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PM Modi: No Tolerance for Terror

On 18 June 2025, at the G7 outreach session in Kananaskis (Canada), Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a powerful message demanding a united, consistent global stance against terrorism.

In the wake of a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam (Jammu and Kashmir), which claimed 26 lives, PM Modi called the assault an attack on humanity itself.

“The terrorist attack was not only on Pahalgam, but also on the soul, identity, and dignity of every Indian. It was an attack on the entire humanity,” the prime minister said.

Without naming names, he emphasised that selective outrage and geopolitical double standards are weakening the world's ability to combat violent extremism effectively.

The Prime Minister criticised the international community for sanctioning some countries swiftly while turning a blind eye to those that openly support terrorism.

“On the one hand, we are quick to impose all kinds of sanctions based on our own preferences. On the other hand, countries that openly support terrorism are rewarded.”

He argued that such double standards erode the credibility of the global fight against terror and insisted that any nation backing terrorism should face consequences.

His remarks echoed India’s long-standing frustration over global leniency toward state sponsors of terror, particularly in the South Asian context.

Highlighting the broader implications, PM Modi shifted focus to the Global South, pointing out that developing countries are disproportionately affected by global instability.

He reiterated India’s commitment to be the voice of the Global South, ensuring that issues like food insecurity, energy crises, and financial shocks receive international attention. – [*The New Indian Express*](#)

India, Canada and Ireland Commemorate Kanishka Bombing

On 23 June 2025, marking the 40th anniversary of the Air India Flight 182 (Kanishka) bombing, India reaffirmed its firm stance of zero tolerance toward terrorism. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar paid tribute to the 329 victims who perished in the 1985 terror attack, calling it a grim reminder of the dangers of violent extremism.

The memorial event, held in Ahakista on the Irish Atlantic coast, underscored the international nature of the tragedy, with victims from India, Canada, Ireland, and beyond.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who led the Indian delegation, emphasised the bombing as a heinous act committed by extremist elements targeting India. He pointed to the long history of terror attacks India has endured, including the recent Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025.

Minister Puri highlighted that terrorism remains a modern threat requiring global cooperation, and he called for deeper collaboration with

countries like Canada to counter radicalisation and terror financing.

The memorial also served as a moment to acknowledge the strong bilateral ties that emerged between India and Ireland in the aftermath of the tragedy. Mr. Puri thanked the Irish government for preserving the memory of the victims and noted that out of tragedy, a deep friendship was forged. He reiterated India's readiness to work with global partners through intelligence sharing and coordinated counter-terrorism efforts.

Canadian leaders also marked the occasion, with Prime Minister Mark Carney calling the Kanishka bombing the deadliest terror attack in Canada's history. He pledged Canada's renewed commitment to combating terrorism and ensuring community safety.

The shared remembrance echoed Indian Prime Minister's call at the G7 for a united international stand against terrorism. – [*The Hindu*](#), [*Live Mint*](#), [*Prime Minister of Canada*](#)

Pak Hand in Pahalgam Probe Found

A major breakthrough in the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack investigations has led the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to confirm that all three attackers were Pakistani nationals.

It was also established that these Pakistani terrorists were affiliated with the proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT).

These findings have been made following the arrest of two local Kashmiri men, Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar and Bashir Ahmad Jothar.

The two were held for sheltering terrorists and providing them with food and logistical support.

The terror suspects are said to have visited their homes on April 20, just days before the attack, threatening them into silence.

The NIA's findings are at variance with earlier sketches released by Jammu and Kashmir Police, which included one local and two suspected Pakistani nationals.

Instead, investigators now believe one of the attackers was Suleiman Shah, who is already wanted for a deadly 2023 attack on Z-Morh tunnel workers.

It is also suspected that Suleiman Shah was possibly linked to other terror incidents in Kulgam and Poonch.

Witnesses and the arrested locals identified the attackers from images recovered during earlier investigations.

The two Kashmiri men have been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act,

Before their arrests, over 200 individuals, including pony operators and shopkeepers, were questioned in the region in order to piece together movements of the assailants.

Central agencies are now revisiting ballistic and forensic evidence from earlier terrorist attacks to build a strong and incontrovertible case.

The NIA is also probing whether Suleiman Shah was involved in other high-profile attacks against security forces.

This indicates the possible presence of Pakistani nationals in recently recurring terrorist attacks taking place across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. – [*The Indian Express*](#)

Terror Assets Seized in Handwara

In a major crackdown on terrorism-linked assets, Handwara Police in Jammu and Kashmir have seized properties belonging to two individuals from Monbal village in connection with a long-pending 2003 terror case. The action was taken under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Explosive Substances Act, and various sections of the Ranbir Penal Code, following a court order issued on 20 June under Section 83 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The accused, Moh Shafi Bara and Gh. Mustafa, had exfiltrated to Pakistan and were allegedly involved in orchestrating terror activities from across the border for years. Legal proceedings against the duo are continuing. – [India Today](#)

ASEAN Unites Against Terror

Malaysia hosted a major international counter-terrorism conference in Kuala Lumpur on 24 June, led by the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT). Over 200 participants from global and regional agencies gathered to discuss evolving threats in terrorism and violent extremism, with a strong focus on digital radicalisation, lone-actor tactics, and the impact of AI. The event emphasised urgent collaboration in tackling emerging security challenges.

Deputy Secretary-General Dato' Ahmad Rozian Bin Abd Ghani reaffirmed Malaysia's leadership in regional stability efforts and highlighted alignment with ASEAN's strategic goals, including the PoA-PCRVE, Bali Work Plan, and ASEAN Community 2045 vision.

The conference reinforced ASEAN's unified commitment to strengthening cooperation, policy frameworks, and technological readiness in the fight against terrorism. – [Vietnam Plus](#)

Spike in Sahel Terror Toll

The 2025 Global Terrorism Index reveals that Africa's Sahel region accounted for 51% of global terrorism-related deaths in 2024, up from 48% in 2023, highlighting a grim escalation in violence.

The region also saw 19% of all terrorist attacks worldwide, with Burkina Faso emerging as the worst-hit country, recording over 700 deaths linked to extremist groups like Jamaat Nusrat Al-Islam wal Muslimeen.

Neighbouring nations were also heavily impacted—Niger saw over 400 fatalities, while Nigeria experienced one of its deadliest attacks in Yobe state, with up to 150 killed. Mali witnessed a major strike on a police academy in Bamako, leaving 60 soldiers dead. – [Africanews](#)