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Khalistan Sympathisers Attack Hindu Temple in Canada

On 4 November 2024, a mob consisting of Khalistan sympathisers attacked Hindu devotees visiting the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton (Ontario, Canada). These extremists were protesting outside the religious site to mark the so-called 40th ‘anniversary’ of the Sikh riots. The attacks led to further violence.

Following this violence by pro-Khalistan extremists, more rioting ensued in two locations of Mississauga, which involved hundreds of other demonstrators.

The Indian government strongly denounced these acts of violent extremism with Prime Minister Narendra Modi issuing the statement: “I strongly condemn the deliberate attack on a Hindu temple in Canada. Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats.”

Even a Canadian member of parliament, Chandra Acharya condemned the 4 November attack by tweeting, “A red line has been crossed by Canadian Khalistani

extremists today. The attack by Khalistanis on the Hindu-Canadian devotees inside the premises of the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton shows how deep and brazen has Khalistani violent extremism become in Canada. I begin to feel that there is a small grain of truth in the reports that in addition to Canadian political apparatus, Khalistanis have effectively infiltrated into our law enforcement agencies. No wonder that under the 'freedom of expression' Khalistani extremists are getting a free pass in Canada. As I have been saying for long, Hindu-Canadians, for the security and safety of our community, need to step up and assert their rights and hold politicians accountable.”

The principal organiser of the so-called Khalistan referendum in Canada - Inderjeet Gosal- has been arrested and charged in connection with the violent attack on the Hindu Sabha Mandir.

Gosal is considered to be Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) leader Gurpatwant Pannun’s lieutenant. – [*Hindustan Times*](#), [*India Today*](#), [*Times of India*](#)

India Marks 16th Anniversary of 26/11 Terror Attacks

India observed 16 years of the deadly 26/11 terror attacks carried out by Pakistan-backed terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, targeting key spots across Mumbai. A series of coordinated terror attacks at the Taj Hotel, Oberoi Trident Hotel, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Leopold Cafe, Mumbai Chabad House, Nariman House, Cama Hospital, and Metro Cinema had resulted in the deaths of at least 166 people and wounded more than 300 civilians and armed personnel. While nine attackers were gunned down by Indian security forces, one surviving terrorist, Ajmal Kasab, was captured, tried, and executed in November 2012.

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, paid tribute to the lives lost during the horrific tragedy as she tweeted, “On the anniversary of cowardly terror attacks in Mumbai on 26th November 2008, I join the entire nation in paying homage to the bravehearts who lost their lives and express solidarity with their families. A grateful nation salutes its valiant security personnel who made ultimate sacrifice while protecting

our people. It is also the day to reiterate that India remains firmly committed to defeating terrorism in all its forms.”

In a post on X, Union Home Minister Amit Shah condemned terrorism as “a blot on the entire human civilisation,” while praising India’s stance against such violence. “The Modi government’s ‘zero tolerance’ policy against terrorism has been appreciated by the entire world,” Mr Amit Shah noted, saying that under this leadership, “India has become a world leader in anti-terrorism initiatives.”

Since 2008, India has steadily bolstered its counter-terrorism initiatives and legislations to combat the menace of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. This has resulted in the reduction of terrorism-related activities over the years. Terrorism has reduced by 70 per cent in the past decade alone. Furthermore, the National Investigation Agency has investigated cases under the UAPA and has successfully achieved a conviction rate of nearly 95 per cent. – [PIB](#), [NDTV](#), [The Indian Express](#)

India Enhances Counter-Terror Skills in Major National Exercise

A national counter-terrorist and counter-IED exercise of various state and central security forces, which began on 4 November 2024, concluded at the National Security Guard (NSG) garrison in Manesar, Gurugram.

This exercise witnessed the participation of 667 commandos drawn from 31 police (ranging from states such as Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, among others) and central paramilitary forces.

Teams were trained in tactical urban and rural settings where they conducted live interventions in various scenarios, including in buses, metro trains, railways, and aircraft.

In addition, they received training in improvised explosive device (IED) search, bomb defusal and in carrying out safe and sanitised procedures.

The 10th national joint counter-terrorist exercise named 'Agnipariksha', and the 8th national joint counter-IED exercise termed 'Visfot Kawach' was held to 'improve the coordination and synergy' between the NSG and the state forces.

The annual exercise also aligns with the Ministry of Home Affairs' directives of 'duty to share' expertise by the NSG in its niche competencies.

NSG DG Brighu Srinivasan said during the closing event that his organisation will continue to undertake efforts to build the capacity of the first responders of the states (state police forces and commando units) and the final responders, the 'black cats' commando force. – [The Week](#), [ANI News](#)

Tahawwur Rana Challenges Extradition to India in US Supreme Court

Tahawwur Rana, a key figure in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, is challenging his extradition to India in the US Supreme Court. On 13 November 2024, Rana filed a “petition for a writ of certiorari” before the US Supreme Court. This is his last legal chance not to be extradited to India.

Rana is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the terror incident. Rana, accused of aiding the attackers, argues against his transfer to face charges in India.

The case, involving complex legal issues, highlights ongoing tensions related to the fight against terrorism. A final decision on the extradition is pending. – [India Today](#)

Missing Israeli-Moldovan Rabbi Found Dead in the UAE

Zvi Kogan, an Israeli-Moldovan rabbi, was found dead on 24 November 2024 after going missing in the UAE. He worked with the New York-based Orthodox Jewish Chabad movement.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office condemned the event as ‘heinous antisemitic terrorist act.’

The UAE’s Interior Ministry has announced the arrest of three individuals in connection with Kogan’s death and assured the public that it would “respond decisively and without leniency to any actions or attempts that threaten societal stability.” – [Reuters](#)

12 Soldiers and 6 Militants Killed in Terror Attack in Northwest Pakistan

In a terror attack in northwest Pakistan, 12 soldiers and six militants have been killed. The incident occurred in the Bannu District of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, where a group of militants targeted a military convoy.

This district has seen a notable surge in militant violence in the recent past. For its part, the Pakistan army retaliated, killing several attackers.

The attack, attributed to insurgent groups, underscores ongoing security challenges in the region. It came a day after four people, including a tribal chief and a woman were killed and two others injured after unknown people opened fire at a vehicle. – [Times of India](#)