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## Military Operations

### Operation Sindoor: India's Show of Strength Against Pakistan's Weakness



14-May-25

India's Operation Sindoor has highlighted the deficiencies in Pakistan's military capabilities, predominantly reliant on inferior Chinese-supplied weapons. The operation underscored a significant shift in India's counter-terror strategy, emphasizing that any future terrorist acts would be met with overwhelming military response. Pakistan's defense systems, including the HQ-9P air defense and JF-17 aircraft, proved ineffective against India's technologically superior forces, revealing a critical gap exacerbated by Pakistan's limited defense budget and maintenance issues. This operation not only targeted Pakistan's terror infrastructure but also exposed the vulnerabilities of its military hardware, establishing a new strategic reality in the region with India showcasing its resolve and capability to confront threats robustly.

### Satellite Images Reveal Damage to Pakistani Bases from Indian Strikes



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Escalating tensions between India and Pakistan culminated in Operation Sindoor, a series of Indian airstrikes conducted between May 8 and May 10, 2025. Triggered by the Pahalgam terror attack and preceding alleged Pakistani cross-border actions, the operation aimed to degrade Pakistan's air force capabilities by targeting key airbases. Satellite imagery confirmed

extensive damage across eleven Pakistani airbases. Nur Khan Air Base, a critical hub near Islamabad for air mobility and housing vital transport and AEW&C aircraft, sustained damage to facilities, vehicles, and the runway. PAF Base Mushaf in Sargodha, considered the PAF's most strategic asset housing top fighter jets, suffered significant runway damage and structural impacts. Bholari Air Base, a newer facility with advanced aircraft, experienced hits on the runway and hangars, resulting in serious structural impairment and significant fatalities. PAF Base Shahbaz in Jacobabad, previously used by NATO, showed damage to a hangar. Sukkur Air Base, a dual-use facility, sustained runway and aircraft shelter damage, leading to its closure. Rahim Yar Khan Air Base, near the Indian border, suffered extensive runway damage, rendering it inoperable. Murid Air Base, a drone operations hub, was hit with the aim of dismantling Pakistan's UAV capabilities. PAF Base Rafiqui, housing fighter squadrons, was targeted to ground its aerial capabilities. Chunian Air Base, a frontline station, was also struck. Skardu Airbase in PoK, strategically important for the Northern Air Command, suffered severe damage. Radar sites at Pasrur and Sialkot, integral to Pakistan's air defense network, were also targeted. Operation Sindoor inflicted significant damage on Pakistan's air force infrastructure, reportedly destroying approximately 20% of it. This disruption of key operational capabilities, coupled with the demonstration of India's precision strike capabilities, served as a strong message to Pakistan and the international community regarding India's stance against terrorism. While a ceasefire followed, the operation underscores a notable escalation in India's response to cross-border threats, with potential long-term implications for regional stability. Previous strikes managed to disable several long range radars

including ones at Lahore severely degrading Pakistani Air Defences.

## Pakistan reports military losses amid rising India tensions



14-May-25

Pakistan reported that 11 military personnel were killed and 78 others injured during a recent confrontation with India, which included claims of 40 civilian casualties attributed to Indian strikes on May 6–7, 2025. The Pakistan military described these actions as unprovoked and vowed a decisive response to any future threats to its sovereignty. However, multiple Pakistani local news outlets, social media accounts, and citizen reports indicate significantly higher losses, particularly among terror-linked groups. Dawn reported at least 31 civilian deaths, including 13 at a Bahawalpur mosque. Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar confirmed the deaths of 14 associates and relatives alone, during targeted strikes on JeM camps, while open-source intelligence and independent analyses estimate the total number of militant casualties—including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives—at between 80 and 120. Despite this, Pakistan continues to underreport such losses, driven by a desire to maintain internal morale, conceal the presence of terror infrastructure, and control public perception under strict media regulations and military oversight. In contrast, India's reporting has been relatively transparent. These discrepancies highlight the opacity of casualty disclosures in Pakistan and underscore the strategic importance of accurate intelligence assessments in evaluating regional stability and the real impact of cross-border operations.

## J-K Operation Targets Unexploded Shells to Ensure Village Safety



14-May-25

A significant operation is underway in Jammu and Kashmir to neutralize unexploded shells left by intense cross-border shelling from Pakistan, which escalated following India's retaliatory strikes on terror targets. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo emphasized the government's commitment to rehabilitating displaced residents and ensuring their safety through measures such as underground bunkers. The operation, involving army and police bomb disposal squads, aims to clear explosive remnants in affected border villages, thus enabling residents to return home. Local sentiments reflect a desire for peace and better security measures amidst ongoing tensions, highlighting the critical need

for enhanced infrastructure to protect civilians in future conflicts.

