



India's Internal Security Environment Analysis

For the month of April' 2010



General Overview:

With terror strikes becoming more common than transport strikes, security is certainly a big challenge these days. A rise in terror threats, Attempt to bomb sports events, crowded market complemented by Naxal menace along with the Bandhs organized by various political parties has made the security level of the country susceptible.

The main challenges to the Internal Security and Law & Order Situation in the month of April centered on the threats and attempt to bomb sporting events by various Terror Agencies, Increased Naxal violence triggering deadliest attacks on Security forces/ Railway properties/ government installations in Naxal infested states, in addition to the Protests/ Communal Violence triggering Curfews & Bandhs.

It has also been observed during the period that Terrorists & their sympathizers have demonstrated their willingness and capability to attack officials & commercial installations across the country.

The overall security situation in Assam, Manipur and Nagaland remained peaceful with the decline in militant activities in the region. Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed violence both externally driven and internal with the incidents of exchange of fire across the Line of control, the attempts of Infiltration has also seen a rising trend in the Border areas with the insurgency attempts, consequential the counter insurgency operations have stepped up resulting in increased neutralization of extremists.

Major Threats perceived during the course of this Month can be as follows:

- Naxalite Violence on security forces/ Railways
- Terror attacks on sporting events/ public places
- Terror threat to commercial installations
- Militancy in Jammu & Kashmir
- Insurgency & Militancy in North- East
- Crimes.

In the Immediate Future, Threats are likely to manifest in any of the following Manner:

- Upsurge in attacks/ bandhs by Naxalite groups on Security forces and insurgents in the Southern / East Central States.
- Terror attack in high density commercial areas/ upcoming sports events to inflict maximum casualties with a view to create fear psychos.
- Imminent chances of Kidnapping of Business tycoon.

- Operation by Militant groups in North-east.
- Threats to individual and vital installation i.e. Petroleum refineries, Power plants, Dams, Business installations and services.
- Crimes in particular Trans- national crimes relating to Fake- currency, smuggling of arms.

Jammu & Kashmir

14th April: Bandh paralyzed life in Jammu & Kashmir

Life remains crippled in Baramulla and Sopore in north Kashmir:

Life remained crippled due to spontaneous strike in Baramulla and Sopore town for the second day on April 14th.

The strike was observed in protest against the death of a youth due to drowning after he was allegedly chased by security forces during the demonstrations on April 13th in Sopore.

Bandh effect: Shops and business establishments remained closed in Baramulla town and its adjoining areas though there was no strike call by any organisation. Traffic also remained off the roads. However, government offices remained closed due to holiday.

A report from apple township of Sopore said life was crippled with all shops and business establishments remained closed and traffic was also off the roads.

The people were protesting against the 13th April's incident in which five youths jumped into river Jehlum after they were being allegedly chased away by the security forces during demonstrations.

One of the youths Zubair Ahmad drowned while four others swam to other side of the river safely. Later his body was fished out, leading to more protests.

Security forces had to open fire to control the situation resulting in bullet injuries to three. The injured were hospitalised.

On 13th Baramulla and Sopore observed strike on a bandh call given by the breakaway Hurriyat Conference (HC) in protest against the conviction of six Kashmiris, including chairperson of Mass Movement (MM) Fareeda Behanji in Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi blast case.

April 23rd : Separatists give call for strike

The death penalty awarded to three youths convicted in the Lajpat Nagar blast case has been resented by various political parties, both mainstream and separatists in valley. The two factions of the APHC, moderates led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and hardliners led by Syed Ali Geelani, have also called for a protest strike against the sentence on 23rd.

Life in entire Kashmir Valley was thrown out of gear on Friday following a separatist

shutdown and incidents of violence those left 14 persons including six cops wounded.

The strike was complete in Srinagar where shops, businesses, educational institutions and public transport remained shut while attendance in government offices and banks was also thin. Though the authorities had imposed strict security restrictions on pedestrian and vehicular movement in the old city area, violence erupted in other parts of the capital city since Friday morning.

Police had to use teargas and baton charges to disperse the unruly stone pelting mobs in various parts of the city. In the uptown Maisuma locality, police had to detain the pro-independence Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chairman, Mohammad Yasin Malik who led protests in the area. Immediately after Malik's arrest, angry mobs pelted stones on the police and paramilitary, central reserve police force troopers resulting in clashes those continued till late this evening.

Security force-protestor clashes which started after the Friday prayers led to tension in the city and police and CRPF jawans were busy till the evening controlling the mobs.

