

[An example of the totally unsupported accusations and false claims being made against the Maoists in India. The most outrageous claims below are given in enlarged print. This seems to be part of a concerted government/media disinformation campaign against the CPI(Maoist) and the revolutionary movement in India.]

## India must check Maoist menace

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Galvanised by the support of the people in the recent parliamentary elections and buoyed by the fact that the country has maintained growth even in the face of an economic crisis, India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is suddenly facing another crisis.

The threat of the Maoists is the gravest internal security threat to the government and it must be addressed firmly and permanently. It is not without reason that the prime minister has admitted that India is losing its fight against the Maoists.

The Home Ministry maintains that these dissidents have established their presence in 17

Indian states and **are responsible for 90 per cent of the violence in the country.**

The number of casualties tells the story: this year alone **there have been 580 deaths spread over 11 states. This is in addition to numerous incidents of extortion and intimidation. Yesterday's threat - by SMS - to kill Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is proof that these non-conformists are setting their sights higher. The threat came after the cold-blooded murder of 16 villagers recently.**

The government has its task cut out. The focus needs to shift to the rural areas and the concerns of the people must be addressed. Their security and well-being is paramount.

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