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Dear Security & Safety Professionals,

Terrorists attacks world over are generally followed by words of condemnation and reprimands! There are usual rounds of post event analysis in which retired security bigwigs and out of brief strategic analysts on TV channels go through monotonous stale statements, feebly anchored by ill-disposed media persons who can't differentiate between 'muzzle' and 'butt, of a gun! Sometimes a patriotic anchor allows jingoistic sabre retelling. Soon all this is forgotten and world goes on as usual!

But Pathankot incident in India has drawn attention of the world towards terrorism and the ways to control it in different ways! Migrating from Pakistan's ISI, it has sharply placed IS under focus since it is not an average terrorist outfit and today controls a territory bigger than Great Britain. It has about 8-10 million people with them and has launched over 3000 attacks so far.

The Abu Bakr Nazi's book on "Management of Savagery" (2004) offers the role model for the ISIS. The reason Pathankot incident focused attention on IS, is the fear of what IS fighters would do and how to control them is we find it so challenging to combat sundry terrorists propelled by ISI?

This book - practically a handbook for IS terrorists goes on to elaborate that, "For securing the region of savagery from the invasions of enemies (infidels), there is need for establishing Sharia justice among the people who live in the regions of savagery and raising the level of belief and combat efficiency during the training of the youth (Muslims) of the region of savagery and establishing a fighting society at all levels and among all individuals by making them aware of its importance."

This book clearly directs Muslims to keep "progressing until it is possible to expand and attack the enemies in order to repel them, plunder their money, and place them in a constant state of apprehension and (make them) desire reconciliation. It also directs Muslims for 'establishing coalitions with those with whom coalitions are permitted, those who have not given complete allegiance to the administration."

In above background it is once again imperative on all security and safety professionals to understand the driving force behind philosophies of Islamic State and the level of motivation of its fighters. We need to remain prepared and ready for action...

Once again wishing all a very happy and prosperous New Year!



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Is ISIS Uncontrollable Or Not Being Deliberately Controlled?

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The question raised in the title is deliberate. In today's world when ISIS-phobia looks like the norm, the reading of the small editorial in the side-line on The Sunday Guardian (October 11, 2015) led us to this state. Earlier, we had heard a view, once in the public and once in confidence that:

- *The ISIS was a temporary phenomenon;*
- *The ISIS was the handmaiden of Saudi Arabia, explaining further that there would be no ISIS if Saudi Arabia does not want it.*

Perplexing to laymen like us to fully agree or comprehend. As we see on the ground, the three alliances fighting the ISIS (limited to airstrikes only) are:

- The Putin lead campaign against IS
- The US-led alliance, and
- The other combination on attack is led by Saudi Arabia itself.

The editorial, "**US helpless in checking ISIS**" drew our attention, especially in this context. It starts off:

"Over the past year, it has been obvious to most that the US-led campaign against ISIS is heading in the same direction as the war begun in 2001 against the Taliban in Afghanistan: failure. Just as the Taliban were able to regroup and re-attack despite the expenditure of more than \$200 billion of coalition military hardware against them, ISIS has not only survived what President Barack Obama promised would be a lethal offensive against them, the terror organisation has continued to hold on to its strongholds, including Raqqa, the "capital" of the "Caliphate" led by Abu-Bakr-a- Baghdadi."

Every day that ISIS continues to hold on to such territories, hundreds if not thousands of innocent women (including underage girls) get assaulted by the animals in human form who are joining this terror organisation each week, including from within the US and its NATO partners, principally Turkey, the UK and France.

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It is extraordinary that a country with a military as seemingly powerful as that run from the Pentagon has thus far been unable to liberate the territories in Iraq and Syria which fell into the control of ISIS over the past year.

