

Hafiz Saeed's security enhanced in Pakistan after 'threat alert'

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Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab province government has enhanced the security of 26/11 Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed following a Home Department alert that a "foreign intelligence agency" may make an attempt on the Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief's life.

"We have enhanced the security of Hafiz Saeed in accordance with the directive of the Home Department," an official of the Punjab government told PTI on Tuesday. He said more policemen have been deployed at his residence in Jauhar Town and JuD headquarters Chauburji, Lahore, in the wake of the threat.

Senior Superintendent Police Athar Ismail said the police had "sensitised" the people who were engaged in the personal security of Saeed.

According to the letter issued by the Punjab Home Department, a "foreign intelligence agency" has made plans to attack "high-value targets" like Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Saeed to create chaos on a wide-scale.

The United States has already put a \$10-million bounty on the head of Saeed.

The United Nations declared JuD a terrorist organisation and also individually designated Saeed as a terrorist in December 2008.

Saeed, who orchestrated the Mumbai terror attack of November 2008 in which 166 people were killed, roams around freely in Pakistan despite being a designated terrorist and has made many anti-India remarks and speeches.

Pakistan has said that there is no case against Saeed and that he is free to move in the country as a Pakistani national.

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