

# Trump's counter terrorism strategy identifies LeT, TTP as potential threat to US

WASHINGTON, OCT 5 /- / Pakistan-based terrorist outfits -- the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) -- are among radical Islamist groups identified as a potential threat to the US in the Trump administration's new counterterrorism strategy. In addition to the ISIS and al-Qaeda, dozens of other radical Islamist terrorist groups are working to advance more locally focused insurgent or terrorist campaigns, while still posing a threat to United States persons and interests overseas, said the National Strategy for Counterterrorism released by the White House on Thursday. "These groups, including Boko Haram, Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan and the Lashkar-e-Taiba, employ a range of political and terrorist

tactics to undermine local governments and conduct attacks," it said. The LeT is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people. It has been declared as a foreign terrorist organisation by the US in June 2014. According to the strategy, these organisations will probably prioritise regional goals over attacks against the homeland or United States interests because of resource constraints or political considerations. "However, many of these groups are hostile to the United States, maintain networks of sympathisers around the world, and retain ties to the ISIS or al-Qaeda, underscoring their potential threat to United States interests," said the strategy, according to which radical Islamist

terrorists remain the primary transnational terrorist threat to the US and its vital national interests. Prominent terrorist organisations, particularly the ISIS and al-Qaeda, have repeatedly demonstrated the intent and capability to attack the homeland and United States interests and continue to plot new attacks and inspire susceptible people to commit acts of violence inside the United States, it said. "These groups stoke and exploit web governance, conflict, instability, and longstanding political and religious grievances to pursue their goal of eliminating Western influence in majority Muslim countries and remaking Islamic society," the strategy said. Radical Islamist terrorist

groups have developed and used methods that have challenged the US counterterrorism efforts, including establishing state-like governing institutions within their safe havens, deploying sophisticated explosive devices to defeat aviation security measures, and using high-quality media products to recruit extremists in the West, it said. Future radical Islamist terrorists and other terrorists will continually adapt these and other tactics to their circumstances and the technological advances of the age. "It is, therefore, critical that the United States counterterrorism posture be agile enough to adapt as well," said the strategy. Radical Islamist terrorists have a violent extremist ideology that serves to create a

common identity and sense of purpose for those susceptible to its core message, it alleged. "This vile ideology is used to indoctrinate new recruits to accept terrorist groups' goals and directives without question, and also allows these groups to maintain cohesion, ensure conformity, and justify the use of violence to meet the ideology's goals. "It avails terrorists of a world view that helps unify their efforts by fomenting conflict and attempts to legitimize terrorism by elevating the social status of group members and absolving individuals from culpability for their participation in violence." It said, the ISIS, the strategy, said remains the foremost radical Islamist terrorist group and the primary transnational ter-

rorist threat to the US, despite ongoing US and coalition civilian and military efforts that have diminished the group's footprint in Iraq and Syria, killed thousands of its members, and curtailed its global expansion. "The ISIS retains the financial and material resources and expertise to launch external attacks including against United States interests and its senior leaders continue to call for attacks against the United States," it said. Meanwhile, al-Qaeda's global network remains resilient and poses an enduring threat to the homeland and United States interests around the world, the strategy said. Consistent United States-led counterterrorism pressure has removed many of its senior leaders and reduced the group's ability to operate in

South Asia, but its affiliates continue to plan and carry out terrorist attacks against the United States and our allies, as well as raise funds from individual supporters through the international financial system, it said. "Affiliate resources are primarily focused on local and regional conflicts, but key operatives and elements within the network continue to seek out new opportunities to strike the homeland and United States interests and to inspire attacks inside the United States. "Veteran al-Qaeda leaders are working to consolidate and expand the group's presence in several regions, including in Syria, from which it aspires to launch new attacks against the United States and our allies," said the strategy. (PTI)

# Pak orders ActionAid to leave: NGO

ISLAMABAD, OCT 5 /- / Pakistan has ordered international charity ActionAid, which supports a range of development and women's rights projects, to shut down its operations in the country, the aid group said on Thursday.

