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Successful operation

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police holding a Thanksgiving Day Rally from the Sports Complex, to express solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces on successful operation "Bunyan Marsous" against India.



Pakistan welcomes Trump's offer to mediate in Kashmir dispute

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan welcomed US President Donald Trump's statement on Pakistan-India relations.

According to the Foreign Office spokesperson, we appreciate the constructive role of friendly countries, including the US, in the ceasefire agreement.

The spokesperson said the ceasefire agreement is an important step towards reducing tension and stability in the region, and US President Trump's support for the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute is valuable.

The issue of Jammu and Kashmir has serious consequences for peace and security in South Asia and beyond, the spokespersons said, adding that a lasting solution to Kashmir is subject to UN resolutions and the right of the Kashmiri people to self-determination.

The spokesperson further stated that Pakistan is committed to cooperating with the US and the international community for regional peace, security, and prosperity.



investment, and economic cooperation, the spokesperson added.

Earlier today, US President Donald Trump offered to help resolve the Kashmir dispute, expressing willingness to work with both Pakistan and India.

In a message posted on social media platform X on Sunday, President Trump stated, "I will work together with Pakistan and India to help resolve the Kashmir issue."

He also expressed interest in Pakistan and the US are looking expanding trade ties with both neighforward to further expansion of trade, bouring nuclear power countries,

calling the recent ceasefire a critical step toward de-escalation.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan acknowledged the Trump administration's role in facilitating the ceasefire. In a tweet, he praised the agreement as "the beginning of a wider movement towards peace, prosperity, and stability in the region."

"Pakistan appreciates the United States for facilitating this outcome, which we have accepted in the interest of regional peace and stability," Sharif

J10c Fighter Jet — a look at capabilities and price tag

Maveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: J10c has outperformed twin engine J11, more advanced J16 and Russian SU35 in exercises/wargames at home and abroad, Chinese experts claim.

Prestigious Military Watch magazine also rates J10c above F16V, the latest version of F16 with AESA radar, new engine and advanced avionics.

For now even the US doesn't have any answer to J10c's BVR missile PL15 with a range of 200-300km.

The latest US BVR AMRAM 120 D also lags behind with 160-180km 200-250km range.

After induction in PAF, and during wargames at home and abroad, J10c and JF17 Block 3, both performed



range. However, the US is on the and even against heavyclass twin advanced stage of developing their engine F15C-E.... all 4.5+ generation ramjet based AIM 260 JATM with fighters with the exception of Mirage 000, which is 4th generation.

It will be interesting to compare the capabilities and price tag.... matching in capabilities J10c and JF17 B3, both exceptionally against Rafale, Euro- offer a price tag less than half with fighter Typhon, F16C, Mirage 2000, all their Western rivals, J10c in the

medium weight category and JF17 B3 in the lighter class/weight.

The only negative with J10c being that it was not war tested, war proven.... that is why Pak-India air war theatre has sent shockwaves across the globe, specifically in the Western hemisphere including France and the

President Zardari says peace preferred but sovereignty non-negotiable

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has said that Pakistan gave a strong and befitting response to Indian aggression, affirming the nation's resolve to defend its sovereignty at all costs, reported 24NewsHD TV channel.

In a statement issued on Sunday. President Zardari remarked, "Pakistan



does not seek provocation or hostility; we desire peace — but there will never

be any compromise on our sovereignty." President Zardari also expressed deep gratitude to China, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Türkiye, and Iran for supporting Pakistan during the recent

period of heightened tensions. He said the support of these nations during a critical time proved the strength of Pakistan's international partnerships and diplomatic efforts

Victory over India: Pakistan observes 'Day of Gratitude'

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday declared a nationwide Day of Gratitude in celebration of Pakistan's robust and effective military response to Indian aggression and the success of Operation Bunyan un

"This day will be observed to bow in thanksgiving to Almighty Allah, to honour the unmatched bravery of the Pakistan Armed Forces, and to recognise the unity and courage of the entire nation," the prime minister stated.



