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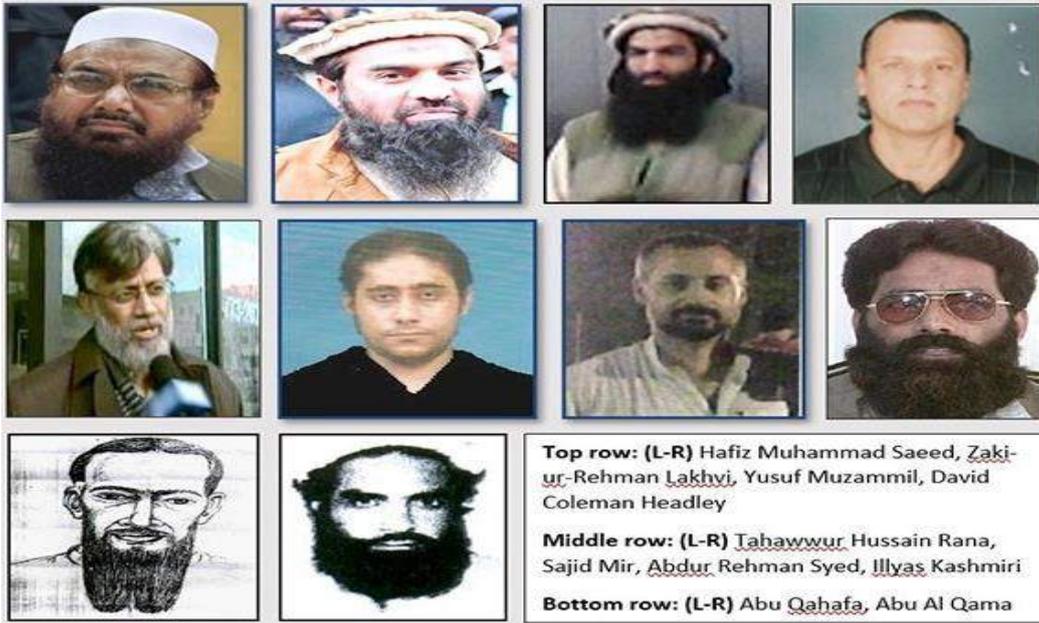
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INDIA STILL SEEKS CLOSURE ON 26/11 TERROR ATTACKS

GOVT TELLS PAKISTAN TO SPEED UP TRIAL OF CONSPIRATORS



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On the anniversary of the 26/11 attacks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India cannot forget the wounds of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, and added “I pay my homage to all those who died in the Mumbai attacks. Many brave police personnel were martyred in this attack. I also pay homage to them”.

Meanwhile, the external affairs ministry summoned a senior Pakistani diplomat to demand the speedy trial of the conspirators who planned the carnage in Mumbai. “It is a matter of deep anguish that even after 13 years of this heinous terror attack, the families of 166 victims from 15 countries across the globe still await closure, with Pakistan showing little sincerity in bringing the perpetrators to justice,” the statement said.

After intense international pressure, Pakistan’s Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) started probe into the attacks. However, only a sham of trial of seven accused has been done, with little headway being made so far, claiming lack of evidence against them.

The perpetrators of this terrorist attack continue to evade justice (see pic above) in spite of India having provided irrefutable evidence against Hafiz Saeed and others involved in the Mumbai attacks.

It is important to note that that Hafiz Saeed and his associates, though UN designated terrorists, are not being prosecuted in Pakistan on terrorism charges. On the contrary, they currently face minor cases on terror funding, mainly to evade FATF sanctions. - [IANS](#)

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US Secretary of State
Anthony Blinken

The US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, tweeted to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks in 2008.

“Thirteen years have passed since the 26/11 terrorist attacks in Mumbai. On today’s anniversary, we remember the victims, including six Americans and the resiliency of the Mumbaikars. It is long overdue for the perpetrators of justice.”

His remarks resonated with the Deputy Secretary of State, Wendy Sherman, who paid homage to the victims of the 26/11 attack.

Patricia A Lacina, Chargé d’Affaires of the American Embassy in New Delhi, reiterated the American commitment towards India; while paying tribute to the victims. [Republic World](#), [NDTV](#)

IMRAN KHAN LIFTS BAN ON RADICAL GROUP TLP



Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP)
Leader Hafiz Saad Hasan Rizvi

On 7 November 2021, Pakistan prime minister approved the removal of the radical Sunni Barelvi group, Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) from the country's list of banned outfits.

