

UK police may quiz Mumbai gunman

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British police want to interview a Pakistani suspect in the Mumbai terror attacks

According to BBC, detectives want to quiz the sole remaining gunman, Mohammed Ajmal Amir Qasab, about the attacks and terror groups operating from Pakistan.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown is in Pakistan for talks with President Asif Ali Zardari, following a similar visit with India's premier Manmohan Singh.

The talks come as Pakistan accused India of violating its airspace.

India has denied this but has announced a security overhaul.

It blames Pakistan-based militants for the Mumbai attacks, which killed at least 170 people, including one Briton.

BBC political correspondent Carole Walker, who is travelling with Mr Brown, said British detectives were to request access to Mohammed Ajmal Amir Qasab.

Mr Brown said he had wanted to express his condolence for the Mumbai attacks at first hand.

He said the "terrible terror outrages" had shocked the whole world and the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant group, thought to be responsible, had "a great deal to answer for".

He added: "No country should have to go through what India has had to go through as a result of the Mumbai outrages.

"I've said to Prime Minister Singh we will give every help that we can. We will work together in tackling terrorism. And we will work together on issue of security. We also know that there have been arrests in Pakistan.

"We also know that the group responsible is LeT and that they have a great deal to answer for."

India has urged Pakistan to take action over the recent attacks.

Pakistan denies any involvement, but has promised to co-operate with the Indian investigation.

Mr Zardari has pledged to take "strong action" against terrorists, but has also called on India to share more information about the attacks.

Mr Brown said he would convey the concerns of the Indian people when he meets with Mr Zardari later on Sunday.

Speaking during his surprise visit to Afghanistan on Saturday, Mr Brown said wherever there was terrorism, it had to be fought.

He described Pakistan's border region with the country, where he met troops fighting the Taleban, as one end of a "chain of terror" that could stretch to Britain if more was not done to tackle the threat of al-Qaeda.

The prime minister's visit to Afghanistan came a day after four Royal Marines were killed in two separate bomb attacks.

Mr Brown spoke of his "disgust and horror" at the willingness of the Taleban to use a 13-year-old child to deliver a bomb in a wheelbarrow to a Marine patrol, killing three men and the boy.

The PM is expected to update MPs on the security situation in Afghanistan in an oral statement to the House of Commons on Monday.

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