

UNKEPT PROMISES

Soon after 26/11, a spate of promises was made and steps announced to make India better prepared to meet the terror challenge. TOI tracks what has been done—and what has not

- National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC):** New federal intelligence agency to deal with all aspects of terrorism was to be set up by 2010-end
Status: Nowhere in sight
- Multi Agency Centre (MAC):** On December 31, 2008, it was energised with compulsory membership from all intelligence agencies
Its mandate: To monitor terrorism, MAC was to be subsumed in NCTC
Status: Active, issues terror warnings, most of which have turned out to be false
- National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID):** 21 databases such as those of banks, railways and emigration were to be networked for seamless access to intelligence agencies
Target completion date: 2011-end
Status: CCS approved preliminary phase this June. Far behind schedule
- National Investigation Agency (NIA):** Federal agency for investigating terror-related cases
Status: Active, handling a few cases. Limited success
- Daily security meeting chaired by home minister:** Everyday by noon, national security adviser, home secretary, R&AW and IB chiefs and other senior security officials meet to review situation
Status: Meetings on

- Immigration, Visa and Foreigners' Registration and Tracking:** Integrated service delivery framework to facilitate legitimate travellers and strengthen security, to network Indian embassies, emigration offices with Central Foreigners' Bureau
Status: Work in progress
- National Security Guards:** For quicker response from this elite special force to terror strikes anywhere in the country, government proposed to expand it and create hubs in major cities
Status: Hubs in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad, major centre in Bhopal yet to materialize



COASTAL SECURITY

- Maritime Security Advisory and Maritime Security Adviser:** Proposal was to ensure coordinated maritime response with an adviser on lines of NSA for maritime issues
Status: Thwarted by turf war
- Registration of vessels:** All vessels operating in Indian waters were to be compulsory registered, with transponders for vessel identification on each of them
Status: Incomplete
- ID cards to fishermen:** To ensure that no stranger was able to sneak in through the shore, government decided to issue compulsory ID cards to fishermen
Status: Incomplete in most states
- Joint operations centres:** For coordination between Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Polices, Customs and Intelligence Bureau
Status: Navy has set up four centres in Mumbai, Kochi, Vizag and Port Blair
- Sagar Prahari Bal:** A new specialized force under Navy to patrol coast and conduct search and rescue operations
Status: First batch raised
- Modernisation of Coast Guard and new stations:** A major thrust area to improve efficiency of Coast Guard by inducting new boats, aircraft, helicopters and increasing new stations
Status: Expansion and modernization under way

અસરગ્રસ્તોને વળતરની જાહેરાત

મુંબઈ: મુંબઈમાં બુધવારે થયેલા શ્રેણીબદ્ધ બોમ્બડાક્રમાં મૃત્યુ પામેલા લોકોના પરિવારજનોને વડા પ્રધાન મનમોહન સિંહ દ્વારા રૂ. બે લાખ વળતર આપવાની જાહેરાત કરી હતી, જ્યારે મહારાષ્ટ્રના મુખ્ય પ્રધાન પૃથ્વીરાજ ચઢાણે મૃતકના પરિવારજનોને વળતરરૂપે રૂ. પાંચ લાખ અને ઘાયલોને રૂ. ૫૦,૦૦૦ આપવાની જાહેરાત કરી હતી. આ સિવાય ઘાયલોના સારવારનો સંપૂર્ણ ખર્ચ પણ

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मृतांच्या कुटुंबीयांना ५ लाखांची मदत

राज्य मंत्रिमंडळाची घोषणा; अपंगत्व आलेल्यांना ३ लाख

सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

मुंबई, ता. १४ : दादर, ऑपेरा हाऊस, झवेरी बाजार या गजबजलेल्या ठिकाणी झालेल्या बॉम्बस्फोटांतील मृतांच्या कुटुंबीयांना आणि जखमींना राज्य सरकारने आज मदत जाहीर केली. बॉम्बस्फोटात बळी पडलेल्यांच्या कुटुंबीयांना पाच लाख रुपये; तर कायमस्वरूपी अपंगत्व आलेल्यांना प्रत्येकी तीन लाख रुपये; तसेच जखमींना प्रत्येकी ५० हजार रुपये देण्याचे सरकारने जाहीर केले आहे. शिवाय जखमींच्या उपचाराचा सर्व खर्च सरकार करणार आहे. हे निर्णय राज्य मंत्रिमंडळाच्या आजच्या विशेष बैठकीत घेण्यात आले. तत्पूर्वी सर्व मृतांना श्रद्धांजली वाहण्यात आली.

