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## Terrorism

### LET Targets Jewish and Western Interests

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Israeli and Indian intelligence agencies have increased security at Jewish institutions in India in response to threats by a Pakistani-based terrorist group responsible for [a series of coordinated terror attacks in Mumbai, India](#), in November 2008 that killed over 170 people and wounded approximately 300 others.

The alerts from Israeli and Indian intelligence agencies, issued in September and October 2009, warned that [Lashkar-e-Taiba \(LET\)](#), a Pakistani-based Islamic terrorist organization that seeks to drive out Indian security forces from the disputed Jammu and Kashmir regions of South Asia, is planning to attack Jewish religious places in Pune, India, and may be targeting other Indian cities.

Israel's National Security Agency (NSA) warned that LET "is preparing more attacks across India, mainly in sites visited by Western and Israeli tourists," and claimed that the threat is "very high and concrete."

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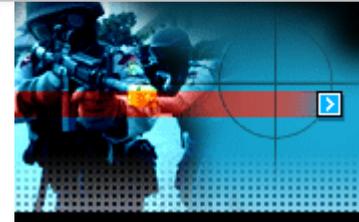
The gunmen who attacked the Nariman House, the Mumbai headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch movement, were reportedly told on the phone by a Pakistani controller known as "Brother Wasi" (presumably a member of LET) that "Every person you kill where you are is worth 50 of the ones killed elsewhere," according to intercepted phone calls by Indian intelligence.

The lone surviving gunman in the attacks, Mohammed Ajmal Mohammed Amir Kasab, reportedly confessed that he was told by LET militants to kill American, British and Israeli citizens because they made Muslims suffer.

Federal authorities have charged American citizen [David Coleman Headley](#) for his alleged involvement in the 2008 Mumbai attacks. According to court documents, LET tasked Headley with conducting surveillance of a number of the targeted locations, including the Chhatrapati Shivaji railway station, the Taj Mahal and Oberoi-Trident hotels, the Leopold Café and the Nariman House, the Mumbai headquarters of the Chabad Lubavitch movement. Indian news sources have reported that Headley posed as a Jew during a July 2008 visit to the Nariman House, in which suspected members of LET tortured and killed six people during the terrorist attacks four months later.

In March 2009, Headley reportedly conducted reconnaissance of other Jewish locations, including Chabad houses and other Jewish centers in Delhi, Mumbai, Goa, Pune and Pushkar. Indian news sources have reported that Headley stayed in hotels near the alleged targets and posed as a Jew to gain access to a number of the Jewish centers he scouted.

Federal authorities have also accused Headley of conducting surveillance of a Danish synagogue on behalf of LET. Headley, a U.S. citizen, and



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...women, surveilled a synagogue an LET member told him was attended by  
the editor. After his arrest in early October at a Chicago airport, federal  
authorities found a book entitled "How to Pray Like a Jew" in Headley's  
luggage.

Headley and Rana have also been implicated in a foiled attack on the U.S.  
and Indian embassies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which reportedly was  
planned for November 26, 2009, the one year anniversary of the Mumbai  
attacks. Indian news sources have reported that Headley, Rana, and  
another man arrested in Pakistan, Abdur Rahman Sayeed, ordered  
several LET militants to carry out the attack. At least seven men have  
been arrested in Bangladesh in connection to the plot, including an alleged  
senior member of LET.

While the Mumbai attacks were the first time that LET successfully  
attacked a Jewish or Israeli target, it is not the first time that they have  
tried. For example, Riyazuddin Nasir (also known as Mohammed  
Ghouse), reportedly trained with LET and plotted to attack American and  
Israeli tourists in Goa, India, during the holiday season in December 2007.