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I'll have to humbly disagree here. I think there are enough reasons to say he was a terrorist, eg.his anti-Hindu speeches.

If violence is the criteria then here are a few points

Thread:-

1)In April 1983, Punjab Police DIG AS Atwal was shot dead on the steps of Swarn Mandir

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To be honest, I am not 100% sure presently what to make of Jarnail Singh Bhindarwale.

Need to be cautious. It was easy to make someone a saint. It was also easy enough to make someone a terrorist. We haven\u2019t seen all the facts yet, and there is enough ambiguity on his role.

— Sarvesh Tiwari (@bhAratenduH) December 4, 2020

Atwal was returning after doing Darshan. For hours his body lied there, police could not dare to take it. At last Punjab CM Darbara Singh had to phone-call Bhinderawala & request him to let police take the body. Terrorists fired celebratory shots! This shows his clout & terror

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the Punjab Armed Police joined the fleeing crowds without making the slightest effort to nab the assassin. Even later as all officialdom in Amritsar descended on the spot the militants in the Temple celebrated their triumph by loosing off a volley of shots into the air.

Brutal Shock: Atwal's killing came as shock to the entire state. Even Sikhs sympathise with the Akali movement were appalled that the sanctity of the Golden Temple had been violated. By the next day Akali leaders had also gone a huddle to discuss the situation that arisen after the murder.

Bhindranwala called the killing "govt's work to malign Sikhs" (conspiracy theory like '26/11 RSS ki Sajish')
2) Six Hindus were taken out of a bus & shot (Oct 1983). Journalist Tavleen Singh questioned Bhinderwala he denied any involvement but also avoided condemning it.
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3) AK 47, Kalashnikovs were being stored in Swarn Mandir, for what? Bhindranwala was living in Mandir's guest house Nanak Niwas all this while. He always had heavily armed people around him. Then he moved to proper Akal Takht. Head Granthi Kirpal Singh protested but in vain.
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4) On Baisakhi of 1984 Bhindrwala's men chased a Sikh leader and shot him inside the Swarn Mandir,
5) In fact, by this time the situation inside Swarn Mandir became so so messed up
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Just take a look at this circus of gangsters:-
On April 17, 1984 a woman Baljit Kaur (who was said to have Naxalite past!) shot Bhindranwala's right hand man Surinde Singh Sodhi just outside Mandir in a tea shop & shouted "I've taken revenge".
Bhindranwala swore vengeance
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Bhindranwala alleged it was Akali leader Gurcharan plan to kill him, his nephew Swaran Singh [who BTW was allegedly involved in Punjab Kesari's editor Lala Jagat Narain's murder] and Sodhi [involved in murders of HS Manchanda (Delhi) & HL Khanna (Amritsar)]
Next morning
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the revenge started. Bhindranwala's men killed that tea shop owner & charred body of Bachan Singh 'Toti' was thrown out of Mandir [a known smuggler; wanted for attempted-murder on Haryana Assembly's dy speaker]
A few km away beheaded Surinder Singh 'Chhinda' was found in a
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Gunny bag. & few miles away, in another gunny bag, body of a woman was found disfigured, breasts and genitals burnt, bones of the shins, thighs and forearms smashed (surely the above mentioned Baljit Kaur).
Next morning Bhindranwala's men hung a poster outside Akali leader
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Longowal's office with photos of Chhinda & Kaur - "Sodhi's death avenged in 48 hrs. Other conspirators take care".
Another suspected conspirator & Akali leader [& a known opium peddler] Malak Singh Bhatia was killed in front of Longowal's office.
BTW, did I mention that
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This 'conspirator' Chhinda & Bhindranwala's right hand man Sodhi (whose killing started all this) were once partners in crime & said to have jointly robbed a jewellery shop in Karol Bagh (Delhi). Later they parted ways as Sodhi kept the whole booty.
Bhindranwala boasted
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Bhindrawala openly boasted "we took revenge on Chhinda in 24 hrs"
Then he demanded Akalis to handover the alleged mastermind Gurcharan "so that we can take revenge our way" Also said "they wanna kill me to please govt & Hindu businessmen".
Longowal had to get armed guards
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Under Bhindrawala, the situation in Swarn Mandir became so grave & violent that "Often as shots ring out close by hardly anyone turns around to take a look. It has all become so routine now"
Read this in detail in contemporary India Today report.
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https://t.co/XfxG7nxdYr
It beats me how could a normal devout Sikh tolerate such sacrilege of Swarn Mandir!
Conclusion:
Bhindranwala openly asked for ethnic cleansing of Hindus, under his watch AK 47s, Kalashnikovs were stored in Swarn Mandir, he fortified it for a war, killings happened in front

of his eyes. If he didn't have anything to do with this violence then how come all these criminals were flocking around him only? Any true would have been pained to see all this; either would've tried to make things better or at least would've left such people.

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Bhindranwala OTOH enjoyed & encouraged all this... "we took revenge in 24 hrs", "hand him over so that we can take revenge our way"!

He was their leader. Else why were these people listening to him? Every violent act somehow had his name involved. It can't be a coincidence

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If we say that he was used by politicians then it's because he had a great hate for Hindus &such great propensity for violence.

Stored AK 47s, anti-tank rocket launchers were found from Swarn Mandir! He was looking for a war!

IMO that's enough to conclude he's a terrorist