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**Shri Amit Shah Ji,**  
Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs,  
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Subject: Escalating Targeted Killings, Extortion Murders, Grenade Attacks and  
Transnational Gangster Activity in Punjab – Request for Immediate Multi-  
Agency Coordination

Respected Sir,

I write to you today as a concerned and deeply pained representative of Punjab's border belt. I have remained calm in public life, but the events unfolding around us compel me to speak with firmness and a heavy heart. Punjab, particularly in the current calendar year 2025, has witnessed a deeply disturbing rise in targeted killings, assassination attempts, extortion-related murders, gangster warfare, and grenade-type attacks. This violence is not sporadic—it is systematic, coordinated, and emboldened.

Most recently, we saw an incident that every local eyewitness and security observer recognises as a grenade attack, yet the Punjab Police has inexplicably and blatantly denied this reality. This refusal to acknowledge the nature of the threat is itself becoming a threat multiplier.

The Punjab Government today, I regret to say, is sleeping like *Kumbhakaran*. Despite several sincere officers, the Punjab Police appears either incapable or unwilling to deal with the scale and sophistication of the challenge. Even the Border Security Force, whose jurisdiction now extends up to 50 kilometres from the international border, has not been able to stem the flow of arms, drones, narcotics, and money. Cross-border corridors remain active and, in many cases, hyperactive.

A clearer pattern is emerging:  
international forces are acting in concert —

- cross-border drug peddlers,



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- Pakistan-based ISI handlers,
- radical elements seeking revivalist mischief,
- gangster networks operating from Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

Sir, the border belt of Punjab has historically borne the maximum brunt of the Indo-Pak wars, and later, the deep wounds of terrorism in the 1980s and early 1990s. Entire families were wiped out; villages lived under constant siege.

We cannot allow this cycle to repeat itself.

To assist your assessment, I have enclosed an Annexure containing a *merely illustrative list* of targeted killings, gangster-related murders, and terror-linked incidents that occurred only during the calendar year 2025. This list does not include routine murders, personal-enmity homicides, or ordinary crime, but only those incidents which display terrorism, targeting, extortion, gang rivalry, or cross-border linkages.

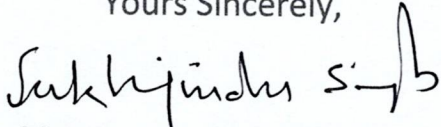
Given the gravity of the situation, I earnestly request that the Ministry of Home Affairs convene an urgent, high-level meeting of all relevant central and state agencies—IB, RAW, NIA, BSF, Punjab Police, and Home Department officials—so that a coherent and effective national-security strategy can be put in place without delay. This cannot wait for the next Parliamentary Session. It needs immediate attention.

I may also submit, with utmost respect, that I have written on this subject a number of times earlier as well. Unfortunately, no meaningful action appears to have been initiated on the ground so far. I sincerely hope that your Ministry is not treating the DO letters of a Lok Sabha Member representing a highly sensitive border constituency with any lesser seriousness merely because he belongs to the principal opposition party of the country. That would be deeply discouraging for the federal spirit and for all of us who seek to work constructively, across party lines, in the national interest.

I hope that you will take cognizance of this matter yourself rather than treating it merely as a state issue. I look forward to the action taken by you.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa)



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## Annexure

### Illustrative List of Targeted and Gangster-Linked Killings in Punjab (Calendar Year 2025)

*(Abridged; reverse chronological order. Excludes routine murders, personal disputes, and ordinary crime.)*

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#### November 2025

26 November – Dera Bassi (Mohali)

Punjab Police's Anti-Gangster Task Force and Mohali Police foiled a major terror-gangster plot linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi–Goldy Dhillon network after an exchange of fire near Steel Strips Towers on the Dera Bassi–Ambala highway. Four operatives were arrested, two injured; seven pistols and about 70 live rounds were recovered. The group was allegedly planning targeted attacks in the Chandigarh Tricity and Patiala region on instructions of a foreign-based handler.

