

Bangladesh' s govt considering banning Awami League

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# India retaliates with precision strike in PoK

# Pakistan reels under pressure

Srinagar: India's assertive response to cross-border terrorism continues with a decisive strike in Pakistan-oc-cupied Kashmir (PoK). At approximately 5:44 AM on Friday, Indian forces successfully targeted and destroyed a Pakistani bunker.

This precision operation sends a clear message: India will not tolerate terrorism at any cost and will deliver a strong response to any hostile actions from Pakistan. Simultaneously, a major infiltration attempt was thwarted in Samba, Jammu and Kashmir, where BSF forces neutralized seven Pakistani terrorists, in-flicting significant damage on the Pakistani post in Dhandhar.

### Chaos grips Pakistan amidst India's firm stance

India's proactive and robust actions have reportedly triggered significant unrest within Pakistan. Intelligence inputs suggest a state of disarray in the Sindh cantonment area, with Pakistani military personnel allegedly deserting army cantonment zones

### China voices concern, urges

Amidst the escalating tensions, China has issued a statement expressing concern over the current developments. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian emphasized that both India and Pakistan are neighbors and called for calm and restraint. He reiterated China's opposition to all forms of terrorism and expressed readiness to work with the international community to de-escalate the situation.

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### TTP attack inflicts heavy casualties on Pak military

Adding to Pakistan's woes, a recent attack by the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in South Waziristan reportedly resulted in the deaths of 20 Pakistani soldiers. The use of laser rifles in the ambush marks a significant blow for Pakistan amidst the heightened tensions with India. The TTP also claimed to have seized weapons and destroyed Pakistani military vehicles in the attack, further compounding the challenges faced by the Pakistani military, already under pressure due to India's ongoing "Operation Sindoor."

on Friday, according to defence

Red streaks could be seen and explosions were heard in Samba sector of Jammu as India's air defence intercepted Pakistani drones amid black-

Meanwhile a precautionary blackout has been enforfced in the

### PM chairs meeting with Rajnath Singh, NSA, CDS, service chiefs



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting at his residence on Friday amid the rising tension between India and Pakistan.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi, and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi were among those present in the meeting. Amid the rising tension between India and

Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met a group of armed forces veterans on Friday and had an extensive interaction on various issues related to the current situation. The group included former Air Force, Army, and Navy Chiefs and other veterans who have extensively served the country.

Pakistan violated Indian airspace to target the military installations, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh said at a briefing.

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Complete blackout has been enforced, Akhnoor and Udhampur region of Jammu and Kashmir; Ambala and Panchkula area of

The blackout are also enforced in

Firozpur of Punjab and Jaisalmer of Rajasthan.

Pakistan has violated the ceasfire for yet another day. On Thursday Pakistani army carried out multiple airspace violations and drone intrusions on the night of May 7 and 8, targeting Indian military infrastruc-

### Pak used civil airliners as shield

In a grave escalation along the western frontier during Operation Sindoor, India on Friday accused Pakistan of keeping its civil airspace open during a drone and missile offensive, endangering international aviation, even as the Indian Air Force confirmed it had destroyed a Pakistani radar installation in a calibrated retaliatory

Raising alarm over the safety of civilian aircraft, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh condemned Pakistan for failing to shut down its civil airspace during military operations. "Pakistan's irresponsible behaviour has once again come to the fore. Despite launching an unprovoked drone and missile attack at 8:30 PM on May 7, it did not close its civilian air corridors," Wg Cdr Singh told reporters at a press briefing.

### BSF foils infiltration, neutralises 7 terrorists in Samba

Amid heavy shelling and heightened tension between India and Pakistan, the troops of Border Security Force successfully foiled infiltration and neutralised seven terrorists in Samba sector of Jam-

BSF sources said that in Samba Sector of Jammu, in the intervening night of May 8-9, an infiltration attempt by a big group of ter-rorists was detected by a surveil-

'This infiltration bid was supported by fire from Pak Rangers post Dhandhar," said a BSF

Sources said that alert BSF troops neutralised the infiltration, killing at least seven terrorists and causing extensive damage to the Pak post Dhandhar.