## J&K Chief Secy: 9,500 bunkers built, more on the way for border safety



14-May-25

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo announced the completion of 9,500 bunkers along the India-Pakistan border to enhance the safety of residents affected by cross-border shelling, particularly in Rajouri district. He emphasized the growing demand for additional bunkers and assured that more would be constructed to meet this need. Dulloo assessed the damage caused by recent shelling, which has harmed civilian properties and livestock, and promised prompt compensation for the affected families. His visit underscored the government's commitment to the welfare and safety of border residents amidst ongoing tensions, highlighting the effective management by local authorities in response to such incidents.

## Indian Military Showcases Operation Sindoor to Foreign Attaches



14-May-25

A top Indian military officer briefed foreign defense attaches from various countries on the successful conduct of Operation Sindoor, highlighting India's military superiority and strategic capabilities in new-age warfare. Lt Gen D S Rana emphasized the precise and prompt response of the Indian armed forces, showcasing the integrated application of indigenous technologies in multi-domain operations. The briefing underscored India's proactive stance in countering terror threats and misinformation campaigns, reinforcing regional stability and peace. This event reflects India's commitment to transparency in defense operations and its readiness to engage with international partners on security matters, further solidifying its position as a key player in regional dynamics.

## Netanyahu vows full-scale military action in Gaza against Hamas.



14-May-25

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that the military will enter Gaza "with full force" to defeat Hamas, indicating a commitment to a long-term offensive despite international condemnation. With increased operations resuming, Israel is pushing for a strategy that includes the displacement of Gaza's residents, aiming for a "voluntary transfer program" to neighboring countries, which has faced rejection from

both local and international actors. The backdrop of this escalation is the October 7 attack by Hamas, which led to significant casualties on both sides. Netanyahu's administration is reportedly seeking countries willing to accept displaced Palestinians, a proposal that remains contentious and fraught with geopolitical implications.

## Missing Army Drone During Training Exercise in Meerut SHARE

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An Army drone went missing during routine military training in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, as reported by police. The incident occurred near the city railway station when the drone, which lacked a camera and GPS, lost connectivity due to strong winds and veered off course. Technician Havildar Major Deepak Roy noted that extensive searches failed to locate the drone. The situation highlights the challenges faced in military training exercises and emphasizes the need for enhanced technological support in drone operations to prevent such occurrences in the future. Overall, it underscores India's ongoing commitment to modernizing its defense capabilities while addressing operational hurdles.

## India warns of retaliation against Pakistani aggression, condemns attacks on civilian sites. SHARE

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India has firmly communicated that any aggression from Pakistan will face swift retaliation, as highlighted by Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal following India's successful Operation Sindoor. This operation, a response to a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, led to a ceasefire initiated by Pakistan after significant military setbacks. Despite India's call for de-escalation, Pakistan's actions, including attacks on civilian sites such as a Gurudwara and a school, prompted strong condemnation from Indian officials. Prime Minister Modi praised the armed forces, reinforcing national resolve against Pakistan's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir and underscoring India's commitment to defending its sovereignty and civilian safety.

## Rajnath Singh Reviews Security Posture Amidst Tensions with Pakistan SHARE

14-May-25

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently reviewed the security situation amidst heightened tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack and India's Operation Sindoor, which targeted terrorist

camps without escalating into conflict with military installations. The meeting included top military officials and focused on operational readiness against emerging threats, such as drone incursions and ceasefire violations. Singh emphasized that Operation Sindoor reflects India's resolve against cross-border terrorism while maintaining a high state of alert and coordination among armed forces. The ongoing dialogue between military operations directors indicates a shared desire for restraint, despite recent provocations, underscoring India's commitment to national security.

## Indian Military Action Forces Pakistan to Cease Hostilities SHARE

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Following heightened tensions between India and Pakistan due to a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India launched "Operation Sindoor," targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. The Indian military's decisive strikes, particularly on Pakistani Air Force bases, compelled Pakistan to cease hostilities, leading to a formal ceasefire on May 10, 2025. India's response emphasized its stance on bilateral issues regarding Jammu and Kashmir and reaffirmed its policy of retaliation against cross-border aggression. Analysts suggest this operation sets a new precedent for India's military responses, indicating a shift towards a more assertive security posture in the region, with broader implications for future engagements with Pakistan.

