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ELEANOR HALL: Indian authorities have released the names and photographs of the people they allege were involved in last month's attacks in Mumbai and they say they are all Pakistani.

Police have blamed the attacks which killed 170 people on global terrorist group Lashkar-e-Toiba and the Government has called on the United Nations to impose sanctions on a linked group which still operates in Pakistan.

But one analyst says this could backfire and incite more anti-Indian sentiment.

Tanya Nolan has our report.

TANYA NOLAN: The photographs are blurry but they do show the faces of eight of the men Indian police allege were responsible for the Mumbai terrorist attacks last month. An image of a ninth alleged gunman was withheld because police say his body was too badly burned.

Mumbai's chief investigator says all men were aged in their 20s, some had just one name and others used aliases. He says all were from Pakistan.

Police released the information upon announcing they had gathered evidence from the sole surviving militant, Azam Amir Qasab, who they allege was trained by the proscribed terrorist group Lashkar-e-Toiba.

India's junior Foreign Minister, Anand Sharma, called on Pakistan to stamp out the group's training camps once and for all.

ANAND SHARMA: It is in the interest of this region and in the interest of Pakistan's own progress and stability that they take firm action against the terror outfits which are against their training camps. And to ensure that the commitment that they have made that their territory will not be used against India or to carry out terror attacks is fulfilled.

TANYA NOLAN: Lashkar-e-Toiba or LET as it's also known, was outlawed by the Pakistani government six years ago but its training camps remain in operation.

Pakistan expert Samina Yasmeen, says that's because of its links to a well established Pakistani charity Jamaat-ud-Dawa, which has gained strong popularity within Pakistan for its social welfare work.

The Times of India newspaper is reporting that that the Indian Government is calling on the UN Security Council to proscribe Jamaat-ud-Dawa a terrorist organisation and impose sanctions on it.

But associate Professor Yasmeen, director of the Centre for Muslim States at the University of Western Australia, says that could further inflame the tinderbox relations between India and Pakistan

SAMINA YASMEEN: It's got its own core of devoted members who really believe that their (inaudible) way of thinking does have a solution for Pakistan's domestic system.

Basically it would tantamount to telling these people that the idea of being Muslim is wrong.

TANYA NOLAN: Pakistan's Foreign Minister is warning India to back off. Shah Mehmood Qureshi says Pakistan will not hand over any militants it's rounded up during raids on LET training camps

SHAH MEHMOOD QURESHI (translated): If war is imposed on us we are totally prepared to defend Pakistan, we want to give a clear message that the defence of Pakistan's boundaries, Pakistan's geography, Pakistan's ideology, are our responsibility.

We will not tolerate any violation of that, this is a very clear message we want to convey, but our desire for peace should not be construed as Pakistan's weakness.

TANYA NOLAN: India and Pakistan are operating at cross purposes.

Pakistan has arrested some high value suspects in recent days, including the LET commander in Kashmir, Zaki ur Rehman Lakhvi.

He was accused of masterminding the 2006 Mumbai train bombings and is also blamed for the largest number of terrorist attacks in India in more than a decade.

International terrorism expert Rohan Gunaratna, says the cold war between India and Pakistan over disputed Kashmir is undermining the Mumbai terrorist investigations.

ROHAN GUNARATNA: As a result a number of terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, emush(phonetic) in Pakistan. I don't think that Pakistan will be able to crack down on these groups in the short term, certainly there has to be very significant international assistance and international cooperation in order for Pakistan to be able to dismantle these structures that have grown in the last few years in Pakistan.

ELEANOR HALL: That's Rohan Gunaratna, the head of the international centre for political violence and terrorist research in a university in Singapore, Tanya Nolan with that report.

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