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## Defense Business and Industry

### India Enhances Air Defense with S-400, S-500 System and Su-30 upgrades



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India and Russia have recently engaged in discussions regarding the supply of S-400 missile systems, upgrades to the Su-30 MKI fighter jets, and the procurement of critical military hardware, reflecting a strengthened bilateral defense partnership amidst regional security challenges. During a meeting on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defense Ministers Meeting, Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and his Russian counterpart highlighted the necessity to expedite military collaborations and enhance indigenous production capabilities, especially for air-to-air missiles and fighter jet upgrades. The S-400 system, which has already demonstrated its effectiveness during Operation Sindoor by neutralizing threats from the Pakistan Air Force, is set to receive additional squadrons by 2027, while India is also pursuing the more advanced S-500 system to counter emerging aerial threats, including stealth aircraft. Furthermore, the modernization of the Su-30MKI fleet, including the integration of advanced radars and electronic warfare capabilities, is prioritized to ensure operational superiority, with projects like India's own Project Kusha aiming to bolster self-reliance in air defense. This strategic dialogue underscores the urgency of India's military modernization efforts to adapt to evolving security dynamics in the region, while simultaneously fostering indigenous defense capabilities to reduce dependency on foreign suppliers.

### Su-30MKI Super-30 Upgrade: Advanced Mission Computer Enhances Capabilities



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India's Su-30MKI fleet is set for a significant upgrade through the Super-30 program, featuring a new

advanced Mission Computer developed by the Defence Avionics Research Establishment (DARE). This upgrade includes a state-of-the-art Quadraplex PowerPC-based 64-bit Digital Flight Control Computer (DFCC) that enhances processing power and computational efficiency, enabling sophisticated mission profiles and superior avionics integration. The improvements will ensure that the Su-30MKI remains a formidable multirole fighter, capable of competing with next-generation aircraft in air superiority, ground attack, and electronic warfare missions. This initiative bolsters India's defense capabilities, addressing technological gaps and enhancing operational readiness in a complex geopolitical environment.

### Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders to Acquire Majority Stake in Colombo Dockyard



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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) is set to acquire a controlling stake in Sri Lanka's Colombo Dockyard PLC for approximately USD 52.96 million, marking its first international venture and enhancing India's strategic presence in the Indian Ocean Region. This acquisition will enable MDL to integrate repair, refit, and shipbuilding orders from both domestic and international markets, bolstering the shipbuilding landscape in the region. Amid concerns over China's influence in Sri Lanka, this investment not only promises a continuous revenue stream but also leverages the expertise of both shipyards, potentially leading to mutual growth and operational efficiency. This strategic move underscores India's commitment to strengthening its maritime capabilities and regional partnerships.

### Tejas Export Potential Hindered by U.S. Engines; Kaveri 2.0 Needed



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India's ambition to export indigenous Tejas fighter jets is hindered by dependence on U.S. engines, limiting its strategic independence due to export control laws. Experts emphasize that funding the domestic Kaveri

2.0 engine project is crucial for overcoming these constraints, enabling India to market the Tejas Mk1A and Mk2 without foreign intervention. A successful Kaveri 2.0 would enhance the aircraft's appeal on the global market, showcasing India's technological advancements and fostering self-reliance in defense manufacturing. With potential international buyers from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, the initiative is essential for positioning India as a significant player in the global defense sector.

## HSL celebrates 85 years with Navy's 4th Fleet Support Ship launch. SHARE

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) celebrated its 85th anniversary by marking the steel-cutting of the Indian Navy's fourth Fleet Support Ship, enhancing naval operational readiness in line with PM Modi's MAHA SAGAR vision for maritime security. The event highlighted HSL's remarkable transformation from financial distress to profitability, showcasing advancements in infrastructure and a cultural shift within the organization. With upgrades like a new 300-tonne Goliath crane, HSL aims to solidify its role in India's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, positioning itself as a key player in the global shipbuilding sector. The presence of the Chief of Naval Staff at the ceremony underscores the Navy's confidence in HSL's capabilities.

## L&T Technology Services opens AI and manufacturing center in Texas SHARE

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L&T Technology Services has inaugurated a new Engineering Design Center in Plano, Texas, aimed at advancing AI and digital manufacturing. This ITAR-compliant facility will focus on developing defense-related products and cybersecurity solutions while creating over 350 high-skilled jobs in the region. Prominent local leaders, including U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Plano Mayor John B. Muns, praised the center as a significant step for innovation and economic growth in Texas. The establishment of this center highlights L&T's commitment to delivering cutting-edge technology solutions and strengthens its global presence, particularly in defense and smart manufacturing sectors, reflecting the importance of India's engineering capabilities on the world stage.

