

Question for written answer E-002051/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Evidence of the Pakistani army's support for terror outfits

The menace of cross-border terrorism has been a major security concern for the Indian state over the last two decades. Evidence presented by India before the global community revealed how the Pakistani army uses terror outfits as strategic assets to destabilise India, even when India launches multifarious peace initiatives. This was once again evident in the January 2016 Pathankot terror attacks that originated on Pakistani soil with the full support of the Pakistani army. The jihadists who carried out the attack were well trained and they appeared to have full knowledge of the general functioning of an airbase, specifically the Pakistani airbase in Chaklala. The purpose of the attacks on the Pathankot airbase was to destroy as many IAF fighters and attack helicopters as possible. However, Indian security forces succeeded in foiling the planned terror attacks.

1. Has the EU delegation in Pakistan raised the issue of the Pakistani military's links with terror outfits with the Pakistani Government?
2. How does the EU assess the security situation in Pakistan and evaluate Pakistan's counter-terrorism efforts in light of the evidence that the Pakistani army supports terror outfits?
3. In what manner has the EU extended help to the Indian Government to combat terrorism after the Pathankot terror attacks?