India's Premier Says Pakistan Must Do More to Stop Attacks

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NEW DELHI, Oct. 31 - Two days after a series of bombs tore through this capital in one of the deadliest terrorist attacks here, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told the president of <u>Pakistan</u> on Monday that there were indications of links to outside groups and that Pakistan must act to prevent terrorism against <u>India</u>.

Mr. Singh made his remarks in a telephone conversation with the Pakistani leader, Gen. <u>Pervez Musharraf</u>, who called to express his condolences for the bombings, in which about 60 people were killed.

Although Mr. Singh, in a statement to news organizations after the call, did not identify Pakistan in his reference to external links, there has been widespread speculation in this country since Saturday evening that Pakistani-linked militant groups fighting over Kashmir may have been involved in the attacks. No one has been arrested in connection with the blasts.

Also on Monday, an Indian court sentenced a Pakistani and six Indians who had links to a militant group suspected in the attacks on Saturday for an attack five years ago on the historic Red Fort in Delhi.

In the long-awaited sentencing, Ashfaq Rehman, a Pakistani, was sentenced to death in connection with the attack, in which three people were killed. Prosecutors said Mr. Rehman was a member of the Pakistan-based group that calls itself Lashkar-e-Taiba and had fought against Indian rule in Kashmir, the disputed Himalayan province that both India and Pakistan claim.

The six Indians convicted in the attacks, in December 2000, drew sentences ranging from seven years to life in prison. Mr. Rehman's wife, Rehmana Farooqui, an Indian citizen, was sentenced to seven years in jail for harboring him. A defense lawyer, Aman Lekhi, said that the convictions were based only on circumstantial evidence and that an appeal would be filed.

Lashkar-e-Taiba claimed responsibility for the attack on the Red Fort, in which the attackers engaged soldiers in a gun battle.

The Red Fort, a major tourist attraction, dominates the eastern edge of the area known as Old Delhi.

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