

Security forces kill mastermind behind Srinagar car bomb blast

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"Doctor Saheb", the alleged mastermind behind last month's car bomb blast outside the high- security Central Jail here, has been killed in an encounter at Ledhu forest in South Kashmir, senior officials said on Thursday. Acting on a tip off, the police and the Army, had cordoned off the forest area stretching between Krew and Tral area of South Kashmir, after which three terrorists were killed while six to seven were still hiding in the forests. Identification of the dead Lashkar militants revealed that one of them was Muddasir, a resident of Awantipura (South Kashmir), who left Bachelor of Dental Science course to join Lashkar terror group.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article30866.ece>

Terrorists hold 10-15 people hostage in GHQ's security office

The News, 10 October 2009

ISLAMABAD: About 4 to 5 terrorists are holding 10-15 people, including security and civil personnel, hostage in a security office of GHQ, DG ISPR Maj. General Athar Abbas said on Saturday. Security personnel have surrounded the office, he added. Earlier, six terrorists attempted to launch an attack on GHQ which was foiled by the security personnel. Four terrorists were killed.

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LeT serious threat, Pak needs to act against Saeed: EU

Daily Excelsior, 11 October 2009

NEW DELHI: Viewing Lashkar-e-Taiba as a "very serious threat" to India and rest of the world, European Union has made it clear that Pakistan should act against the terror group, its frontal outfit JuD and its chief Hafiz Saeed as a "consequence" of ban imposed by the UN Security Council. EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove said the civilian democratic Government and army of Pakistan will have to get their "act together" to eliminate such threats emanating from that country. "27 member states (of EU) fully understand and share the assessment that LeT is a very serious threat," he said in an interview here.

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/web1/09oct11/newsupdate.htm#3>

GHQ attacked

The News, 11 October 2009

RAWALPINDI: At least 11 persons including a brigadier, a colonel, four soldiers and five terrorists were killed in a fierce gunbattle on Saturday when terrorists, clad in army uniforms, attempted to fight their way into the Army's General Headquarters (GHQ) here. Five troops were wounded critically, Army sources said. The bodies and the injured troops were shifted to the military hospital. Brigadier Anwar and Colonel Waseem were among the officers who embraced martyrdom.

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'Blame game against Pakistan should stop'

The News, 11 October 2009

WASHINGTON: Reacting strongly to his Afghan counterpart's hastily made allegations of a Pakistani connection to this week's bombing in Kabul, Islamabad's Ambassador to the United States Hussain Haqqani has denounced the blame game against Pakistan. Haqqani pointed out that Pakistan itself was a major victim of terrorism and Saturday's attack on its military headquarter in Rawalpindi could raise doubts about the involvement of Pakistan's traditional enemies. "It is unfortunate that instead of working together with Pakistan to eliminate the common threat of terrorism, some of our neighbors choose to blame us," he said in a statement.

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'Senior officers were main target of GHQ attack'

The News, 13 October 2009

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: Three SSG commandos, injured during Sunday's rescue operation at the GHQ, died in the hospital on Monday morning, raising the military's death toll to 14. The Army said that the attackers had demanded release of over 100 detained militants. The military spokesman said senior Army officials were the main target of the attackers, adding the attack was planned in South Waziristan Agency and five of the terrorists belonged to the Baitullah group.

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Coordinated Attacks Strike Cultural Heart of Pakistan

NYT, 15 October 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Militants dressed in police uniforms simultaneously attacked three law enforcement agencies in Lahore on Thursday morning, the fifth major attack in Pakistan in the last 10 days. The assaults took place on the regional center of the Federal Investigation Agency and two police training centers just before 9:30 a.m. in Lahore, the capital of Punjab Province and Pakistan's second most populous city. More than 30 people were killed, including 19 police officers and at least 11 militants, police officials said. The umbrella group for the Pakistani Taliban, Tehrik-e-Taliban, claimed responsibility for the multiple attacks in Lahore, the independent television news channel, GEO, reported on its Web site.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/16/world/asia/16pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page_wanted=print

11 terrorists killed in SWA operation

The News, 17 October 2009

WANA: Fighter jets of security forces pounded militants' positions in South Waziristan, killing 11 terrorists and destroying 2 hideouts during the ongoing military operation on Saturday. Two security personnel were martyred and five injured in two separate attacks in SWA, sources said. According to details, a security man was martyred and three others injured in a remote detonated bomb attack on a vehicle of security forces in Karkunray area near Jandola in SWA. The military forces repulsed and pounded militants' positions in Karkunray with the help of fighter jets. As a result, 11 terrorists were killed and 8 others injured. Two militants' hideouts were also destroyed.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89352>

Ground offensive launched in South Waziristan

The News, 18 October 2009

WANA/PESHAWAR: The Army launched a ground operation against the Hakimullah Mehsud-led militants in South Waziristan on Saturday, with soldiers advancing from three directions. The much-awaited operation had become the common demand of almost all the political parties and intelligentsia since October 5 after a chain of terrorist attacks in major cities and locations as sensitive as the General Headquarters (GHQ).

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Pakistani Brigadier Assassinated in the Capital

NYT, 22 October 2009

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Two assailants on a motorbike fired on a Pakistani Army jeep amid heavy rush-hour traffic Thursday morning, killing a brigadier and his driver, a security official said. The assassination of the brigadier, Moinudin Ahmed, was believed to be the first targeted attack on a senior military officer in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, and also suggested a new tactic in the ongoing war between the government and Islamist militants. Until now, the military has been able to mostly move freely through the capital. The assailants fired with automatic weapons at the jeep, which was not bulletproof, and then disappeared into heavy traffic, according to witnesses. The attack took place around 9:30 a.m. in the G-11 neighborhood of the capital.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/23/world/asia/23pstan.html?_r=1&ref=asia&page=wanted=print

Pak plans to push terrorists to create mayhem in India: Chidambaram

The Hindu, 25 October 2009

Pakistan-based terror organisations Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Hizbul Mujahideen are planning to infiltrate terrorists into India to "create mayhem", Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Sunday, asserting that the country's security forces were, however, prepared to meet any external threat. He said Pakistan has no will to prosecute and punish the perpetrators of last year's Mumbai attacks and voiced concern over the spread of Taliban in that country, apprehending that the danger could spread to the rest of South Asia including India.

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/national/article38343.ece>

Balochistan Education minister shot down

The News, 25 October 2009

QUETTA: Balochistan Education Minister Shafiq Ahmed has been shot down in Quetta in an incident of drive-by shooting in front of his house, Geo News reported Sunday. According to police sources, the incident occurred near his residence. He along with his father-in-law was getting down from his car to enter his house, when he was shot down. The masked miscreants were riding motorbike and they attacked while driving by. The father in law of the minister Hidaytullah Jafar is also critically injured in the incident; he has been shifted to the hospital.

<http://thenews.jang.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89982>