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### SALIM MUST DIE by Mukul Deva

With the India–Pakistan shadow war as its context, this develops the Force 22 series that Mukul began in *Lashkar*. The ISI's terror strikes have forced India to create an elite strike unit. But the offensive is now 'global', with *fidayeen* from all continents being programmed to wreak havoc via bio-weapons. How they are stopped—or not—is the focus. Taut and gripping as it starts, the book loses some steam because the real plot—the death of Salim—does not emerge until more than halfway through, and then it seems like Mukul's rushing to finish it off. That said, his technical knowledge and research are remarkable, as is the plotting and the premise. Great read for fans of Tom Clancy's Op-Center series. (Harper Collins, Rs 225)

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