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Trump says US has complete control of skies over Iran

PM decries double standards of some countries against terrorism, calls for united fight against it

Kananaskis (Canada) (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday decried the 'double standards' of some countries on terrorism and said the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 was a direct assault on the soul, identity and dignity of every Indian and entire humanity.

Addressing the 'Outreach Session' of the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, the Prime Minister, in a direct attack on Pakistan but without naming the country, referred to India's neighbourhood as a breeding ground for terrorism. 'Terrorism is the enemy of humanity. It stands in opposition to all nations that uphold democratic values. Unity in the fight against terrorism is imperative. Unfortunately, our own neighborhood has become a breeding ground for terrorism. For the sake of global peace and prosperity, our thinking and our policies must be extremely clear - any country that supports terrorism must be held accountable and made to pay the price.'

Taking a dig at some countries and world organisations without identifying them the Prime Minister said there must be no place for double standards when it comes to terrorism. 'The terrorist attack that took place on April 22 was not just an assault on Pahalgam, but a direct attack on the soul, identity, and dignity of every Indian. It was an assault on all humanity.'



He asked if the world was truly serious about addressing terrorism? 'Will we understand the true meaning of terrorism only when it knocks on our own doors? Can those who spread terror and those who suffer from it be weighed on the same scale? Are our global institutions at risk of losing their credibility?'

The Prime Minister was obliquely referring to the aid given by some international organisations to Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack.

Describing terrorism as the 'enemy of humanity', he said it stands in opposition to all nations that uphold democratic values. He regretted that while on the one hand, 'we are quick to impose various sanctions based on our own preferences and interests. On the other hand, nations that openly support terrorism continue to be rewarded. I have some serious questions for those present in this room,' Prime Minister Modi said.

PM Modi arrives in Croatia, received by PM Andrej Plenkovic

Zagreb (Croatia): Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Croatia, on the third and final leg of his three-nation tour. He was received at Zagreb International Airport by Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic. This is the first ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia, marking an important milestone in the bilateral relationship. Prime Minister Modi will hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Plenkovic and meet the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanovic. The visit to Croatia also underscores India's commitment to further strengthening its engagement with partners in the European Union. The PM arrived in Croatia from Canada, where he attended the G7 Summit and held bilateral talks with a few leaders. He was in Cyprus on the first leg of the tour.

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Modi, Trump hold telephone talk, PM said India will not allow mediation in JK under POK

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone talk with US President Donald Trump today and told him in unequivocal terms that India has neither allowed nor will allow third party mediation in resolving the issue of illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan (Pakistan Occupied Kashmir).

Prime Minister Modi and President Trump were scheduled to meet on the sidelines of the G7 Summit. However, President Trump had to return to the U.S. early due to which the meeting could not take place. After this, at the request of President Trump, both leaders spoke over a phone call. The conversation lasted approximately 35 minutes, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said.

'The Prime Minister firmly stated that India does not and will never accept mediation. There is complete political consensus in India on this matter,' the Foreign Secretary said.

This was the first conversation between the two leaders after President Trump expressed condolences to Prime Minister Modi over a phone call after the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam.



Prime Minister Modi spoke in detail about Operation Sindoor and told Trump that that after April 22, India had conveyed its determination to take action against terrorism to the whole world. President Trump expressed support with India's fight against terrorism, Misri said adding that Prime Minister Modi also stated India no longer views terrorism as a proxy war but as a war itself and that India's Operation Sindoor is still on.

Prime Minister Modi conveyed to President Trump that on May 6-7 night, India had only targeted terrorist camps and hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). He said India's actions were very 'measured, precise, and non-escalatory.' India had also made it clear that any act of aggression from Pakistan would be met with a stronger response.

MUSTREAD

Khamenei transfers command to military amid rising tensions in Iran



New Delhi: Amidst escalating tensions with Israel and increasing pressure from the United States, significant shifts are unfolding within Iran's corridors of power.

According to media reports, Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has delegated extensive authority to the Supreme Military Council, which includes the elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). This pivotal decision comes as Khamenei himself, along with close family members including his son Mojtaba Khamenei, has reportedly relocated to an underground bunker in northeastern Tehran. This move underscores the heightened regional conflict with Israel and the looming threats from the U.S.

