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**What is TERRORISM?**

# Definition



- Is an unlawful act of violence
- Intimidates governments or societies
- Goal is to achieve political, religious or ideological objectives



# Terrorism

**Terrorism is different from regular crime because of its strong political properties**

**The definition of terrorism can vary from people to people due to the differences in standpoint**

**One person's terrorist can be another's freedom fighter**

# *Facts About Terrorism*

*It is difficult to make statistics about terrorism, but some facts are clearer than others.....*



- Around the world about **50%** of terrorist actions are bombings, **20%** are shootings and **30%** are kidnappings, hostage takings or hijackings
- Around 20% of terrorist actions result in **someone being killed.....**
- The number of people killed by terrorist has **risen dramatically over the last 20 years.**

# *How do Terrorists Work? (1)*

- *Terrorist groups are made up of people who are convinced that society is deeply unfair*
- *They believe normal politics cannot solve the problem and therefore it is acceptable to break the law to achieve change*
- *That is "the bullet is better than the ballot box".*



# How do Terrorists Work? (2)

## Organised Terror

- most terrorist groups try to hide their activities from the **police**
- many are organised into **cells** who work independently from each other.

## Direct Terror

- Terrorist groups do use guns but means must be present during an attack - **risk of capture**
- Guns usually used for self-defence



## Making an Impact

- 50% of terrorist actions are **bombings**
- these tactics are used because bombs can be set to explode **after** terrorists **have escaped**

## Death or Destruction?

- Some terrorist groups inform the police **before bombs go off** - still achieves fear
- Other groups believe **killing randomly** achieves their aims

# *Paying for Terrorism*

- \* Terrorists need money to buy weapons and to keep operations 'secret'.
- \* 'Missions' cost lots of money (fake passports, safe houses etc.)

## Some methods used to raise money are:

*Fake charities*



*Drug smuggling and prostitution*

*DVD pirating*

*Donations and gifts (eg, Osama Bin Laden)*

*Robberies, kidnappings and ransoms*

# TERRORISM ACROSS THE GLOBE

## **Srilanka - LTTE (Liberation Tigers Of Tamil Elam )**

- ❖ Campaign against the Srilankan government since 1970
- ❖ Headed by Vellupillai Prabhakaran
- ❖ Objective is to create a separate Tamil state
- ❖ Attracts the Tamil youth who are dissatisfied by government's role towards concerns of the Tamil community

## **China**

- ❖ Primarily committed by separatist militants in the Xinjiang, Uyghur & Tibet autonomous regions .
- ❖ Aim is that Uyghur gains independence from China and want to establish a state of East Turkistan



# GLOBAL TERRORISM – CONTD.

- **Pakistan :**
  - ❖ Results mainly because of its support of terrorist activities in its neighboring countries namely in India & Afghanistan.
  - ❖ Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI accused of playing a role in major terror attacks all over the globe like September 11, 2001 , Mumbai train blasts, London bombing, Varanasi bombing
  - ❖ ISI also supports Taliban forces & in recruiting & training mujahedeen .
  - ❖ Terror groups are:
  - ❖ Al-Qaeda, Lashkar- e -Omar, Lashkar – e -Toiba, Sipah-e-saba.







# Terrorism in India

- Religious terrorism
  - Sikh terrorism, Islamic terrorism
- Left Wing terrorism
  - Naxalism
- Regional terrorism
  - North East India

# TERRORISM IN INDIA

## **Bihar :**

- ❖ Existence of groups like Ranvir Sena, Balbir militias as they frequently attack policemen & politicians.
- ❖ There are massacres due to caste groups.
- ❖ This state is also the transit point for fake currency, drug deals from Nepal & Bangladesh.

## **Assam: ULFA ( United Liberation Front Of Asom):**

- ❖ 2 goals: Independence of Assam & establishment of socialist government
- ❖ ULFA has links with Naxalites. Most of their operations are carried out from Kingdom of Bhutan.

## **Andhra pradesh**

- ❖ Naxalites majorly operate in the Telangana district. Their objective is to create equality in society, hence attack the rich & powerful.
- ❖ Eg: attempts of assassination of former AP- CM, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, targets senior officials as well.

# TERRORISM IN INDIA

- **Jammu & Kashmir:**
- ❖ JKLF( Jammu & Kashmir liberation front) - split into 2 headed by Amanullah khan & Yasin Malik. Objective was to achieve independence
- ❖ These activists are supported by people expelled from POK (Pakistan occupied Kashmir)  
Eg: Hijacking Of Indian Airlines Flight
- ❖ Killing of Indian deputy high commission in Birmingham
- ❖ Operate from London.
- ❖ ISI gained entry into India because of them.

# Preparing For Terrorism



1. Be Aware of Your Surroundings
2. Report to the Police Unusual Behavior, Suspicious Packages, and Strange Devices
3. Leave an Area if it Does Not Seem Right



# Preparing For Terrorism



4. Be Aware of Exits - Plan to Get Out!
5. Learn First Aid & Get a First Aid Kit
6. Be Familiar With Fire Extinguishers

# Preparing for an Explosion



- Know Evacuation Procedures
- Keep Fire Extinguisher in Working Order
- Keep Flashlights, Radio (extra batteries), First Aid Kits available



# Bomb Threat



- Get as Much Information as Possible
- Notify the Police and Building Management
- Do Not Touch Any Suspicious Packages
- Clear the Area: Stay Away from Glass Windows and Door
- Do Not Block Exits, Sidewalks, or Streets

# Suspicious Packages and Letters

- Unexpected from Someone Unfamiliar
- No Return Address on It
- Marked with “Personal” or “Confidential”
- Strange Odors or Stains
- Protruding Wires or Aluminum Foil
- Unusual Weight, Lopsided or Oddly Shaped
- Inappropriate or Unusual Labeling

Let us **UNITE** to defeat TERRORISM