The editorial further observes, quite rightly we suppose:

- *that, "In this country as well, the US military is demonstrating its incompetence in dealing with threats from terror organisations, with even the US Treasury unable or unwilling to cut off the flow of funds to ISIS and its clones from wealthy backers in Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other countries, including Australia and Canada."*
- *that, "In the shadow of the patent incapacity of Washington to seriously degrade and destroy the fighting capabilities of ISIS, it is a mystery why a crescendo of voices has arisen within the Obama administration condemning Russia's initiation of a military assault on ISIS."*
- *that "Barack Obama and David Cameron are plainly happier with ISIS control of territory than they are with space dominated by the Syrian military under the control of Bashar Assad and are therefore plainly holding back from moving seriously against ISIS in locations where the immediate beneficiary of such moves would be the Syrian army rather than "moderate opposition" fighters existing only in the think tanks and policy establishments of NATO."*
- *Joining hands with Turkey, France, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, in presently seeing Bashar Assad as a greater threat than ISIS, the US and its coalition partners have ensured not only the survival but the growth of ISIS, oblivious to the baleful effect of such a phenomenon on their own security, which did not seem at all affected during the four decades and counting that the Assad family has ruled in Damascus."*

Well, Friends, while we are thus caught in a cleft stick, Russia makes an effective appearance on the scene, positively fighting (limited to airstrikes only as with other players) for the Syrian President and against Syrian rebels.

This being the situation, we hope and pray some strategic experts will tell us where does India stand in this context, especially when ISIS footprints have already been noticed in different parts of the country, We are also not aware what is the government of India's policy on the threat posed by the ISIS. Taking the members of the public into a little more confidence will pay dividends hands down. The call for de-radicalisation of the Muslim youth alone may not be enough. We need and demand assurance for the safety & security of every one!

The Genesis of IS

ISIS is a Salafi jihadist force, evolved out of a group founded by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant who moved to Iraq after the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2002. He later launched al-Qaida in Iraq, responsible for the bombing of the Askari mosque in Samarra that triggered Iraq's 2006-07 Civil War. Renamed the Islamic State in Iraq after its leader was killed in a US raid in 2006, it was weakened in 2007 after US forces aligned with Sunni Iraqi tribes to fight the group.

The Syrian conflict revived ISIS, which provided support to one of its members, Abu Mohammed al-Jaulani, to form a group in Syria after the 2011 uprising. In April 2013 the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, announced a merger between his group and Jabhat al-Nusra, under the name of Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The merger was rejected by Jabhat al-Nusra and most of its foreign jihadists then defected to ISIS. Since then ISIS has been at war with Syrian rebels to impose

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itself as a state that accepts no other group acting in rebel-held areas unless they pledge allegiance to it. On 29 June, 2014 on the first day of Ramadan, ISIS announced that al-Baghdadi was "elected" by the Shura Council as a caliph for all Muslims, and changed its name to the Islamic State.

Minorities and women are the worst sufferers under an orthodox Islamic regime. The ISIS barbarics, who have set a record of street side executions of minorities in Iraqi territory they have conquered, are now resorting to reduce their captive women to sex slaves for their "holy" warriors. The voice of the sane against such terrible misuse of religion by their co-religionists is drowned by the mob cries raised by the clerics who have a stake in a society governed by fear and hatred.

There are two distinct pathways - one making return to orthodoxy a necessary call to arms and barbaric behavior in the name of religion justified by religious texts, the other squarely standing against violence of any kind either for religious reform or return to religious orthodoxy. The ISIS in Iraq, the Boko Haram in Nigeria and other West African countries, the legal promotion of barbarism like stoning "sinners" to death and elevating mass violence to a sacred formula to reach heaven across West Asia, the transformation of devout young men and women of one religious tradition into terrorists even in a non-discriminatory democracy and liberal political system as in India or Western Europe and North America, has now blown up into a global challenge. King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, for example, recently criticized the "silence and laziness" of the ulema, or body of Muslim scholars, in speaking out against Isis extremism. His public scolding of the top ulema, aired on national television, was unprecedented.

As the Shia-Sunni mutual bombings and state-led events in Pakistan, Syria, Sudan, Yemen and several other countries have exposed, the poison once aimed at the so-called "non-believers" is threatening to become a pandemic affecting Islamic nations themselves, in addition to ballooning into a global threat. Coptic Christians, Yazidis, Kurds and Shias have been facing the brunt of IS. Countries like Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Jordan, Kurdistan, Turkey and Kuwait face proximate threats from IS. The countries under threats of attack by IS are US, UK, France, Australia, Canada, Egypt, Russia and India.