The PM said Operation Bunyan un Marsoos gave a "strong and decisive response" to Indian hostility, proving

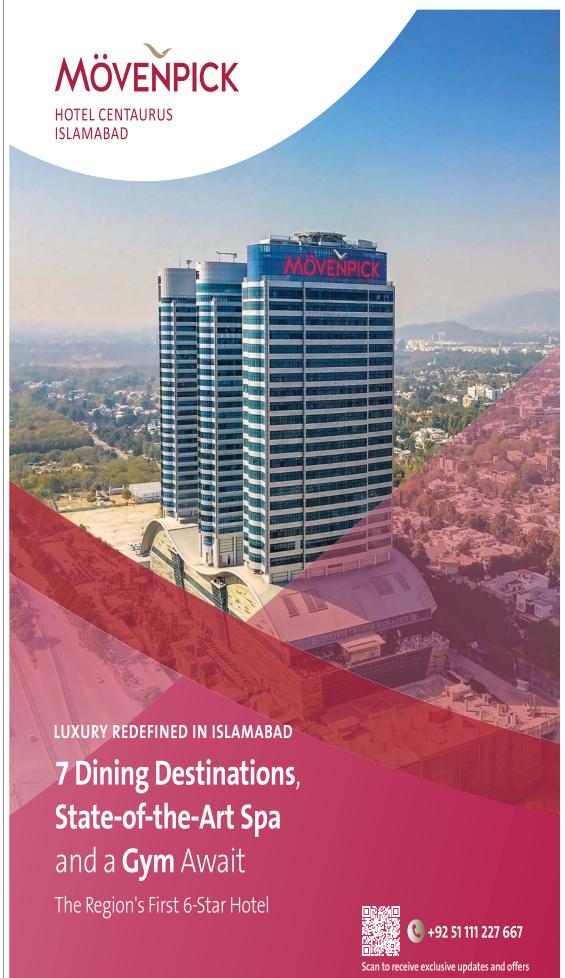
Pakistan's dominance on every front. "Despite the enemy's provocation, Pakistan ensured its defence with

patience, preparedness, and strategic

restraint. We are grateful to Allah Almighty, who granted us this success,"

Shehbaz Sharif further emphasised that the sacrifices of the Pakistan Army will never be forgotten, and the entire nation stands firmly beside its armed

The Prime Minister urged the public, especially religious scholars (Ulema), to hold special congregational prayers and offer Nawafil across the country. "Let the nation thank Allah and pray for our martyrs and ghazis (war heroes),"



Empowering women imperative for prosperity: President AJK

ISLAMABAD(: President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood, while highlighting the women's role in progressive societies, has said that empowerment of women was a crucial catalyst for socioeconomic development, fostering economic growth, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality.

He expressed these views in a detailed meeting with a delegation of Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce here today.

He, however, maintained that creating an inclusive, supportive and enabling atmosphere for women was imperative so that they can work independently and play their role in the development of the country without any inkling of fear and

amongst women in Azad Kashmir was higher than that of men in any other province of Pakistan. He said that Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Chairperson SAARC Hina Mansab



Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Azad Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry should The president said literacy rate also establish a similar platform in AJK so that the Kashmiri could also get business opportunities.

The delegation was comprised of

Khan, President Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ms. Quratul Ain, Senior Vice President Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sobia Jabeen, Vice President Rawalpindi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rubina Zafar, Zulfiqar Butt,

Ambrain Zaman, Falak Anjum, Sobi Hussain, Muntahi Shah Rukh, Noreen Tariq, Zubaida Asghar, Saiga Tabassum, Shumaila Kausar, Shazia Nadeem, Fawzia Noman, Sanam, Quratul Ain Naseem, Fakhrul Nisa, Rahat Jabeen, Misbah Ijaz and

Celebration

CHINIOT: Members of civil society hold a banner and national flags during a rally in favor of Pak Army in the city.

Funeral prayers of martyrs in Neelum Valley held

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

ABBASPUR/ RAWALAKOT/ NEELUM VALLEY: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Sardar Umar Farooq, Senior Superintendent of Police Muhammad Riaz Mughal and Additional Deputy Commissioner Usman Sarem distributed relief checks to the families of those martyred and injured in Indian Army shelling on the Line of Control.