### Rajnath reviews security situation along western border with top defence officials



Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the security situation along the western border and operational preparedness of the Indian Armed Forces, the Defence Ministry said.

The meeting was attended by the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil

Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.

# MUSTREAD

### Misri links Daniel Pearl's beheading with **Bahawalpur**

New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Friday said that Bahawalpur, the headquarters of the United Nations-proscribed terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and linked to the 2002 killing of Wall Street Journal journalist Daniel Pearl, had been struck in an air raid, a move he described as a fitting response to the group's role

in fostering terrorism. "Ba-hawalpur is the headquarters of the Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist group, which is designated by the United Nations. Its leader, Maulana Masood Azhar, is a proscribed individual," Misri told reporters in a special briefing on Operation Sindoor. The Foreign Secretary said the action was part of a broader response to terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

### Security of Ram Lalla beefed up amid Indo-Pak tension: SSP

Ayodhya: In the wake of the ongoing tension between India and Pakistan, the security arrangements of Ram Lalla seated on Shri Ram Janmabhoomi here in Ayodhya have been tightened further, a senior officer said here on Friday. While talking to the reporters in the Police Line Auditorium here, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr Gaurav Grover said that in view of the ongoing tension between India and Pakistan, the security arrangements of Ram Lalla seated on Shri Ram Janmabhoomi have been tightened, and CRPF, SSF, PCS, PSC, Civil Police and other security agencies have been deployed. He said that the security can be further increased if needed. He said that the devotees who are coming from outside to see Ram Lalla are being given a good darshan.

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### Pakistan launched 300-400 Turkish-made drones at 36 locations in India, were all neutralised: Defence officials Armed Forces brought down a num-

Pakistan launched 300-400 Turkish made drones at 36 locations along the western border, which were brought down by the Indian armed forces. India in retaliation launched armed drones at four Pakistani air defence sites, and one of them detoday.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, briefing the media, said Pakistan also carried out multiple violations of Indian airspace border with an intent to target military infrastructure.

Pakistan military resorted to firing of heavy-caliber weapons along the Line of Control on the interven-



ing night of May 8th - 9th.

Washington: As tensions between India and Pakistan

continue to escalate, US Vice President JD Vance has

reiterated America's policy of non-intervention, de-

claring that the conflict is "fundamentally none of our

news channel, come amid growing concerns over the

potential for the situation to spiral into a larger re-

de-escalate a little bit, but we're not going to get in-

His remarks, made in a recent interview with an US

"What we can do is try to encourage these folks to

JD Vance: India-Pak conflict 'none of our business'

gional war or even a nuclear conflict.

volved in the middle of war that's fundamentally none of our business and

has nothing to do with America's ability to control it," Vance stated, emphasising that the US will not intervene directly in the conflict despite its

'Along the International Border and Line of Control, drone intrusions were attempted from Leh to Sir Creek at 36 locations with approximately 300 to 400 drones. Indian

### ber of these drones using kinetic and non-kinetic means. The possible purpose of these large-scale aerial intrusions were to test the antidrone systems and gather intelligence," the defence officials said.

Forensic examination of the

### Govt extends closure of 28 Airports until May 15 amid tensions

After Pakistan attempted to attack multiple cities in Northern India using drones, the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Friday extended the closure of 28 airports across the country until 15 May morning from 10 May.

A senior government official confirmed that after a meeting with other stakeholders, the decision has been taken and airlines and airport authorities have been informed about it.

In their statement, Indigo Airlines mentioned that in accordance with the latest directives from the relevant authorities, all flights to and from the following destinations will remain cancelled until 5.29 am on May 15 due to temporary airport closures.

# Border dwellers shifted to safer locations, panic in Jammu

In view of heavy shelling along the international border and the Line of Control following escalating tension between India and Pakistan, the administration has shifted the border dwellers to safer locations in several areas across the Jammu region.