## Operation Sindoor Highlights India's Advancements in Military Space SHARE

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India's Operation Sindoor successfully leveraged indigenous strategic space assets, notably from ISRO, including the CARTOSAT and RISAT satellite families, which provided high-resolution imagery and all-weather radar capabilities for intelligence and target acquisition. The integration of domestic and international satellite data enhanced situational awareness, with the use of commercial data from providers like Maxar allowing for near-real-time monitoring. This operation underscores India's growing military space capabilities, as it plans to launch up to 150 satellites in the next five years, enhancing its surveillance and reconnaissance abilities. The synergy of these assets marks a significant advancement in India's defense strategy and operational effectiveness.

## Indian Air Force Denies Striking Kirana Hills in Pakistan [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) clarified that it did not target nuclear facility in Pakistan, while clarifying about attack on Kirana Hills which is rumored to house a nuclear facility. Air Marshal AK Bharti, during a media briefing regarding Operation Sindoor, asserted that the IAF's strikes were limited to an airbase in Sargodha and dismissed claims linking the base to Kirana Hills. This statement aims to quell misinformation circulating on social media about India's military operations, reinforcing the IAF's commitment to transparency while addressing security concerns. The emphasis on strategic communication reflects India's responsible approach amidst escalating regional tensions.

## Satellite Imagery Confirms Udhampur Airport Runway is Undamaged [SHARE](#)

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Recent satellite imagery from Udhampur Airport has refuted claims of runway damage following alleged Pakistani strikes, confirming the airstrip is fully operational and undergoing scheduled maintenance. Analysis by geospatial intelligence indicates that changes observed were misinterpreted maintenance activities rather than damage from an attack. The findings highlight the importance of accurate intelligence in conflict reporting, as premature conclusions can exacerbate tensions. Udhampur Airport's intact condition is vital for India's defense infrastructure, reinforcing the need for precise assessments in the face of misinformation during heightened geopolitical tensions.

## IAF's Precision Strike Dismantles PAF's Erieye at Bholari Base [SHARE](#)

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On May 10, 2025, the Indian Air Force (IAF) executed a precision strike on Pakistan Air Force's (PAF) Bholari Base, destroying a SAAB 2000 Erieye aircraft during Operation Sindoor, a response to terrorist attacks in India. The PAF's critical error in handling the Erieye, which remained grounded for maintenance during heightened tensions, allowed the IAF to successfully target this high-value asset using a Sukhoi Su-30 MKI, resulting in significant operational setbacks for Pakistan. This incident underscores the evolving nature of modern warfare, where precision strikes can decisively impact aerial capabilities and strategic balance, highlighting India's growing prowess in air

operations and its proactive defense strategies against regional threats.

## IAF Strikes Chinese Radar at Pakistan's Chunian Air Base, Boosting Air Superiority [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully destroyed a Chinese-supplied YLC-8E anti-stealth radar at Pakistan's Chunian Air Base during Operation Sindoor, significantly impairing Pakistan's air defense capabilities. This operation, executed using advanced air-launched cruise missiles, targeted key military assets and highlighted the IAF's superior technology, including the ELM-2090U radar. The loss of the YLC-8E not only exposes weaknesses in Pakistan's defenses but also raises questions about the reliability of Chinese defense exports. This strike fits within India's broader Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses strategy, enhancing its tactical position in the region and showcasing its commitment to maintaining air superiority.

## Indian Army Confirms Downing of Pakistani Mirage 5 Jet in Operation Sindoor [SHARE](#)

14-May-25

The Indian Army confirmed the downing of a Pakistan Air Force Mirage 5 jet during Operation Sindoor, a response to a deadly terrorist attack in Kashmir. The footage presented highlights the effectiveness of India's indigenous Akash air defense system, showcasing debris from the aircraft and reinforcing India's operational capability. While Pakistan has not officially acknowledged the loss, speculation around mechanical failure or friendly fire has emerged. This incident underscores the strategic advantages gained by India through enhanced defense systems, while simultaneously casting doubt on the reliability of Pakistan's aging fleet, raising implications for the broader regional security landscape and the global arms industry.

## Tom Cooper: India's Air Campaign Marks Clear Victory Over Pakistan [SHARE](#)

14-May-25

Austrian air warfare historian Tom Cooper has characterized India's May 2025 air campaign against Pakistan as a "clear-cut victory," highlighting the Indian Air Force's (IAF) precision strikes that incapacitated key Pakistani military assets. Cooper notes that India's Operation Sindoor effectively neutralized critical targets, including the Nur Khan and Sargodha airbases,



