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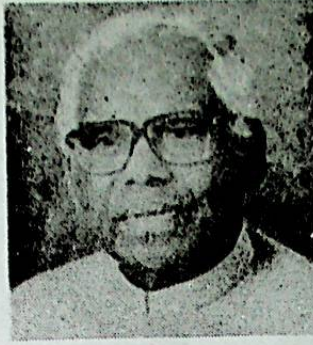
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Dear Shri Chopra,

The President of India, Shri K.R. Narayanan, is happy to know that the International Institute for Asia-Pacific Studies, New Delhi is organising a National Seminar on "Rise of Terrorism and Secessionism in the Region—Politico, Economic, Strategic and Social Implications" on 30th April and 1st May, 2000 at New Delhi.

The President extends his warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Institute and wishes the Seminar all success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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This book examines on the basis of empirical studies, the rise of terrorism, secessionism and ethnic conflicts in the beginning of the 21st century in the entire belt of Eurasia. Though the contributors of this volume have conducted independent research work on each country, they have followed interdisciplinary and multi-dimensional approach. As a result of this intellectual exercise almost all of them have come to the conclusion that it would be too simplistic to say that rise of terrorism can be traced to one single factor, i.e. fundamentalism. There is no doubt that fundamentalist theology is being used as an instrument to disorientate and distort the consciousness of the people. It is this attempt, which has given birth to the shrill cry of *jihad* in some of the countries afflicted by this menace. But this is only the hard top surface of this phenomenon. If you peel off this hard surface, and do strip mining, you come across various layers beneath the surface. These layers include the imperialist policy of 'divide and rule' in the colonial period; accentuation of conflicts by the vested interests of the cold war period; moral and material support including supply of massive military hardware by certain foreign powers and above all the new nexus which has developed between terrorists, drug mafia, illicit arms dealers and criminals. However, deprivation, poverty, unemployment and rising aspirations of the people provide a fertile soil for these destructive forces.

Third party interventions including military interventions on the pretext of defence of human rights instead of resolving the crisis arising out of terrorism, cross-border terrorism in particular deepen it.

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