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ISRAEL DESIGNATES PAK-BASED LASHKAR-E-TAIBA ‘TERRORIST’

FORMER LeT COMMANDER AKRAM KHAN SHOT DEAD IN BAJAUR, PAKISTAN



Pakistan-based jihadi group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was responsible for the deadly 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai that occurred in various locations of the city. Hafiz Saeed (left), the co-founder of LeT, is mastermind of the 2008 terror attacks.

Israel, marking the 15th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, designated Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as a terrorist group, referring to it as a ‘deadly and reprehensible terror organisation, responsible for the murder of hundreds of Indian civilians as well as others.’

Pakistan-backed LeT was responsible for the deadly 2008 terrorist attacks that occurred in various locations in the city. This decision was taken by the Israeli government without any diplomatic push by New Delhi.

Israel’s embassy in New Delhi also added that – ‘An expedited and extraordinary listing of the Lashkar-e-Taiba organisation on this date, to highlight the importance of a unified global front against combating terrorism. The state of Israel offers its sincere condolences to all victims of terrorism and the survivors and bereaved families of the Mumbai attacks.’ Brahma Research Foundation, a think tank, also held its 3rd National Security Conference in Bandra to commemorate the 26/11 attacks, which witnessed the presence of security experts and retired service personnel.

In the days leading up to this significant date, a key development occurred – On 9 November 2023, Akram Khan alias Akram Gazi, a former LeT commander, was fatally shot in the Bajaur District (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province). He was a prominent figure within LeT and headed the group’s recruitment cell between 2018 and 2020. He also delivered anti-India speeches in Pakistan.—[The Economic Times](#), [Times of India](#), [India Today](#)

J&K POLICE
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JAHANGIR SAROORI

On 7 November 2023, the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police filed a chargesheet before a fast-track National Investigation Agency Court in Doda against Mohammad Amin alias Jahangir Saroori.

He is an A++ Commander affiliated with Hizbul Mujahideen. Saroori is J&K’s longest-surviving terrorist and is responsible for the revival of terrorism in the region. He has been an active participant in terrorist activities since 1992. He had primarily operated in Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, and Bhandarwah before he became dormant for some time. He resumed his activities by planning the killing of Anil Parihar (BJP State Secretary) and his brother Ajit in 2018. – [Hindustan Times](#)

MASOOD AZHAR CLOSE AIDE KILLED IN KARACHI



RAHEEM ULLAH TARIQ

On 13 November 2023, Raheem Ullah Tariq, a member of the terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed and a close aide of Masood Azhar, was killed in Organi (Karachi).

Reportedly, he was en route to a religious gathering when he was attacked by unidentified gunmen.

As per the assertions made by the Senior Superintendent of the Police, in reports released by the local media, this was a targeted killing, and Tariq died after having three shots fired at him.

9mm bullet shells, a mobile phone, and other valuable items were allegedly recovered from the scene.

Tariq is now a part of the long list of dead terrorists, including Akram Khan Gazi, spanning the past few weeks in Pakistan. – [WION News](#)

10 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED IN PAKISTAN AIRBASE ATTACK

EIGHT MILITANTS HELD MIANWALI BASE UNDER SIEGE FOR SEVERAL HOURS



Unverified visual on social media showing a Pakistani military aircraft burning

On 4 November 2023, members of the terrorist organisation, Tehreek-e-Jihad (TeJ) attacked the Mianwali Air Base in Pakistan's Punjab Province, infiltrating the perimetres using ladders.

At least 8 terrorists, all of whom were neutralised by the armed forces, were believed to have been involved in this attack. This base was reportedly under siege for approximately eight hours.

Colonel Vinayak Bhat (Retd.) is a satellite imagery expert who has provided an analysis of the impact of this terrorist incident: "The videos of the attack suggest at least ten aircraft have been damaged. We cannot say they were not operational aircraft, as Mianwali is an operational air base in Pakistan. Mianwali is an important air base and has an underground air defence system, which could have been the target, but the eight terrorists were neutralised before they could reach it."

The satellite images also present a picture of several hangers being damaged. Experts believe that at least ten aircrafts, including several Chengdu J-7 or F-7PG were burnt by TeJ terrorists.

Moreover, one of the experts offering an opinion anonymously has claimed that 'the video released by terrorists while claiming responsibility clearly shows that several aircrafts were on fire. At least two of them can be identified as F-7PG and one K-8. There are numerous videos released by the Pakistani military... and it clearly shows that they (terrorists) were able to infiltrate operational areas of the base.' – [The Eurasian Times](#)

BINANCE PLEADS GUILTY TO FINANCING HAMAS AND ISIS

CEO OF BIGGEST CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE COMPANY STEPS DOWN



Binance's now-former CEO, Changpeng Zhao, announced on X that he was stepping down from his role after pleading guilty on 16 November 2023 in a felony case for failing to adopt measures to prevent money laundering by terrorist groups through the company and violating United States sanctions. The company also agreed to pay around \$4.3 billion following the investigations by the American government. This is believed to be a 'historic settlement' that the American Department of Justice was able to secure. Zhao has to pay \$200 million in criminal and civil penalties independently.