Expressing sympathy to the affected families on this occasion, the officers assured full cooperation from the Azad Kashmir government. The Deputy Commissioner said that the sacrifices of the residents of the Line of Control are unforgettable and the district administration is taking all possible steps to resolve their prob-



SSP Poonch Muhammad Riaz istration. Mughal, while saluting the families of the martyrs, said that their sacrifice for peace will not go in vain. The Additional Deputy Commissioner also informed about the details of the relief package.

MeanwhileThe funeral prayers of

those martyred due to Indian shelling have been offered. The funeral prayers were attended by Deputy Commissioner Nadeem Ahmed Janjua, SP Khawaja Muhammad Siddique, The affected families thanked the Assistant Commissioner Athmuqam government and the district admin- Chaudhry Basharat, DSP Sardar

Zaheer, district administration, journalists, Anjuman Tajran, civil society and a large number of people of the area. Those martyred due to unprovoked firing by India include Kausar Saima wife of Muhammad Shafi and young Ali Ahmed Butt son of Naseer Butt. Kausar Saima wife of Muhammad Shafi was buried in Bata while young Ali Ahmed Butt son of Naseer Butt was buried in his native area Bagna. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that martyrdom is an honor for us and we are indebted to the blood of the martyrs.

Operation "Banyan Marsus" is the revenge of our martyrs. India has imposed war on us and the toothless response of the Pakistan Army has brought them to their senses and crushed their pride.

Group Captain Kamran Bashir: Proud of LaSalle alumni

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Group Captain lenge. Kamran Bashir, distinguished LaSalle

alumnus, fills us with pride. A son of Staff Nurse, is a salute to this

brave son of a brave mother. He's the hero who destroyed India's Rajouri Air Base camp. Whenever Pakistan faced difficult times, people of all religions, races, and sects living in

Pakistan stood together, proved their Pakistani identity, and faced the chal-

As his alma mater, we take immense pride in his service to Pakistan, and we're honored that our institution Lasalle High School & College Faisalabad played a part in shaping his journey. Our prayers are with him for his protection and continued success.

Long live Pakistan!









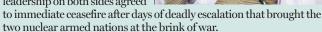
Dy. Commissioner Poonch Sardar Umer Faroog Additional Deputy Commissioner Sardar Saram Ali alongwith SSP Poonch Riaz Mughal distributed cheques among the bereaved families of Martyrs due to Indian army shelling in Ab-

Saghar welcomes ceasefire between India and Pakistan

Abdul Maieed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party, while welcoming ceasefire between India and Pakistan, has stressed the need for early resumption of composite dialogue process to find out a permanent solution to all issues including the core issue of Kash-

In a statement, issued here today, the DFP Acting Chairman Mehmood Ahmed Saghar, said that it was a matter of great satisfaction that the leadership on both sides agreed



"It was good to see that better sense finally prevailed and we hope that the US mediated ceasefire will lead to resumption of the longstalled composite dialogue process aimed at addressing the core issue of Kashmir and other key bilateral issues that have been bedeviling relations between the two countries for decades", he maintained.

Describing the long-pending Kashmir issue of mother of all disputes, the DFP leader made it clear that the road to peace and prosperity in South Asia passes through Kashmir.

Highlighting the centrality of the Kashmir dispute in the wider regional context, Saghar said, "The Kashmir conflict is central to the region's geopolitics, acting as a primary source of tension and acrimony between the two nuclear neighbors".

He said that Indian leadership needs to realize that dialogue was the only civilized way to resolve disputes.

All Parties Hurriyat Conference Expresses Gratitude for Pak Army's Successful Operation Against Indian Aggression



Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Kashmir and Pakistan Branch Convener Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Safi strongly condemned the cowardly and inhuman aggression perpetrated by the Indian occupying forces on the unarmed people of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan. Innocent and unarmed children, women and sacred places were deliberately targeted in this aggression, which is a clear violation of international laws and human rights.

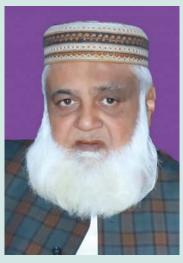
Convener Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Safi said that"All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Kashmir and Pakistan Branch sincerely congratulates the Pak Army for its prompt and effective response to this aggression". The professionalism, courage and patriotism shown by the Pak Army in successfully conducting the "Banyan Marsus" military operation is commendable. With the help of Allah Almighty, the spirit of faith and the undying love for the beloved homeland, our brave soldiers have not only thwarted the enemy's aggression but have also demonstrated their unparalleled strength and capabilities to the entire world.