## India Unveils Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile at DEFEA 2025 SHARE

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India showcased its Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) at DEFEA 2025 in Greece, marking a significant advancement in its defense capabilities. Developed by the DRDO, the missile boasts a range of 1,500 km from land and 1,000 km from naval platforms, capable of carrying conventional or nuclear warheads. This dual-use capability enhances India's deterrence posture and maritime strike capabilities. The successful maiden test in November 2024 and planned further tests highlight India's commitment to indigenous missile technology and its intent to strengthen international collaborations in defense, positioning itself as a key player in the global defense market while responding to evolving regional security dynamics.

## Congolese Military Chooses Indian Loitering Munitions, Favoring Affordability. SHARE

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The Congolese military has ordered Indian-made loitering munitions, signaling a shift towards India's affordable and reliable defense solutions amid dissatisfaction with Chinese arms. This move reflects India's growing influence in Africa's defense market, driven by competitive pricing and robust after-sales support, in stark contrast to the reported poor quality of Chinese weapons. With Indian defense exports to Africa soaring to \$1.9 billion in 2022-23, the DRC's procurement aligns with a broader trend of African nations seeking dependable alternatives to Chinese arms. India's strategic engagement is further enhanced by offers of financing, enabling countries like the DRC to address insurgent threats effectively.

## Safran's HAMMER 250 LRL Munition Enhances Rafale Precision Strikes SHARE

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Safran has introduced the HAMMER 250 Long Range Low Yield (LRL) precision-guided munition, significantly enhancing the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Rafale jets' combat capabilities by enabling precision strikes from over 70 kilometers. This advanced munition integrates sophisticated guidance systems and is designed to minimize collateral damage, making it suitable for modern conflict scenarios. Its modular design ensures compatibility with existing IAF systems, improving operational flexibility and reinforcing India's strategic deterrence. The adoption of the HAMMER 250 LRL

illustrates India's commitment to modernizing its armed forces, ensuring enhanced pilot safety and mission success while maintaining a tactical advantage along critical borders.

## **Eurofighter Shifts Focus to Europe and Middle East Amid India's MRFA**

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The Eurofighter Typhoon consortium has shifted its focus to European and Middle Eastern sales due to delays in India's Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) acquisition, which aims to procure 114 jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The absence of a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) has created uncertainty, potentially weakening India's negotiating position as manufacturers realign their priorities. The IAF's modernization is critical, especially given its current fleet deficiency. This situation highlights the urgency for timely decisions on procurement to maintain India's defense capabilities while also promoting indigenous manufacturing through initiatives like "Make in India."

## **India Mulls Two More S-400 Squadrons Amid "Project Kusha" Delays**

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India is considering acquiring two additional S-400 Triumf air defense missile squadrons from Russia due to the system's impressive performance in recent military situations, particularly in neutralizing aerial threats during engagements with Pakistan. This potential procurement is essential as India's indigenous "Project Kusha," aimed at developing a comparable air defense system, is expected to be operational by 2028-29. With the first three of the five contracted S-400 squadrons already delivered, delays in the final two due to the Ukraine conflict have raised concerns; however, Russia assures their delivery within the next financial year. The strategic pursuit of these systems underscores India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities amid evolving security challenges.

## **Geopolitics and Security Alliances**

### **Jaishankar thanks Iran for evacuating Indians, urges diplomacy.**

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a key conversation with Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi amid rising tensions in West Asia following

recent hostilities between Iran and Israel. During the exchange, Jaishankar thanked Iran for its swift assistance in evacuating hundreds of Indian citizens from the conflict zone, reaffirming India's focus on the safety of its nationals. He also reiterated India's consistent call for restraint and dialogue to defuse regional tensions. The interaction comes in the wake of significant damage to Iranian nuclear facilities, reportedly caused by coordinated US-Israeli strikes, which have escalated fears of broader instability. Despite announcements of a ceasefire, sporadic missile exchanges and harsh rhetoric continue to fuel uncertainty. Against this backdrop, India has been engaging regional stakeholders to promote de-escalation and stability, reflecting its growing diplomatic role in West Asia. Jaishankar's outreach highlights New Delhi's pragmatic approach — balancing strong ties with key regional players while advocating for diplomacy as the only viable solution to the ongoing crisis.

