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Important revelations made by the Pakistani national Bahadur Ali @ Saifulla, consequent to his arrest in Jammu and Kashmir on 25th July, 2016 – An update.

Local residents of Yahama, PS Qalamabad, district Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir, informed the local police on 25th July, 2016, that a suspicious person is moving around and he is trying to mix with the crowd. Acting on this information, one person was taken into custody. He was carrying a wireless set, a GPS device, matrix sheet of codes, a compass, Unicode sheets, maps and Indian currency. On questioning, he disclosed that his real name is Bahadur Ali @ Saifulla, son of Mohammed Haneef (Haneefi Deobandi), resident of Village Zia-Bagha, near Haloka bridge, Tehsil Raiwind, District Lahore, Pakistan. He had led the police team to a location, where he had hidden his AK-47 rifle, 5 magazines, grenades and a host of warlike equipment's, which were recovered.

2. Bahadur Ali further disclosed that he is a part of a big group of terrorists who have been infiltrated into India by LeT, from Pakistan side, to carry out terror attacks in India. He stated that a group of four terrorists are also moving in the area to execute an attack in village Monibal. Based on this input, security forces were deployed to prevent the attack. On the 26th July, at Monibal, four heavily armed terrorists were spotted and on being challenged, they started firing with AK-47 rifles. In the retaliatory firing, all the four terrorists were killed and 6 wireless (RT) sets, 4 AK-47 rifles, 4 compass, maps, matrix sheets, grenades and other military equipment were recovered from the terrorists. In this connection two cases were registered by J&K police which were taken over by National Investigation Agency.

3. During investigation, of these two cases, the facts as noted in following paragraphs, have emerged regarding the new strategy of LeT of committing terrorist acts and creating disturbance in India, including Kashmir.

4. Since the onset of summer of 2016 LeT, with the help of Pak forces deployed on the border has been infiltrating heavily armed trained terrorists into India with the direction to mix with the local people and create disturbance and attack police and security forces.

5. Bahadur Ali was member of one of the groups who was directed to take advantage of the current situation in Kashmir and throw grenades by mixing into the crowd.

6. Arms, ammunition and equipment recovered from terrorists establish support and involvement of military experts. For example, engineering modifications done on ICOM RT sets (made in Japan) to cover whole range of VHF frequency, requires high degree of precision engineering in electronics. Providing the terrorists with specific Grid References for the route to be followed and use of GPS, compass and topographical sheets during movement also establish that these LeT terrorists were trained and mentored by military experts.

7. Bahadur Ali was constantly guided and directed by the LeT control centre **Alpha-3**, which was available on a prefixed frequency on ICOM handsets, being carried by the terrorists. As per Bahadur Ali and other available evidence, control centre Alpha-3 is a fixed communication centre, established at a high altitude peak in Pakistan occupied Kashmir, which is operated with support from Pakistani forces. Once the terrorists are inside Indian territory, Alpha-3 guides, directs and controls their operations. Whenever required, Alpha-3 arranges tactical and material support through previously identified contacts.

8. During communications with Bahadur Ali, Alpha-3 told that the LeT cadres had been successful in fuelling large scale agitation in Kashmir after EID subsequent to the death of Burhan Wani in Kashmir. Further investigation is continuing on the disclosure of Bahadur Ali regarding his role in the present unrest in Kashmir.

9. Bahadur Ali was recruited in Jamaat ud Dawa (JUD) by close aides of Hafiz Sayeed in the year 2008-2009, at the tender age of 13/14 years and he was given the task of collecting Jihad fund in his village. Subsequently, Moulana Abdur Rahim, who belonged to the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), radicalised him and made him join the LeT by showing video films of alleged atrocities on Muslims in different parts of the world including India and exhorting youth to undertake jihad against India to establish Islamic rule there. Bahadur Ali also served in the office of the front end NGO of LeT by the name of Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF) at Lahore, Pakistan.

10. Bahadur Ali underwent three training courses organised by the LeT:
- a. 15 day Daura-e-Tulba at Manshera in the year 2013, which is the basic training course.
 - b. 21 days Daura-e-Am training course at Aksa camp near Muzaffarabad in September/October 2014, for the first stage of arms training
 - c. 30 days Daura-e-Khas training course at Tabook camp near Muzaffarabad in the summer of 2016, for sophisticated arms training and field crafts

11. He has stated that there are 30 to 50 trainees at any time in each course, which runs throughout the year. At the training camps of LeT, there were trainees from different parts of Pakistan including the Pushto speaking trainees from the area bordering Pakistan and Afghanistan. After training, the Pushto speaking trainees are sent to Afghanistan for Jihad.

12. Bahadur Ali also said that the Ghaibana Namaz-e-Janaza (Namaz-e-Janaza in absentia), of Pakistani LeT cadres, who die in India while waging Jihad, is performed in Pakistan. He said that he had participated in the Ghaibana Namaz-e-Janaza of the LeT Commander of South Kashmir Abu Qasim, who died in Kashmir in October 2015. This was led by Hafiz Sayeed.

13. He said that his group of terrorists was launched after being staged forward at their Dett (detachment) near the line of control between India and Pakistan. This Dett is headed by a senior member of LeT who provides arms and ammunition as well as other accessories like GPS, Night Vision Devices, Compass, Grenades, grenade launchers, maps, matrix sheets, food packets, dry ration, medicines etc. Bahadur Ali was launched from Mandakuli Dett. Abu Haider was the Commander at the Dett. They were repeatedly shown the infiltration route on the google maps on a LCD TV. Simultaneously, they were shown videos of landmarks available on the route. They were also made to write their own communication codes for communicating with the control centre (Alpha-3). Bahadur Ali said that a few army officers in civilian clothes visited the Dett and briefed them and checked their preparedness. Bahadur Ali said that officers were referred as Major sahib and Captain sahib. This corroborates the statement made by Md. Naveed, another Pakistani national, who was arrested in the BSF convoy attack at Udampur in August 2015.

14. As per Bahadur Ali and other supporting documents/evidence, there is an operations room at Muzaffarabad from where a senior commander of LeT controls the movement of terrorists across the border and their terror activities, after infiltrating into the Indian side. The In-charge of the control centre at Muzaffarabad whom Bahadur Ali had also met before infiltrating into India was a man named Waleed.

15. Bahadur Ali crossed over to Indian side on 11th/12th June along with two other LeT cadres namely Saad and Darda. He moved through the hilly terrain with the help of eight map Grid References (GR) given by Hyder at the Dett. They spent about 7 days travelling across one grid reference at a time. Around 22nd of June, Bahadur Ali got separated from his LeT associates and then kept in touch with Alpha-3 (control centre) and followed its directions. When Bahadur Ali asked Alpha-3 about the whereabouts of his two associates, he was told that he should not bother about them because they have been safely sent to different places for throwing of grenades by mixing into the crowd. In all he stayed for about a month in the general area of Handwara, before being apprehended on 25th July, 2016.

16. Presently, Bahadur Ali is in police custody and his interrogation is continuing.