It is a matter of satisfaction that the Pakistani forces, taking timely, bold and decisive action, have crushed the nefarious intentions of the enemy. The All Parties Hurriyat Conference believes that this successful operation of the Pakistani forces has not only guaranteed the security and sovereignty of Pakistan but has also raised the morale of the Kashmiri people.

Khawaja Shahid lauds Pak Army on success of Op Bunyanum-Marsoos

Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: The Patronin-Chief of the Central Organization of Traders of Pakistan and President of the Traders Association of City Faisalabad, Khawaja Shahid Razaq Sikka, while expressing gratitude to Allah Almighty for the success of Operation Banyan Marsus, congratulated the President, Prime Minister, Army Chief General Asim Munir, Air Force and Navy, and said that Operation Banyan Marsus is a military operation as well as an ideology that is derived from the verse of the Quran where Allah Almighty has likened the believers to a Banyan Marsus.



i.e. a wall made of lead. He said that this is the concept that the Pakistani army has not only implemented, but wherever the enemy (India) tried to gain a foothold, our warriors fought and defeated it. He said that the entire nation, including the trading community, is united on the issue of national security and every individual of the nation is always ready to confront their eternal enemy. Happilac Paint CEO Khawaja Shahid Razzaq sikka said that this operation is not only about ending terrorism but it is also the dawn of a new dawn.





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Indian dominance not be accepted: Saad Rafique



LAHORE: PML-N leader and former federal minister Khawaja Saad Rafique has said that Indian dominance will never be accept-

He said this while addressing thanksgiving day ceremony held here on Sunday. He said that it was high time to focus on country's development. He said that strengthen of Pakistan armed forces and wisdom of Pakistan's government yielded positive results. Saad Rafique said, "Dialogue is solution to all problems."

He said the path of peaceful negotiations in line with principles of justice should be adopted to solve the longstanding issues including distribution of water resources and the core issue of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). He further said that Pakistan had offered India credible and transparent investigation into Pahalgam incident. He expressed gratitude to all friendly countries including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar, Turkiye, UAE, China and others for always extending support in difficult times.

City experiences hot weather, scattered rain with hail

LAHORE: Hot and partly cloudy weather, accompanied by scattered rain and hail, was reported in the city on Sunday. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), similar weather conditions are expected to persist over the next 24 hours, with chances of more scattered showers.Drones

Officials said the city recorded a maximum temperature of 34°C and a minimum of 26°C. Scattered rainfall was observed in the evening hours.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif's Zero Tolerance Vision against crimes and criminals

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: On the instructions of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the latest Beat System has been implemented in Sargodha that has resulted in the reduction of crime rate by 75%.

It has been reported, "In Sargodha district, there has been a 75% reduction in vehicle theft, 40% reduction in robbery and 42% reduction in vehicle snatching incidents.

and motorcycle have also decreased by 50%. 43 gangs have been arrested in property crime cases, and Rs 140 million have been recovered. 16% reduction in theft incidents in Sargodha city, 30% reduction in crimes committed in the dark of night, and 21% significant reduction in violent crimes has been reported."

It has been observed,"Success rate against crimes like robbery/gang rape, child abduction and murder has reached 95%, while crimes against minors has Incidents of theft of rickshaws, loaders been reduced by 11% due to the remark-weapons.

able initiative of arresting the culprits within 24 hours."

Moreover, 67% reduction in murders during robberies and 16% in overall murders has been recorded. 1442 accused have been arrested, while 02 have been brought from abroad and taken to justice. 166 kg crystal meth/ice, 30 Kg heroin, 530 kg hashish, 6480 bottles of liquor have been recovered, 661 cases have been registered, and 830 people have been arrested in crackdown on illegal



Muhammad Sohaib Ashraf said,"A significant reason for the action against crimi- under the Beat system."

District Police Officer Sargodha nals and reduction in crimes in Sargodha is the presence of officers round the clock

Addressing

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry addressing during celebration ceremony of Pakistan-India ceasefire as showing solidarity with Pak Army, at his residence, in the Federal Capital.



