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Islamabad Tells of Plot by Lashkar

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ISLAMABAD -- Pakistani investigators told India they have found substantial, incriminating evidence that directly connects Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba to November's terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

The latest report on Pakistan's investigation, handed to Indian authorities this month, said material recovered from Lashkar camps in Karachi and the southern

coastal town of Thatta indicated the terrorists were given training, weapons and direction by the militant outfit. The evidence included handwritten diaries, training manuals, Indian maps and operational instructions, said the report, a copy of which was reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

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"The investigation has established beyond any reasonable doubt that the defunct LeT activists conspired, abetted, planned, financed and

established [the] communication network to carry out terror attacks in Mumbai," the report said.

Lashkar-e-Taiba was outlawed by Pakistan in 2002, but it continued to operate under the banner of Jamaat ud Dawa, its purported charity arm.

Pakistan has arrested and charged five people with planning the assault, in which more than 170 died, including nine attackers.

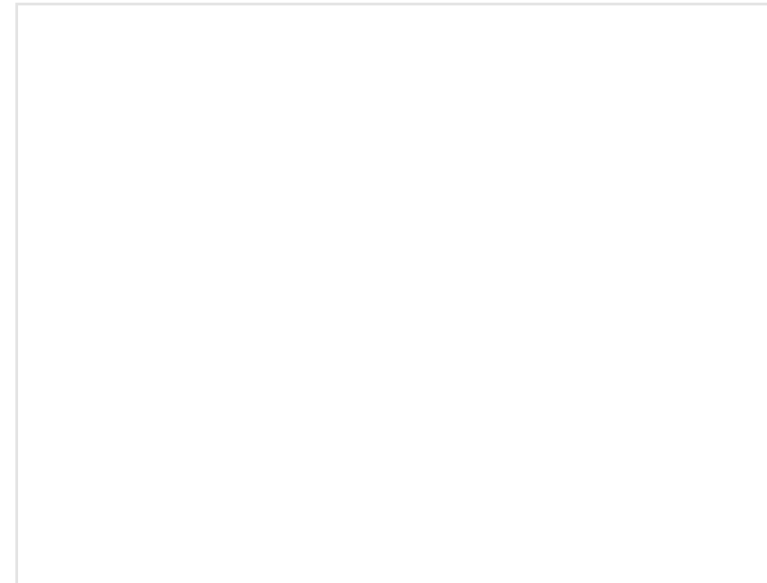
"The accused were running training camps for terrorists, providing sea and navigational training, conducting intelligence courses and directions for terrorist attack," the report said.

Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, the sole surviving gunman, has been on trial in Mumbai, where he said in court testimony last week that he had been recruited by Lashkar and carried out the attack with others from the group.

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