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On 27 September 2025, At the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, India's **External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar** delivered a strong rebuke of Pakistan, labelling it the “**epicentre of global terrorism**”. He pointed out that for decades, major international terror attacks have been linked to Pakistan, and emphasised that many individuals listed by the UN as terrorists are Pakistani nationals.

Highlighting India's long-standing struggle with terrorism, he accused Pakistan of being behind numerous cross-border attacks, including the April 2025 terror attack in **Pahalgam**.

He stressed that **India has the right to defend itself** against terrorism and has acted decisively by bringing perpetrators to justice. He underscored the broader global threat posed by terrorism, calling it a force that combines **bigotry, violence, intolerance, and fear**.

The minister issued a stark warning against nations that harbour or sponsor terrorism, urging the global community to **condemn state-backed terrorism** without ambiguity.

He called for an end to terror financing, stronger sanctions against terrorists, and relentless pressure on terror ecosystems.

He also cautioned that supporting terror could eventually backfire on complicit nations.

Concluding his address, he reaffirmed India's **zero-tolerance policy** towards **terrorism**, its commitment to protecting its citizens, and its strategy of forging strong global partnerships.

Emphasising ‘**Atmavishwas**’ (**self-confidence**), he also declared that India will always retain its strategic autonomy and continue to be a prominent voice for the Global South. – [*India Today*](#), [*The Hindu*](#)

Political Violence Shakes U.S. After Charlie Kirk Assassination

The assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk on 10 September 2025, has reignited debates around the growing threat of political violence in the United States.

In response, **President Donald Trump** blamed “**radical leftist groups**”, accusing them of inciting violence and demanding that they “**be put in jail.**”

His top adviser, **Stephen Miller**, echoed the sentiment, describing left-wing groups as a “**vast domestic terror movement**” and vowed to “**dismantle and destroy**” such networks using federal resources.

This incident is part of a disturbing trend. Politically motivated violence, while a **small fraction** of total violent crime, is becoming **more frequent and visible**. The murder of Kirk — allegedly premeditated by suspect **Tyler Robinson** — follows other high-profile killings, including that of Democratic Rep. Melissa Hortman

and her husband. These acts show how **political extremism is shifting from fringe rhetoric to real-world attacks**, threatening the fabric of democratic society.

Complicating the response is the lack of a specific federal law criminalising domestic terrorism. As former Justice Department official **Thomas Brzozowski** noted, even though Kirk’s killing fits the definition, it may be difficult to charge the perpetrator federally.

A particularly symbolic aspect of Kirk’s assassination is its location — a college campus. Traditionally spaces for intellectual exchange and debate, campuses have increasingly become ideologically hostile and volatile.

Scholar **Ari Perliger** points out that modern campus activism often lacks space for dialogue, replacing it with **polarisation and confrontation**. — [*PBS*](#), [*NBC News*](#), [*The Conversation*](#)

Pak State Terror: Airforce Kills Women, Children using Chinese jets

On 22 September 2025, a deadly airstrike in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province has claimed the lives of at least **30 people, including women and children**, triggering outrage.

The attack, which occurred around 2 AM in the Tirah Valley, involved **China-made JF-17 fighter jets** dropping **eight LS-6 laser-guided bombs**.

Some reports claim the blasts were caused by explosives stored by the Pakistani Taliban (TTP). The TTP has waged an armed rebellion since 2007, remains active in the region, but the indiscriminate use of airpower by state forces has increasingly drawn the ire of civilians, lawmakers, and human rights advocates alike.

The Pakistani government and military remain silent, prompting criticism over their lack of

accountability. Lawmakers like Sohail Khan Afridi have directly accused the military, by calling the strike “an attack on unarmed civilians.”

India seized on the incident to rebuke Pakistan at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

During the 60th session, Indian diplomat Kshitij Tyagi condemned Pakistan for “bombing their own people” while misusing international platforms to make “**baseless and provocative statements**” against India.

Tyagi further criticised Pakistan's **struggling economy** and **military-dominated politics**, stating that Islamabad should focus on its internal crises instead of “exporting terrorism” and occupying **Indian Territory illegally**. - [NewsOnAir](#), [NDTV](#), [Al Jazeera](#)

Trump Labels ‘Antifa’ as Domestic Terror Organisation

President Donald Trump signed an executive order on 22 September 2025 formally designating Antifa as a domestic terrorist organisation, a move critics argue is aimed at suppressing **left-wing dissent** and expanding governmental power over political opponents. The order instructs federal agencies to “investigate, disrupt and dismantle” individuals and groups linked to the anti-fascist ideology, though it does not specify targets or enforcement mechanisms. This marks an unprecedented step, as all 219 current terrorist designations by the State Department are for foreign entities, not U.S.-based groups. Federal authorities have long described Antifa as an ideology, not a structured organization.

The decision drew immediate backlash from critics, including Rep. Bennie Thompson, who condemned it as a politically motivated attempt to “stifle dissent” and label opponents as terrorists without due cause. The order follows the politically charged atmosphere after the killing of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, which Trump blamed on the “radical left.” Trump reiterated these views at Kirk’s memorial service, escalating rhetoric against his adversaries.

Meanwhile, Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr reportedly pressured Disney to suspend Jimmy Kimmel Live! over jokes about Kirk, a suspension that has now been lifted. The move underscores growing fears that free speech and protest rights may be under threat amid an election-season crackdown. – [Politico](#)

Far-Right rallies sweep Europe

At a far-right gathering in Madrid hosted by Spain’s far-right Vox party, thousands cheered a video tribute to Charlie Kirk, hailing him as a martyr of left-wing violence. Vox leader Santiago Abascal claimed the Left “call us fascists in order to kill us,” while speakers like Portugal’s André Ventura and Italy’s Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni framed Kirk’s killing as evidence of rising hatred and persecution.

Across Europe, far-right parties are gaining influence: Vox is surging in Spain, Chega leads polls in Portugal, and AfD in Germany tripled its vote share in a recent regional election.

Meanwhile, Tommy Robinson’s rally in London drew over 100,000 supporters from across Europe, who held a minute’s silence for Kirk, signaling the spread of a pan-European far-right alliance. – [The Guardian](#)