

# On a terror trail

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Mixing fact and fiction yet again, Mukul Deva, it looks like, is spreading a scent of gun powder into the air! His latest book — *Salim Must Die*, a sequel to his previous one *Lashkar*, a military thriller, deals with terror outfits. Mukul, an ex-army personnel himself, talks on terror, his predictions and why *Salim Must Die*.

Your previous book *Lashkar* addressed why India is facing terror. Could you tell us more on this?

The problem that we are facing is simply a low cost proxy war on our side by Pakistan. All the operations that I have documented are facts that are undisputable, but we are still in a denial mode. There is a very hazy picture, and I have only written to do something about it.

Taking the vast story forward is the sequel *Salim Must Die*. Now, when you have brought one of the characters — Salim to this book, why should he die?

Although it is just a name of a character, he represents a thought that is fundamentalist and narrow minded. Any thought like this is bound to die someday, right?

Do you see a particular



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mechanism that Pakistan has to control these fundamentalist groups?

I have to first clarify that I am no expert in this field, but do have a little more experience and am better informed about this after all my research. There is no ambiguity that National Security Intelligence is the mother of all problems, and there is total impurity within the country with official sanction.

In *Lashkar*, you predicted the formation of National Intelligence Agency. What do you see happening in the near future?

This prediction that was made one year back was simply after looking logically at history. Although I hope it does not

happen, nuclear weapons and biological weapons are today reaching wrong hands.

*Mukul Deva will be in the city to launch his book Salim Must Die at Crossword, Garuda Mall on March 7 at 6.30 pm*