Pakistan Army Zindabad Rally: Traders of Gulgasht Markeet Celebration in Multan

👺 Quratul Ain

MULTAN: Pakistan Army Zindabad Rally Traders Of Gulgasht Markeet Celebration in Multan.

A rally was organized by the Traders Association of Gardezi Market Gulgasht under the leadership of President Arif Fasihullah and Arshad Raza Zaidi in celebration of the remarkable success of the Pakistan Armed Forces against India. The participants of the rally chanted slogans such as "Long live Pakistan," "Long live Pakistan Army," and "Long live Army Chief General Asim

On this occasion, the Pres-



ident of the Traders Association, Arif Fasihullah, and Arshad Raza Zaidi stated that the Pakistan Army has crushed Indian arrogance.

military targeted unarmed civilians in Bahawalpur, Muridke, and Azad Kashmir

They added that the Indian Indian Army and Indian Air Defense also launched missile attacks on Islamabad's Nur Khan Airbase, Sargodha with missile attacks. The Airbase, and Shorkot Airbase.

PMLN Women's Wing Multan Celebrate Pakistan Army Zindabad

腾 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: On behalf of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Women's Section, Madam Azra Mahe and Mrs. Khawla Amjad took out a rally for the Pakistan Army. The participants of the rally raised slogans of Pakistan Zindabad. Pakistan Army Zindabad and Army Chief General Asim Munir Zindabad.

On this occasion, Madam Azra Mahe and Mrs. Khawla Amjad said that the Pakistan Army has destroyed Indian pride. The Pakistan Army has targeted unarmed people and civilians in Bahawalpur, Mureed and Azad Kashmir with missile attacks. The Indian Army and Indian Air Defense attacked Islamabad's Nur Khan Air Base, Sargodha Air Base and Shorkot Air Base with missiles. On May 10, against Indian aggression, the brave Army of Pakistan.



Air Defense and Pakistan Air Pakistan were thwarted by accept a ceasefire from the Force responded to the Indian attacks in broad daylight and cepting them in the air. The end of the rally, sweets were broke the back of the Indian retaliation by Pakistani forces Army. Air Defense and Indian against India created a furor Air Force. The Indian drone across India and finally India

Pakistan Air Defense by interattacks on various cities of begged the US President to army against India

Pakistani government. At the also distributed among the women on the occasion of the

Pakistan Armed Forces have made the entire nation proud: Malik Riyaz

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Former candidate for the Punjab Assembly from constituency PP-4, Malik Riyaz Ali Sadhryal, has stated that the Pakistan Armed Forces have made the entire nation proud. Alhamdulillah! Once again, Pakistan has thwarted the enemy's aggressive ambitions and made it clear to the world that while we are advocates of peace, we will never compromise on our defense.

In this entire scenario, the Pakistan People's Party demonstrated great maturity. President Asif Ali Zardari promoted national unity and institutional harmony, once again proving that he is not only committed to reconciliation politics but also a guarantor of national

Former Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari presented Pakistan's case on international forums with great courage and wisdom. He drew global attention to India's war hysteria and exposed the true face of the "Butcher of Gujarat" before the world.

He highly praised all branches of the Pakistan Armed Forces especially Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Siddique—for their professional capabilities. He said they gave a timely, brave, and effective response that forced the enemy to kneel, avenged the blood of innocent children and civilians, and left internal and external conspirators with no place to hide.

'Beyond the Plastic Waste' conference to mark World Environment Day on June 3



ISLAMABAD: Development Communications Network (Devcom-Pakistan) and partners has scheduled a conference titled "Beyond the Plastic Waste" on June 3 under its annual flagship event "Pakistan Environmental Awards and Conference of Best Practices". The event marks World Environment Day more meaningfully with a thematic conference and appreciation awards for the good work.

The conference will include the high-level inaugural panel on "Plastic-Waste: From Pollution to Solution". Other two sessions will focus on "Single-use Plastics: Sustainable Consumption, Production and Alternatives", and "The Waste Business: 3Rs and Integrated Resource Recycling (IRR)". The Second Pakistan Environmental Awards will also be conferred upon for some of the best practices promoted under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Corporate Environmental Compliance (CEC), and environmental conservation projects by the nongovernmental sector. Some individuals and media-persons will also be awarded for their good work.