## **Indonesia Seminar Highlights IAF's 2025 Air Dominance; Pakistani Defence Attache Boycotts Event**

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A recent seminar hosted by the Indonesian Air Force University examined the May 2025 India-Pakistan air conflict, focusing on India's Operation Sindoor, launched after a terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The discussions highlighted the Indian Air Force's decisive tactical success, including the destruction of six Pakistani fighter jets, two Saab-2000 Erieye AEW&C aircraft, and a C-130 transport plane. Precision strikes on 11 PAF airbases, aided by BrahMos missiles, exposed serious weaknesses in Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defense systems. Notably, the Pakistani defense attache boycotted the seminar due to the display of satellite imagery revealing damage to PAF bases. The event underlined both India's growing air power and Indonesia's interest in understanding evolving aerial warfare trends.

## **Indian Army Enhances Land Forces Cooperation with Russia**

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The Indian Army and Russian Land Forces convened their 4th IRIGC Sub-Working Group (Land) meeting in St. Petersburg from June 25 to 27, 2025, further deepening strategic defence cooperation. Over three days, delegations explored collaboration on niche technologies and capabilities, including drones, counter-unmanned aircraft systems, electronic warfare,

operational logistics, and artillery integration. The visit featured a tour of Russia's Mikhailovskaya Artillery Academy and the 56th Guards District Training Centre, showcasing training synergies in artillery and combined arms operations. This engagement underscores the robust institutional framework under the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission for Military Technical Cooperation—an arrangement dating back to 2000 with its latest ministerial session held in Moscow in December 2024—designed to advance joint research, defence production, technological exchange, and interoperability through exercises like INDRA. In light of evolving regional security dynamics and India's ongoing military modernization, this strengthened partnership reinforces a long-standing alliance and enhances India's defence readiness and strategic autonomy.

## Xi Jinping Dismisses Navy Chief and Top Scientist Amid Dissent



28-Jun-25

Chinese President Xi Jinping has recently removed Vice Admiral Li Hanjun, Chief of Staff of the People's Liberation Army Navy, and Liu Shipeng, a senior nuclear scientist linked to China's weapons program, stripping both of their positions at the National People's Congress in late June 2025. These dismissals—alongside the recent expulsion of Central Military Commission member General Miao Hua, formally removed on June 27—mark a significant escalation of Xi's sweeping anti-corruption and loyalty-driven purge within the PLA. Originating with Xi's ascent in 2012, this campaign has repeatedly targeted senior military figures, including former defence ministers and rocket force commanders, signaling Beijing's determination to eliminate factionalism and consolidate ideological allegiance to Xi. Experts suggest these latest actions are aimed at quashing growing dissent and reinforcing Party control over strategic military and nuclear sectors. With the PLA Navy expanding rapidly amid rising geopolitical tensions and the nuclear program under tighter scrutiny, Xi appears intent on ensuring that key defence institutions remain under his personal command. These high-profile purges illustrate the depth of internal challenges within China's military apparatus and underscore Xi's ongoing drive to centralize authority, enforce discipline and prevent any potential rival power bases from emerging within the armed forces.

## Op Red Wedding: Debrief



28-Jun-25

On June 13, 2025, Israel executed Operation Red Wedding, a swift and devastating decapitation strike

that targeted Iran's leadership and missile infrastructure. Over 200 jets, drones, cyber teams, and Mossad operatives hit more than 100 military and nuclear sites across Tehran, Isfahan, Natanz, Kermanshah, and Tabriz. Within minutes, around 30 senior IRGC commanders—including Hossein Salami, Mohammad Bagheri, Amir Ali Hajizadeh—along with nine prominent nuclear scientists, were eliminated, echoing the brutality of its namesake from Game of Thrones. Israeli cyber units simultaneously disrupted Iranian air-defences and communications, contributing to the mission's precision. The operation unfolded as part of a broader Operation Rising Lion, aimed at crippling Iran's nuclear and missile capabilities. In coordination, Operation Narnia focused on assassinating nuclear scientists in Tehran. Iran retaliated by launching over 550 missiles, of which Israel's Iron Dome and Arrow systems intercepted about 90%, causing fewer than 30 Israeli casualties. Nine days later, on June 22, the U.S. conducted Operation Midnight Hammer, deploying B-2 bombers and bunker-buster weapons against Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan—inflicting "extremely severe" damage and reportedly delaying Iran's nuclear timeline by up to two years. A fragile, U.S.-mediated cease-fire followed on June 23, as both nations claimed strategic gains and regional tensions remained at a fever pitch.

