

'Pak.-backed militants to continue attacks in India'**Dan Coats**

Pakistan-supported terrorist groups would continue to carry out attacks inside India, America's intelligence chief has warned, amid a spike in terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats' remarks came days after a group of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists struck the Sunjuwan Military Camp in Jammu, killing seven people, including six soldiers.

Pakistan, in fact, will continue to threaten U.S. interests by deploying new nuclear weapons capabilities, maintaining its ties to militants, restricting counter-terrorism cooperation, and drawing closer to China, Mr. Coats said in his testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Safe havens

"Militant groups supported by Islamabad will continue to take advantage of their safe haven in Pakistan to conduct attacks in India and Afghanistan, including against U.S. interests," Mr. Coats said during the hearing on 'Worldwide Threat Assessment' of the U.S. intelligence community.

He said Pakistan's perception of its eroding position relative to India, reinforced by endemic economic weakness and domestic security issues, almost certainly will exacerbate fears of isolation and drive Islamabad's pursuit of actions that run counter to U.S. goals for the region.

"Ongoing Pakistani military operations against the Taliban and associated groups probably reflect the desire to appear more proactive and responsive to our requests for more actions against these groups."

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