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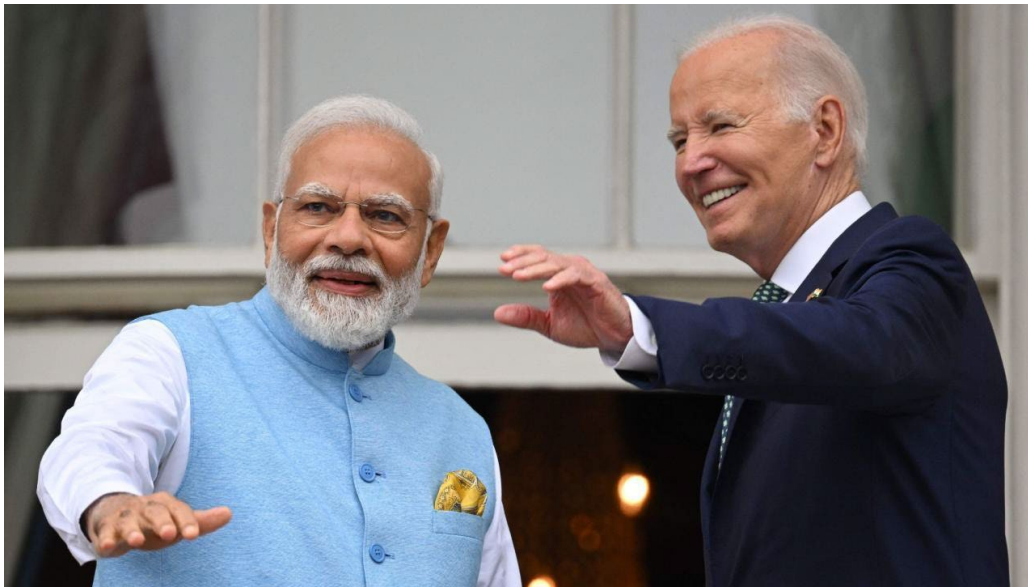
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JOINT STATEMENT WARNS ISLAMABAD AGAINST PLANNING NEW ATTACKS



PM Modi and Joe Biden wave from the South Balcony during a welcoming ceremony at the White House in Washington. — AFP

On 22 June 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the joint sitting of the US Congress during his state visit. He clearly underlined India's and the world's key security concerns to those present in what can be termed a veiled attack on Pakistan's activities as a state sponsor of terrorism. Furthermore, he explained that "more than two decades after 9/11 and more than a decade after 26/11 in Mumbai, radicalism and terrorism still remain a danger for the whole world. These ideologies keep taking new identities and forms, but the intentions are the same. Terrorism is an enemy of humanity, and there can be no ifs and buts in dealing with it. We must overcome all such forces sponsoring and exporting terror."

After PM Modi's meeting with President Joe Biden, a joint statement highlighting their convergences, shared concerns, and interests was released. As per that, both leaders "Stand together to counter global terrorism and unequivocally condemn terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations...Condemned cross-border terrorism, the use of terrorist proxies and called on Pakistan to take immediate action to ensure that no territory under its control is used for launching terrorist attacks. They called for the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks to be brought to justice...Welcomed the cooperation between our two governments on counterterrorism designations and homeland security cooperation...and called upon the Financial Action Task Force to undertake further work identifying how to improve global implementation of its standards..." — [NDTV](#), [The White House](#)

VISITS TO US BY BILAWAL, BAJWA PROVE FUTILE, FUMES IMRAN KHAN



Imran Khan, Pakistan's Former Prime Minister, responded to the India-US joint statement. He did so in a series of tweets following PM Modi's state visit to the U.S.

He said, "The question we want to ask from former Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa and PDM that after a year in government and countless trips of Pakistan's FM (Bilawal Bhutto Zardari) to the U.S., the joint India/US statement reduces Pakistan to a promoter of cross-border terrorism in India and nothing more."

Moreover, he added that the "imported government experiment has not just made Pakistan irrelevant internationally, but our democracy, rule of law and the entire economic and institutional structure is also collapsing right in front of our eyes." — [The Hindu](#)

4 TERRORISTS KILLED IN KUPWARA, 'WAR CHEST'



Army personnel display arms and drugs recovered after foiling an infiltration bid in Kupwara - PTI

On 23 June 2023, Jammu and Kashmir's police announced that four terrorists were neutralised in Kala Jungle of Machhal sector, Kupwara. This victory was the result of a joint operation by Indian armed forces and police.