disrupting Pakistan's command and control infrastructure and prompting Islamabad to seek a ceasefire. He emphasizes that India's deployment of advanced weaponry, such as BrahMos and SCALP-EG missiles, overwhelmed Pakistan's air defenses, which failed to intercept the attacks. Cooper also points out that India's multi-layered air defense system, notably the Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), played a pivotal role in intercepting Pakistani missile and drone strikes, showcasing India's superior military preparedness. Additionally, the IAF targeted the Markaz-e-Taiba complex in Muridke, a known Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) stronghold, dealing a significant blow to terrorist infrastructure. Cooper criticizes Western media for misrepresenting the conflict's dynamics, arguing that they overlooked the asymmetry in military capabilities and the strategic implications of India's actions. He asserts that Pakistan's narrative of a diplomatic victory masks the reality of its compromised military position and the effectiveness of India's deterrence strategy. Cooper's analysis underscores the importance of accurate intelligence and the need to recognize the evolving balance of power in South Asia.

## Indian Army Dismisses Pakistan's Drones, Showcases Air Defense Strength SHARE

14-May-25

In a recent press briefing, the Indian Army confidently dismissed Pakistan's use of Turkish-made drones, emphasizing their ineffectiveness against India's advanced air defense systems, which successfully neutralized over 500 drone incursions. This operation highlighted the capabilities of India's Akash missile system and electronic warfare technologies, showcasing a robust layered air defense that ensured no civilian casualties. The Indian forces not only demonstrated superior operational readiness but also mocked Pakistan's reliance on these drones, particularly after multiple crashes within Pakistan's territory, prompting criticism from Pakistani analysts. Overall, this incident underscores India's technological superiority and operational effectiveness in countering aerial threats.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Modi's Strong Stance: Terrorism Talks Only, No Nuclear Blackmail SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has articulated a firm stance on India's approach towards Pakistan,

emphasizing that any future dialogue will be restricted to discussions on terrorism and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). In light of recent military operations, notably Operation Sindoor, which resulted in the destruction of terrorist infrastructure and heavy losses to Pakistani military assets, Modi declared that nuclear blackmail from Pakistan will no longer deter India's resolve to respond decisively to terrorism. He asserted that the era of nuclear threats as a shield for terrorism is over, and India's military response will target terrorist hubs without hesitation. The Prime Minister highlighted India's advancements in defense capabilities, particularly in precision strikes using indigenous systems, which have established a new paradigm of military engagement and showcased India's superior air defense systems that neutralized threats from Pakistan. He emphasized that India's retaliatory strategy has shifted to a doctrine of swift and uncompromising action, with the message clear: terrorism will not be tolerated, and national sovereignty is paramount. Modi's remarks underscore a transformational phase in India's defense strategy, wherein the country no longer allows the specter of nuclear escalation to dictate its counter-terrorism actions, fostering a more assertive posture in regional security dynamics.

## Analyst backs India's Operation Sindoor, warns of relocated terror camps SHARE

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A political analyst from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Amjad Ayub Mirza, has voiced strong support for India's Operation Sindoor, which targets terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and its occupied territories, warning that such camps have merely been relocated, not eliminated. He criticized Pakistan for its ongoing proxy war in Kashmir, asserting that the region's instability is perpetuated by Pakistan's influence and highlighting India's developmental efforts in the area under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. Mirza called for a re-evaluation of India's strategy towards Pakistan to end the cycle of violence and propaganda, emphasizing that terrorism will persist as long as Pakistan's current policies remain unchanged.

## Indian Forces Neutralize Three Terrorists in J&K Operation SHARE

14-May-25

In a recent encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, Indian security forces eliminated three terrorists during a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) based on specific intelligence. Despite the ceasefire

understanding between India and Pakistan since May 11, there have been recent incidents of violence, including an attack on a guard at the Army's Nagrota Corps headquarters. The Indian Army remains vigilant and continues operations to ensure security, stressing the ongoing threat posed by terrorists in the region. This situation highlights the persistent challenges faced by Indian forces in maintaining peace and order despite external provocations.

## India Justifies Air Strikes on Pakistan's Terror Networks Threatening Global Civilians



14-May-25

India has firmly defended its recent air strikes against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan, highlighting their necessity in response to cross-border terrorism that has harmed civilians globally. The strikes were a direct reaction to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, attributed to groups linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba. The Ministry of External Affairs reiterated India's stance on Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing bilateral discussions while maintaining that military restraint depends on Pakistan ceasing its provocations. The Indus Waters Treaty is currently suspended due to Pakistan's ongoing support for terrorism, reflecting India's commitment to national security and the urgency of addressing cross-border threats decisively.

