

The Daily Times, 6 March 2005

3 LeT members killed in Delhi (AFP)

NEW DELHI: Indian police on Saturday killed three militants belonging to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LT) group in New Delhi and arrested two others, police said. The Press Trust of India said a big haul of explosives and some AK-47 rifles were seized from the militants. A television news channel said they were planning to attack a military training academy in Dehradun, 200 kilometres northeast of Delhi.

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3 LeT militants killed in Delhi (PTI)

NEW DELHI, Mar 5: Foiling an attempt by Lashkar-e-Toiba militants to attack Indian Military Academy in Dehradun, police shot dead three members of the outfit, including two Pakistani nationals, in an encounter here tonight. Three AK-56 rifles and a huge amount of explosives and ammunition had been recovered from them, he said. Initial investigations had revealed they had come to Delhi from Jammu and Kashmir and were on their way to Uttaranchal's capital Dehradun where they planned to carry out a suicide attack on the IMA, the sources said.

The Hindu, 7 March 2005

Militants planned to attack Bangalore IT firms, military academy

NEW DELHI, MARCH 6. The alleged Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants, who were gunned down in an encounter with the Special Cell of the Delhi police in West Delhi on Saturday night, had plans to target some prominent information technology (IT) companies in Bangalore, apart from the Indian Military Academy in Dehra Dun. The police said the identification of the slain militants was done by Hamid Hussain, who along with his accomplice, Sariq, was arrested with 10.5 kg RDX on G.T. Karnal Road around 4-45 p.m. on Saturday.

The Daily Excelsior, 11 March 2005

Govt won't be soft on terrorism: Manmohan

NEW DELHI, Mar 10: Reaffirming his Government's resolve to effectively deal with terrorists and militants, Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, declared that there would be no compromise with terrorists. He asserted in the Lok Sabha on Thursday that the ruling UPA (United Progressive Alliance) coalition would encourage dialogue with all groups in Jammu and Kashmir that abjure arms and eschew violence. The Prime Minister, who devoted significant portion of his speech to Jammu and Kashmir, said that he was conscious of the external dimensions of terrorism in the State. At the same time, he claimed that the infiltration (from across the border) in J&K had come down by more than 60 per cent during 2004.

The Hindu, 11 March 2005

Ready for talks if militants abjure violence: Manmohan

NEW DELHI: The Government will not compromise in the fight against terrorism but is willing to engage militants in a dialogue if they abjure the path of violence, the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, said in the Lok Sabha today. The Prime Minister said the Government would tackle the militancy in Jammu and Kashmir, the insurgency in the North-East and the naxalite problem by working with the States in all spheres - political, economic, social and developmental - and helping them modernise their security apparatus.

The Hindu, 14 March 2005

Imam, teacher arrested

NEW DELHI. An imam and a teacher of a "madrassa" have been arrested by the Special Cell of the Delhi police for their alleged links with the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) module that it smashed recently. The police allegedly recovered grenade, a pistol and live rounds from their possession. According to the police, the Lashkar operative, Hamid Hussain, who was arrested with an RDX consignment, disclosed that Masood Azhar, an imam with the Baghwali Mosque at Welcome in North-East Delhi, was in the know of the conspiracy hatched by the LeT.

The Times of India, 15 March 2005

After Wipro, bomb scare at Infosys campus (Press Trust of India)

BANGALORE: An anonymous call claiming that a bomb had been planted in the campus of software major Infosys sent the police into a tizzy but it turned out to be a hoax, less than a week after a similar incident at Wipro. A Wipro employee was arrested within hours on March 9 and police quoted him as having said that he made the call to expose the lax security in software companies. The incident had, however, created panic as it came close on the heels of Delhi Police uncovering a plot by Lashkar-e-Toiba militants to target software companies in Bangalore.

The Tribune, 16 March 2005

India to raise issue of Pak terrorism with Rice (Rajeev Sharma)

As US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived here this evening on her maiden bilateral visit to India, key sources in South Block said the Government of India's focus would be giving a fillip to Indo-US ties rather than Pakistan-related issues. Pakistan will inevitably come up for discussions between the Indian leadership and Ms Rice and in this context India will raise concern over two issues: (i) Lashkar-e-Toiba's failed attempt to target India's IT industry, and (ii) the proposed US arms sales to Pakistan. Recently Indian security forces had busted a LeT module which revealed that the arrested terrorists had planned to attack offices of Indian IT giants like Infosys. India will convey to Ms Rice that though terrorist activities had been showing a declining trend... more needed to be done by Pakistan on this front.

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ISI to work with militants

NEW DELHI: Top military brass of Pakistan has authorised the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) to "work out a strategy with extremist groups to launch fresh attacks on a limited basis in the Indian territory". A meeting of Corps Commanders was held on January five in Islamabad and they asked the intelligence agency to work out strategy for launching limited attacks in India from March 2005, said the book 'The Final Settlement-Restructuring India-Pakistan Relations', issued by the international centre for peace initiatives. "The number of armed militants is estimated to be around 200,000, but there are no defined lines between armed and unarmed militants due to frequent changes in their respective roles."

The Daily Excelsior, 22 March 2005

Top LeT militant arrested from WB

KOLKATA, Mar 21: A top Lashkar-e-Toiba militant was arrested from a village near Kaliachak in Malda district by the joint squad of West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir Police. Police here today said that top LeT militant Nazir Ahmed Khan alias Muslim Inqilabi was arrested from the house of a brick kiln worker yesterday. Police said Nazir Ahmed had been charged with killing 18 people, including a major of the Army in Jammu and Kashmir and police there had already declared him as 'Most Wanted'. Police said Nazir Ahmed had stated that he along with 118 militants received training from the Pakistan Army and crossed over to Kashmir for creating violence. Each of the militants were given two AK-47 rifles, five magazines full of bullets and two grenades, Nazir told the police.