

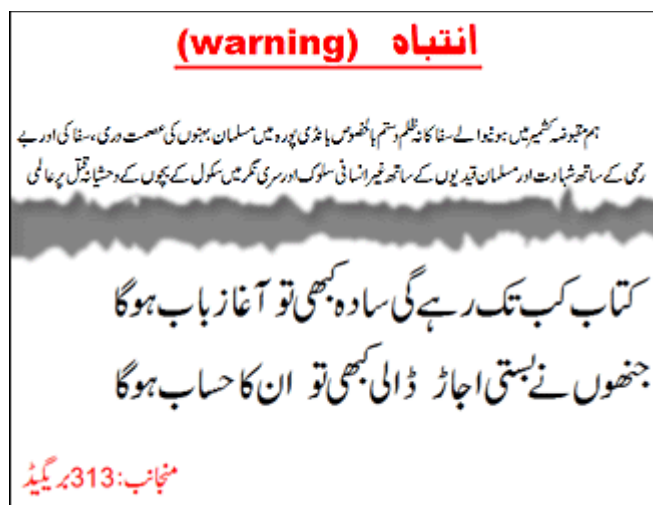
## [Pune Blast – Ilyas Kashmiri’s 313 Brigade claims responsibility](#)

Looks like the script of [Karachi Project](#) that had elements within ISI an Lashkar-e-Taiba on one hand and Ilyas Kashmiri’s 313 Brigade supported by HUJI-B Indian Mujahideen elements on the other hand has started playing out in India.

Asia Times Syed Saleem Shahzad reports receiving an e-mail from Ilyas Kashmiri who apart from leading Al-Qaeda’s 313 Brigade has also been described as the chief of its [shadow army Lashkar-al-Zil](#).

The [full report](#) is produced below in which an indirect claim of responsibility for [Pune Blast](#) is made.

*Asia Times Online has received a message from top guerrilla commander Ilyas Kashmiri, whose 313 Brigade is an operational arm of al-Qaeda. The message arrived on Monday morning, shortly after the deadly weekend bombing of the German Bakery in the western Indian city of Pune. The message does not specifically claim responsibility for the bombing, but implies the Brigade’s involvement. [Al-Qaeda’s guerrilla chief lays out strategy.](#)*



The text of the emailed message reads, in rough translation:

“We warned the international community to play their role in getting the Kashmiris their right of self-determination and preventing India from committing brutalities in Kashmir, especially in Badipuar, raping the women and behaving inhumanly with Muslim prisoners.

“We warn the international community not to send their people to the 2010 Hockey World Cup, IPL [Indian Premier League - a cricket competition involving international players] and Commonwealth Games [to be held in Delhi later this year]. Nor should their people visit India – if they do, they will be responsible for the consequences.

“We, the mujahideen of 313 Brigade, vow to continue attacks all across India until the Indian Army leaves Kashmir and gives the Kashmiris their right of self-determination. We assure the

Muslims of the subcontinent that we will never forget the massacre of the Muslims in Gujarat and the demolition of Babri Masjid [a Muslim mosque destroyed by Hindu militants in 1992]. The entire Muslim community is one body and we will take revenge for all injustices and tyranny. We again warn the Indian government to compensate for all its injustices, otherwise they will see our next action.

“From 313 Brigade”

The bombing and Kashmiri’s warning come as Washington tries to bring India and Pakistan together to work as allies in fighting the “war on terror”. The intention seems to be to reignite conflict between the two countries, diverting Pakistan’s attention from Afghanistan and the Pakistani tribal areas and preventing India playing a strategic role.

The Pune bombing killed nine people, including two foreigners, and injured 57. It came a day after India and Pakistan agreed to foreign-secretary-level talks in New Delhi on February 25.

Typically, 313 Brigade does not claim responsibility for its actions, which are said to include attacks on foreigners in India and Afghanistan and the Mumbai carnage of last November. The Brigade has also been linked to the so-called “Chicago Conspiracy” to massacre Indian military officers, attack the Indian nuclear arsenal, and attack the cartoonists whose anti-Muslim illustrations were published by a Danish newspaper.

It is unprecedented that 313 Brigade should send a message to a news outlet. However, Asia Times Online has previously been in contact with Kashmiri, and interviewed him last October. The interview, conducted in the Pakistani tribal agency of South Waziristan, was arranged by Kashmiri, primarily to discount rumors that he had been killed in a US drone attack. (See

The Indian government said on Monday that there would be no knee-jerk reaction to the Pune bombing and that the talks with Pakistan would go ahead. If more attacks are carried out in India, however, the tension between the countries would soar, and the US-led “war on terror” would be an early casualty.



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1.  rone says:

[February 15, 2010 at 11:45 pm](#)

it is all there, and all the pieces linked to other, points to one and only direction. When PC says there is 'no intel failure' it is true, in a sense. It is just that the government with political myopia refuses to see what can be seen. Indulge in criminal inaction and abdicate responsibility with words like "Hard target- soft target".

2.  [Sunil Kumar](#) says:

[February 16, 2010 at 11:50 am](#)

That's it the cowards say!! We can solve the problem of Kashmir than what's the guarantee that thy will not allow Pakistan to occupy J&K entirely. We have lost thousands of soldiers and now Kashmir is our pride. We will never negotiate with beasts who kill children and women.

3.  AK says:

[February 17, 2010 at 2:13 am](#)

Offstumped, could you do a post on the possible repercussions of India being forced to give away a part of Kashmir to Pakistan? Also, is it probable that India will eventually be forced to part with some of Kashmir to please USA? What are the major disadvantages (other than the obvious) of such a future?

4. [Pune Blast – Why Lashkar-e-Taiba Al Alami ? « Offstumped – Center Right Indian Politics](#) says:

[February 17, 2010 at 2:39 am](#)

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