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Now we know the threats India in special and world in general is facing from IS, let's explore the possible measures to counter this menace – all with positive approaches and constructive manner!

The Asia-centric facts as on date are -

- It is now ISIS all the way. It has overtaken or outgrown the "parental" body, Al Qaeda in matters of physical number, geographical spread and degree or level of barbarism indulged in.
- According to latest US country report of June, India remains very much in the target zone of the ISIS.

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- The Intelligence Bureau has recently warned against possible ISIS attacks.
- ISIS presence in Pakistan has been marked, believed to be aiming at Kashmir.
- In the East, an ISIS recruiter has been caught in Bangladesh. The Jamaat elements there will provide them a secure base to operate against India.
- The recent simultaneous attack at three places in Europe on the same date (June 26) showed its sheer ability to strike terror as also the level of coordination it can achieve.
- G7 in its last meeting was for a decisive push for curbing the march of the ISIS.
- The US has decided to add 450 more troops to the alliance led by it against the ISIS.
- Saudi Arabia has also been leading an alliance against the ISIS.
- ISIS has claimed that it would be able to develop N-capability in about a year's time to launch an attack on the US.
- It would be worth remembering in this context the presence of ready-made subversive elements among the Muslim community in support of the unilateral declaration of the ISIS caliphate.

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Footprints of IS are seen and footsteps heard in our neighbourhood. Entire countries security forces and agencies involved in maintaining law and order were disturbed last year when few youth from Maharashtra were reported to have been in Syria and involved in IS activities. It was matter of big concern last year when few Indian young men joined IS in faraway shores. Now what is more worrisome is about attempted entry of IS.

Bangladesh has seen footprints of IS and even when its government disagrees, it is clear to the world that not only its elements are present in Bangladeshi soil, they have striking capabilities too. The Islamic State group now claims to have appointed a leader in Bangladesh as its fighters continue to threaten attacks across the globe. The claim comes in the latest release of Dabiq, an online magazine published by the militant group's propaganda wing. Militants also claimed responsibility for downing a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula on Oct. 31. Both attacks, for which ISIS claimed responsibility, were seen to signal that the group based in Syria and Iraq is planning attacks around the globe even as it has lost territory in the Middle East in recent months.

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Pakistan is breeding ground of generic Muslim terrorists and all the indications are that IS is very much active in Pak with strategic partnership of local jihadi groups.

In September 2014, Faridullah Khan, a DW correspondent in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, confirmed the IS was looking to gain influence in the nuclear-armed Islamic country. IS has made an appeal to the local population to support its "struggle for the establishment of an Islamic caliphate." A former Pakistani Taliban spokesman Shahidullah Shahid can be viewed announcing pledges of allegiance to IS on behalf of leaders of various extremist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Islamic State's Sri Lankan outreach is well documented. In recent months, there has been growing evidence of actual and attempted outreach by the Islamic State into Sri Lanka, presently struggling to recover from a three-decade long conflict between its Sinhalese and Tamil ethnic groups.

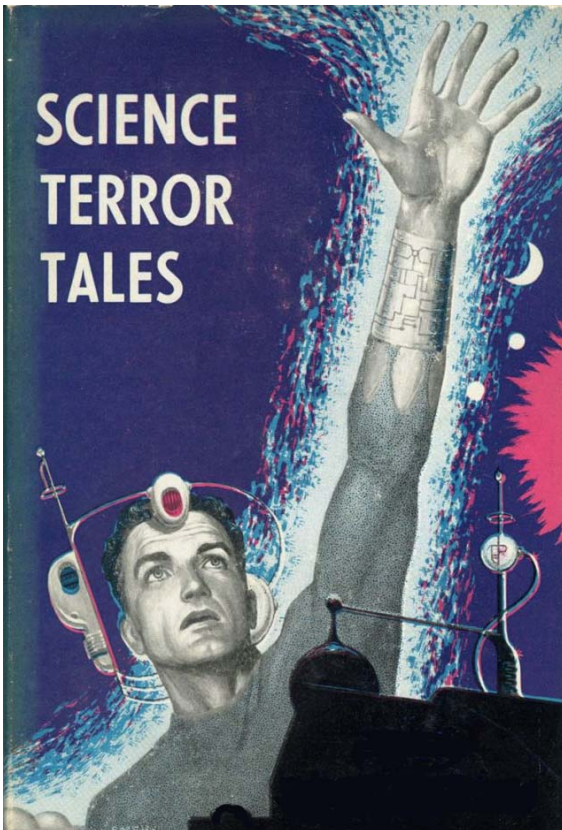
One of the most significant developments was the news of two Sri Lankan nationals fighting with the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. One such report, in July 2015, indicated that a Sri Lankan national Mohamed Muhsin Sharfaz Nilam (a.k.a. "Abu Shurayh al-Silani"), was killed while fighting in Raqqa, Syria. Many fast shifting situations in Sri Lanka provide an opportunity for Islamic State, which has been attempting to spread its influence beyond its base in Iraq and Syria.