A posse of the CRPF opened fire at a group of people who were leaving a local mosque in the Nowshehra locality of the city which had witnessed a stone pelting incident earlier in the day.

Police said 48-year old Manzoor Ahmad was hit by a bullet in his abdomen and was shifted to nearby Soura medical institute in a critical condition. The incident led to tension and protests in the area. Reports from north Kashmir Sopore and Baramulla towns and Anantnag in south also said that security force stone pelted clashes continued intermittently during the day. Chairman of the moderate APHC Mirwaiz Moulvi Umar Farooq was placed under house arrest in his Nageen residence by the authorities.

Advisory: Jammu & Kashmir is one of the very sensitive state. Bandhs, sporadic violence, stone pelting incidents are common prevalent in the state. It is advised to remain cautious while traveling to these areas.

Bangalore

17th April: SPORTS EVENTS ON TERRORIST'S RADAR: 2 BOMBS GO OFF AT IPL VENUE; A THIRD DEFUSED; ONE LIVE FOUND THE NEXT DAY

- **The message is loud and clear — sports venues are in the terrorists' crosshairs. As stands filled on Saturday, April 17th for the Mumbai Indians vs Royal Challengers IPL match, two bombs went off at the Chinnaswamy Stadium wounding 12 people and triggering panic.**

Roughly 20,000 people had packed into the stadium and hundreds more were streaming in when a loud explosion at Gate 12 rocked the arena and rattled nearby buildings. Six policemen were injured when the grill near the wall collapsed on them.

The explosion occurred at 3.15pm. Another one about 20 minutes later compounded the cops' worst fears because the second bomb went off closer to the stadium and

near the state police wireless headquarters. The explosives were hidden in the bushes.

The target was clear — to inflict casualties. Later, a third device was found at Gate 8, timed to go off at 8pm when the match would end. However, that bomb was found and defused.

Type of Explosives: Preliminary forensic investigation revealed that the explosive was an ammonium nitro glycerine gelatin stick. It was detonated with a micro-chip fitted timer.

The explosive was wrapped in a plastic cover and placed near the wall adjacent to Gate 12. Since it was placed near an electric transformer, initially it was assumed it was generator blast. But then it was found the compound wall was damaged.

The bomb went off 45 minutes before the match was to start, causing panic and chaos outside the stadium as well as within. Players were rushed to the safety of the dressing room. The 3.30 pm toss was delayed till it became clear there were no more bombs.

Police remained tight-lipped on who they suspected and pointed no fingers. But of late, Bangalore has emerged on the terror hit list as a prime target of resurgent India. After the 2005 Indian Institute of Science attack that's been blamed on the Indian Mujahideen, interrogation reports of several jihadis have amply established that terror groups wanted to target the IT hub.

On Saturday, while attention inside the stadium turned to cricket as players padded up and strode out, there was chaos outside. While most spectators had got into the stadium by 3.30pm, a few spectators left the stadium, though they had paid handsomely to enjoy the match.

The fact that cops were deployed adequately and remained alert helped save what could have been a massive disaster.

A day after two low-intensity blasts in the city, an explosive device weighing 2kgs was found wrapped in a yellow bag near Mahatma Gandhi statue on MG road. The device has been diffused and sent to the forensic department for tests.

Matter of Concern:

The warning of action at the Common Wealth Games, the ability & willingness of terrorists to attack on sports person (Attack on Sri Lankan cricket team in Pakistan), coupled with Kashmiri's explicit threats, strongly advocate that the threat to major sporting events has increased. The fear of attack particularly increases if it involves large numbers of participants and fans from Western countries and, given the al-Qaeda-linked Pakistani militant Ilyas Kashmiri's warning, The successful completion of Common Wealth Games is the matter of concern. Consequential, it may affect any and all prominent events in countries where jihadists operate.

April 22nd: India sits up to specific US terror warning

Indian police said on Thursday they were taking seriously a specific US warning of possible attacks on New Delhi shopping centres, an alert that underlines challenges for a city hosting the Commonwealth Games in October.

Threats to sporting events were underscored last week when bombs exploded outside a packed cricket stadium in south India, stirring fears the country may not be able to secure multi-city events involving tens of thousands of players and spectators.

➤ **India is also holding next year's cricket World Cup across eight cities.**

The U.S. advisory issued on Wednesday, April 21st spoke of "increased indication that terrorists" are planning to attack some of New Delhi's markets frequented by foreigners. Some of these markets have been bombed in the past.

"Every bit of input is important. We are in a permanent state of alertness, but when we have a specific input we sensitise our staff to any special security needs," claims Delhi Police.