## TRF Chief Shahid Kuttay Killed in Encounter in Shopian, J&K



14-May-25

Shahid Kuttay, the chief of The Resistance Front (TRF), was killed along with two terrorists in a successful encounter by the Indian Army in Shopian, Jammu and Kashmir, following precise intelligence. Kuttay was implicated in multiple attacks, including the deadly Pahalgam incident that claimed 26 lives. This operation, part of a broader counterterrorism strategy that included Operation Sindoor, highlights India's commitment to neutralizing high-value terrorist threats and responding decisively to cross-border terrorism. The elimination of Kuttay and his associates marks a significant setback for the TRF and underscores the effectiveness of Indian security forces in maintaining regional stability and security.

## Defense Business and Industry

### Akash Air Defence System Shines in Operation Sindoor Test



14-May-25

The indigenous Akash Air Defence System has successfully demonstrated its effectiveness in real combat, intercepting Pakistani drones, missiles, and even F-16 fighter jets during Operation Sindoor along the western border. Developed over 15 years, Akash integrates with India's air defence grid, bolstering the nation's strategic capabilities and supporting the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Its successful battlefield debut not only enhances India's military readiness but also positions it as a global defence exporter, with Armenia as its first international buyer. The pride shared by the Indian defence community reflects a significant milestone in India's journey towards self-reliance and strategic autonomy in defense technology.

### DRDO Unveils Long Range Cruise Missile at DEFEA 2025 in Athens



14-May-25

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) showcased its Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) at DEFEA 2025 in Athens, highlighting India's advancements in missile technology and self-reliance. With a range of 1,000 km, the LRLACM, a new variant of the Nirbhay missile, is designed for precision strikes and features stealth capabilities, making it difficult for enemy defenses to detect. Its versatility allows for launches from mobile platforms and ships, positioning it as a competitor to systems like the U.S. Tomahawk. The interest from global defense communities, including potential procurement discussions in Greece, underscores India's growing influence in the defense sector.

### HAL's CATS Warrior to Enhance Su-30 and Tejas with Astra Mk1 Missiles



14-May-25

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is enhancing its CATS Warrior unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) by integrating the indigenous Astra Mk1 beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile. This integration elevates the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force, allowing for long-range strikes in conjunction with manned fighter jets like the Su-30MKI and HAL Tejas. The CATS Warrior can now carry a total payload of 650 kg, with advanced weaponry and stealth design, enabling it to

operate effectively in combat while keeping pilots safer. This development underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense technologies and the strategic shift towards advanced autonomous systems, bolstering national security.

## Indian Giants Infosys, TCS, LTTs, Cyient Join AMCA Design Effort SHARE

14-May-25

Four leading Indian firms—Infosys, TCS, LTTs, and Cyient—have successfully passed a technical evaluation for designing the airframe of India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a crucial step in enhancing India's defense capabilities. The AMCA aims to be a fifth-generation stealth fighter, incorporating advanced technologies such as stealth features and supercruise capabilities. This collaboration marks a significant shift in India's defense sector, encouraging private-public partnerships and fostering self-reliance. While some industry experts highlight the private firms' limited direct defense experience, their successful evaluation suggests a promising future for India's indigenous aerospace ambitions and modernization efforts.

## IAF Launches Study for Next-Gen Fighter to Replace Su-30MKI by 2040 SHARE

14-May-25

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is proactively developing a sixth-generation fighter aircraft to succeed the ageing Su-30MKI fleet by 2040, while prioritizing the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program. Preliminary studies for this advanced fighter aim to establish specific capabilities by 2030, targeting double the operational range and weapons capacity compared to the AMCA. This initiative is driven by the need to counter evolving threats, notably from China's military advancements like the J-20. The IAF's ambitious timeline and focus on cutting-edge technologies underscore India's commitment to air superiority and strategic deterrence in a rapidly modernizing Asia.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India Reiterates Bilateral Approach to Kashmir, Highlights PoK Issue SHARE

14-May-25

India's Ministry of External Affairs reaffirmed that the only outstanding issue with Pakistan regarding Jammu

and Kashmir is the vacation of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK), which India views as illegally occupied. This stance follows India's Operation Sindoor, a military response to a terror attack, emphasizing that discussions about Kashmir must remain bilateral and exclude third-party mediation, as stated in the Simla Agreement. Prime Minister Modi highlighted that any future talks with Pakistan must address the dismantling of terrorist infrastructure, reiterating that terrorism and dialogue cannot coexist. This demonstrates India's unwavering commitment to national security and its diplomatic strategy prioritizing bilateral resolution over external intervention.