However, panic gripped Jammu city after at least eight missiles were fired by Pakistan on Thursday night towards the border areas, including the Jammu Airport at Satwari.
Indian air defence units success-

fully intercepted and blocked all the missiles, defence sources said.

'The border residents have been shifted to safer locations and camps have been set up in various parts of the border areas," a senior official pleading anonymity from one of the

He said locals, along with civil administration officials and J&K police, have shifted the population, especially the women and the children, to the shelter homes established at safer locations in border districts like Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and

"The evacuated families were be ing provided blankets, bedding and food by the administration while medical aid is also being supplied to the ailing people," he added

One army soldier and 13 civilians, including a woman and four children, were killed, and as many as 52 were injured after Pakistan resorted to heavy mortar shelling and artillery firing on May 7 in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

### Security tightened, blackout, closure of markets in Jaisalmer during night hours

Jaisalmer: The district administration of Jaisalmer issued guidelines on Friday, which include closure of all markets by 5 pm and a blackout from 6 pm to 6 am. This came in view of the prevailing tension along the border following the Pahalgam terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir and subsequent Operation Sindoor by the Indian Army.

The district administration has tightened security measures in Jaisalmer. During the blackout period, all types of lights will be switched off, and movement of all vehicles, including two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers, will be strictly prohibited. The administration has also prohibited movement within a five-kilometer radius of the army area.

# 26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana produced in court, remanded to judicial custody till June 6

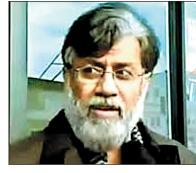
Agencies, New Delhi

global significance.

Tahawwur Rana, a key conspirator in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, was presented before the Patiala House Court from NIA remand on Friday, a day earlier than the scheduled date due to security concerns. The NIA Special Court has ordered his judicial custody until June 6,

Rana, a 64-year-old Canadian businessman of Pakistani origin, was extradited from the United States earlier this month in connection with his purported role in the deadly 2008 terror strike on Mumbai. Last week, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) collected voice and

handwriting samples from Rana. Rana provided handwriting specimens by penning various alphabets and numerical characters. Advocate Piyush Sachdev, his legal aid counsel, confirmed that Rana fully com-



plied with the court's directive to submit these samples.

The Special NIA Court has recently allowed the National Investigation Ágency (NIA) to obtain voice and handwriting samples of Rana.

Earlier on April 29, the Court extended the NIA's custody of Tahawwur Rana for 12 days more

During the hearing, the NIA informed the court that Rana had been confronted with a substantial volume of records and evidence related to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. The agency argued that further custody was necessary to complete his interrogation. While seeking an extension of his remand, the NIA argued that Rana had been evasive during questioning and was not cooperating with the investigation.

The agency emphasised the need for further custodial interrogation to extract crucial information related to his alleged involvement in the attacks. In the legal proceedings concerning Tahawwur Rana, the NIA was represented by Senior Advocate Dayan Krishnan and Special Public Prosecutor Narender Mann. On the other hand, Advocate Piyush Sachdeva, from Legal Services, defended Rana in the matter.

## Chhattisgarh: Maoists announces six-month ceasefire

Bijapur (UNI)

Amid an intensified search operation by security forces in the Karregutta area on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border, the Maoist party has announced a six-month ceasefire.

The announcement was made through a letter issued on Thursday evening, bearing the name of senior Maoist leader Jagan.

The statement comes at a time when there is growing public pressure for peace talks between the Maoist organisation and the govern-

The letter stated that in view of the increasing demand for peace talks between the Maoist party and the government from the public, democrats, people's organisations, and most political parties in Telangana, the Maoists will observe a six-month ceasefire.

This decision is seen as a re-



sponse to the growing demands for dialogue and de-escalation in the region and may open a window for potential peace talks. Security agencies have not yet officially reacted to the ceasefire announcement.

The announcement is seen as an indication of the Maoists' strategic pivot, following military setbacks and bolstered by political and public support, towards a non-violent resolution.