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White Collar Terror Module Exposed in Delhi

Patiala House Court has remanded four prime accused — **Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganai, Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather, Dr Shaheen Saeed and Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay** — to 10-day judicial custody in the ongoing probe into the **November 10 Red Fort car blast**, which killed 15 people and injured several others.

They are among seven individuals arrested so far in what investigators describe as a “**white-collar**” **interstate terror module** linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed.

The NIA and Delhi Police are following multiple leads, conducting coordinated searches across states, and uncovering new hideouts allegedly used by Ganaie in Faridabad’s Fatehpur Taga, Dhauj, and Khorī Jamalpur.

These properties, taken on rent under false pretences, were used for months as operational bases.

The investigation intensified further with the arrest of **Bilali mosque imam Mohammad Asif** and his

associate **Nazar Kamal** from Haldwani, after mobile records connected them to **main accused Dr Umar Nabi**, who was driving the Hyundai i20 that exploded near Lal Qila Metro Station.

The blast triggered a sweeping crackdown, including notices to private hospitals in Delhi seeking details of doctors educated in foreign countries – Bangladesh, the UAE, China, and Pakistan.

With arrests spanning multiple states and evidence pointing to a highly coordinated network, agencies continue to piece together the terror module’s structure and identify remaining conspirators behind the catastrophic attack.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the NIA said in a statement. – [India TV](#), [NDTV](#), [Daily Excelsior](#)

ISI's New Homegrown Terror Blueprint

Indian intelligence agencies say the **Delhi Red Fort blast** reflects a major shift in terror tactics, with Pakistan-backed handlers now pushing aggressively to build **homegrown terror modules** across India. Central to this renewed strategy are **Riyaz and Iqbal Bhatkal**, founders of the Indian Mujahideen (IM), who continue to live in Pakistan under ISI protection. Officials believe the brothers are being prepared to **revive the IM under a new name**, relying on its dormant operatives who still retain influence in several regions.

According to investigators, the ISI aims to **combine IM's northern networks with the banned Popular Front of India (PFI)'s southern reach**, creating a pan-India outfit capable of coordinated attacks. The two groups share a long operational history dating back to the post-SIMI era, when former SIMI cadres, PFI workers, and IM operatives

collaborated closely. Their previous joint operations, including shielding IM terrorists and executing blasts in South India, indicate that reuniting them would be an easy task for Pakistan's intelligence establishment.

Officials say this new project will be overseen directly by the Bhatkal brothers from Pakistan. The recently busted **Faridabad module**, initially a self-radicalised homegrown cell later co-opted by the ISI, was expected to spearhead this shift before being neutralised.

With that cell dismantled, the ISI is now intent on building a fresh India-based network to execute attacks nationwide, divert security attention away from Jammu & Kashmir, and create space for **Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad** to regroup in the Valley. Security agencies warn that Pakistan will continue using every possible tactic to keep India destabilised. - [*Telangana Today*](#)

Delhi Police Crack Cross-Border Module

Delhi Police's Special Cell has busted an **international-interstate terror module** allegedly run by Pakistani national **Shehzad Bhatti**, who officials say operates under the direction of Pakistan's intelligence agency.

Three operatives — **Hargunpreet Singh** from Punjab, **Vikas Prajapati** from Madhya Pradesh, and **Arif** from Uttar Pradesh — have been arrested for their role in a **November 25 hand grenade attack** outside the Gurdaspur City police station. Police said the group had conducted reconnaissance at multiple additional targets and was receiving instructions from Bhatti, who recruited young men through social media for terror activities.

Officials revealed that Bhatti was remotely coordinating attacks and planning further grenade strikes, with more associates expected to be arrested in coordination with Punjab Police.

Bhatti, believed to be operating from the UAE with a Moroccan passport, has openly projected himself on social media as a “soldier of Islam and Pakistan.”

The case gained further attention after **Anmol Bishnoi**, brother of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, sought protection while in NIA custody, citing threats from Bhatti following a fallout between the two groups.

Bhatti had earlier allied with the Bishnoi network but turned hostile after Lawrence issued threats against Pakistan.