## Modi's Adampur Visit Silences Pakistan's S-400 Destruction Claims SHARE

14-May-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Adampur airbase in Punjab has effectively dismantled Pakistan's false claims regarding the destruction of India's S-400 air defense system, known as Sudarshan. The high-profile visit showcased the intact S-400, debunking Islamabad's assertions that its JF-17 fighter jets had successfully targeted and destroyed the system. India's robust response to Pakistan's misinformation campaign, which included fabricated satellite images and videos, highlighted the S-400's strategic importance within India's defense architecture, capable of engaging multiple aerial threats at long ranges. Moreover, the Indian government has consistently refuted Pakistan's misleading narratives about damage to various military assets, emphasizing transparency and the strength of its military capabilities. This incident not only reaffirms India's regional dominance but also serves as a reminder of Pakistan's ongoing attempts to distort reality for propaganda purposes. As India continues to modernize and enhance its armed forces, the intact S-400 serves as a potent symbol of resilience against external threats, reinforcing India's commitment to national security and strategic deterrence in a volatile geopolitical landscape.

## India Boosts Maldives with \$50M Support, Strengthening Ties SHARE

14-May-25

India has extended a crucial \$50 million financial lifeline to the Maldives by rolling over a Treasury Bill for an additional year, reinforcing regional ties and supporting the Maldivian government's fiscal reforms. This arrangement, facilitated by the State Bank of India since March 2019, reflects India's commitment under its Neighbourhood First policy and Vision MAHASAGAR.

The Maldivian Foreign Minister expressed gratitude for this timely assistance, highlighting the deepening friendship between the two nations. This financial support not only aids economic stability in the Maldives but also strengthens India's strategic influence in the Indian Ocean region, ensuring mutual growth and security.

## China Denies Sending Military Supplies to Pakistan Amid Tensions



14-May-25

The Chinese military has denied allegations that its Y-20 cargo plane delivered arms to Pakistan, labeling such claims as false and warning against spreading rumors. This denial follows an understanding between India and Pakistan to halt hostilities amid heightened tensions. China remains a significant military supplier to Pakistan, accounting for 81% of its arms procurement from 2020 to 2024, including advanced fighter jets and naval assets. India has recently conducted operations against terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan, showcasing its military capabilities, while China expressed a desire to facilitate a lasting ceasefire between the two nations, emphasizing regional stability and dialogue.

## India Signals a New Era: Pakistan Must Acknowledge the Change



14-May-25

India's Operation Sindoor, conducted on May 7, 2025, marked a strategic shift by targeting terror bases in Pakistan, including previously off-limits areas, emphasizing that state sponsors of terrorism are now considered legitimate targets. The operation, which resulted in significant militant casualties, was accompanied by the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, signaling that India will link diplomatic agreements to Pakistan's behavior regarding terrorism. This new approach aims to raise the costs for Pakistan's support of cross-border terrorism, with Indian officials asserting that any future acts of terrorism will provoke swift retaliation. The ceasefire that followed indicates a fragile yet significant shift in regional dynamics, demanding a reevaluation from both Islamabad and the global community.

## Misri to update Tharoor panel on India-Pakistan tensions May 19



14-May-25

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is set to brief the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, led by Shashi Tharoor, on May 19 regarding the current

situation with Pakistan. This briefing follows India's decisive actions against terror sites in Pakistan and the subsequent military tensions that arose before both nations agreed to cease hostilities. Misri's regular updates on foreign affairs, particularly in India's neighborhood, emphasize the importance of proactive diplomacy in managing regional security challenges. This engagement underscores India's commitment to addressing threats while maintaining stability in its foreign relations, particularly in the context of persistent challenges posed by terrorism.

## Pakistan's Use of Civilian Airspace Amid Military Operations Raises Alarm



14-May-25

Between May 7 and 10, 2025, as hostilities escalated between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack and India's Operation Sindoor, Pakistan kept its airspace - including critical sectors over Lahore - open to civilian aviation. This decision has drawn severe criticism from Indian defense officials, who allege that Pakistan deliberately allowed commercial flights to operate in close proximity to active missile and drone launch zones near the Indian border. Lahore, just 20 km from the frontier, became a focal point as Indian air defense elements detected civilian aircraft flying in the same air corridors used by Pakistani drones and cruise missiles targeting Indian positions. Indian sources claim this tactic was designed to cloak military launches, forcing Indian air defenses to hesitate in order to avoid collateral damage involving civilian airliners - a move reminiscent of the MH17 incident. If verified, this would represent a violation of international humanitarian law, amounting to the use of aerial human shielding. Despite the closure of Pakistani airspace to Indian carriers and some rerouted traffic, international tracking data shows consistent civilian operations over Pakistani Punjab. In contrast, India preemptively closed northern airspace sectors to protect civil aviation from conflict fallout. Aviation safety groups have called Pakistan's choice a "reckless gamble," noting that over 50 commercial flights were allowed to transit Lahore FIR even as air battles and UAV launches occurred in its vicinity. Aviation safety groups and military analysts have criticized this approach as dangerously reckless, potentially in violation of international civil aviation norms. While no civilian aircraft were harmed, the overlap of military and civil operations dramatically increased the risk of misidentification or accidental shootdown. Analysts suggest Pakistan's decision was a calculated attempt to portray operational normalcy, confuse Indian defenses, and shape global narratives by potentially