## Israeli airstrikes kill 34 in Gaza as ceasefire talks progress.



28-Jun-25

The recent Israeli airstrikes in Gaza have resulted in at least 34 fatalities amid a deteriorating humanitarian crisis, while discussions around a potential ceasefire are intensifying, with U.S. President Trump indicating progress. Israeli officials are set to meet in Washington to negotiate terms, as ongoing violence has seen over 56,000 Palestinian deaths since the war's escalation in October 2023. The situation remains dire for civilians, with limited food supplies and increasing desperation, leading to clashes at aid distribution points. Hamas offers to release hostages in exchange for a ceasefire, but Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu insists on disarmament before any truce, complicating the resolution process.

## Rajnath Singh Advocates for Permanent Border Resolution with China



28-Jun-25

In a significant dialogue on the sidelines of the SCO defense ministers gathering, Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the urgent need for a



permanent border solution with China, advocating for a structured roadmap to address ongoing disputes stemming from the 2020 Ladakh standoff. He highlighted the importance of rebuilding mutual trust and called for tangible actions to ensure peace along the border while noting China's continued military presence. The meeting showcased cautious optimism, with both nations agreeing to continue consultations on disengagement and border management, reflecting India's commitment to achieving lasting stability and normalcy in bilateral relations.

## French Narrative Disputes Pakistan's Claims on Operation Sindoor

28-Jun-25

A French counter-narrative, highlighted by RFI, reframes India's May 2025 Operation Sindoor not merely as a measured retaliation against militant sites but as a calculated signal to Pakistan aimed at preventing a broader escalation. According to French sources, Indian Rafale jets—with SCALP-EG missiles and Hammer glide bombs—struck beyond terrorist training camps, hitting command centers, air-defense infrastructure, and at least two Pakistan Air Force installations. They reportedly inflicted serious damage on PAF assets, contradicting Islamabad's claims of downing multiple Rafales. While independent verification is scarce, Dassault Aviation's CEO has described Pakistan's version of events as "absolutely incorrect," underscoring the murky fog of information enveloping the strikes.

## Military Operations

## Northern Army Chief Reviews Mathura's Strike One Corps Readiness

28-Jun-25

Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Northern Command, recently reviewed the operational readiness of the Mathura-based Strike One Corps. During his visit, he praised the formation for its integrated training and high preparedness levels, advocating for dynamic planning and situation-based readiness to address potential challenges. This emphasis on operational preparedness highlights the Indian Army's commitment to maintaining a robust defense posture in the region, especially in light of evolving geopolitical dynamics. The focus on synergized training reflects a proactive approach to ensure that the armed forces are equipped to respond swiftly and effectively to any threats.

## Search for 3 JeM terrorists in J-K's Basantgarh enters day three.

28-Jun-25

A search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Basantgarh to locate three Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists has entered its third day, with a joint team of security forces employing drones and sniffer dogs. This follows the killing of a JeM commander during an encounter. The area has been a traditional infiltration route for terrorists, and the operation has led to the arrest of five overground workers supporting the group. The Indian security forces' sustained efforts exemplify their commitment to counter-terrorism and national security, as they actively disrupt terrorist operations in the region, reflecting a proactive approach to maintaining stability in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Indian Army Fast-Tracks Counter-Drone Trials After OpSindoor

28-Jun-25

Following the surge of swarm drone attacks from Pakistan during and immediately after Operation Sindoor — India's retaliatory missile campaign launched on May 7, 2025, in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror strike — the Indian Army has accelerated development and testing of new counter-drone technologies. Building on the success of the indigenously-developed Akashteer mobile air-defense system, which registered high intercept rates against low-flying hostile drones, the army is now actively trialing cost-effective anti-drone drones developed with private sector partners. One such initiative is the low-cost "drone-on-drone" concept capable of autonomously neutralizing larger enemy UAVs for under \$500 per unit. Concurrently, the Solar Aerospace's Bhargavastra system—employing guided micro-missiles and unguided micro-rockets—has undergone multiple successful tests in January and May 2025, demonstrating layered defense against drone swarms. These efforts, complemented by loitering munitions like Nagastra-1R equipped with thermal and gimbal cameras, reflect a strategic pivot to scalable, affordable solutions in modern warfare. The emphasis remains on integrating advanced indigenous systems with ground troop operations to ensure resilient defense posture across varied theater environments.

## Indian Army Reviews Operational Readiness in Poonch-Rajouri [SHARE](#)

28-Jun-25

The Indian Army, under the leadership of Lieutenant General PK Mishra, reviewed operational preparedness in the Poonch-Rajouri sectors, emphasizing the importance of sustained counter-terrorism efforts and maintaining high readiness levels. The visit highlighted the Army's commitment to leveraging technology for enhanced operational efficiency, as demonstrated in Kashmir's ongoing security situation. Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma's earlier review further underscored the dedication and morale of the troops, showcasing their professionalism amidst evolving threats. This proactive stance reflects the Indian Army's strategic focus on adapting to challenges while ensuring peace and security in sensitive border areas.