The move is seen by many liberal observers as Pakistan government's surrender to extremist religious forces in the wake of a violent anti-government protest.

The TLP, led by Hafiz Saad Hasan Rizvi, was declared as a proscribed organisation in April this year after violent protests by the group to force the government to expel the French ambassador over the issue of controversial cartoons of the Prophet published in France.

The group again took to the streets in October this year and at least 21 people, including 10 policemen, lost their lives during fierce confrontation.

After violent protests, TLP entered into an agreement with the government. — [PTI](#)

PAKISTAN GOVT UNDER CLOUD OVER TALKS WITH TERRORISTS

APEX COURT GRILLS IMRAN ON TALKS WITH TTP, SINDH ASSEMBLY SLAMS PM



Pakistan PM Imran Khan arriving at his country's Supreme Court to explain his decision to negotiate with the terrorist group TTP. — [Samaa TV](#)

On 10 November 2021, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan faced a barrage of questions from a three-judge bench of the country's Supreme Court over why he was negotiating with the perpetrators of the massacre of 150 people, mostly schoolchildren at a hearing of the 2014 terror attack in Peshawar on an army-run school.

The bench, which was headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Gulzar Ahmed, and comprised Justice Qazi Mohammad Amin Ahmed and Justice Ijazul Ahsan, had summoned Imran Khan to ask him why instead of any action being taken against those responsible for the security failure in the terrorist attack, perpetrated by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the government was holding talks for a peace deal with the terrorist group.

"You are in power. The government is also yours. What did you do? You brought those guilty to the negotiating table," Chief Justice Ahmed told Prime Minister Imran Khan.

The Pakistan government is currently in talks with the TTP over a "reconciliation process", with Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry having announced on 08 November 2021, that a "complete ceasefire" had been reached with the banned outfit.

Thereafter, Sindh Assembly passed a resolution on 19 November 2021, opposing the secret negotiations that were conducted between Imran Khan's government and the TTP. The assembly adopted the resolution with a majority vote; while decrying the federal government's decision not to take into confidence; other stakeholders. The proposal was initially proposed by the province's ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

Highlighting the countless acts of violence committed by the TTP, the house rejected the "complete bypass of the parliament as the supreme institution in the country to decide upon matters of national security." — [Express Tribune](#), [DAWN](#), [The Hindu](#)

SEVEN NATIONS CONFER ON AFGHANISTAN AT NSA MEET

RISK OF TERRORISM, DRUG TRAFFICKING UNDER TALIBAN RULE DISCUSSED



NSA Ajit Doval with National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan during The Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on 10 November 2021. – ANI

On 10 November 2021, top security officials of seven countries released a consensus document on the issue of Afghanistan. The document was released at the conclusion of a regional security dialogue chaired by India’s National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval. The National Security Advisers or Secretaries of the Security Council of five Central Asian countries - Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan besides Russia and Iran - attended the New Delhi meet. While China cited “scheduling issues” as the reason for its absence from the event, Pakistan accused India of being a spoiler in Afghanistan to explain its rejection of the event. The Taliban was not invited to the dialogue since it is yet to gain official recognition from India.

The officials expressed profound concern over the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, primarily with the onset of winter and increasing starvation. They also cited the need for collective engagement to combat “the menace of radicalisation, extremism, separatism, and drug trafficking in the region.” Additionally, they addressed the need to promote inclusive “administrative and political structures.” Furthermore, the delegates reiterated the call for disallowing the Afghan territory from being used as a launchpad; for committing terrorist attacks against other countries.

The NSAs expressed deep concern over the suffering of the people of Afghanistan arising from the security situation in the war-torn country and condemned the terrorist attacks in Kunduz, Kandahar and Kabul reiterating strong support for a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan. –[Hindustan Times](#), [WION News](#), [News18](#)

DIALOGUE GREETED BY UNINVITED TALIBAN



Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen

Following the conclusion of the NSA-level Afghan meeting, Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen called the event a positive development and hoped its deliberations would “contribute to the peace and stability of Afghanistan”.