implicating India in a tragic incident – a strategy that ultimately failed, but the strategy highlights how airspace can be manipulated in modern hybrid conflicts - not just as a theater of war, but as a vector of narrative and escalation.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Pakistan-linked hackers attempted 1.5 million cyber attacks on India, only 150 were successful. SHARE

14-May-25

Maharashtra Cyber has reported that Pakistan-allied hacking groups launched over 1.5 million cyber attacks on Indian critical infrastructure, with only 150 successfully executed, including the defacement of municipal and defense websites. Despite a decrease in attacks following a ceasefire, threats persist from various regions, including Bangladesh and the Middle East. The report highlights a hybrid warfare strategy involving misinformation campaigns, where false claims about significant cyber threats and power outages were countered by the agency. Authorities urge citizens to verify news from credible sources, emphasizing the robustness of India's cybersecurity measures in thwarting these persistent threats.

### CERT-In Warns of Rising Cyber Threats Amid India-Pak Tensions SHARE

14-May-25

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has reported a significant rise in cyber threats targeting businesses and government systems, particularly amid the recent escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan. The agency's advisories, especially for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), emphasize the urgent need for cost-effective cybersecurity measures such as regular software updates and employee awareness programs. This surge in cyber threats, which includes ransomware and data breaches, highlights the vulnerabilities faced by smaller enterprises, urging them to adopt proactive security protocols to safeguard their operations and sensitive information. CERT-In's warnings reflect a crucial step in enhancing India's national cybersecurity resilience.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### PM Modi Honors Armed Forces, Champions Proactive Defense Strategy SHARE

14-May-25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Adampur Airbase, praising the Indian armed forces for their courage and professionalism following the execution of Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. He emphasized India's shift towards a proactive defense strategy, stating that the country would not hesitate to carry out strikes against terrorism within enemy territory, as encapsulated in his phrase "Ghar Mein Ghuske Maareng." Modi highlighted the successful interception of Pakistani drone and missile attacks, asserting that Indian operations have not only eliminated key terrorist hubs but also dismantled Pakistan's audacity and nuclear blackmail. He reaffirmed that Indian military actions have made every citizen proud and indicated that future operations would depend on Pakistan's behavior, marking a decisive shift in India's approach to national security. Modi's address resonated with patriotic fervor, symbolizing national unity and a collective resolve to protect India's sovereignty. Overall, this visit underscores the Indian government's commitment to an assertive, uncompromising counter-terrorism strategy, reflecting a significant evolution in India's defense posture and military capabilities.

## Miscellaneous

### MoS Margherita Strengthens India-New Zealand Bilateral Relations SHARE

14-May-25

Recently, Minister of State (MoS) Pabitra Margherita engaged in significant diplomatic activities in New Zealand and Fiji, focusing on enhancing bilateral ties and economic cooperation. In New Zealand, he participated in the India-New Zealand Business Council Dialogue, where he discussed trade partnerships and the conclusion of the first round of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), aiming to boost the \$1.3 billion merchandise trade. His visit to Fiji coincided with the 146th Girit Day commemoration, where he emphasized historical ties and cultural exchanges, recognizing the contributions of the Indian diaspora.

Additionally, Margherita inaugurated a Yoga Centre to promote wellness and interacted with the Indian community, reinforcing India's commitment to supporting its citizens abroad. Both visits underscore India's strategic outreach in the Pacific region, highlighting the importance of strengthening economic, cultural, and people-to-people connections with these nations. The key argument centers on India's proactive approach in diversifying its international partnerships, particularly in the Pacific, where historical ties and a significant Indian diaspora play a crucial role in fostering relations. This diplomatic engagement not only signifies India's intent to solidify its presence in the region but also showcases its dedication to mutual growth and collaboration across various sectors.