ED raids 37 locations in Delhi Classroom construction scandal

New Delhi: In a major crackdown on Wednesday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted widespread raids across 37 locations in connection with Delhi's infamous classroom construction scam. The simultaneous raids targeted contractors and private entities allegedly involved in the irregularities. These actions were carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), stemming from a criminal case registered by the ED. The scam dates back to the tenure of the previous Aam Aadmi Party government when Manish Sisodia served as Education Minister. The ED's case was filed based on a First Information Report (FIR) from the Delhi Anti-Corruption Bureau, naming both Manish Sisodia and former minister Satyendra Jain.

Five, including three militants, nabbed in Manipur

Imphal: Five persons, including three militants, were apprehended by police and security personnel during the last 24 hours in three separate incidents, police said on Wednesday. Police said that security forces arrested a militant from Chingmeirong Mamang Leikai under Lamphel-PS, Imphal West District. The arrestee was involved in extortion from the general public. Security forces also arrested two militants, including a woman from the Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou area under Bishnupur District. Security forces arrested an individual from Lairikyengbam Makha Leikai under Lamphel-PS for possession of illegal arms and ammunition.

Sensex

BSE..... 81,444.66 (-138.64)
NSE..... 24,812.05 (-41.35)

Bullion

Gold..... 1,00,960 (24 carat 10gm)
Silver..... 1,11,000 (1kg)
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 86.45



Weather

Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Night
5:35	7:09	31.6	24.1

New twist in Raja Raghuvanshi murder case

● Sonam's call records reveal mysterious contact

Indore: The ongoing investigation into the Raja Raghuvanshi murder case has taken an intriguing turn with the discovery of accused Sonam's call detail records. Police have uncovered that Sonam was in constant communication and chat with a number registered under the name "Sanjay Verma." The identity of this individual remains a mystery.

Frequent calls and chats before wedding

The call details show a fascinating pattern of communication: between March 1 and March 25, a mere three weeks, Sonam spoke on this number an astounding 119 times. Many of these calls lasted between half an hour to an hour. Sonam reportedly used the alias "Bittu" when interacting with this number. Intriguingly, the "Sanjay Verma" number has been inactive for an extended period, with its last known location near Jawahar Marg.



Calls after engagement, before marriage

This new revelation adds a significant twist to the case, especially given that Sonam's engagement to Raja occurred in February, and their wedding took place on May 11. Police are now actively investigating the identity of Sanjay Verma and the nature of his conversations with Sonam. While initial suspicions centered on a love affair between Sonam and co-accused Raj Kushwaha as the motive, Meghalaya police are also considering other potential reasons behind the murder.

Chhattisgarh: Maoists kill 3 civilians including relatives of surrendered naxal in Bijapur Peddakorma village

Raipur: In yet another incident, showcasing brutality of Maoists on innocent civilians in Bastar, as many as three villagers including a student were strangled to death by a group of Maoists in Bijapur district on June 17.

A group of extremists barged into the Peddakorma village and executed three villagers by strangulating them with ropes. The incident took place at around 4 pm on Tuesday evening, sending shockwaves into the region.

The extremists also assaulted a few other villagers, leaving 7 of them injured. They also reportedly abducted around a dozen villagers and took them into forests whose whereabouts are yet to be known.

The deceased have been identified as Soma Modiyam, Jhingu Modiyam and Anil Madavi. Both Soma and Jhingu were said to be relatives of dreaded Maoist Dinesh Modiyam who recently surrendered before the police.

Modiyam, a seasoned Maoist was the face of red terror in Bijapur since



long. His defection from the Maoist group was considered a major damage to the proscribed group in Bijapur.

The incident has left the resident in a state of panic and fear. The attack was reportedly led by Maoist commander Vella.

The authorities on the other hand have initiated an enquiry into the chilling incident and the matter is being probed further. It appears that the Maoists have carried out the gruesome killings with an aim to terrorise the locals and to warn against rising surrender by the local cadres.

The incident has occurred amid the security forces tightening grip in the interiors of Bastar by neutralising a number of top Maoist leaders in encounters in recent months.

Significantly more than 400

Shah approves Rs 2006 cr Central aid for recovery and reconstruction in Himachal

New Delhi (UNI)

In a significant step towards rebuilding disaster-affected regions, a high-level committee, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday approved Rs 2006.40 crore in Central assistance to Himachal Pradesh.

The financial aid is earmarked for recovery and reconstruction activities in the wake of the devastating floods, landslides, and cloudbursts that struck the state in 2023, a Home Ministry statement said.

