

MODI DECLARES TERRORISM AS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO HUMANITY

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Hand in hand: Russian President Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka on Friday. AFP/AFPAFP

Describing terrorism as the biggest threat to humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the scourge not only kills innocents but also severely affects economic development and social stability.

Speaking at the informal BRICS leaders' meeting in Osaka on the sidelines of the G-20 summit, Mr. Modi said there is a need to stop all the mediums of support to terrorism and racism. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin were present.

The Prime Minister congratulated Jair Bolsonaro on being elected the President of Brazil. He also congratulated Cyril Ramaphosa on his becoming the President of South Africa as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) leaders met.

Mr. Modi spoke about strengthening the World Trade Organization, fighting protectionism, ensuring energy security and the need to work together to fight terrorism.

"Today, I will focus on the three major challenges. First is the instability and downfall in the global economy. Unilateralism and competitiveness are overshadowing the rule-based multilateral global trade systems," he said. The second challenge is to make development sustainable and all-inclusive. He listed terrorism as the third major challenge.

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