## India and France Enhance Military Ties in Joint Exercise 'Shakti-VIII' [SHARE](#)

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The Indian and French Armies recently conducted the joint military exercise 'Shakti-VIII' in France, focusing on enhancing operational interoperability through various mission-specific drills related to sub-conventional and modern warfare. The exercise involved combat shooting, obstacle crossings, urban combat drills, and advanced training in Electronic Warfare and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems. These activities aim to improve the tactical adaptability of both forces in contested environments, thereby significantly boosting their readiness for modern battlefield scenarios. Such collaborations reflect a strategic partnership that strengthens military ties and showcases India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities through international cooperation.

## BSF ADG reviews security measures at India-Bangladesh border [SHARE](#)

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BSF Additional Director General Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal recently reviewed security measures along the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura, assessing operational readiness and engaging with local leaders to enhance border management. His four-day visit included interactions with field commanders and discussions with Tripura's Chief Minister, who emphasized the state's commitment to preventing illegal immigration from Bangladesh and Myanmar. This proactive approach underscores India's determination to secure its borders and maintain regional stability,

reflecting the BSF's critical role in safeguarding national security amidst ongoing challenges at the frontier.

## IDF Urges Immediate Evacuation of Civilians from Central Gaza [SHARE](#)

28-Jun-25

The IDF has issued an evacuation warning for civilians in various neighborhoods of the central Gaza Strip, urging residents to leave immediately to ensure their safety as military operations intensify against terrorist organizations in the region. The warning specifically names areas such as Nuseirat, Al-Zahraa, and Al-Mughraqa, advising civilians to head southward to the Al-Mawasi area and to avoid returning to combat zones. This military action emphasizes the IDF's commitment to neutralizing threats posed by militant groups, highlighting the ongoing conflict's impact on civilian safety and the complexities of military engagement in densely populated areas.

## Indian Army to Establish FPV Platoons in Each Infantry Battalion [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Army confirmed on June 28, 2025, that it plans to establish dedicated First-Person View (FPV) drone platoons across its more than 350 infantry battalions. Each of these units, comprising around 20–30 personnel including operators, technicians, and support staff, will be integrated into infantry formations to bolster reconnaissance, surveillance, and precision strike capabilities.

## Indian MR-SAM Debris Found in Pakistan: IAF's Interception Proves Capability [SHARE](#)

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Debris from an Indian MR-SAM missile was discovered in Pakistan, indicating the Indian Air Force's (IAF) capability to engage targets deep within Pakistani airspace during Operation Sindoor, launched in response to a terrorist attack. The MR-SAM's interception suggests it successfully neutralized a high-value target, potentially a Pakistan Air Force fighter jet or missile, showcasing India's advanced air defense systems. This incident highlights the IAF's operational reach and the effectiveness of India's Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), which integrates multiple sensors for real-time threat tracking, casting doubt on Pakistan's claims regarding its missile capabilities and reinforcing India's defense posture in the region.

## IAF's Project Delays Threaten Air Supremacy Against PAF

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is facing considerable delays in critical modernization programs, particularly the Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) initiative, which risks diminishing its air superiority against the advancing capabilities of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF). The IAF's indecision and lack of funding for innovative domestic programs from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), such as the Loyal Wingman and air-launched munitions, exacerbate concerns over its operational readiness. The IAF's stagnation contrasts sharply with the PAF's proactive development of fifth-generation fighters. To maintain strategic advantages, it is crucial for the IAF to expedite RFPs, enhance funding, and prioritize modernization efforts in alignment with India's defense self-reliance goals.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

### Pakistan Rebuilds Terror Launchpads with ISI Support, Report Says

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28-Jun-25

Pakistan is reportedly rebuilding terrorist launchpads and training camps destroyed during India's Operation Sindoor, supported by the military and ISI. New high-tech facilities are being established in difficult terrain along the Line of Control, equipped with advanced surveillance and anti-drone systems. Intelligence sources indicate a recent meeting involving senior commanders from various terror groups to strategize on infrastructure rebuilding and recruitment. Alarming, part of Pakistan's international financial aid is allegedly being diverted to fund these efforts, highlighting a persistent threat to regional stability that India must continue to counter proactively.