मुंबईत बुधवारी संध्याकाळी घडलेल्या तीन बॉम्बस्फोटांच्या पार्श्वभूमीवर गुरुवारी मंत्रिमंडळाची तातडीने बैठक बोलावण्यात आली. या बैठकीत मुंबईच्या सुरक्षेसह दुर्घटना झाल्यापासून ते आतापर्यंतच्या सर्व परिस्थितीचा आढावा मुख्यमंत्र्यांकडून घेण्यात आला. या दुर्घटनेत १७

मुंबईकरांचा बळी गेला. त्यांना श्रद्धांजली अर्पण करण्यात आली. एकूण १३१ जण जखमी झाले आहेत.

या हल्ल्याचा निषेध करताना, हा देशाच्या सार्वभौमत्वावर हल्ला असल्याचे मंत्रिमंडळाने म्हटले आहे. या हल्ल्यामागे असलेल्या दहशतवादी शक्तींचा पुरता बीमोड करण्याचा दृढनिश्चय या बैठकीत करण्यात आला. अत्यंत कठीण प्रसंगात मुंबईकरांनी दाखविलेल्या अफाट धैर्याचा, दृढ निश्चयाचा आणि कणखर मानसिकतेचा मंत्रिमंडळाच्या बैठकीत आवर्जून उल्लेख करण्यात आला. तसेच पीडितांना वेळेवर सहकार्य करणाऱ्या सर्व यंत्रणांचे, स्वयंसेवी कार्यकर्त्यांचे, डॉक्टरांचे आभार मानण्यात आले.

मुंबईच्या सुरक्षेसंदर्भात लवकरच मंत्रिमंडळाची विशेष बैठक बोलावण्याचा निर्णय यावेळी घेण्यात आला. अशा प्रकारच्या कोणत्याही दहशतवादी कृत्यामुळे मुंबईच्या ऐक्यभावनेला कोणताही तडा जाणार नाही, असा ठाम आशावाद यावेळी व्यक्त करण्यात आला.

India wants to decouple talk

Indrani Bagchi | TNN

New Delhi: India and Pakistan may have finally overcome the terror-talks links. Despite Wednesday's terror attack in Mumbai, India will go ahead with the foreign minister talks with Pakistan next week.

Talking to TOI, foreign secretary Nirupama Rao said, "I am convinced of the need for India and Pakistan to discuss such issues of vital importance for the future of this region. I know the extent and pain that we as a country have to deal with, and has been inflicted upon us by cross-border terrorism, I don't think the memories of that can fade so easily. But because we share borders, we will always have to deal with them. I don't think unadulterated confrontation or speaking the language of conflict

Ammo haul: 2 IEDs seized in Assam

Guwahati: A day after serial blasts rocked Mumbai, two powerful IEDs were found in Guwahati and nearby Baksa district on Thursday during two separate search operations by army and police teams. In Guwahati, the driver and helper of a truck carrying the bomb were held. Both bombs were taken by the army so the bomb disposal squad could analyse and defuse them. AGENCIES

can help us or Pakistan." Foreign minister SM Krishna also confirmed there would be no change in the dialogue schedule with either Pakistan or US. Condemning the Mumbai at-

tacks, he said, "This is yet a grim reminder to everyone in region and our country that terrorism is a continuing threat to India and it is necessary for all Indians to be vigilant of these terrorist attacks."


This is a new language between India and Pakistan.

This time, the government believes that calling off talks with Pakistan would only strengthen the establishment in Pakistan that is based on hostility to India.

India's strategic intent towards Pakistan, as articulated by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, is towards having "normal" relations.

To that extent, the central government feels, it is important to maintain engagement, keep lines of communication open and work on the outstanding issues.

