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## PALANTIR'S TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT TERRORISM



ONE OF the latest entrants into the government spy-services marketplace, Palantir Technologies has designed what many intelligence analysts say is the most-effective tool to date, to investigate terrorist networks. The software's main advance is a user-friendly search tool that can scan multiple data sources at once, something previous search tools couldn't do. That means an analyst, who is following a tip about a planned terror attack, for example, can more quickly and easily unearth connections among suspects, money transfers, phone calls and previous attacks around the globe.

The company, said to be the world's leading platform for data integration, analysis and data protection, has announced that it will partner with India's pre-eminent software data integrators to provide Indianised solutions to the Government of India. Through its new subsidiary, Palantir Shakti Technologies Private Limited, the company will deliver tailored solutions targeted to address the complex national security needs of India.

Palantir software is used to solve counter-terrorism challenges, detect cyber attacks, support coalition operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and by the law enforcement community to track criminals. In addition, Palantir's software platform can be leveraged against multiple massive data sets in the fields of finance, regulation, anti-fraud, and healthcare.

The company's two products, Palantir Government and Palantir Finance, are platforms that encompass the entire analysis stack, including data integration, search and discovery, knowledge management, and collaboration across the enterprise

"After the 26/11 attacks, the Indian government has undertaken a sweeping revamping of its entire intelligence infra-



Dr Alexander Karp, CEO, Palantir Technologies

structure. The goal is to better leverage disparate data sources at the local, state and Centre in order to obtain actionable intelligence to prevent future attacks," says Dr. Alexander Karp, CEO, Palantir Technologies. "The Government of India is considering Palantir for a number of ambitious projects that can connect these stove tops of data for secure collaboration in the national security arena. We are very proud to be a part of the Indian government's extraordinary technological leap into the future."

According to Shyam Sankar, Palantir's Director of Global Business Development, "One of the thorniest issues that the Indian government now is confronting is the growing violence from the Naxalite movement. Naxal data has shown that Naxals are targeting India's extensive and vital railroad networks with which the Indian economy is so intertwined. The Indian government is deeply focussed now on stemming the Naxal crisis and is looking for better ways to track Naxal-fuelled violent extremism, to identify trends and patterns in these attacks so as to better protect Indian citizens. Palantir offers powerful capabilities in that regard."