

CSSPR Policy Brief #5

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They killed our children. The butchering of 133 children, with the youngest being only 6 years old, was celebrated in the Indian consulate in Jalalabad. Pakistan's [dossier](#) on the Indian state sponsored terrorism reveals that Malik Feridoon, involved in the planning of the terrorist attack on the Army Public School on December 16, 2014 was handled by RAW.

Six years later, RAW has now sponsored a network of six terrorist organizations with a funding of PKR 22 million: PKR 10 million for suicide attacks, 10 million for vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (VBIED), 1 million for IED and 1 million for targeted killings. Weapons, ammunition and IEDs have been funded to kill more Pakistanis.

For years Pakistan had been worried about the use of Indian consulates in Afghanistan, their motives, modus operandi and connections with terrorist organizations, working together to sponsor terror inside Pakistan but the international community remained dismissive of Pakistan's threat perceptions on India state sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan.

Enough Now.

Evidence presented in the dossier links Indian ambassadors and consulars working with Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), and other terrorists outfits operating from Afghanistan, identifying targets, supervising and massively funding terrorist activities inside Pakistan.

#NeverForget should now also forever remind us of the Indian sponsors of the butchers who killed our children.

It has taken RAW more than fifteen years to align Pakistan's name with state sponsor of terrorism and their planning has been meticulous. India's efforts to discredit Pakistan through a disinformation campaign have now been exposed by the EU Disinfo Lab in a [report](#) released on December 9, 2020. Together with Pakistan's dossier on the Indian

state sponsored terrorism in Pakistan and the EU Disinfo Lab report on the disinformation campaign led by Srivastava Group, pro-Indian influence network, which used 265 fake media outlets from 65 countries, there is enough tangible evidence to substantiate how the Indian intelligence agencies have not only been systematically **promoting, funding and training Pakistan-centric terrorist entities for perpetuating terrorism inside Pakistan but also been instrumental in undermining Pakistan internationally through anti-Pakistan discourse.**

The international community that has oftentimes termed India as a status quo power has been found wanting in holding India's brazen and unilateral revisionists actions to account. Starting with its illegal annexation of the already occupied Kashmir on August 5, 2019, India has whipped up its rhetoric of capturing Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. Those threats have not been hollow, but have been followed up by subversive activities inside AJK and GB, as the dossier reveals. Here, it is worth iterating that India's sub-conventional operations in these regions also help it destabilise and harm CPEC. Certainly, the Indian leadership does not realise the grievous implications of these dangerous tactics. Unfortunately, the same can be said for the global powers. Despite the plethora of evidence, the silence of the international community does not sit well with its concerns for regional stability.

Where do we go from here?

Pakistan needs to do the following with the incontrovertible evidence about the Indian state sponsored terrorism in Pakistan and anti-Pakistan influence networks at three levels:

- Individual Level
- State Level
- International Level

Individual Level

At the individual level, we call all Pakistanis to mobilize, without prompt from the government, in their own individual capacities to expose Indian state sponsored

terrorism using the evidence presented in the dossier. For this purpose, **we call on the government to release the dossier in full (redact if needed to protect intelligence sources) and place it on the websites of the National Security Division and Ministry of Foreign Affairs for easy access by all Pakistanis.** It is not only the job of the academic or the think-tank community in Pakistan to generate a discourse to raise awareness among common people on what Pakistan has lost besides 70,000 lives. Each Pakistani must take it upon him/herself to talk about how Pakistan's sacrifices in its fight against terrorism have been systematically discredited, belittled and trivialised before the international community by the Indian intelligence agencies in these past two decades.

According to [Digital 2020 Pakistan](#), as of January 2020, there were **76.38 million** internet users in Pakistan, with an internet penetration at **35%**. With 37 million social media users, **imagine the power we have available through social media to raise awareness on the Indian state sponsored terrorism. Let's take it upon ourselves to make RAW a household name so that next year on 16 December 2021 when we use #NeverForget it genuinely would mean we would never forget the butchers of 133 children and the 70,000 people who sacrificed their lives in terrorist attacks sponsored by India.**

State Level

Pakistan's embassies and consulates around the world must be engaged to use the contents of the dossier and the EU Disinfo Lab report. The irrefutable evidence in the dossier of RAW's sponsorship of terrorism, confessions by Kulbushan Jadhav, the captured Indian Navy officer and RAW agent, and the contents of the EU Disinfo Lab report are enough for Pakistani ambassadors abroad in all missions to liaison with their counterparts and regain the lost ground on Pakistan's counter-terrorism narrative.

If RAW sponsored posters on 'Free Balochistan' can run on buses in London and Geneva, Pakistan sponsored posters exposing decades of Indian state sponsored terrorism in Pakistan can also find their place on buses and billboards. RAW badly stands exposed and the government of Pakistan (GoP) must engage influencers abroad

who can run Pakistan's side of the story on Indian sponsorship of subversive propaganda against Pakistan.

The GoP should also invest in opening think tanks in major capitals of the world. Without intellectual presence abroad, Pakistan cannot fight the good fight to counter anti-Pakistan propaganda and anti-Pakistan narrative systematically sponsored by the Indian government. Publications from Pakistan by Pakistani think-tanks or academics do not have wider readership abroad. There is absolutely no substitute for working with the international think-tank community which influences and provides policy inputs to their respective governments and Pakistan is not even in the race to get its word out to the right audience. Pakistan's intellectual presence is missing abroad and there are no shortcuts to rectifying that absence. We need to show up, take the mic, publish the word, be heard and read.

Pakistan needs to especially engage China given the investment India has made in raising militias and terror networks to disrupt any successes Pakistan and China stand to gain through CPEC as they progress towards achieving their milestones. Even though India stands exposed today, its investments to sabotage CPEC will not end here. Indian investment in the past two years alone stands at PKR 22 billion and it is extremely difficult for Pakistan alone to unearth the deep linkages RAW has developed inside Pakistan to undermine Pakistan's credentials not only before China but also the broader international community.

International Level

This is not the first time that the international community has been presented with evidence which points to Indian sponsorship of terrorism in Pakistan. But this is the first time that Pakistan decided to not do so behind closed doors. The dossier shared with the UN, the P5 and the OIC places the burden on the international community to at least read and understand how India was able to turn Pakistan's extensive counter-terrorism fight on its head by funding and training those very terrorist outfits Pakistan was banishing from its territory.

While Pakistan was placed in the FATF grey list in 2018, Indian banks were bankrolling TTP, other terrorist organizations and militias millions of dollars to conduct terrorist activities inside Pakistan and sabotage CPEC. Pakistan must push the international community to review India's terror financing regime and for that a task force should be established in Pakistan so that the legal measures are framed to present the evidence of Indian linkages.

These measures proposed at the three levels: individual, state and international, are not exhaustive but should serve at exploring more avenues through which the nation of Pakistan, the government of Pakistan and the international community could be made aware of 'state sponsorship of terrorism' (by India), for which until now, Pakistan had been the punching bag.

Pakistan has prioritized economic security as a critical end goal in its foreign policy objectives. But to achieve those objectives, regional security is of paramount importance. India is not only hindering Pakistan's economic progress but also hampering the prospects of regional economic connectivity and integration. It stands exposed. But exposition alone will not be enough if the evidence is not backed by a strategy.