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'India should reach out to Pakistan for intel sharing'

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Unless India and Pakistan work together, both will suffer heavily from terrorism in the coming years, according to Rohan Gunaratna.

The terrorists, who staged an Al Qaeda-style attack in Mumbai, could strike again. The ideology that motivated the attackers and generated the support, needs to be dismantled.

Asian terrorism is on the rise. The epicentre of international terrorism has now shifted to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, a region straddling India and China. Today, the world's top four countries that suffer from terrorism are Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and India. Unless, India and Pakistan work together both these countries will suffer heavily from terrorism in the coming years.

Instead of accusing Pakistan for every attack on Indian soil, Indian leaders must understand that both India and Pakistan face a common threat. Without building a robust relationship with Pakistan, India has been strengthening its ties with Israel and the US. India should take the lead and reach out to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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