Police say the alert underscored their suspicion that security at Games venues may prompt militants to turn to softer targets.

Officials said the basis of the US travel alert was intercepted telephonic messages of Pakistan-based militant groups.

New Delhi and other Indian cities are already on high alert, but the specific nature of the U.S. advisory prompted the authorities to hold several security review meetings on Thursday.

Australia and Britain have also issued travel advisories for India.

Security agencies routinely intercept messages exchanged between militant networks, but officials said the highly detailed alert had prompted immediate action, including tighter security.

"We had part of this alert already, and now with the US alert we have activated our forces further, especially in markets," special police commissioner Neeraj Kumar said.

India raised security in the aftermath of a bombing that killed 17 people in western India in February, the first major attack in the country since the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people.

The October Commonwealth Games in New Delhi involving 54 nations will be by far the largest global sporting event ever in the country. India is keen to put together a world-class show to go with its image of a fast-modernising, emerging economic giant.

Naxal- Situation

Naxalism is pure and simple TERRORISM, which disguises itself with terms like "class

struggle" and "social justice"

April 6th: 74 SECURITY MEN KILLED BY NAXALS IN CHHATTISGARH

In the country's worst Maoist attack ever, at least 74 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and state police personnel were killed in an ambush on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in the thick Mukrana forests of Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district. The dead include a Deputy and an Assistant Commandant of the CRPF, and a head constable of the district police.

Situational Brief:

The CRPF party, returning after a three-day anti-Maoist operation, were taking a break at around 6 am after travelling all night, when they were ambushed by up to 1,000 Maoists positioned on neighbouring hill top. The Naxals - aware of the CRPF movement - executed their attack with fierce precision, giving the jawans no chance to react. They blew up an anti-landmine vehicle and then began firing indiscriminately. The shocked and exhausted jawans weren't able to follow standard operating procedures like checking the road for landmines, and were massacred within minutes. The Naxals also managed to loot all the weapons that the CRPF team had.

The planners:

According to the information the attack was planned by Kosa, Leader of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee of the CPI Maoist and was executed by three Maoist companies led by Ganeshanna and Ramanna, two top leaders from the same Committee. The Maoists trailed the security forces for the better part of two days before working out the route of return and laying the ambush.

Negligence on the account of CRPF:

According to the counter-insurgency expert, CRPF violated two basic doctrines of jungle warfare:

First: Never return to the camp along the same route that you left.

Second: if you must, you have to clear and secure all raised terrain and hillocks.

"Neither of these precautions was followed"

April 23rd: Naxals call for 48-hr bandh in WB, J'khand, Orissa

In support of their demand to produce four of their arrested leaders Chandrasekhar, Rajen, Krishna and Rajesh, who were held between Apr 14 and 15 from three different areas in Jhargram subdivision of West Midnapore district, before the court, Maoists called for a 48-hour bandh in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Orissa from Apr 26th.

Suspected Maoists shot two persons near Lalgahar on Monday killing one, injuring the other who was rushed to hospital. In Orissa too Maoists set fire to 2 buses at the Orissa-Andhra Pradesh border.

Indian Railways had cancelled and diverted some other trains passing through or originating out of these states besides restricting speed of flagship Rajdhani Express.

The measures were aimed at preventing any untoward incident during this period especially after Naxals last month targeted Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express during a

similar bandh, derailing the train near Gaya.

Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee had told Parliament just a week before the bandh that Maoist violence and bandhs had cost the Railways Rs 500 crore while asking the states to provide security to rail passengers and property.

Major Maoist Threats during the Period were:

- **Violence & Bandhs: Maoists disrupt rail, road traffic to enforce bandh**
Left-wing extremists targeted rail and road transport, blowing up tracks disrupting transport system by felling trees apart from triggering landmine blasts and attacks on security personnel, abduction of government employees were perceived as major Maoist threat during the period.

Mumbai

20th April: Mumbai on high alert after terror threat

➤ **Airport, Shopping Mall, Sports Events on Terrorists target List.**

Security was tightened at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport, railway stations and other vital installations following an alert issued by Central security agencies about a possible terror strike in the city.

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the city police received inputs from Delhi Police and other Central intelligence agencies stating that there could be a "suspected terror attack" on April 22 at the airport.

One of the malls in suburban Lokhandwala area and Santacruz railway station are also on the list of targets.

According to Police officials- The city has been kept on alert following the twin blasts in Bangalore, and security was increased at the railway stations and other vital installations. Threat perception is always there in the city. Alerts are being received on a regular basis.