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MAJOR BLASTS IN INDIA SINCE 2000



DATE	PLACE	KILLED
Feb 13, 2010	Pune Bakery	17
Sep 27, 2008	Flower market, Delhi	3
Sep 13, 2008	5 blasts in Delhi	24
Jul 26, 2008	17 blasts in Ahmedabad	53
Jul 25, 2008	8 low intensity blasts in Bangalore	1
May 13, 2008	Jaipur serial bombing	80
Nov 23, 2007	Simultaneous blasts in Varanasi, Faizabad and Lucknow	15
Oct 11, 2007	Blast at Ajmer shrine	3
Aug 25, 2007	Hyderabad twin bombing	44
May 18, 2007	Mecca Masjid bombing in Hyderabad	11
Feb 19, 2007	Samjhauta Express explosion	68
Sep 8, 2006	Malegaon blasts	40
Mar 7, 2006	Varanasi Sankat Mochan temple and Cantonment Railway Station bombings	21
Oct 29, 2005	Serial explosions in Delhi	62
Aug 14, 2001	Blast in Rishikesh-Haridwar-Delhi passenger train	3
Apr 25, 2001	Explosion in Memnagar, Ahmedabad	3
Aug 14, 2000	Explosion in Muzaffarpur-Ahmedabad Sabarmati Express	9

Note: Bomb blasts in Jammu and Kashmir, North East and those related to Left wing extremism are not included

Centre heightens security vigil and asks all state govts to put forces on alert

MHA sources say blasts intended to cause huge casualty in heavily crowded areas

Timing of blasts similar to 26/11: when talks between India & Pak are progressing

Oppn & security agencies point the needle of suspicion towards Pak-based terrorists

Alarmed India on the toes again

DNA Correspondent & Agencies NEW DELHI

The Centre has stepped up security vigil across the country following the terror attack in Mumbai on Wednesday evening.

The Union Home Ministry has asked all the states to heighten security measures, especially in the metro cities. "All the state governments

have been asked to increase police patrolling and keep forces on high alert," an MHA official said.

Security forces and intelligence units have also been directed to step up vigil at sensitive and vulnerable places.

According to the MHA, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were used in the blasts in Mumbai to cause heavy casualties.

"It was a coordinated attack by terrorists. There is no information of threat of any more blasts in the city, even though entire Mumbai has been put on high alert," Chidambaram said.

A senior MHA official said it was a premeditated attack with an intention to cause heavy casualty since the blasts occurred in heavily crowded market area during rush hours.

This is the second attack in Mumbai after the November 2008 terror strike, in which 166 people were killed.

The official expressed hope that the worst was over though all metro cities have been put on high alert.

"There is no way of predicting such events but we think the worst is over," the official said. The official, however, observed that there was indeed a pattern in the attacks with regard to the dates.

While the obvious needle of suspicion points towards the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), which had carried out the 26/11 terror attack, Chidambaram said no group had claimed responsibility for these blasts so far.

The security agencies are also looking at the possibility of the Indian Mujahiddin's (IM) hand as they feel that the attack was not as big and well coordinated as an LeT operation would have been given the 26/11 example.

Bloody decade of terror attacks

India has seen numerous blasts in its major cities since the dawn of the century, which have claimed hundreds of lives and left others with scars that don't heal. People have a perennial fear every time they step out of home



Close eye: Police check belongings of shoppers after a security alert was sounded in Noida on Wednesday -PTI

Blasts choke mobile network

Lison Joseph MUMBAI

As the news of the serial blast trickled in, Mumbai residents, panicked and tried to reach out to their loved ones. While the carriers blamed it on unusual surge in traffic, experts said even otherwise most carrier's networks in Mumbai are crowded with only wafer-thin excess capacity, making them vulnerable to running out of capacity even if there is a marginal surge in traffic. Mumbai has 12.5 million residents according to 2011 Census and according to Trai, Mumbai metro region has a cellphone population of a little over 36million.

Centre rushes probe teams

New Delhi: The Centre has rushed a post-blast investigating team of the NSG to probe the trigger mechanism of the three explosions in Mumbai.

