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Govt Won't Spare Any Involved in Pahalgam Attack: Home Minister

Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has reaffirmed the government's **zero-tolerance policy against terrorism**, declaring that those responsible for the Pahalgam attack of 22 April 2025 would **not be spared**. He has also emphasised that India remains committed to **uprooting terrorism from every inch of the country** and ensuring a **befitting response** to those involved.

Previously, paying tribute to the victims on the attack's **first anniversary** in April 2026, he had described **terrorism as the greatest enemy of humanity** and called for a **united global response** against the threat. He noted that the grief of losing innocent lives continues to be felt across the country and stressed that **India will continue its uncompromising stance against terrorism and those who harbour it**.

Mr Shah also highlighted that the **international community has expressed support for India** in its fight against terrorism.

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** also remembered the victims, expressing solidarity with the bereaved families and reiterating that **India will never bow to terror**. The **22 April 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir**, claimed the lives of **26 civilians**.

In the aftermath of the attack, India launched **Operation Sindoor** on **7 May 2025**, targeting **terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK)**.

According to official reports, the operation destroyed **nine major terror launchpads** linked to **Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), and Hizbul Mujahideen**, with over **100 terrorists reportedly neutralised**.

The operation was followed by a brief period of **cross-border military escalation**, underscoring the broader security implications of the attack and India's determination to respond decisively to terrorism. – [*News on Air, The News Mill*](#)

Delhi Police Bust ISI-Backed Terror Module with Links to Underworld

The Delhi Police Special Cell, in coordination with intelligence agencies, dismantled a **Pakistan-backed ISI-underworld terror module** that was allegedly planning attacks on **vital installations, security establishments, police personnel, and religious sites** across **Delhi, Mumbai, and other cities**.

The operation led to the arrest of **eight suspected operatives**, including a **Nepali national**, while one individual was detained.

Investigators stated that the module was in an **advanced stage of operational planning** and was being directed by Pakistan-based handlers linked to the **ISI** and the **D-Company network**.

The investigation gained momentum with the arrest of **notorious sharpshooter Vijay 'Don'** in **Pune**. Information obtained during interrogation led to the apprehension of additional suspects in **Jharkhand, Delhi, and Mumbai**, revealing direct links to **Pakistan-based operative**

Shahzad Bhatti. According to police, the network was controlled by four principal handlers — **Munna Jhingada, Dilawar Khan, Shahzad Bhatti, and Aamir Jatt** — who allegedly coordinated recruitment, logistics, and target selection from Pakistan.

Authorities recovered **four live grenades, a Glock pistol, and 25 cartridges reportedly of Pakistani origin**. Investigators believe the **weapons and explosives were smuggled into India through drone drops**. Several accused have been booked under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)**.

The module had conducted **reconnaissance operations** in both **Delhi and Mumbai**, filming locations such as **Dadar Railway Station, bridges, parks, and prominent buildings**.

Planned targets reportedly included **government offices, public spaces, and crowded urban areas**. —

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US-Nigeria Joint Operation Neutralises Top ISIS Commander

In a significant counterterrorism success, **Nigeria and the United States** announced the killing of **Abu-Bilal al-Minuki**, a senior leader of the **Islamic State (IS)**, during a joint operation in the **Lake Chad Basin**.

Nigerian President **Bola Tinubu** described the mission as a “daring joint operation,” while US President **Donald Trump** characterised al-Minuki as the “**second-in-command of ISIS globally**” and one of the world's most active terrorists. The strike reportedly killed several of his associates and targeted a fortified compound in **Borno State**, northeastern Nigeria.

According to the Nigerian military, the operation followed **months of intelligence gathering and reconnaissance** and was conducted without casualties among security forces. Al-Minuki, who had been designated a **Specially Designated Global Terrorist** by the United States in 2023, was believed to oversee **IS-linked operations across West Africa and the Sahel**.

Military officials stated that he had recently risen to become **Head of the General Directorate of States**,

placing him among the most senior figures within the global IS hierarchy.

