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CEASEFIRE, VIOLATION

HOURS AFTER CEASEFIRE WAS DECLARED, PAKISTAN RESORTS TO SHELLING; INDIAN FORCES HIT BACK

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ARMED FORCES TOLD TO DEAL STRONGLY WITH ANY INSTANCES OF REPETITION OF VIOLATIONS OF BORDER ALONG IB AS WELL AS LOC

PTI

NEW DELHI

Hours after India and Pakistan reached an understanding on stopping military actions, New Delhi on Saturday accused Islamabad of breaching it.

In a late night media briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with "seriousness and responsibility". The armed forces have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

"For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations of the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan," he said. "This is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today (Saturday)," Misri said.

"The armed forces are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and we take very very serious note of these violations," he said. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation, the Foreign Secretary said. "We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility," he added.

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A Kashmiri woman, along with her children, sits on a swing after ceasefire between India and Pakistan was announced in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, on Saturday. — Photo: AP

Jammu and Kashmir was shaken by a series of drone sightings followed by explosions, prompting security personnel to engage air defence systems to bring them down. In Srinagar, citizens reported several blasts after dusk, with air defence forces engaging a drone flying over the Batwara neighbourhood, close to a strategic Army facility. Officials confirmed that the drone was downed. The blasts, which came about every 15 minutes and were preceded by flares illuminating the dark sky, caused instantaneous

alarm and confusion. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah vented his scepticism about the "ceasefire" declaration on social media during the evolving events. "This is no ceasefire. The air defence units in the middle of Srinagar just opened up," he posted on X, adding, "What the hell just happened to the ceasefire? Explosions heard across Srinagar!!" Meanwhile, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan held a video conference with Chief Secretaries of the states sharing border with Pakistan, sources said.



INDIA'S STERN WARNING TO PAK

The Centre decided that India will treat any future act of terror on its soil as an "act of war" and respond accordingly, official sources said in a warning to Pakistan that came ahead of the announcement of an understanding between the two countries to end military action. (REPORT PAGE 7)



LeT HQs HEAD ABU JUNDAL DEAD

Over 100 hardcore terrorists belonging to Pakistan-based terror outfits, including LeT and JeM, are said to have perished in the Indian military strikes on May 7. Mudassar Khadian Khas alias Abu Jundal, one of the LeT commanders, turned out to be a high-value casualty. (REPORT PAGE 7)



IC-814 MASTERMIND SLAIN

Yusuf Azhar, one of the five terrorists killed when India struck the Jaish-e-Mohammed's headquarters in Bahawalpur, was terror group chief Masood Azhar's brother-in-law and one of the masterminds of the IC-814 hijacking in 1999, officials said. (REPORT PAGE 7)

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— OMAR ABDULLAH, J&K CHIEF MINISTER

After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE... Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence. Thank you for your attention to this matter!
— DONALD TRUMP, US PRESIDENT

In a nutshell

Tariff talks begin between US, China

GENEVA: The US Treasury Secretary and America's top trade negotiator began talks with high-ranking Chinese officials in Switzerland Saturday aiming to de-escalate a dispute that threatens to cut off trade between the world's two biggest economies and damage the global economy. Xinhua says Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer have begun meetings with a Chinese delegation led by Vice Premier He Lifeng. BUSINESS PAGE 8

Bangladesh bans Awami League

DHAKA/NEW DELHI: Bangladesh's interim government led by Muhammad Yunus on Saturday banned deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League under an anti-terrorism law. "The official gazette notification will be issued in this regard on the next working day," Yunus' office said, describing it as a "statement of the council of advisers" or the Cabinet. The council decided that the ban would stay until the completion of the trial of the party and its leaders. PTI

India hits eight Pakistani military installations

NEW DELHI

India on Saturday said it had hit eight military installations in Pakistan in response to the neighbouring country's "provocative" action of targeting its defence infrastructure and civilian areas using drones, long-range weapons and fighter jets.