### NIA Charges Seven in Punjab Police Station Grenade Attack

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has charged seven individuals, including three absconders, in connection with a grenade attack on the Gurdaspur Police Station in Punjab by Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorists in December 2024. The accused have been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Explosive Substances Act. The investigation revealed that US-based Harpreet Singh, alias Happy Passia, coordinated with Pakistan-based

terrorist Harwinder Singh to recruit local operatives for the attack. This action reflects the NIA's commitment to dismantling the BKI's terror network in India, bolstering national security efforts against cross-border terrorism.

### Russian drone strike in Odesa kills 2, injures 14, including children.

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28-Jun-25

A recent drone strike in Ukraine's Odesa resulted in the deaths of two individuals and injuries to at least 14 others, including three children, one of whom is in critical condition. This attack highlights the intensification of Russian drone and missile assaults on Ukrainian cities, particularly as diplomatic efforts to resolve the ongoing conflict have stalled. The incident underscores the urgent need for enhanced defense measures and international support for Ukraine to mitigate such attacks. It also reflects the broader implications for regional stability, emphasizing the importance of a unified and robust response from allies to deter further aggression.

### US Congressman: Afghanistan Again a Terrorist Safe Haven

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US Congressman Huizenga warned that the Biden administration's withdrawal from Afghanistan has allowed terrorist groups like ISIS-K and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan to reorganize, posing heightened threats to South and Central Asia and beyond. He pointed to increased violence in Pakistan and recent attacks, including one in Jammu and Kashmir, as indicators of the persistent security challenges. Despite the Taliban's claims of control, multiple reports indicate over 20 terrorist groups remain active in Afghanistan. Huizenga called for a reassessment of US counterterrorism strategies and regional cooperation to effectively address the evolving threats posed by these organizations, emphasizing the need for stronger measures to combat terrorism.

### Pakistan Army Chief Blames India for Terrorism After Loss in Operation Sindoor

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Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir has accused India of sponsoring regional terrorism, claiming it orchestrates a proxy network to destabilize Pakistan and Afghanistan, particularly in the wake of India's Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror infrastructure following a deadly attack in Pahalgam. Despite Pakistan's military setback and significant losses during

the operation, Munir's promotion to Field Marshal appears aimed at projecting strength and deflecting criticism amid internal challenges. His rhetoric reflects an ongoing pattern of Pakistan's military leadership attempting to consolidate power while denying accountability for its failures. Meanwhile, international analysts recognize India's military superiority, indicating a shift in the regional balance of power.

## Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

### Canada Bans Chinese Firm Hikvision Over National Security Risks



28-Jun-25

The Canadian government has ordered Hikvision Canada Inc., a Chinese firm, to cease operations due to national security concerns, concluding that its presence poses risks to Canada's security after a thorough review by intelligence agencies. This directive includes banning Hikvision products across all government sectors and phasing out existing devices. The action aligns Canada with Western allies like the US and UK, which have imposed similar restrictions due to allegations of human rights abuses tied to Hikvision's surveillance activities in Xinjiang, China. Canada emphasizes the need for secure foreign investments while prioritizing national security over economic ties.

### India Enhances Space Cybersecurity at ISC 2025 for National Safety



28-Jun-25

The India Space Congress (ISC) 2025 emphasized the need to enhance cybersecurity for space assets amid evolving global threats. Key discussions highlighted India's commitment to innovation through substantial government funding and strategic partnerships, including the Nabha SIA India Declaration on Space Sustainability aimed at addressing space debris risks. Notable speakers underscored the importance of integrating military and civil space efforts, advocating for a unified approach among government, industry, and academia to safeguard national interests in the space domain. The discourse shifted towards actionable strategies, reinforcing India's vision for a secure and sustainable space environment, pivotal for achieving a self-reliant and prosperous Bharat by 2047.

## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Parag Jain appointed as new RAW chief effective July 1.



28-Jun-25

Parag Jain, a seasoned IPS officer from the 1989 batch, is set to take charge as the next chief of India's external intelligence agency, RAW, on July 1. His extensive experience in counter-terror operations, particularly in the volatile Af-Pak region, positions him well to address emerging challenges, especially with Pakistan's military adopting an aggressive stance and rising infiltration attempts. Jain's strategic approach combines human intelligence with technological surveillance, essential for recalibrating RAW's capabilities. His appointment comes at a crucial time, indicating a potential shift towards a more proactive and nuanced intelligence posture in response to evolving security dynamics.