A letter from Pakistan's interior ministry sent to ActionAid, and shared with the aid group, said it must cease its work within 60 days. No representative of the interior ministry was immediately available for comment.

Pakistan first told ActionAid to leave last year after its application to register un-

der new rules for international NGOs was declined, but the group filed an appeal. That appeal has been denied but ActionAid can apply for registration again in six months, according to the letter, which was delivered to the organisation on Wednesday. The aid group called the latest notice "a worrying escalation in recent attacks on civil society, academics and journalists."

"We are taking legal advice on potential next steps. In the meantime, we are providing support to our staff and partners on the ground," Adriano Campolina, chief executive of

ActionAid International, said in a statement.

Seventeen other international aid organisations fear they will face similar action, a senior official of the Pakistan Humanitarian Forum, an alliance of international NGOs, told AFP on condition of anonymity. In 2015, Pakistan asked all foreign aid and advocacy organisations to re-register with the government in order to enhance the monitoring of their operations.

And last year, a host of international organisations were asked to wrap up operations. There has been increasing suspi-

cion of foreign aid groups in Pakistan in recent years.

In 2012, a Pakistani intelligence report linked the aid group Save the Children to the CIA's efforts to locate Al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden.

Save the Children has always denied it had any links with Al Qaeda or the CIA.

But the charity's expat staff were forced to leave Pakistan after the accusations emerged. Pakistan has since hardened its policies towards international aid groups, accusing them of being covers for spying operations, and has repeatedly warned them to restrict their activities. (AFP)

# US Senate braces for key vote on embattled court nominee

WASHINGTON, OCT 5 /- / The US Senate is bracing for a critical, too-close-to-call vote on moving ahead with the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, as Republicans brushed aside complaints by Democrats that a new FBI probe of sexual assault allegations against him was rushed and incomplete. A final vote could come Saturday on President Donald Trump's embattled candidate, who if approved would seal a conservative majority on the nine-seat court for decades. It is not a done deal, however. Republicans hold a 51-49 majority in the chamber and three of their members are seen as undecided on Kavanaugh, as a confirmation process that has gripped the city and the nation and ignited already deep political divisions reaches its climax with just weeks to go before mid-term elections. Under new rules approved last year, 50 votes are needed for victory in Friday's procedural vote. It is an ending debate on the confirmation and moving to a formal and definitive confirmation vote.

The vote is expected around 10:30 am (1430 GMT). That same threshold of 50 also applies to the final confirmation vote. Thursday was a day of high drama and emotion in Washington; protesters swamped Capitol Hill and roamed the corridors of the Senate to lobby lawmakers who took turns in a secure basement room reviewing a single copy of the new FBI report on Kavanaugh. More than 300 people were arrested, including the comedian Amy Schumer, who is a second cousin of Senate Democrat leader Chuck Schumer, and model Emily Ratajkowski. Republicans insisted that a week-long investigation, summed up in the FBI dossier, had turned up nothing to corroborate the sexual assault allegations against the 35-year-old Kavanaugh, who now sits on a federal court in Washington. Democrats assailed the probe as an incomplete vetting constrained by a White House determined to push through the lifetime appointment of Trump's man. And the New York Times said more than 2,400 law professors signed a letter opposing the nomination, saying that at the hear-

ing Kavanaugh "did not display the intellectual and judicial temperament" required for the Supreme Court.

The nominee himself closed out Thursday's fast-moving events by taking the extraordinary step of publishing an op-ed piece in The Wall Street Journal to defend himself as impartial. Kavanaugh stood by his performance during last week's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in which he denied the misconduct allegations, made at the same hearing, of a California university professor.

That teacher, Christine Blasey Ford, said he drunkenly groped her and attempted to rape her when they were teenagers attending a party in suburban Washington in the early 1980s. Two other women have accused him of sexual misconduct during his university years. In his testimony, Kavanaugh complained about "a calculated and orchestrated political hit fuelled with apparent pent-up anger about President Trump and the 2016 election."

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