

## **States told not to deal directly with Pak, Iran, China agencies**

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The Union ministry of home affairs has highlighted a list of "countries of concern", including China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran, and cautioned state governments against sending their police and security officials to attend events organised by agencies from these countries without referring the matter to the Centre.

Raising internal security concerns, the ministry said that state officials should not directly accept any invitation to attend events for co-operation, training, joint exercise and exchange of views.

Ministry officials claimed even private foreign organisations dealing in security equipment or organising security-related conferences have to be verified properly before an invitation is accepted.

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