The committee, comprising of Finance Minister, Agriculture Minister and Vice Chairman NITI Aayog as members considered the proposal for financial assistance to the state from recovery and reconstruction funding window under National Dis-



aster Response Fund (NDRF).

The committee has approved the recovery plan of Rs 2006.40 crore to Himachal Pradesh, which will help the state in carrying out recovery and reconstruction activities, arisen due to damage and destruction that occurred in 2023 monsoon due to floods, cloudbursts and landslides.

Out of this, Rs 1,504.80 crore will be the Central share from recovery and reconstruction funding window under NDRF. Earlier, on December 12, 2023, the Ministry of Home Affairs had approved additional financial assistance of Rs 633.73 crore from the NDRF for Himachal Pradesh, which was affected by this disaster.

Govt unveils Rs 3,000 FASTag annual pass for Pvt vehicles from Aug 15

New Delhi (UNI)

In a major push towards hassle-free and efficient highway travel, the government on Wednesday announced the launch of a FASTag-based annual pass, priced at Rs 3,000, effective from August 15.

The pass, designed exclusively for non-commercial private vehicles such as cars, jeeps, and vans will be valid for one year from the date of activation or up to 200 highway trips, whichever is earlier, Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways posted this information on social media platform X.

The annual pass will enable seamless movement across National Highways and aims to address long-standing issues at toll plazas, especially those located within a 60 km range, he said.

A dedicated link for activation and renewal will soon be made available on the Rajmarg Yatra App as well as on the official websites of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Ministry of Road



Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

This policy will address the long-standing concerns regarding toll plazas located within a 60 km range and simplify the toll payments through a single, affordable transaction.



By reducing wait times, easing congestion, and minimising disputes at toll plazas, the annual pass aims to deliver a faster and smoother travel experience for millions of private vehicle owners, the Minister added.

Suspected hydraulic trouble halts F-35B British Fighter



Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

The F-35 British Royal Navy fighter, which made an emergency landing at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport on the night of June 14, remains grounded following suspected issues with its hydraulic system. Though the emergency landing is said to be for refuelling purposes, the fighter flight is currently parked at the bay, saying efforts are being made to rectify its hydraulic failure, sources said.

A team of technical experts, who reached here from the Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales, failed to rectify the technical issues.

Meanwhile, Captain Mike has reportedly returned to the HMS Prince

of Wales in the same RAF helicopter that brought in the support crew and a second pilot.

In a message on X, the CJSF said, "CJSF swiftly secured the Royal Navy F-35B fighter jet after its emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram Airport. Accredited for excellence in aviation security, CJSF continues to uphold a prompt, proactive approach to emergencies — protecting national interests and global trust."

The F-35B Lightning is a stealth aircraft operating alongside the Typhoon. A multi-role machine, Lightning is capable of conducting air-to-surface, electronic warfare, intelligence gathering and air-to-air missions simultaneously.

Lightning has advanced sensors, mission systems and low-observable technology, otherwise known as stealth, that allows it to operate undetected in hostile environments. Lightning is a short take-off and vertical landing aircraft that can operate from aircraft carriers and in austere environments.

India launches Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indians from conflict-hit Iran

New Delhi (UNI)

India today launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran, amid the deteriorating situation as a result of the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel. The Government of India has been taking various steps over the last several days for the safety and security of Indian nationals in Iran.

As a first step, the Indian Embassy has evacuated 110 Indian students from northern Iran, assisting them in safely crossing over into Armenia on June 17.

The students have travelled by road to the Armenian capital, Yerevan, under the supervision of our Missions in Iran and Armenia. These



students departed Yerevan on a special flight at 1455 hrs on June 18th and will arrive in New Delhi in the early hours of June 19 as part of the initial stages of Operation Sindhu, a statement said.

The Government of India is grateful to the Governments of Iran and Armenia for the smooth facilitation

of the evacuation process.

India accords highest priority to the safety and security of Indian nationals abroad. As part of the ongoing operation, the Indian Embassy in Iran has been assisting large numbers of Indian nationals in moving from areas seeing increased hostilities to relatively safer areas within the country and to subsequently evacuate them using the available and feasible options.

Indian nationals in Iran are advised to stay in touch with the Indian Embassy in Tehran through its emergency helpline, and with the 24x7 Control Room established by the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.

