

The Hindu, 1 June 2005

Delhi blasts: two held (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested two Babbar Khalsa members in connection with the twin blasts in cinema halls here.

The Hindu, 2 June 2005

India, Russia and China decide to combat terrorism (Press Trust of India)

Vladivostok: Seeking to upgrade their cooperation to a qualitatively new level, India, Russia and China today decided to cooperate to combat terrorism and other new threats and agreed on the "objective requirement" for comprehensive UN reforms covering expansion of the Security Council. The three Ministers "declared the intention of India, Russia and China to cooperate in trilateral format in combating new threats and challenges," the communique said. They stressed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and irrespective of its origins and motivations posed one of the most serious threats to international peace and security. The three sides agreed that the scourge of terrorism should be combated in a "consistent, sustained and comprehensive manner without any double standards."

The Daily Excelsior, 5 June 2005

3 Kashmir ultras held in Delhi with cash, RDX (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: Delhi police today claimed to have arrested three terrorists of Hizb-e-Islami in the capital and seized 0.5 kg RDX and Rs 1.10 lakh in fake currency from them. While two of the terrorists identified as Ejaz Ahmed Wani and Shabir Ahmed Peer were nabbed in Nizamuddin area on May 28, the third Nazir Ahmed Khan was arrested today from Lajpat Rai market area of North Delhi, police said. Police recovered 0.5 kgs of RDX from Nazir... Police also seized Rs 60,000 from Wani and Rs 50,000 from Peer in fake currency, he said, adding the money was meant for funding militant operations in Jammu and Kashmir. Nazir's capture was important because all the finances of the Hizb-e-Islami in Delhi were controlled by him, Kumar said.

The Hindu, 9 June 2005

Babbar Khalsa chief arrested

NEW DELHI: Jagtar Singh Hawara, chief of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) in India, who made a dramatic escape from the Burail Jail in Chandigarh last year, and two accused in the blasts that rocked two cinema halls here were arrested at Narela early on Wednesday. The arrests followed an encounter with the Inter-State Cell of the Delhi police. A huge consignment of RDX and ammunition were recovered from them. The police recovered 10.35 kg of RDX, four pistols of foreign make, 207 live cartridges, three remote-controlled explosive devices and a hand grenade from the vehicle. "The accused said the BKI was trying to revive militancy in the country, especially in Punjab," said Dr. Paul... Delhi Police Commissioner...

The Hindu, 11 June 2005

Hizb militant held

NEW DELHI: Police on Friday said they had captured a Pakistan-trained militant belonging to the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit and seized half a kg of RDX.

The Hindu, 14 June 2005

Explosives seized (Press Trust of India)

NEW DELHI: A large quantity of explosives, including 69 detonators, have been recovered at the Indira Gandhi International Airport here. One person has been arrested.

The Times of India, 20 June 2005

Terror capital: Delhi is the new militant haven

NEW DELHI: Glancing at the recent happenings and increased terrorist activity in Delhi, it is evident the National Capital is fast becoming the mastermind centre for terrorist activities. The city is an emerging transit point for exchange of arms, ammunitions and explosives. Moreover, it has become a base for planning attacks on other parts of the nation. In 2005 alone, over 100 kilograms of explosives including 20 kilograms of RDX, over 450 detonators, ABCD and electronic timers, satellite phones, AK-56 rifles, hand grenades and live ammunitions, and over Rs 2.5 lakh worth hawala money with two kilograms of gold have been recovered. The number of terrorists arrested and killed in encounters has seen a sharp rise this year. The Delhi Police special cell alone has arrested 13 militants and gunned down another five in encounters, carried out since January 1, 2005. With the arrest of two LeT terrorists from M u k a r b a chowk in north - west Delhi, the police got links on a hideout in Uttam Nagar in west Delhi, where three other LeT men were killed. The terror extends its arms to catch the youthful by motivating them to join their outfits, corroding the future of the country. Several of these organisations are

supported by hawala money and RDX, made available from abroad.

The Hindu, 21 June 2005

Babbar Khalsa changes strategy to revive terror

CHANDIGARH: The terrorist outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), which is working in tandem with some Pakistani groups, is reported to have made major changes in its strategy to revive its network in Punjab. The police chief, who was hopeful of making further success in neutralising the remaining modules, said that the investigations so far had indicated that the BKI was functioning in tandem with Pakistani groups that were inimical to the ongoing peace process with India. Seeking to allay all fears of revival of terrorism in Punjab, Mr. Virk said that the State police had done a commendable job in neutralising various modules set up by the BKI, before they could strike. Mr. Virk said that following the arrest of Hawara, the police in every district set up special task force (STF) units to trace and neutralise BKI modules.

The Times of India, 28 June 2005

IGI terror sat phones have Al Badr links

NEW DELHI: The communications equipment seized at IGI Airport on June 15 had been sent from Jeddah by Al Badr, a Kashmir terror group. The mystery shrouding the seizure, comprising more than 50 wireless sets, was unravelled after the arrest of an Al Badr member from the Valley on Sunday. The 27-year-old man, Abid Ubaid, has revealed to Delhi Police that the entire exercise of arranging for wireless sets from Jeddah was carried out by Bilal, a top Al Badr mercenary. The disclosure has now sent the cops and intelligence agencies on the trail of top Al Badr mercenary, Bilal, who is said to be the mastermind behind the operation. Bilal is also said to have worked with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen for several years.

The Hindu, 29 June 2005

BKI militant arrested

NEW DELHI: An alleged Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) militant who had agreed to become a "human bomb" was arrested at Majnu Ka Tila in North Delhi by the Inter-State Cell of the Crime Branch of the Delhi police on Monday. A pistol and 15 live cartridges were recovered from him. Police said Hawara had disclosed that Satnam and some other BKI militants had agreed to become human bombs.

The Daily Excelsior, 29 June 2005

Hawara to be taken to J&K to probe militant links

NEW DELHI: Jagtar Singh Hawara, chief of Pak-based Babbar Khalsa militant outfit's Indian operation and prime accused in the cinema blasts will be taken to Jammu and Kashmir to probe his alleged links with terrorists there as a Delhi court today extended his police remand by nine days. "During interrogation Hawara revealed his plans to revive terrorism in Punjab and also his links with the terror network in Jammu and Kashmir"... He said police had got vital clues regarding source of huge cache of arms seized from the accused, their logistical support, future plans and role in hawala transactions.

The Indian Express, 29 June 2005

Babbar Khalsa operative held, a suicide bomber, say cops

New Delhi: The Delhi Police have arrested a Babbar Khalsa International operative who they say is a "human bomb." Police say he has made four abortive attempts to target Punjab's controversial religious leaders and senior politicians, including former Haryana chief minister, Bhajan Lal. Satnam told the police that he had received firearms training from BKI India chief Jagtar Singh Hawara. He was to use a specially-built belt with a button device in which explosives were loaded. He also talked about two failed attempts to kill Bhajan Lal during the recent Haryana assembly elections.