The Union ministry of home affairs has also directed commandos from the National Security Guards to respond to any distress call from the Mumbai police commissioner, an MHA official said. The official said this was to facilitate quick response to any emergency situation. "With the capacity building exercise after the 26/11 terror attack, government agencies are competent to handle any situation effectively," the official said. -DNA Correspondent



2010

Feb 13: Pune

17 people killed and 55 others injured in a powerful blast at German Bakery restaurant, Koregaon Park in Pune

Apr 17: Bangalore

15 injured killed in two low intensity explosions that hit Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore

Dec 7: Varanasi

A medium intensity bomb goes off at a crowded Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi; 2 killed and 30 injured

2009

Jan 01: Guwahati

3 serial blasts in Assam's capital claim 5 lives, leave 50 injured

Apr 07: Assam

8 people killed and 60 injured in five serial blasts in Assam - Guwahati's busy Maligaon area, northern Sonitpur district and eastern Karbi Anglong district

2008

May 13: Jaipur

Eight blasts between 7:10 pm and 7:25 pm kill 80 people and injures 200

3 bombs were defused later

July 25: Bangalore

13 low intensity blasts in the afternoon leave 2 dead and 12 injured

July 26: Ahmedabad

50 people were killed and 200 injured in a series of 20 blasts within a span of one and a half hour

Sept 13: Delhi

Five blasts in busy areas of the national capital - Gaffar Market in Karol Bagh, Central Park of CP, Barakhamba and Greater Kailash I -



around 6.30 pm leave 20 dead and 100 others injured

Sept 27: Delhi

3 persons killed and 18 others injured in blast at Sarai market of Mehrauli

Sept 29: Malegaon

4 killed and 70 injured in low intensity IED bomb blast at Bhikku Chowk at 8 pm

Oct 01: Agartala, Tripura

Four persons killed and over 100 injured in blasts at Radhanagar Bus stand Maharajanj Bazar, GB Bazar and Kathiababa Ashram

Oct 30: Assam

66 people dead and 470 injured in 13 blasts within a span of 5 mins

2007



Feb 17: Samjhauta Express

Two explosions on Samjhauta Express headed for Pakistan leave 66 dead and over 50 injured

Feb 19: Panipat

4 blasts in Panipat kills 68

May 18: Hyderabad

Bomb explosion at Mecca Masjid kills 10 people and wounds 50 others

Aug 25: Hyderabad

At least 44 people killed and 70 others injured in blasts at Lumbini Park near the

2005

Oct 29: Delhi

Diwali eve serial bomb explosions at busy market places & DTC bus kill 67; 155 injured

Dec 28: Bangalore

Militant strike Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

2004

Aug 15 Assam

Bomb blast in Assam. Mostly school claims 16 lives, including those of children

2003

May 14 J & K

Over 30 killed in attack on Army Camp near Jammu

2002

Jan 22 Kolkata

Five dead as gunmen on motorcycles open fire on guards at the American Center

Sep 24 Gujarat



25 killed and 77 injured as 3 terrorists enter the Akshardham Temple complex, throw grenades and fire indiscriminately

2001

Oct 01 J & K

Car bomb attack outside Jammu & Kashmir Assembly leaves 35 dead and 40 injured

Dec 13 New Delhi

5 gunmen storm Parliament House complex while it was in session. 6 security men and a gardener killed by terrorist before security forced gunned them down.

2000

Mar 21: J&K

On the first day of former US President Bill Clinton's visit to India, armed men enter two Sikh villages south of Srinagar and kill over 35 people

-Research n Archives

THE OUTRAGE



I appeal to the people of Mumbai to remain calm and show a united face

-Manmohan Singh, prime minister



I strongly condemn the outrageous attacks

-Barack Obama, US president



By targeting innocent people they want to create panic. Such crimes should be condemned

-N Kiran Kumar Reddy, Andhra CM



I condemn the blasts which have thrown the challenge to humanists forces of the country

-Narendra Modi, Gujarat CM



We infer this was a coordinated attack by terrorists

-P Chidambaram, home minister

Probe Pak angle, says BJP

New Delhi: Strongly condemning the terror attack in Mumbai, BJP on Wednesday said that the terror war against India was still on and asked the government to take a determined stand to deal with the menace.

"We strongly condemn this dastardly attack. This is a deliberate attack on Mumbai which has been targeted by anti-Indian forces," BJP spokesman Prakash Javadekar told reporters here. He said the attacks proved that the war against India through terrorism still continued.

"We need to investigate if there are any links to Pakistan," he said.



"We need to send a strong signal against terror. We demand that the government should take proper care to prevent such attacks. We need to take terror head on," Javadekar said, adding that merely issuing red alerts will not suffice.