## Natural Earthquakes in Pakistan Debunk Nuclear Test Theories Amid Conflict



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The recent India-Pakistan conflict, marked by India's Operation Sindoor following a terror attack, coincided with mild earthquakes in Pakistan, prompting conspiracy theories about nuclear tests or damage to nuclear facilities. Indian authorities dismissed these claims, emphasizing the quakes' natural seismic origins linked to the Main Central Thrust fault line, and the absence of evidence for nuclear explosions. The Indian Air Force clarified that their strikes targeted terrorist infrastructure, not nuclear sites, aligning with India's doctrine of non-escalation. Ultimately, while speculation abounds, scientific analysis and official statements support the conclusion that the seismic activity was natural rather than a product of military operations or nuclear posturing.

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# Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
HIGHENE	664.0	664.0	635.25	659.4	139182	14.38	80.51	493.8	601.67
BDL	1569.9	1770.0	1547.1	1746.7	20367702	11.26	74.11	1475.55	1222.1
IDEAFORGE	485.0	549.8	476.0	538.15	7412618	9.38	78.59	389.76	557.32
MARINE	196.4	212.51	196.38	209.45	1052204	7.61	62.66	193.61	224.64
GRSE	1835.0	1924.0	1818.8	1914.8	4553005	5.13	62.26	1783.78	1670.5
LOKESHMACH	170.78	170.78	170.78	170.78	16170	5.0	54.42	165.56	301.02
ZENTEC	1484.0	1550.5	1480.0	1550.5	1548996	5.0	63.12	1440.27	1713.71
TANEJAERO	317.0	319.0	308.5	319.0	39107	4.99	60.37	292.54	422.03
KRISHNADEF	809.0	864.0	790.0	849.25	87000	4.59	62.13	795.82	698.33
ROSSELLIND	73.85	75.14	73.05	74.74	71980	4.43	58.94	73.2	184.66
APOLLO	127.72	135.2	127.01	133.12	17701421	4.23	62.39	119.63	111.45
DATAPAT'TNS	2388.6	2505.0	2351.0	2485.3	1064194	4.16	68.33	2172.3	2304.97
BEL	323.7	337.75	322.8	335.75	57985762	4.01	71.93	307.24	289.07
BEML	3201.0	3361.2	3158.0	3327.4	897476	3.9	61.97	3139.67	3616.18
HAL	4466.7	4648.8	4460.7	4609.8	4339805	3.83	64.01	4384.98	4237.47
PTC	177.0	184.0	176.25	183.13	1529885	3.77	61.23	177.66	175.76
COCHINSHIP	1535.4	1592.5	1535.0	1577.0	3242545	3.7	59.66	1494.1	1613.92
AVANTEL	110.01	114.5	108.71	113.99	1116449	3.66	47.38	119.97	-
AZAD	1668.0	1755.9	1650.4	1729.3	445297	3.66	68.09	1557.94	1540.18
MIDHANI	329.95	346.4	326.45	341.35	1505388	3.49	69.46	303.27	343.88
ASTRAMICRO	865.85	904.0	857.25	897.55	645977	3.44	69.89	817.4	780.71
MAZDOCK	2915.7	3032.0	2911.0	3002.6	5339024	3.38	60.94	2830.33	2321.38
LMW	17150.0	17500.0	16908.0	17479.0	13264	3.37	69.66	16197.37	15952.94
WALCHANNAG	187.11	196.0	186.99	193.38	671294	3.23	56.53	188.1	260.69
DCXINDIA	299.4	309.0	299.05	305.75	1408411	3.03	62.8	275.72	313.06
NIBE	1472.75	1472.75	1406.0	1444.6	36055	2.99	61.31	1375.72	1574.32
DYNAMATECH	6600.0	6899.5	6599.5	6875.0	11554	2.84	64.23	6437.02	7204.28
PARAS	1379.0	1438.0	1356.2	1418.9	1870746	2.81	71.09	1214.63	1078.23
MTARTECH	1456.8	1538.9	1443.1	1493.9	486531	2.69	64.07	1418.29	1606.02
SOLARINDS	13301.0	13650.0	13290.0	13592.0	119398	2.28	68.88	12898.8	10534.58
CFF	540.0	544.0	540.0	540.0	9200	1.23	66.72	509.24	609.01
PREMEXPLN	446.0	472.0	425.0	456.3	2539623	1.06	61.07	411.47	473.9
ADANIENT	2425.0	2454.9	2405.0	2441.2	1815179	0.66	56.54	2378.66	2627.06
BHARATFORG	1195.0	1231.7	1192.0	1203.9	3252512	0.39	62.22	1110.95	1325.15
HBLPOWER	505.95	511.9	499.0	506.55	666622	0.2	54.55	501.72	565.66
SIKA	744.8	744.8	720.2	730.85	29923	-0.12	61.57	701.21	538.75
LT	3587.2	3606.0	3545.0	3567.0	2374439	-0.56	68.91	3324.43	3514.2