19 November – Ludhiana

An ISI-backed, multi-state gangster–terror module was busted near Ladowal Toll Plaza. In a gunfight, two accused were injured. Police recovered two Chinese hand grenades, several pistols and over 40 rounds. The module was specifically tasked with throwing grenades to create unrest and fear.

19 November – Amritsar

Gangster Harjinder Singh alias "Harry", recently released on bail, was killed in a police encounter at a Chheharta checkpoint. Police claimed he had links with Pakistan-based ISI handlers and was planning a targeted killing. His accomplice escaped; weapons were recovered from the spot.

17 November – Amritsar (Two incidents)

- ISBT Bus Terminal: Makhan Singh, assistant manager with Baba Budha Sahib Bus Service owned by BJP leader Ravikaran Singh Kahlon, was shot dead by three gunmen. The family had reportedly been receiving extortion threats of ₹2 crore for nearly two months.
- Chheharta Area: Varinder Singh was shot dead by motorcycle-borne assailants after dropping his children at school. Multiple arrests were made; the main conspirator is suspected to be operating from abroad.



16 November – Banga (Nawanshahr)

A 22-year-old youth, Rimpal, was killed and four others injured when assailants in a Hyundai i20 opened fire on their Scorpio near the bus stand. Around 40 rounds were fired. The incident was linked to rivalry between two local groups of youths, with a pronounced gangster-style execution.

16 November – Dhulke (Amritsar)

Grocery shop owner Manjit Singh (65) was shot dead at his shop by two assailants. His family had earlier faced extortion demands of ₹50 lakh, and shots had reportedly been fired at their house previously.

15 November – Ferozepur

Naveen Arora (32), son of senior RSS leader Baldev Raj Arora, was shot dead near a local dargah. The mastermind, Gursimran Singh alias Jatin Kali, was later arrested after a police encounter in which he was injured. Police indicated that he was working at the instance of a foreign handler; associates were also arrested.

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October 2025

29 October – Ropar

AAP functionary Nitin Nanda was shot at by retired Chandigarh DSP Dilsher Singh during an altercation at a wedding, with a bullet striking him in the head. While the incident arose out of a long-standing property dispute, it reflects a disturbing normalisation of armed, targeted violence involving individuals with security backgrounds.

22 October – Tarn Taran (Nathupur)

Granthi Ranjit Singh Rana (38) was shot dead, officially attributed to an ongoing personal dispute with his cousin, an ex-serviceman. The use of a rifle and the manner of attack have nonetheless added to the climate of fear in rural border areas.

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July 2025

4 July – Moga (Kot Ise Khan)

Dr Aniljit Singh Kamboj, stepfather of Punjabi actress Tania, was critically shot at his nursing home by two men posing as patients. He had been receiving extortion threats since 2022 from Canada-based terrorist-gangster



Lakhbir Singh Landa, demanding ₹1 crore. The attack is widely viewed as a classic extortion-driven, targeted shooting.

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May 2025

24 May – Amritsar (Chheharta)

Shiromani Akali Dal councillor Harjinder Singh alias “Bahman” (45) was shot dead by bike-borne assailants near a gurdwara while attending a religious function. Investigation linked the killing to the Dubai-based gangster “Kishan” network. Four accused were subsequently arrested, including the alleged main shooter.

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April 2025

13 April – Nangal (Rupnagar)

VHP Nangal president Vikas Prabhakar was shot dead in his confectionery shop. Subsequent NIA investigation linked the conspiracy to Pakistan-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) chief Wadhawa Singh. An arms supplier was also arrested in connection with this targeted killing, which was allegedly intended to foment communal tensions.

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Overall Pattern (Especially November 2025)

According to official statements, Punjab Police neutralised seven foreign-backed targeted-killing modules in November 2025 alone. These modules were allegedly handled from Pakistan, Canada, the UK, Portugal and other parts of Europe, and were tasked specifically with targeted killings, grenade attacks and terror strikes.

Across these actions, police recovered at least 18 pistols, grenades and substantial ammunition, in addition to dismantling multiple logistics and weapons-supply chains feeding such incidents.