While he has been released on a \$175 million bond recently, he is required to remain in the United States for the foreseeable future. His sentencing has been scheduled for 23 February 2024.

Binance is the biggest cryptocurrency exchange company globally and is under acute scrutiny after facing allegations that it facilitated terror financing efforts by organisations such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda.

The initial wave of allegations had their roots in February 2019 when the former Chief Compliance Officer, Samuel Lim, acknowledged the company's participation in channeling funds to terrorist outfits.

The United States Treasury Department, releasing a statement, accused the company of being complicit in the transfer of illicit funds through its cryptocurrency exchange platform. – [CNBC](#), [Live Mint](#), [Coin Desk](#)

NIA BOOKS KHALISTANI LEADER OVER AIRLINE THREAT



GURPATWANT SINGH PANNU

On 4 November 2023, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, leader of the separatist Khalistani outfit Sikhs for Justice, issued a warning in a video message to Sikhs against flying on Air India Plans on 19 November, a global blockage against the airlines and called for Indira Gandhi International Airport to remain closed on that day. Air India planes fly between Toronto and Delhi and Vancouver and Delhi.

19 November is the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who was assassinated by Sikh extremists following Operation Bluestar in 1984. The National Investigation Agency booked Pannun under various sections following the message's release. – [Live Mint](#), [Deccan Herald](#)

KHALISTANI TERRORISTS ARRESTED WITH WEAPONS

Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested Rajpreet Singh alias Raja and Virender Singh alias Vimmy, associates of Canada-based Khalistani terrorist Arshdeep alias Arsh Dalla between 26 and 27 November 2023 in Mayur Vihar, East Delhi.

A .33 mm pistol with seven live cartridges, a hand grenade, a .45 mm revolver with six live cartridges, and a stolen bike were recovered from their possession.

The arrests occurred after the law enforcement received a tip-off. Rajpreet and Virender exchanged fire with the police before they were taken into custody.

They had reportedly received orders from Dalla to kill the Punjabi singer Elly Mangat.

It has also been discovered that the accused had attempted to murder Mangat in October but could not complete the assigned job since he was not present at his house. – [India Today](#)

Maoists Torch 14 Vehicles in Chhatisgarh

On 27 November 2023, 14 vehicles were torched by approximately 25 Maoists affiliated with the proscribed Communist Party of India (Marxist) in Dantewada District (Chhattisgarh). These vehicles, including a crane, two water tankers, a JCB machine, four Hyva trucks, four pick-up vehicles, and a shifter truck, were involved in road construction of a two-lane state highway from Dantewada to Kirandul and were set ablaze around 1 a.m.

RK Burman, Additional SP of Dantewada, added that perpetrators 'mostly dressed as villagers and some in People's Liberation Guerrilla Army uniform, torched the vehicles and fled.' – [The Indian Express](#)

ISIS Member Sentenced for Fundraising

Aine Davis, a British man who joined ISIS, was sentenced to eight years in prison on 13 November 2023 on charges of fundraising for terrorism and firearms possession.

Dominic Murphy, head of Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command, responded to the sentencing by warning everyone that his department will 'relentlessly pursue to prosecute' those involved in terror activities in the UK or abroad, regardless of 'how much time has passed.' – [Al Jazeera](#)

ISIS militant Charged with Killing Couple

Abdul Rashid Kyoto, reportedly a Commander in ISIS-linked Allied Democratic Forces militia, has been charged with the deaths of a honeymooning couple and their Ugandan guide in the Queen Elizabeth National Park. Their vehicle had also been torched. – [BBC News](#)

17 Hizb-ut-Tahrir Members Chargesheeted

The National Investigation Agency has filed a comprehensive chargesheet against 17 people believed to be members of the Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT).

As per the agency's investigations, these individuals were covertly recruiting and building their cadres in Madhya Pradesh and were 'inspired by HuT's radical ideology, which aimed at creating a Shariat-based Islamic nation in India through the means of violent acts.' Furthermore, they were involved in providing training related to commando tactics and arms shooting to their recruits to attack police officers and target members of various communities. – [News18](#)

3D Printed Bomb, Firearms Nabbed

On 16 November 2023, the ACT Policing seized 3D printed firearms – a 50 calibre revolver pistol, a rocket-propelled grenade, a 44-magnum revolver – and ammunition from the residence of a 17-year-old boy in Garran, a suburb in Canberra, Australia. These incriminating materials were seized after the authorities were alerted about the teenager possessing a 3D firearm earlier that day. The possession and production of 3D weapons are considered illegal by law enforcement. – [ACT Policing](#)

Riots after Dublin Stabbing Incident

On 23 November 2023, after a stabbing incident wounded four individuals outside a primary school in Dublin, violent rioting led by far-right extremists broke out in the city centre. The rioters, attributing the stabbing to Islamist terrorism, instigated people on social media before violence broke out. – [BBC News](#), [The Guardian](#)