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# Home Minister hails Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev

**O**n 27 August 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah made a powerful statement during a ceremony held for honouring the nation's security forces, in which he lauded the success of counter-terrorism (CT) operations, namely **Operation Sindoor** and **Operation Mahadev**.

He said that the forces had instilled fear in the hearts of terror masterminds and sent a strong message against attacking India.

Referring to these counter-terror operations, he said the first brought **public satisfaction**, while the second turned that satisfaction into **unshakable confidence**. The operations were in retaliation for the **Pahalgam terror attack** of 22 April, which took 26 lives.

**Operation Sindoor**, conducted in May, struck terror hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April terror attacks, while **Operation Mahadev**, launched in July, targeted and eliminated those responsible for the Pahalgam terror attacks. Mr. Amit Shah praised the collaborative efforts of the Indian Armed Forces, the Central Reserve Police Force, and

Jammu and Kashmir Police, and said that their actions marked a **turning point** in the fight against terrorism in the region.

Highlighting the timing of the Pahalgam attack — during Kashmir's peak tourist season — Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that it was a failed attempt at sabotaging the government's highly successful 'Kashmir Mission'. Instead, the incident became a catalyst for decisive military action. He also emphasised the **sterling leadership role** of the J&K Police alongside the army and paramilitary forces.

The Home Minister concluded by stating that the **NIA's forensic lab** confirmed the identity of the **terrorists neutralised** in Operation Mahadev, which proved their direct link to the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

Expressing pride on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr Shah affirmed that the two counter-terrorism operations have played a major role in “**strengthening the sense of security** in the hearts of Indian citizens.” — [\*The New Indian Express\*](#)

# Raksha Mantri lauds India's Bold New Doctrine against Terrorism

**I**n a visit to Srinagar, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh declared that **India's policy on terrorism has fundamentally changed.**

Addressing Indian Army soldiers at Srinagar's Badami Bagh Cantonment, Mr Rajnath Singh said that the change has come with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's doctrine equating any attack on Indian soil to an *act of war*.

Emphasizing that India prefers peace, Mr. Singh stated that attacks on its sovereignty would now be met with decisive and bold retaliation. He specifically warned Pakistan, stating that continued support for terrorism would result in **severe consequences**.

**Operation Sindoor**, which Singh described as the **largest anti-terror operation in India's history**, was hailed as India's testament to eliminate the scourge of terrorism. The mission was launched in response to the Pahalgam terror attack, where 26 civilians were killed. He emphasised that terrorists were eliminated not for their religion, but for their deeds, saying the Indian Armed Forces channelled their rage

with courage and discretion. The operation, which targeted terror camps and Pakistani bunkers, sent a decisive message to those sheltering terrorists.

The Defence Minister also slammed **Pakistan's repeated nuclear threats**, calling the country an *irresponsible and rogue state*. He questioned the safety of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal and urged the global community to consider placing its weapons under **IAEA supervision**.

He recalled how Pakistan had once promised to end terrorism on its soil, yet continued to **harbour and support anti-India elements** while struggling economically—seeking IMF bailouts. Mr. Singh closed his remarks by paying tribute to the **victims of Pahalgam and those who made the supreme sacrifice during Operation Sindoor**, reaffirming the government's commitment to modernising the military. He praised the swift development of indigenous defence technology, including rifles, drones, and missile shields, and reiterated PM Modi's stance that **"terror and talks cannot go together."** - [\*PIB\*](#)

# US Lone-Wolf Shooter Kills Students, Commits Suicide

**O**n 26 August 2025, a tragic shooting at a Minneapolis school left two students dead and 17 other children and adults injured.

FBI Director Kash Patel stated that the attack is being investigated as an act of **domestic terrorism** and as an **anti-Catholic hate crime**.

In his statement Mr. Kash Patel said: “There were two fatalities, an 8-year-old and a 10-year-old. In addition, 14 children and 3 adults were injured.”

Mr. Patel also said that the FBI will continue to provide updates on the ongoing investigation into the shooting.

The shooter, identified as 23-year-old Robin Westman, who was reportedly born as Robert Westman, is said to have died by suicide at the scene. Law enforcement officials believe the shooter acted alone and that all of the surviving victims are expected to recover despite a wide range of injuries.

The firearms used in the attack—a rifle, a shotgun, and a pistol—were all legally purchased by the shooter.

Law enforcement is also reviewing a **manifesto** that Westman seemingly intended to post online, which contains “**disturbing writings**” and has since been removed with the help of the FBI.

Robin Westman reportedly grew up in the area. Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O’Hara said the gunman, who was in his early 20s, was armed with a rifle, a shotgun, and a pistol.

He added that the suspect did not have a significant criminal history.

In response to the tragedy, political leaders have called for effective action.

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey urged politicians to **address gun violence**, while Minnesota Governor Tim Walz expressed his condolences to the slain students.

In a show of **national mourning**, President Donald Trump ordered US flags to be flown at half-mast.

The Vatican also issued a statement, with Pope Leo XIV expressing his profound grief and condolences. – [\*NDTV, The Guardian\*](#)

## Far-Right Youth in Norway Stabs Ethiopia-Born Woman

**A**n **18-year-old Norwegian** is under investigation for **terrorism** following the fatal stabbing of a social worker in Oslo. The victim, identified as **34-year-old Tamima Nibras Juhar**, an Ethiopian-born woman, was a social worker at a residence that helps integrate vulnerable youth. The suspect, a resident at the same home, was arrested shortly after the attack and has admitted to his involvement in her death.

During police interrogation, the suspect's preliminary charges were elevated to include **terrorism**. Authorities stated that the teen expressed **hostile opinions toward Muslims** and had plans to harm multiple people. The police believe his actions were intended to “**spread terror among part of the population**”. Although not confirmed by the prosecutor, some media outlets reported that the suspect planned to attack a mosque. The investigation suggests he acted alone.

This incident is the latest in a series of **far-right extremist attacks** that have targeted Norway. The country has a history of such violence, including the **2011 attack by Anders Behring Breivik**, who killed 77 people, and the **2019 mosque shooting by Philip Manshaus**, who also murdered his adopted sister in a racially-motivated act. Both Breivik and Manshaus received **21-year sentences**, which can be extended if they are still considered a threat to society. The current suspect is scheduled to appear before a judge for a detention hearing. – [Arab News](#)

## Infiltration Bid Foiled in J&K's Bandipora District

**S**ecurity forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district have successfully foiled an infiltration attempt along the **Line of Control (LoC)** in the **Gurez sector**, resulting in the killing of **two terrorists**. The operation, a joint effort by the **Indian Army** and the **Jammu and Kashmir Police**, was launched following intelligence about a likely infiltration bid. Troops spotted suspicious activity near **Naushehra Naar** and challenged the intruders, who responded with indiscriminate firing.

The troop's effective fire neutralised two terrorists. The operation, codenamed **Naushera Nar IV**, is still in progress as a search operation has been launched in the surrounding areas. The swift response by security forces prevented terrorists from crossing into Indian territory. – [Moneycontrol](#), [NDTV](#)