supply of ball bearings used in the making of explosives to suspected LTTE operatives, the number of arrests in the case has gone up to 11. Following the arrest of five Sri Lankans, suspected to be members of the LTTE, and four locals and the recovery of two tonnes of ball bearings from them last week, the Q branch of the Tamil Nadu police alerted the Mumbai police...