Nigerian authorities linked him to several major terrorist operations, including the **2018 Dapchi schoolgirls kidnapping**, and accused him of coordinating attacks against civilians and minority communities across the region.

His death comes as **sub-Saharan Africa has emerged as the epicentre of Islamic State activity**, accounting for the vast majority of the group's global attacks in recent years, with **Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)** remaining one of its most active affiliates.

The operation highlights the growing **security cooperation between Nigeria and the United States** in combating extremist violence.

The development follows a series of joint counterterrorism initiatives and reflects Nigeria's broader strategy of strengthening international partnerships to address persistent security challenges posed by jihadist groups in the **Lake Chad Basin** and wider **West African region**.
[*BBC News*](#)

Two Shooting Incidents Raise Concern over Trump' Security

Cole Tomas Allen, a 31-year-old California man accused of attempting to assassinate President Donald Trump during the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner on 25 April, pleaded not guilty to federal charges, including attempted assassination and assaulting a federal officer. Prosecutors allege that Allen breached security at the Washington Hilton, fired a shotgun at a Secret Service officer, and intended to target the president. Authorities claim Allen had planned the attack weeks in advance, travelling cross-country and checking into the hotel before the event. Investigators also cited messages in which he referred to himself as a "Friendly Federal Assassin" and expressed grievances against the Trump administration. If convicted on the most serious charge, Allen could face life imprisonment.

The case comes amid heightened concerns over presidential security following a separate incident near the White House, where 21-year-old Nasire Best opened fire on Secret Service officers at a security checkpoint on Pennsylvania Avenue. Officers returned fire, fatally wounding the suspect, while a bystander sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Best had previously been arrested for unlawfully entering a restricted area near the White House and was known to security personnel for repeatedly seeking information about access points around the complex. Both incidents have renewed scrutiny of security measures surrounding the president. – [PBS](#), [NBC News](#)

Melbourne Woman Charged over ISIS Links

A 34-year-old Melbourne woman, Rayann El Houli, has been charged with terrorism-related offences after allegedly travelling to Syria in 2013 or 2014 to join the Islamic State (IS). Appearing before the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, she was charged with entering or remaining in a declared area and membership of a terrorist organisation, offences that each carry a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment. Authorities allege that El Houli was detained by Kurdish forces in 2019 and subsequently held in the al-Hawl displaced persons camp in northern Syria before returning to Australia in September 2025 with another woman and four children.

The arrest followed searches conducted by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in Melbourne as part of Operation Kurrajong, a joint counterterrorism initiative involving the AFP, ASIO, and state police agencies. According to investigators, critical new evidence emerged following the recent return of several Australian women and children from Syria, contributing to the decision to lay charges. Authorities also seized electronic devices, documents, photographs, and a suspected stolen vehicle during the operation. Australian officials emphasised that investigations into other returnees remain ongoing and reaffirmed that ensuring community safety and accountability for offences committed during the Islamic State conflict period remains a priority. – [Australian Broadcasting Cooperation](#)

Pakistan beaming telecom signals to aid terrorists in J&K

Indian security officials have argued that Pakistan is deliberately transmitting cellular signals across the border into Jammu and Kashmir, creating a covert communications network that could facilitate contact between terrorist groups, handlers in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), and incarcerated militants. According to officials, a growing number of telecom towers along the Line of Control (LoC) are allowing signals to penetrate deep into the Jammu region, including sensitive areas such as Kathua, Rajouri, Poonch, and even the vicinity of Kot Balwal Jail, which houses high-risk terror inmates. The flatter terrain of Jammu reportedly enables greater signal penetration than the mountainous Kashmir Valley, where natural barriers limit coverage.

Existing prison jamming systems have reportedly struggled to block these transmissions, prompting calls for the deployment of next-generation counter-communication technologies capable of identifying and neutralising rogue devices without disrupting civilian networks. Indian authorities argue that the strategic placement of these telecom installations violates Article 45 of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Constitution, which prohibits the transmission of unauthorised or superfluous signals. – [The Telegraph](#)