In Myanmar, experts have warned that Islamic State may now be recruiting fighters and families from the persecuted community of Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar, as the terror group looks to expand into wider Asia. Myanmar has tightened security in its border areas following reports that several members of the Islamic State have travelled through neighbouring Thailand.

Suggestions to Eliminate IS –

- To strategize to strike at the psychological base of groups like the ISIS. How and by whom? Social scientists need to be involved.
- Organise massive propaganda through debates in the electronic media, request like-minded friends for holding awareness Seminars all over to build up public opinion as also create confidence in public mind.
- Presence of positive forces needed in social media. Ideology of IS needs to be challenged.
- It is time for revolution in Islam. Muslims must remove bad interpretation of Islam. Interpretation of Jihad in Islam must change.
- To enlist educated Muslim intelligentsia to join this drive. The vast majority of them would not be subscribing to the ISIS philosophy.
- Educating the Muslims - reforming the Madrassa education is long overdue. To try de-radicalisation programme on the Austrian model.
- While strengthening the security architecture, the issue of police-public ratio will have to be duly taken care. That is, there has to be some kind of perspective planning.
- To get the educated Muslim ladies, the worst sufferers at the moment behind this movement and orient them to take the message to the Muslim ladies, especially in the rural areas.
- Efforts to approach known Muslim bodies, such as Deobandi scholars, Aligarh University and Jamia Milia University may also prove helpful.

Terror Science - Scientists for Terror: All for Islamic State?



Terror group Islamic State is employing scientists and weapons experts to train jihadists to carry out sophisticated "spectacular" attacks in Europe, while also modifying weapons systems capable of targeting passenger jets and military aircraft. From a "jihadi university" in the Syrian city of Raqqa, the scientists have stunned western weapons experts by producing a homemade thermal battery for surface-to-air missiles.

It had been regarded as a virtually impossible feat for terror groups working without a military infrastructure. But footage exclusively obtained by Sky News shows that IS can now recommission thousands of missiles assumed by western governments to have been redundant through old age.

Heat-seeking warheads can be used to attack passenger and military aircraft. They are 99% accurate once locked on. For decades terror groups, including the IRA, had these weapons but storing them and maintaining the thermal battery - a key component to the warhead - was very difficult.

It seems that IS scientists have got round the problem, and that revelation will shock the world of international security. The IS research and development team has produced fully working remote controlled cars to act as mobile bombs, while they have fitted the cars with "drivers"; mannequins with self-regulating thermostats to produce the heat signature of humans, allowing the car bombs to evade sophisticated scanning machines that protect military and government buildings in the West. The group trained fighters from a variety of countries to carry out attacks and to train more jihadists in their own countries.

An IS trainer with more than eight hours of unedited training videos was captured by the remnants of the Free Syrian Army (FSA) as he headed north through Turkey towards Europe. The FSA passed the material to Sky News but was not aware of the importance of the videos, described by a weapons advisor to the British military as an intelligence "gold mine".

Using aerial and satellite imagery Sky News has identified the location of the "university" and pieced together the apparently random collection of video files to reveal the true extent of IS's sophisticated development and training team. Although this type of activity had been widely suspected by western intelligence services, this is the first concrete evidence that it is taking place.

