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Mumbai Police is Ill-trained and Ill-equipped

Main ammunition: The main firearm of the Mumbai Police is the 113-year old, .303 Lee-Enfield, magazine-fed, bolt-action rifle (.303 was adopted by the British Army in 1895 and discarded in 1957). India's, premier counter-terrorism Special Response Unit, the National Security Guard or the 'Black Cats', is deployed mostly on VIP security duties. On top of that, the Black Cats have no access to an aircraft—and on November 26—took at least 8 hours to reach Mumbai.

Observations: According to Stratfor, the Texas-based private intelligence outfit, "India's police force is chronically under-trained, under-equipped and unmotivated." Imagine; budgetary allocation for Central Reserve Police, National Security Guard, Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Central Industrial Security Force, Assam Rifles and Sashastra Seema Bal—all put together—for fiscal 2008-09 stands at a wholesome \$5 billion. That's \$5 billion literally down the drain; a colossal \$5 billion could not protect Indians from 10 intruders. The Research and Analysis Wing, India's predominant external covert intelligence arm, spends an additional \$160 million. If a group of 10 had sneaked into a city like New York, London or Paris the entire group would have been neutralized in around 10 minutes. It took the Mumbai Police 60 hours. Mumbai has been a massive intelligence failure, a logistical failure and an operational failure—three in one.

Security Apparatus in India: To be certain, India is one of the most 'intelligence infested' country in the world. RAW and IB (Intelligence Bureau) report directly to the PM. The Cabinet Secretariat has the Joint Intelligence Committee. The Ministry of External Affairs has the National Technical Facilities Organization. The Defense Ministry has the Joint Cipher Bureau, Directorate of Military Intelligence, Defense Security Corps, Special Frontier Force, National Security Guards, Special Security Bureau, Directorate of Air Intelligence, Directorate of Naval Intelligence and the Coast Guard. The Minister of State for Home Affairs has the Central Bureau of Investigation, Central Reserve Police Force, Rapid Action Force, Special Protection Group, Central Industrial Security Force, Border Security Force and Home Guards. The Ministry of Finance has the Economic Intelligence Council. The Department of Revenue has the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence, Directorate of Enforcement, Directorate General of Anti-Evasion, Directorate General of Income Tax Investigation and Narcotics Control Bureau (Source: The Federation of American Scientists).

India has more than 2 million working for her Paramilitary Forces; among them Home Guard 488,000, Civil Defense 500,000, State Armed Police 450,000, Central Reserve

Police 230,000 and Border Security Force 208,000. The 2 million failed to protect Indians from 10 intruders.

Impact on conglomerates: Corporate India has been jolted like never before. Pepsi, Ford, IBM, Citibank, Kodak, Coca Cola, Microsoft, Motorola, Heinz, Monsanto, Warner Bros, Federal Express, Bank of America, Bankers Trust, Parke Davis, Intel, JP Morgan, Kellogg, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, American Int'l Group, Exxon-Mobile, Delta, Boston Consulting, Oracle, Unocal, Xerox, Lockheed, Raytheon, Rockwell, Honeywell, Adobe, AES, Alcoa, American Express, Northrop, McKinsey, Amway, Polaroid, Caterpillar, Dell, Sun, Texas Instruments, NCR, Hewlett Packard, Lucent, Novell, Ingersoll-Rand, American Data, MetLife, Cognizant, Caltex, Tenneco, Covansys, Diebold, Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse with offices in Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Chennai have been shocked like never before—shocked at how India's entire counter-terrorism infrastructure challenged by 10 gate-crasher just collapsed & evaporated.

Lack of inter-agency coordination: According to America's ABC News, U.S. intelligence agencies warned their Indian counterparts in mid-October of a potential attack "from the sea against hotels and business centers in Mumbai." In another warning passed on to the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), Taj hotel was specifically named. According to Ratan Naval Tata, Chairman of Tata Group that owns Taj, on November 18, RAW had intercepted a satellite telephone call that "revealed a possible sea-borne attack." The 2 million paramilitary failed to protect Indians from 10 intruders. According to B. Raman, "while the intercepts... speak well of the interception capability of the RAW, it does not necessarily speak well of its capability for analysis, assessment and follow-up action." Imagine; Indian Army's own colonels are stealing high-potency RDX explosives and selling the same "their" militants to blow up Samjhauta Express).

There is little doubt that Pakistan is failing to control non-state actors operating from her territory. There's now proof aplenty that India's armed forces, with 1.3 million active service personnel and 1.1 million reserves, the 3rd largest army in the world, has a high incidence of corruption. Plus, the massive intelligence apparatus is more about turf wars and very little about any real intelligence. Plus, there's absolutely no coordination between the intelligence and agencies responsible for physical security. And, on top of all that the Mumbai Police is "chronically under-trained, under-equipped and unmotivated."