These individuals attempted to infiltrate via Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The Chinar Corps even tweeted that 'war-like stores have been recovered.'

This comes on the heels of another joint operation conducted nearly a week ago in Jungund Keran. This area is situated near the Line of Control, where an infiltration bid was thwarted.

This operation was also carried out in the Kupwara district. – [Hindustan Times](#)

J&K TERRORIST NETWORKS WEAKENED: RAJNATH SINGH

GOVT PROVED ITS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR TERROR: DEFENCE MINISTER



India's Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh being greeted by Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh, BJP UT chief Ravinder Raina and Lok Sabha member from Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma among others at the National Security Conclave held in Jammu on 26 June 2023. – The Earth News Network

Mr. Rajnath Singh, India's Minister of Defence, addressed a gathering at the National Security Conclave held in Jammu on 26 June 2023. He hailed the country's achievements in overcoming all threats, the weakening of terrorist networks in Jammu and Kashmir, and marking a paradigm shift in its security during the past nine years.

He added that PM Modi-led government has adhered to four key principles concerning India's national security – "To enable the country to deal with threats to its security & sovereignty; to take every action to protect national interests; to create safe conditions within the country to facilitate progress, improve the lives of the people & fulfil their aspirations and to build an environment with friendly countries to tackle global challenges such as terrorism unitedly."

In addition, he remarked on Pakistan's subversive actions and India's counter-responses to such threats – "Since long time, Pakistan has tried to destabilise peace and harmony in the country through cross-border terrorism. However, when we came to power, we launched an effective action against terrorism. We showed the world the meaning of 'zero tolerance against terrorism.' The bold and first-of-its-kind moves to eliminate terrorists following the Uri and Pulwama incidents are proof of India's 'zero-tolerance against terrorism' policy and the unmatched valour of the Armed Forces. Today, most of the countries are united against terrorism. The joint statement issued after the Prime Minister's meeting with US President Mr. Joe Biden is an indication of how India has changed the mind-set of the world on the issue of terrorism." – [PIB](#)

INDIA SUMMONS PAK ENVOY OVER PERSECUTION OF SIKHS

4 KILLED IN 3 MONTHS, ISIS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR 2 ATTACKS



Members of the Pakistan's Sikh community protest after two Sikh men were killed by gunmen, in Peshawar, Pakistan. - Reuters

India has called out Pakistan over the targeted killing of Sikh community members after a fourth such attack in Peshawar in the last three months.

New Delhi summoned a senior diplomat from the Pakistan High Commission on 27 June 2023 and demanded that Pakistani authorities investigate the string of attacks on the Sikh community in Pakistan.

It noted that at least four incidents of attacks on Sikhs in Pakistan had taken place between April and June this year. It was conveyed to the diplomat that Pakistan should ensure the safety and security of its minorities who live in “constant fear of religious persecution,” sources said.

A 35-year-old Sikh, Manmohan Singh, was shot dead in Peshawar when he was returning home from his shop in the northwestern city of Pakistan on 26 June 2023.

On March 31, a 35-year-old Sikh shopkeeper was killed in the outskirts of Peshawar by an assailant inside his shop. In April, a 50-year-old Sikh man who was on his morning walk in Lahore’s Nawab Town neighborhood was shot by gunmen on a motorcycle. In the same month, two more Sikh men were shot and killed in Peshawar.

Terrorist organisation ISKP claimed responsibility for both attacks, stating that the victims had been targeted as they practised a non-Islamic religion. “India has demanded that Pakistani authorities investigate these violent attacks on Sikh community with sincerity, and share the investigation reports,” said a source. India apparently stated that investigation reports of the attacks on members of the Sikh community should be shared. — [Deccan Herald](#), [CToI](#)

KHALISTAN TIGER FORCE LEADER HARDEEP SINGH NIJJAR KILLED IN CANADA



HARDEEP SINGH NIJJAR

Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the former Chief of Khalistan Tiger Force, a separatist outfit, was shot dead in Surrey (Canada) at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurudwara. He has been accused of promoting terror and Sikhs for Justice or SJF (run by Gurpatwant Singh Panun) secessionist agenda.