Anmol, arrested in connection with multiple high-profile crimes including the Moosewala murder and firing outside Salman Khan's home, claimed that Bhatti's online threats have a history of turning into real attacks and requested enhanced security during court transit. - [News18](#)

Ricin Terror Plot Foiled by Gujarat ATS

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad has arrested Hyderabad-based doctor Ahmed Mohiyuddin Saiyed, educated in China, along with his aides Azad Suleman Sheikh and Mohammed Suhail Saleem, for allegedly developing **ricin**, a deadly chemical toxin, as part of a terror plot linked to global networks. The trio had conducted reconnaissance in Lucknow, Delhi, and Ahmedabad and were preparing for coordinated strikes under the guidance of a handler believed to be Abu Khadija of ISKP, who reportedly oversaw drone-based arms deliveries from across the Pakistan border. Weapons including Glock and Beretta pistols, ammunition, and castor oil used were seized during Saiyed's arrest.

Investigators say Saiyed had embraced extremist ideologies and was actively raising funds and recruiting for terror operations. Digital evidence revealed year-long surveillance activities and interstate weapon procurement. While no local ISKP sleeper cell has yet been identified, the ATS is probing wider national and international links, with coordination underway to track additional suspects. The accused have been booked under the UAPA, Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, and the Arms Act, and remain in ATS custody for further interrogation. – [The Hindu](#)

Suicide Bomber Strikes Islamabad

A suicide bomber detonated explosives near a police vehicle outside the Islamabad District Judicial Complex on 11 November, 2025, killing at least 12 people and injuring 36. Officials said the attacker attempted to enter the court complex but blew himself up after failing to get inside, standing near the gate for nearly 12 minutes before the blast. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi confirmed that security personnel, civilians, and a lawyer were among the victims, while hospitals reported rising casualty numbers. The attack comes amid a spike in terror incidents across Pakistan, particularly in regions bordering Afghanistan.

Pakistan's leadership condemned the bombing, with Interior Minister Naqvi linking it to increased militant funding and warning of broader security implications. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif blamed the Afghan Taliban, calling the attack a message from Kabul and declaring that Pakistan is effectively "in a state of war." The blast occurred just days after stalled talks between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban over cross-border terrorism, further heightening tensions as authorities tighten security around key sites in Islamabad. – [The Hindu](#)

Troubled Veteran Behind White House Shooting

Rahmanullah Lakanwal, the Afghan man accused of fatally shooting a National Guard member and critically injuring another near the White House, had shown months of severe emotional and behavioural instability, according to emails reviewed by an American media outlet. Once a member of Afghanistan's elite "Zero Unit" that worked with U.S. forces, he arrived in the U.S. under Operation Allies Welcome in 2021. But after moving to Washington with his wife and five sons, he struggled to hold a job, isolated himself for days in dark rooms, and took sudden cross-country drives. Community advocates repeatedly warned refugee support officials that he appeared at risk of harming himself and was not adjusting to life in America.

The emails also reveal concerns for his children's wellbeing as the household became increasingly unstable—ranging from poor hygiene to inconsistent meals and school issues. US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants' staff visited him in March 2024, but he reportedly declined assistance. Those who knew him said they were stunned that a man they remembered as a devoted father could be involved in such violence. Lakanwal, 29, is now charged with first-degree murder in the shooting that killed Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and injured Staff Sgt. Andrew Wolfe just before Thanksgiving. – [India TV](#)

US Weighs Terror Tag for Muslim Brotherhood Chapters

US President Donald Trump has ordered officials to evaluate whether branches of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan should be designated as terrorist organisations, potentially subjecting them to economic sanctions, travel bans, and criminal penalties. The executive order directs the State Department, Treasury, Justice Department, and intelligence agencies to produce a detailed assessment within 30 days, citing alleged links to Hamas and "destabilisation campaigns" that threaten regional security and US interests. If warranted, sanctions could follow within 45 days.

The Brotherhood—founded in Egypt nearly a century ago and already banned in Egypt, Jordan, and several Arab nations—has long been viewed by those governments as a political and security threat. Trump had previously considered the designation in his first term. A US designation would mark one of Washington's most significant actions against the group to date. – [BBC News](#)