"A big machinery had been put in place (by the government) after the 26/11 attacks but it seems to be clueless on what is going on. A strong political will and determination is needed to fight terror," he said.

In reply to a question, Javadekar said that not hanging those who have been given capital punishment for terror acts seemed to give encouragement to terrorists for carrying out such attacks.

Sympathising with the next of kin of those killed and the injured in the serial blasts, Javadekar said BJP activists were working closely with the authorities to provide help to all injured. -PTI

'Good that India didn't point fingers at Pakistan'

Aditya Kaul NEW DELHI

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Blasts come days ahead of Indo-Pak peace talks

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Foreign secretary Nirupama Rao greets her Pakistani counterpart Salman Bashir in Islamabad last month -PTI

Acts dastardly, but let dialogue go ahead: Pak

Amir Mir ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government has condemned serial blasts in three different areas of Mumbai, saying the terrorist elements in any part of the world should be dealt with an iron hand, as being done in Pakistan.

Giving reaction over the Mumbai bomb blasts, a Pakistani foreign office spokesman said, "Pakistan condemns all acts of terror and such wanton targeting of civilians should be condemned in the strongest possible terms. The Pakistan government deprecates these dastardly bomb blasts and sympathizes with the victims as well as their families," the spokesman added.

Asked if the blasts would affect the forthcoming India-Pakistan dialogue to be held in Mumbai later this month, the foreign office spokesman said the parleys should be held as per schedule, even if the intention of those behind Wednesday's bomb attacks was to sabotage the ongoing peace process between the two nuclear armed South Asian neighbours.

CORRECTED 'MOST-WANTED' LIST READY

New Delhi: India has prepared an "error free" list of most wanted terrorists allegedly hiding in Pakistan in which it has corrected mistakes in a similar dossier handed over to Islamabad in March, informed sources said on Wednesday. The updated list has been compiled after every detail was "meticulously checked" from various law enforcement and intelligence agencies, a home ministry official said. "The list is ready but is being verified again," the official said. The sources said the ministry had got inputs from all the investigating agencies including the Central Bureau of Investigation, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and police from various states. -IANS

Terror of 13



February 13, 2010:

The famous German Bakery in Pune was hit by a blast. The bakery which was frequented by foreigners came under attack a day before Valentine's Day

Dead: 17

Injured: 60

May 13, 2008:

Jaipur was hit by a series of nine

synchronised bomb blasts within 15 minutes

Dead: 68

Injured: Over 200

September 13, 2008:

Six blasts took place in the national capital in the crowded markets of Karol Bagh, Connaught Place and Greater Kailash.

Dead: 26

Injured: Over 100

Security experts suspect Dawood hand

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Former joint director, Intelligence Bureau MK Dhar said, "Prime facie indicates towards role of Indian Mujahideen, as it was a handiwork of local sleeper cells. Targets were Hindu religious places like Hanuman Chowk and Mumbadevi temple. Locally made IED were used to carry out blast. Investigation will establish which module was behind this attack."

When asked about any intelligence input this terrorist attack, he said, "To the best of my knowledge, there were no specific inputs from intelligence agencies."

India's most wanted man Dawood Ibrahim could be behind the Wednesday's serial blast in Mumbai.

Sources said that the pattern of the blast indicates towards hand of Dawood Ibrahim. A similar kind of blast happened in 1993 and was engineered by Dawood.

"During 1993 blast, Dawood used similar blast technique. Locally made improvised explosive device was placed in a car in one place. Zaveri Bazaar and Dadar are consid-

ered to be stronghold of Dawood Ibrahim," said an intelligence expert.

"By doing this, he (Dawood) might have wanted to mark his presence in the country," home ministry has recently prepared a new list in which underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's name figures on top. India is

certain that the notorious gangster is staying in Karachi. The new list of 50 most wanted men will be handed over to the Pakistan High Commissioner in New Delhi this week.

The home ministry took the help of various security agencies while preparing the list.

Second on the list is Mumbai underworld don Chhota Shakeel, who operates from Pakistan even though prior to this Jamaat-ud-Daawa chief Hafeez Saeed's name had figured on top. Saeed considered the mastermind behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks. At the moment he is facing court proceedings in Pakistan for his involvement in the case.

Pakistan will also be informed about the two persons, whose names had erroneously been included in the list.