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Overreaction to terror is proving expensive and needlessly inconveniencing citizens, says DEEPAK LAL

EPILOGUE: This month coming back to Delhi after a month spent in the western US, I had two things on my mind, the US election and the most recent bout of attacks. To see how the US has been holding itself together and how the election has been unfolding is like watching a disaster movie. What is clear is that the government has not been able to connect the dots. The attacks are linked to the failed war on terror, to the US government's own intelligence failures, and to the Government's response to the David Headley case, which is still under investigation by the US Government.

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