In the wake of constant alerts about terror threats in the city, Maharashtra DGP A N Roy also reviewed the security arrangements for IPL matches to be held at D Y Patil Sports Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

New Delhi

New Delhi on high alert after terror threat

In fresh advisories, the US, UK and Australia on Saturday warned of "imminent" terror attacks in New Delhi, particularly in market places like Connaught Place,

Greater Kailash and Chandni Chowk, which are "attractive targets" for terrorist groups.

Highly placed government sources said that the advisories are being taken "seriously" and Delhi Police has been asked to be on "full alert".

Markets such as those located in Chandni Chowk, Connaught Place, Greater Kailash, Karol Bagh, Mehrauli, and Sarojini Nagar, can be especially attractive targets for terrorist groups.

A number of Delhi markets were bombed in 2008 and Sarojini Nagar in 2005.

In its advisory, the UK said, "At this time there are increased indications that terrorists are planning attacks in New Delhi."

Australian advisory said, "Reliable reporting indicates that terrorists may be planning to attack markets in New Delhi, including those frequented by foreigners. Such attacks could occur at any time from 22 April."

These countries have been issuing such advisories in the past also but this time they have talked about an "imminent" threat about terrorist strikes in Delhi.

Government said: Delhi is always "high" on the terror target and additional forces are being deployed in the city.

ADVISORY:

DURING A TERRORIST ATTACK

- Leave the site immediately, move to an open space or a protected area.
- Avoid as best you can, proximity to tall buildings, glass windows and vehicles. Obey police instructions.

IN CASE OF BOMB EXPLOSION: (After explosion)

- If police have not arrived yet, call 100 immediately. Follow instructions of police land rescue teams.
- Do not form or join a crowd.
- Leave the area immediately, there may be additional explosives planted around.
- Make way for rescue vehicles.
- Observe your surroundings and report to the police immediately for any suspect or additional explosive charges.
- If you have any information that may help in apprehending suspects or locate

a vehicle involved, report to the police.

General Advisories:

Bank robberies:

Prevention Techniques

- Have a bank employee act as a greeter to meet customers as they enter the bank. The greeter will route customers to where they need to go depending on the services needed. This attention provides good customer service along with deterring unnecessary loitering in the lobby or customer service area. It also allows the greeter to get an accurate description of a possible robbery suspect and the attention brought may deter a robbery.
- Be aware of subjects entering the bank wearing sunglasses, masks or hats worn very low on their head covering the top part of the face. These can all be worn together or separately. Most offenders know that banks utilize video surveillance and try to hide their face. If you see any type of this activity, notify the bank manager and other tellers immediately so as to bring further attention to the subject.
- Position surveillance cameras at all teller stations, waiting areas, vault entrance and all ingress and egress points to the bank. The cameras should be in conspicuous locations and recording at all times (digital video recording systems are preferred).

In Case Of A Robbery

- Stay calm, do not panic, don't be a hero
- Cooperate with the robbers demands for money but only do what you're told
- Don't make any sudden moves, consider your own well-being
- Get a good description of the robber (clothing, gender, race, scars or tattoos, build, deformities)
- Don't become a hostage or go with the robber
- Give dye pack or bait money as company policy allows

After A Robbery

- Activate the alarm and call the police
- Don't touch anything that could be finger printed
- Lock the door after the robber leaves
- Reopen the door for the police only
- Ask witnesses to stay until police arrive
- Cooperate with police
- Write down description of suspect
- Be prepared to testify in court

For Landlords, Property Dealers, Car Dealer or Guest House Owners:-

- Do not let your premises without satisfying yourself about the antecedents of the tenant.
- Always check the antecedent of the person who intend to take on rent your property.
- Before your rent your property be careful and ensure the bonafides of the tenant and verify their particulars.
- Insist on identification documents before booking a room for the guest. Install CCTV cameras and report about suspicious guest to the police.
- Satisfy yourself about the antecedents of both parties, particularly the buyer before finalizing the deal and insist on identification documents, photocopies of which should be retained.
- Contact your beat constable or Police station for tenant verification.

Help lines- Delhi:

Police Control Room	100
Terrorism (Your identity will be kept secret)	1090
Children	1098
Women	1091 & 011-24121234
Senior Citizens	1091 & 1291
Traffic	011-23010101
Vigilance Cell	011-23213355
Anti-Corruption Cell	011-23890018 & 011-23890019
Legal Cell	011-23490258 & 011-23490010 Ext.4258

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