

'TERRORISM IS THE WORST FORM OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION'

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Working together: Amit Shah being welcomed by Interpol President Ahmed Naser Al Raisi at the summit in New Delhi. R.V. MOORTHY

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday recommended to the Interpol that setting up permanent counter-terrorism and anti-narcotics real-time information exchange platforms would further strengthen the fight against the global menaces, underlining that the spread of terrorist ideologies via online radicalisation should not be viewed as a political problem.

Speaking at the concluding session of the Interpol's 90th General Assembly, Mr. Shah said India was committed to extending all possible technical and manpower assistance to the global police organisation in this regard.

Describing terrorism as the worst form of human rights violation, the Home Minister said a general consensus would have to be developed on the definitions of "terrorism" and "terrorist". The narratives of "good" and "bad" terrorism and "small" and "big" terrorism would weaken the fight against the threat which was high on Interpol's priority list. "We also need to achieve a consensus on the cross-border propagation of terrorist ideologies through online radicalisation. We cannot consider this a political problem," he said.

"We should ensure that the fight against terrorism is sustained, comprehensive and continuous, for which India is committed to working with the Interpol," said Mr. Shah, adding that the Interpol was the best platform to achieve the objective of countering cross-border terrorism through "across the border cooperation".

Mr. Shah said that in several countries, Interpol's nodal agencies and counter-terror organisations were different. For a united response, he suggested that there should be a permanent real-time information exchange line between the counter-terror agencies across the world.

"I would suggest that Interpol should prepare a plan for the next 50 years on the basis of its experience and achievements over the past 100 years," he said, adding that a study team should be formed for the purpose and the plan should be reviewed and updated every five years.

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