### Army Honors Dr. Bhatia for Leadership During Operation Sindoor



28-Jun-25

Dr. (Prof.) AS Bhatia, Principal of Government Medical College Rajouri, was honored by the Army for his remarkable leadership during Operation Sindoor amidst cross-border shelling on May 10. Demonstrating extraordinary courage, he traveled 10 kilometers through a high-risk area to ensure uninterrupted medical care, activating crisis protocols and providing essential support to patients and staff. His decisive actions, which included establishing a protective treatment area and round-the-clock services, resulted in no loss of life, earning him recognition from both the Army and the Prime Minister's Office. Dr. Bhatia's dedication exemplifies exemplary public service and inspires the medical community and local citizens.

### Civilians honored for bravery during Operation Sindoor in Rajouri



28-Jun-25

The Ace of Spades Division of the Indian Army honored civilians in Rajouri for their crucial support during Operation Sindoor, which was launched in response to a terrorist attack that killed 26 civilians. The recognition ceremony highlighted the collaboration between the Armed Forces and local residents, who assisted in humanitarian efforts and casualty evacuations amid challenging conditions. Major General Mukherji emphasized the operation's significance as a national assertion of India's resolve to protect its citizens and



dismantle threats. The event reinforced the strong bond between the military and local communities, reflecting a shared commitment to peace and security in the region.

## UP Police probe alleged assault by officer on Army Lieutenant Colonel SHARE

28-Jun-25

The Lucknow Police are investigating a reported assault by a police sub-inspector on an Indian Army officer, Lieutenant Colonel Anand Prakash Suman, who alleged he was verbally abused and slapped while driving. The Indian Army, represented by Major General Salil Seth, has demanded a swift and impartial investigation, underscoring its commitment to protecting personnel. Police have registered a case based on the complaint and are examining CCTV footage. This incident highlights the need for mutual respect and cooperation between the police and military forces, emphasizing the Army's expectation of exemplary action in response to misconduct against its members.

## Lt Gen DS Rana assumes role as Colonel of Garhwal Rifles SHARE

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Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana has formally taken over as the 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of the Garhwal Rifles, succeeding Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, in a ceremony at the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre in Lansdowne, Uttarakhand. This transition underscores the rich legacy and valor of one of the Indian Army's esteemed infantry regiments, which consists of 27 battalions. Lt Gen Rana, a decorated officer with substantial operational experience, reaffirmed his commitment to upholding the regiment's ethos and discipline. His leadership is expected to further strengthen the camaraderie and martial legacy of the Garhwali warriors, who have consistently demonstrated unwavering dedication to the nation.

## Miscellaneous

## British F-35B jet stranded in India sparks humor as repairs await SHARE

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Two weeks after making an emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram airport, a British F-35B Lightning II stealth fighter has remained stranded due to technical issues, attracting attention on social media and

becoming a source of humor. The aircraft, part of the UK's HMS Prince of Wales Carrier Strike Group, was returning from joint maritime exercises with the Indian Navy when it encountered problems and had to land. A specialized team of UK engineers is set to arrive soon, bringing necessary equipment to facilitate repairs and move the aircraft to a hangar, thereby minimizing disruption to other scheduled maintenance. The Indian Air Force has been cooperative in providing support throughout this incident, which highlights the importance of international military collaboration and the operational challenges faced by advanced military assets. While the F-35B is recognized for its state-of-the-art capabilities, the situation underscores the reliance on technical expertise and the logistics of maintaining high-tech aircraft, particularly in joint exercises with partner nations like India, which bolsters regional security and operational readiness. Overall, this incident serves as a reminder of the complexities involved in modern air operations and the strong bilateral ties between India and the UK in defense matters.

## ZSI to Aid Army in Identifying Edible Fauna for Survival SHARE

28-Jun-25

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is set to sign two significant MoUs aimed at enhancing military preparedness by aiding the Indian Army in identifying edible fauna in challenging terrains, ensuring soldiers have reliable protein sources in high-altitude and jungle regions. This initiative is inspired by historical logistical struggles faced during wartime and emphasizes survival training for soldiers. Furthermore, the collaboration with the International Union for Conservation of Nature will promote sustainable practices in fragile ecosystems. The event, coinciding with ZSI's Foundation Day, symbolizes a progressive approach to integrating ecological research with military needs, ultimately strengthening the operational capabilities of the Indian Army.

## PM Modi's Five-Nation Tour to Strengthen Global Ties from July 2-9 SHARE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a significant five-nation tour from July 2-9, aimed at strengthening India's ties with key nations in the Global South. He will engage in crucial discussions on economic, energy, and defense collaboration during his visits to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia. In particular, the focus will be on

enhancing the multifaceted strategic partnerships with Argentina and Brazil, especially in defense and trade. This tour underscores India's commitment to fostering international relations and showcases its strategic outreach in a rapidly changing global landscape.