He was a designated terrorist and wanted by National Investigation Agency in at least four cases related to Sikh radicalisation. The agency had also placed Rs. 10 lakhs cash reward on him.

It was following him establishing a reputation for being a rogue element participating in terrorist activities on Indian soil that he began representing SJF in Canada. Furthermore, he was responsible for promoting the Referendum 2020 campaign. — [Hindustan Times](#)

FUGITIVE SIMI TERRORIST CAUGHT IN CANADA

Chaneparambil Mohammad Basheer alias CAM Basheer, one of India's most-wanted terrorists and an accused in three coordinated blasts in Mumbai between December 2002 and March 2003, has been arrested in Canada while attempting to flee the country. Basheer was arrested after Interpol issued a Red Notice on charges of murder, terror, and conspiracy, among others. He had fled India in 1992 and was associated with the proscribed Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). The above-mentioned blasts killed around twelve people and left several wounded.

Basheer's involvement in these attacks ranges from financing to executing them. A SIMI module carried them out. As per reports, the Mumbai Police has initiated the proceedings to extradite him and approached the court to procure permission to collect blood samples from his relatives in Aluva to conduct a DNA test to confirm his identity. He is also believed to have coordinated the activities of different terrorist modules while abroad. – [New Indian Express, India.com](#)

ISKP Module Busted in Gujarat

Gujarat's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has busted an Islamic State in Khorasan Province module in Porbandar. Four terrorists (including the previously individual absconding from Srinagar), i.e., three men and a woman, have been arrested.

ATS is believed to have been tipped off that radicalised members of this module were looking to flee India through the coastal route.

The authorities have recovered devices, including tablets and mobile phones, identification documents, and weapons such as knives from the luggage of those arrested. – [India TV](#)

4 ISIS Terrorists Killed in Iraq

On 7 June 2023, the Iraqi Security Media Cell and the Baghdad Operations Command announced that four ISIS terrorists had been neutralised in a security operation conducted north of Baghdad.

One of the four terrorists to be killed was Adnan Al-Luhaibi, who called himself ISIS' 'Governor of Northern Baghdad.'

Moreover, four individuals, as per Article 4 of the Terrorism Act, were arrested in the Nineveh Governorate. – [Iraqi News](#)

18 Killed in Burkina Faso Terror Attack

On 5 June 2023, four soldiers and fourteen members of Volunteers for the Defense of Homeland militia were killed, while five others were injured in an attack in Sawenga, Burkina Faso.

Three others, including a police officer and two civilians, were killed during an attack, which took place on the border post at Yendere, on the country's south-western border with Ivory Coast.

These deaths and injuries are suspected to have resulted from terrorist attacks. – [France24](#)

17-Year-Old Convicted for 'Incel Terrorism'

A Canadian judge has set a historic precedent by ruling that a deadly attack on a massage parlour in Toronto was an act of 'incel terrorism'. This marks the first time that an act inspired by the incel movement, an online movement that is built on its members' inability to secure sexual partners, driving some of them towards committing violent acts.

The perpetrator, who was 17 years old at the time the attack occurred, awaits sentencing after pleading guilty to murder charges last year. He is responsible for stabbing the receptionist, Ashley Arzaga, at the parlour repeatedly before being disarmed. – [BBC News](#)

Israel to Clamp Down on 'Settler Terrorism'

On 24 June 2023, Israel's police, Shin Bet, and military chiefs termed multiple settler attacks on Palestinian villages during the week preceding the joint announcement as 'nationalist terrorism.'

They added that they would bolster counter-terrorism measures in response to these events, including military presence, arrests, and administrative detention. – [Al Jazeera](#)

Four Killed in Pak Army, Militant Shootout

On 5 June 2023, two militants and two soldiers were killed during a gunfire exchange in Pakistan's North Waziristan district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Additionally, two more militants were wounded. At the same, arms and ammunition were recovered by authorities.

The week leading up to this incident saw a soldier and four militants being killed in the same district.

– [Indian Express](#)