Crucially, it is far more developed than had previously been thought possible. Groups of trainees from a range of countries including Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Tunisia, Egypt and Pakistan were given terror training courses using science labs and facilities based around the former Equestrian Centre in Raqqa.

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The extensive collection of videos shows the men being trained to adapt the electronic parts of scrap cars to make the remote controlled cars work using sophisticated un-jammable radio sets; and long lessons on how to configure the mannequins to appear like human drivers.



Some of the trainers and designers make no effort to disguise them but the "students" remain largely concealed. While it is clear that all those involved have a clear idea what their objective is, at no point do they reveal the nature of their intended targets. Security analysts believe it is an indicator that they are trying to preserve their own operational security while accepting that they need to train and circulate the videos to followers abroad.

Major Chris Hunter, a former bomb technician in the special forces and advisor to the British military, said he was shocked at some of the developments revealed in the videos. He said: "I think this is one of the most significant intelligence finds in terms of Daesh (IS). What we've seen with their typical propaganda videos is they're very, very high quality. They're designed, they're produced to inspire people and prospectively touch the nerves of anybody who is viewing them; they're done in a very specific way."

"With this training footage it's very clearly purely designed to pass on information - to pass on the progress in the research and development areas - and it gives us a very good insight into where they are now, what they're aspiring to do and crucially the diversity of the types of threats we might face.

"So I would say it's an intelligence gold mine."

In one of the videos a man speaking in Russian walks a camera through a store containing an array of explosive materials from TNT, improvised missiles to plastic explosives! He explains how the materials can all be used to make bombs if they have obtained the correct fuses.

In Turkey an IS defector confirmed to Sky News that a top secret training program was known about in Raqqa, his home town. He confirmed the program was designed for attacks in Europe and further afield. The defector told Sky News: "Videoing and documenting this training program was meant for Europe to cause huge damage.

"If it was meant internally (inside Syria) they could send someone to set an explosive device or wire a car as they are able to do this (openly). But doing such a program and documenting it was meant to target a large number of people and in more than one location, of course it wasn't meant either for Syria or Iraq."

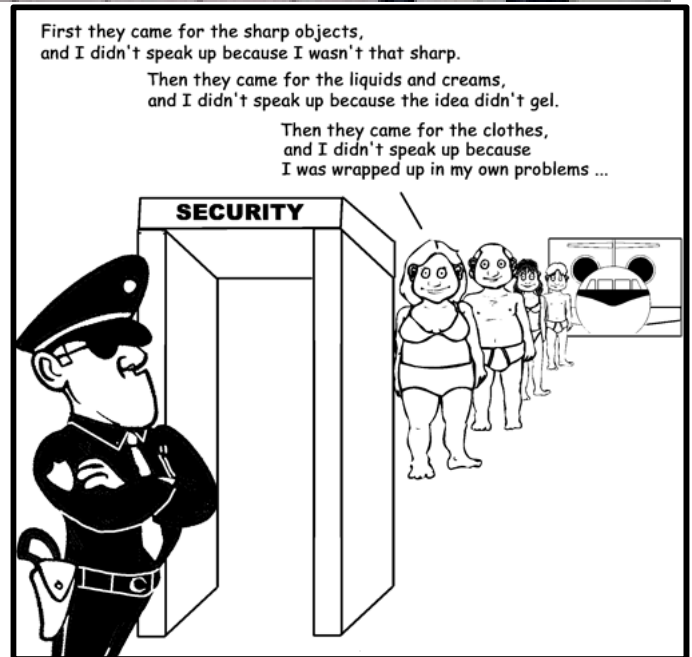
This collection of videos is far more serious than anything we have seen from IS before. A jihadi college training foreign fighters to fight in other countries, while developing missiles to continue the war in Syria, was suspected but never seen.

Although this film was intercepted it is thought likely there will be others in circulation, and there are hundreds if not thousands of jihadists eager to learn. Sky News has alerted the security sources to the material that has come into its possession.

- **Courtesy: Capt Percy Jokhi, CPP**

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