

## More Indian Targets On Let Radar?

New Delhi: (IANS) Intelligence agencies believe that Islamist militant outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) has targets in India apart from those publicized recently — the National Defence College here, plus two prominent boarding schools, Doon in Dehradun and Woodstock in Mussoorie.



*National Defence College*

Intelligence shared by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) following the interrogation of David Coleman Headley and Tahawwur Hussain Rana who were arrested on charges of planning major terrorist attacks in India and Denmark indicate more targets were on the LeT's radar in India, said top intelligence sources.

"We will get a better picture when our team of Indian investigators get permission to interrogate them. They will also interrogate the accused on whether another 26/11-like terror plot was being planned against India," a source said.

Officers of the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW), India's external intelligence agency, and the Intelligence Bureau (IB) reached Chicago this week.

They were expected to return Friday but following the disclosure that LeT had other probable targets, the team will stay back for a few more days.

Rana, 48, and Headley, 49, are charged with conspiring to attack the Copenhagen newspaper Jyllands-Posten, which sparked anger in much of the Muslim world in 2005 by publishing 12 cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

The prosecution's case against Rana is on the basis of recorded conversations, emails and other documentary evidence that reportedly demonstrates that he supported the conspiracy.

Court papers also said that in late 2008 Rana, who operates an immigration law service in Chicago, had a discussion with someone associated with the LeT but who was identified only as Individual B.

The FBI also alleged that the duo had been in constant touch with Ilyas Kashmiri of Al Qaeda's 313 Brigade.

Kashmiri has a \$600,000 reward on his head by the Pakistan government. The US has also been trying to nab him.

Headley engaged in extensive international travel since the second half of 2008 and made multiple trips to Pakistan where he spent a lot of time, often for months at a stretch.

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# Seeking Greater Autonomy For Tibet, Not Independence: Dalai Lama

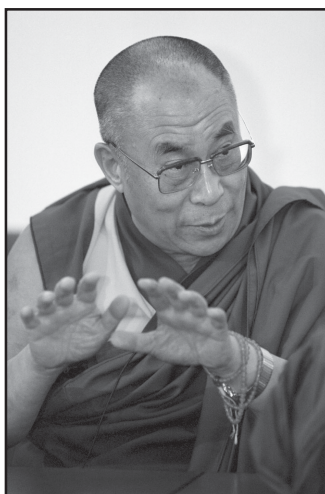
Dharamsala: (IANS) Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has once again refuted China's claims that he wants independence for Tibet and clarified that he is only seeking greater autonomy.

"I am not demanding independence for Tibet. I am only seeking genuine autonomy as enshrined in the constitution of People's Republic of China," the Nobel Peace laureate told reporters in Japan, according to a post on the website of the Tibetan government-in-exile here.

"The last five decades in exile have proved as an opportunity to preserve the Tibetan cultural heritage, which remains in a more pristine form in exile than in Tibet," the Dalai Lama said at Shikoku Island.

"At present, there is a healthy community of over 160,000 Tibetans in exile, and a new younger generation, equipped with

basic modern education is emerging to take responsibilities."



"Personally, I met a lot of people in the last 50 years and learned a lot from them. It has been a very rewarding experience," he said.

Expressing his hope in the Chinese people, the spiritual leader said the number of articles and commentaries critical of China's policies on Tibet in the past one year by Chinese scholars and intellectuals were encouraging signs.

On his first visit to Shikoku Island, he said that he felt fortunate at being able to make pilgrimage to the holy temples in Japan.

"There were many people at the temples when I offered prayers. They looked happy, I am also happy," he said.

He began his week-long visit to Japan Oct 30 at the invitation of the Shikoku Buddhist Association and Okinawa Mahabodhi Association.

Earlier, the spiritual leader asked the international community to visit Tibet to know the plight of the Tibetans.

"I strongly appeal to the international community, especially the media, to go to China and Tibet and investigate the reality of the situation," the spiritual leader told reporters at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan.

The Dalai Lama, 74, has been following a "middle-path" policy that seeks greater autonomy for Tibetans rather than complete independence.

However, the Chinese view him as a hostile person bent on splitting Tibet from China. Beijing frowns upon meetings between the Dalai Lama and foreign leaders.

The Dalai Lama along with many of his supporters fled Tibet and took refuge in India when Chinese troops moved in and took control of Lhasa in 1959.

The Dalai Lama has ever since been heading the Tibetan government-in-exile from here.

## More Indians Graduate In Maths, Science

New Delhi: (IANS) India's infrastructure on education may have a long way to go to reach global standards, but when it comes to the sheer



*Some key facts about Indian education system highlighted by the study are:*

*-More than 2.3 million graduates every year*

*-Nearly 750,000 post-graduates per year.*

*-Second largest pool of scientists and engineers in the world*

*-Second largest number of trained doctors*

*-As many as 389 universities, 14,169 colleges and 1,500 research institutions*

number of students graduating in maths and science, the country outperforms the US, Europe and Japan, says a new study.

India, in fact, ranks 17th based on this parameter, against 48 for the US, 33 for Japan and 38 for China, says the study by Ernst and Young, conducted jointly with the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham).

Germany, according to the study, ranks first, followed by Singapore and France.

"The number of science and engineering graduates is an important consideration. There are

690,000 students of science and maths graduating every year — much higher than China, Japan, the US and Europe," said D.S. Rawat, secretary general of Assocham.

"In China, the number of such graduates each year is 530,000, against 350,000 in Japan, 420,000 in the US and 470,000 in the EU," added Rawat, while releasing the study.

According to the study, changes in the education system were also necessary to meet the exacting demands of a knowledge economy. The exam system also needs to be overhauled to base it more on solving problem than in enhancing memorising

capabilities of students.

"If higher education in India is liberalised with massive expansion of professional education and more institutions under public-private initiatives, the system can be completely transformed to acquire well established global standards," said Rawat.

Research institutions should be encouraged to incubate enterprises through a Rs.5,000-crore (over \$1-billion) fund. An expenditure of 3 percent of gross domestic product for research is needed to encourage innovation and to nurture original ideas and thinking.

## Tharoor For Indo-Pakistan Cricket Matches In US

Kolkata: (IANS) Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor favors an India-Pakistan cricket series in a venue like the US.

Tharoor said at a function here recently that the US had a large expatriate population from India and Pakistan who would lap up the cricket clash.

"We have a large patriotic population of both Indians and Pakistanis in the US besides a handful of local cricket enthusiasts.

That's a very, very good way to organise cricket in third countries when terror strikes have stopped cricket between the two countries," he said.

Tharoor said it would be great to see a baseball stadium in the US crowded for a cricket match, however small the venue may be.