The Pakistani installations hit included a weapons depot and control centres, India's military said as the two countries teetered on the brink of full-scale war. Pakistan was also moving its

troops into forward areas, indicating an "offensive intent", to further escalate the situation, an Indian military spokesperson said.

India, stressed Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, remains in a high state of operational readiness. As fears of a larger military conflict loomed, she said Indian armed forces reiterate their commitment to non-escalation, provided it is reciprocated by the Pakistani military. She was addressing a special press briefing along with Wing Commander Vy-

omika Singh and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri. Misri said India responded to the Pakistani military's "provocative" and "escalatory" actions in a measured manner and Islamabad resorted to a wanton campaign of targeting innocent people and civilian infrastructure in J&K and Punjab.

The fresh military offensives by the two sides since Friday night mark the most severe confrontation following India striking terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK. (SEE PAGE 2)

Doc caught with 53 gm of cocaine

CITY BUREAU

Hyderabad

The Raidurgam police on Friday arrested Chigurupati Namrata, a doctor associated with a noted hospital in the city, along with one person, for allegedly possessing and using drugs. The police seized 53 grams of cocaine, Rs 10,000 in cash and two mobile phones. Raiduram Inspector Ch Venkanna said the doctor had placed an order for cocaine with a Mumbai-based man, Vansh Dhakar recently. On Friday, Vansh sent the parcel of cocaine through an agent. (SEE PAGE 2)

Siddipet village has nearly 100 youths in forces



T KARNAKAR REDDY

Siddipet

Unlike other villages, villagers in Katkur of Akkanapet mandal discuss real time stories of the Indian Army and their courageous battles on the border.

This is based on updates from nearly 100 of its sons, who are serving in the Indian armed forces in various capacities. Every day since Operation Sindoor was launched, families in Katkur have been connected to what is happening on the border.

Even school and college going children discuss the courage of their brothers and how India was thwart-

ing the efforts of Pakistan by destroying its drones and missiles. Katkur, which has a population of nearly 4,000, has a love story with the Indian armed forces that began 45 years ago when Jerripothula Daniel joined the Indian Navy.

Drawing inspiration from Daniel, Varsha Srinivas joined the Indian army a couple of years later. During the last four-and-half decades, over 120 people from this village joined the armed forces.

While 30 of them retired from service, the remaining are still serving in capacities in the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. (SEE PAGE 2)

Uncertainty looms over national-level entrance tests

CITY BUREAU

Hyderabad

With educational institutions' closure in northern Indian States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan, as tension remained escalated between India and Pakistan, uncertainty looms over the conduct of national-level entrance examinations across the country.

The National Testing Agency (NTA), which is conducting the Common University Entrance Test (UG) 2025 from May 13 to June 3, has released the admit cards for the entrance tests on the website <https://cet.nta.nic.in/> on Saturday evening, while it was supposed to release the four days prior to the examination.

However, there are apprehensions among students and parents whether the entrance tests will be held as per the schedule as the ICAI has already deferred its examinations amid escalating tensions.

The ICAI said remaining papers of Chartered Accountants Final, Intermediate and Post Qualification course (international taxation - assessment test) scheduled until May 14 are postponed. (SEE PAGE 2)

Monsoon to reach Kerala on May 27

NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon is likely to reach Kerala on May 27, earlier than the usual date of June 1, the India Meteorological Department said on Sunday.

If the monsoon arrives in Kerala as expected, it will be the earliest onset over the Indian mainland since 2009, when it began on May 23, according to IMD data. The arrival of the main rain-bearing system over the Indian mainland is officially declared when it reaches Kerala, usually around June 1.



The monsoon typically covers the entire country by July 8. It starts withdrawing from northwest India around September 17 and completes by October 15.

The monsoon had set in over the southern State on May 30 last year; June 8 in 2023, May 29 in 2022, June 3 in 2021, June 1 in 2020, June 8 in 2019 and May 29 in 2018.