Speaking to an Indian television channel (CNN-News18), Shaheen said Taliban agrees with the key point of the NSA meet — namely the need for unhindered access to humanitarian assistance for Afghans. He also agreed with the call of the meeting regarding non-interference in internal affairs of Afghanistan, which he said is something that is also mentioned in the Doha agreement between Washington and the Taliban in 2020. On the subject that Afghan territory should not be used for “sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist acts”, Shaheen said, “Yes, that is our commitment.” —

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IRAQI PRIME MINISTER AL-KADHIMI SURVIVES DRONE TERROR ATTACK

Nobody has assumed responsibility for an attempted assassination of Prime Minister of Iraq Mustafa al-Kadhimi on 7 November 2021. The attack carried out by a drone was quickly termed as an act of terrorism, although al-Kadhimi remained unharmed. Six bodyguards were wounded in this attack.

The attack comes on the heels of recent electoral results that have been marred by allegations of fraud by pro-Iran groups whose leverage has been considerably reduced after losing 2/3 of their parliamentary majority. Some analysts claim the results mark an “escalation of power struggle” between the pro and anti-Iran forces in Iraq. — [*The Guardian*](#), [Reuters](#), [NDTV](#)

19 killed, 50 Injured in ISKP attack in Kabul

The Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) has carried out a major terrorist attack for the fourth time in Afghanistan since the fall of Kabul in August 2021.

At least 19 people were killed and 50 were injured when five ISKP terrorists - a suicide bomber and four gunmen attacked the Sardar Daud Khan Hospital on 3 November 2021.

Hamdullah Mokhlis, an officer in the Badri corps special forces and a member of the Haqqani network, was also killed while responding to this attack. — [NDTV](#), [France24](#)

Hamas' Shooting Rocks Jerusalem

A member of Hamas' political wing and resident of East Jerusalem opened fire near the Al-Aqsa mosque in which one person was killed, while three sustained injuries. Dressed as an Orthodox Jew, the perpetrator identified as Fadi Abu Shkaydam started shooting on people for as long as 32-36 seconds as part of a premeditated, cold-blooded attack. He was later shot down by Israeli security forces.

Hamas hailed the incident as “heroic” and issued a warning to Israeli authorities that they should stop attacks on religious sites and territories claimed by Palestinians. Furthermore, it warned that Israel will “pay a price for the iniquities it has committed against Al-Aqsa mosque, Silwan, Sheikh Jarrah, and elsewhere.” — [Jerusalem Post](#), [BBC News](#)

Mother of ‘Terrorist’ to Face Trial

The mother of one of the terrorists behind the 2015 Bataclan Concert Hall attacks in Paris has been arrested, along with six relatives for funding terrorism. Fatima Hajji, mother of the terrorist Foued Mohamed Aggad is due to face trial in March 2022, for “financing terrorism.” She was arrested in June 2021 on charges of providing her son and his partner with €13,000 between 2014 and 2015 to allegedly carry out terrorist attacks. - [Euronews](#)

Terrorists Kill Seven in Manipur Ambush

In the first significant attack on Indian forces in Manipur since June 2018, an Assam Rifles convoy came under a two-front attack on 13 November 2021. Initially, an IED blast and then an indiscriminate armed attack by terrorists killed five army personnel and two civilians. Four others were wounded in the terror strike. The Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) and Manipur-based People's Liberation Army (PLAM) collectively claimed responsibility for this incident, which took place in the Churachandpur district. — [Hindustan Times](#), [News18](#), [Mint](#)

ISIS Links of German Lone-Wolf Attacker

Prosecutors in Munich are examining whether a knife attack that injured four people on a high-speed train between Regensburg and Nuremberg on 6 November 2021 was carried out by Islamist terrorists. A 27-year-old Syrian perpetrator has been arrested in this case and it has been discovered that he had accessed ISIS propaganda videos on his phone. He has also shown signs of mental illness and has been admitted to a psychiatric hospital. — [The Local](#), [AP](#)

Radicals' Guidebook to Fool Rehab Experts

The noted international research organisation known as The Counter Extremism Project recently unveiled a report which reveals how radicalised European inmates use psychological tricks to deceive the system.

The report illustrates many instances where inmates undergoing deradicalization programmes have resorted to studying psychology to formulate strategies in order to convince their rehab experts that they no longer pose a threat to society at large and are fit to be released from captivity. — [The Counter Extremism Project](#), [The Guardian](#)