## India Rejects Arbitration Award on Kishenganga and Ratle Projects SHARE

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India has dismissed the recent supplemental award from a Court of Arbitration regarding the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects, asserting that the court's constitution violates the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. The Ministry of External Affairs emphasized that India does not recognize the court's legitimacy, highlighting its rights as a sovereign nation to place the treaty in abeyance due to Pakistan's support for terrorism. This response reflects India's stance that disputes should be resolved through a neutral expert appointed by the World Bank, not through what it labels as an illegal arbitration mechanism, reinforcing its commitment to uphold national interests amidst external pressures.

## Indian Defense Minister Attends Madagascar's Independence Celebrations SHARE

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Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth led a high-level Indian delegation to Antananarivo, Madagascar from June 25 to 27, 2025, where he represented India at the celebrations for the 65th anniversary of Madagascar's Independence and the creation of the Malagasy Armed Forces. During this visit, he held bilateral discussions with Madagascar's Minister of Armed Forces, Lt Gen Sahivelo Lala Monja Delphin, focusing on enhancing defense cooperation, particularly in maritime security and capacity building. He also met with Prime Minister Christian Ntsay, conveying warm greetings from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and participated in an Indian community reception, briefing the diaspora on India's ongoing economic transformation. This visit underscores the deep-rooted ties between India and Madagascar as fellow developing nations in the Indian Ocean Region and reaffirmed India's commitment to being a reliable partner in Madagascar's developmental journey. The discussions align with India's broader vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), positioning India as a proactive player in regional security and development initiatives, enhancing its

strategic influence in the Indian Ocean while promoting mutual growth and cooperation.

## PM Modi Celebrates Shubhanshu Shukla's Historic Space Mission SHARE

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Prime Minister Modi recently interacted with Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla aboard the International Space Station during the Axiom-4 mission, marking a historic milestone as Shukla became the first Indian astronaut to head to space in over 40 years. The Prime Minister highlighted the significance of this mission for India's youth and emphasized Shukla's role in advancing scientific research during his two-week stay, where he will lead several experiments. This successful collaboration between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) not only showcases India's growing capabilities in space exploration but also strengthens international partnerships in scientific endeavors.

## Seven Bangladeshi Immigrants Arrested in Mumbai and Pune SHARE

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Seven Bangladeshi nationals, including six women, were arrested in Mumbai and Pune for illegal immigration. The arrests followed information from Bayajid Khan, who had entered India through Assam and provided accommodation and jobs for the women, primarily in beauty parlours. This incident highlights ongoing concerns about illegal immigration, with 373 FIRs and numerous arrests and deportations reported since January. The increasing scrutiny of illegal immigration reflects India's commitment to securing its borders and addressing the challenges posed by undocumented migrants, which is essential for national security and social stability.

## Trump Advocates Complete Trade Barrier Removal in US-India Talks SHARE

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Recent discussions between the US and India have intensified as President Trump pushes for the removal of trade barriers ahead of a July 9 tariff deadline. While he demands significant concessions such as reduced duties on American agricultural products, India remains cautious, prioritizing food security and domestic farming welfare. Indian Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal emphasizes that any agreement must be fair and reflect India's national interests. Despite Trump's ambitious goals, there is potential for an interim deal to avoid new tariffs, which could strengthen economic ties

between the two nations while addressing the complexities of agricultural access.

## Indian Coast Guard detains 3 Sri Lankans for illegal entry



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The Indian Coast Guard successfully apprehended three Sri Lankan nationals attempting illegal entry into India near 4th Island during routine surveillance. The Coast Guard's Hovercraft ACV H197 detected these individuals around 0800 hrs and swiftly intervened. Interrogation revealed that the trio was attempting illegal migration from Mannar, highlighting ongoing challenges related to unauthorized crossings in the region. This incident underscores the vigilance and preparedness of the Indian Coast Guard in safeguarding national borders and addressing illegal migration, ensuring the country's maritime security while collaborating with local law enforcement for further investigation.

## Bangladesh pays \$384 million to Adani, reducing power dues significantly.



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Bangladesh has made a significant payment of USD 384 million to Adani Power, reducing its outstanding dues under a power supply agreement to around USD 500 million. The payments were prompted by Bangladesh's struggles with rising import costs and political instability, leading to a temporary cut in power supplies from Adani. The interim government is now re-evaluating the power purchase agreement established in 2017. Adani has also agreed to waive a late payment surcharge, reinforcing the need for continued cooperation to address ongoing issues related to coal costs and plant capacity calculations, highlighting the complex interplay of energy security and economic stability in the region.

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