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We endeavour to sound ALERTS and create AWARENESS about the myriad dimensions and manifestations of DEFENCE and SECURITY in India and around the world.

### The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya





## DSAIS AS MUCH YOURS, AS IT IS OURS!



he Indian Prime Minister recently visited Bangladesh on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its independence. Simultaneously, campaigning for the state elections in Assam and West Bengal has reached a feverish pitch. Tamil Nadu also goes to the polls in the near future, amongst Kerala and Puducherry. What is common to the previous three states, however, is the factor of immigration and the impact it has had on local politics. As far as Assam and West Bengal are concerned, it is, of course, the spectre of decades of migration from Bangladesh, and its previous incarnation as East Pakistan.

Until Bangladesh began an upward economic trajectory in the last decade, there was a constant worry about the trend of migration from that country into the eastern states of India, particularly Assam, Tripura and West Bengal. Since Bangladesh overtook India's GDP growth figures, this is unlikely to be an issue anymore other than electoral periods. But illegal migrants remain a global concern, especially in Europe and the United States of America. Boat loads of migrants still make the risky, and sometimes fatal, journey from the North African coasts to southern Europe. Whereas those from the West Asian conflict zones make their way overland too.

While a large number of migrants are escaping a life of misery, prejudice, starvation and violence, some can also be motivated by other aims. Black Africa continues to export its young, able bodied men to Europe by the boat loads so as to enable them to earn a decent wage somewhere. Many don't make the crossing alive, and this is a tragedy that happens every day. African migrants have not been known to have indulged in the activities that some others have, especially some from northern Africa or West Asia. And, which has constantly raised the spectre of threats from illegal migrations.

It is a fact that some migrants have indulged in the most ghastly terrorist attacks in Europe. Whether it is a truck used as a weapon, a group of suicide vest clad attackers, nightclub bombers, there are a number of such episodes that merit mention. The attacks are reprehensible and have no justification or any analytical excuses. The astonishing thing is that some of the worst attacks have been by those who were born in European societies, their parents or grandparents arriving as migrants' decades earlier. Clearly, something went wrong in their assimilation.

Except for Tripura, that assimilation has not been an issue in the Indian context since the societies have much in common on both sides of the border. The indigenous tribal population of Tripura reels under a cultural and demographic threat, something which Assam also experienced but more in a political sense. Decades of agitations have somewhat mellowed the strains, but they still exist. And find vents during elections seasons, which is a pity since national security demands merit with a constant and consistent approach. They can't be tackled with firmness and a focus if the attention is merely seasonal, sectarian and episodical. Threats are real, and national security demands more.

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## CHANGE IN MODUS OPERANDI OF TERRORISTS



he practitioners of terrorism and radicalisation have been changing their strategies and operations every now and then considering the eradication of their existence in various parts of the world. Their basic operations were to create panic in any part by bomb blasts or mass killings by firing but then as the security forces became more vigilant and alert, they changed their ways too. Today, we see a lot of upgradation and innovation in their strategies as well as in their modus operandi in all parts of the globe. One major change in their tactic is cultivating a network of 'sleeper cells' which is very-very effective to support their operations. Some of the international terrorist groups like Al Qaeda, one of the oldest organisations which was the terrorist group behind the 9/11 attack on the US in 2001, and the Islamic State (ISIS), a spin-off of Al Qaeda, want to establish a caliphate in the Middle East. Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (Army of the Righteous) (LET) and Boko Haram also want to establish a state ruled by traditional Islamic law in West Africa.

Some of the prominent terrorist groups in India are the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Jaishe-Mohammed (JeM), Al Umar Mujahideen (AuM), Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM), Harkat-ul Mujahideen (HuM) previously known as Harkat-ul-Ansar, Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (HuJI), Jamait-ul-Mujahideen (JuM), Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front – Yasin Malik Faction (JKLF-Y), Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front (JKIF). They too have adopted new ways of communicating with their handlers in Pakistan who are now using new methods of delivering weapons and funds to terrorists like tunnels and drone helicopters.

These terrorist groups induct the small children and young minds to the madrassas where they brainwash them in the name of Allah and inspire them to work for their respective groups. This is the main focus area of all the terrorist groups across the globe to induct more and more children and young boys and girls; be it in Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan or even in India and especially in Jammu and Kashmir. Their sleeper cells are the lifeline of all the terrorist groups and it is very tough to identify and eliminate them as they are spread in every society working as very normal citizens. But they provide all information, ration, arms and ammunition and money to these terrorist groups so as to enable them a smooth operation in their terrorist activities. World has seen as how the small kids have been used as suicide bombers in some of the states creating massive damage and loss of life.

And, then, there is the deadly self-indoctrinated "lone wolf" who survives on the hate literature available on the Internet. From the Internet too, he / she culls "how to" information to manufacture weapons of mass destruction which are used to wreak large-scale mayhem in crowded localities.

An emerging strategy which has dangerous consequences for the host country is the flood of illegal migrants into a target country to drop roots, infiltrate society and quietly take over the reins of political power. The political orientation being deeply Islamic fundamentalistic, by coagulation they are designed to become the bedrock of the desired Caliphate.

**DSA** is being published since October 2009 and it has been almost eleven years and the purpose for its publication was and is to bring awareness on the subjects, challenges, threats and searching for possible solutions. In many of the editions, **DSA** has concentrated on such issues. Unfortunately, the situation in India and the globe has worsened in the past one decade. The focus of **DSA** has been always on the terrorism and radicalisation and our readers have always appreciated the efforts of Team DSA. But a lot still needs to be done to ensure security and peace for the people of India and the world.

This edition, dear reader, is an another attempt to bring awareness of the threats and challenges confronting national security and Team **DSA** is happy to share our thoughts with our esteemed contributors on the illegal migration and the changing face of terrorism and radicalisation worldwide.

I am sure you will get an insight into these issues.

Jai Hind!

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