Devcom-Pakistan Executive Director Munir Ahmed said: "By beating the plastic pollution, together we can create a healthier future for the planet earth. This year's World Environment Day theme reminds us of our collective responsibility. This year's World Environment Day comes exactly two months before countries meet again to continue negotiating a global treaty to end plastic pollution. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world. The Republic of Korea will host World Environment Day 2025 with a focus on ending plastic pollution globally. Ridding the planet of plastic pollution is an important contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including those on climate action, sustainable production and consumption, protection of seas and oceans and repairing ecosystems and retaining biodiversity."

Pakistani nation raised with pride

Sometime Correspondent

KHARIAN: President Muslim League (N) Lawyers Wing UK Chaudhry Ansar Mahmood Advocate has said that the entire Pakistani nation should be congratulated on the historic victory against India. The brave forces of Pakistan, especially the Pakistan Air Force, gave a befitting reply to the aggression of the enemy country India. The arrogance of the Indian leadership and the Indian forces was crushed and the head of our beloved homeland Pakistan and the Pakistani nation was raised with pride. In this regard, we especially pay tribute to the brave forces of Pakistan, the Pakistan Air Force and the political leadership and thank Allah Almighty that the defense of Pakistan is in strong hands.

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Trump vows to resolve Kashmir dispute after pulling off India-**Pakistan ceasefire**

uoyed by his feat in securing India-Pakistan ceasefire, US President Donald Trump Sunday pledged to "increase trade substantially" with the two South Asian neighbours and find a solution to the long-running Kashmir dispute.

In a post on Truth Social, the US leader praised the "strong and unwaveringly powerful" leadership of India and Pakistan for reaching a ceasefire, saying their legacy is greatly enhanced by their brave actions.

"I will work with you both to see if, after a "thousand years," a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!'

After four days of intense military exchange, India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire along the Line of Control in the disputed Kashmir region and the International Border on Sat-

"I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have (led) to the death and destruction of so many, and so much," he said.

"Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions. I am proud that the USA was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision," Trump said.

He went on to say that even though this has not been discussed, he is going to "increase trade substantially with both of these great Nations."

Trump on Saturday announced that India and Pakistan had agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington.

Tensions between India and Pakistan soared dramatically this week after India announced "Operation Sindoor" late Tuesday night, claiming it struck "terrorist infrastructure" at nine locations in Pakistan.

The Pakistani military said 31 people were killed in the Indian missile attacks and cross-border firing in the Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

At least 16 people were killed along the Line of Control in the disputed Kashmir regions, according to officials.

Pakistan Air Force immediately swung into action and hit back hard, downing five Indian aircraft, including the advanced Rafale, as Pakistani Shaheens established air superiority.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Saturday said that over the past 48 hours, Vice President J D Vance and he engaged with senior Indian and Pakistani officials, "including Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, and National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Lt. General Asim Malik."

India's Miscalculation and Pakistan's Strategic Victory

Asian military history, the May 2025 conflict marked a dramatic shift in the regional power balance. A far smaller and economically constrained Pakistan demonstrated not only military and technological parity with India, but also surpassed its rival in strategic planning, diplomatic agility, and psychological warfare. What began as an act of hubris by New Delhi ended in national humiliation, with Islamabad emerging stronger and more respected on the global stage.

India's offensive—initiated under the assumption of swift success and limited backlash—turned into a monumental miscalculation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, buoyed by inflated domestic support and a self-image of regional dominance, underestimated Pakistan's preparedness and resolve. He hoped to win quick political dividends through a show of force, especially ahead of crucial elections. But Pakistan did not respond as expected.

In the fiercest aerial dogfights witnessed in South Asia, five Indian aircraft including three Rafales — were shot down. The weapon of choice: China-made PL-15 air-to-air missiles, deployed by JF-17 Thunder jets. The event sent shockwaves through global defense communities. How could lower-cost fighters and lessfunded forces dismantle India's Frenchmade fleet? The answer lay in pilot skill, tactical discipline, and superior command integration — all areas where Pakistan

But it wasn't just the air force. Pakistan's missile defense systems intercepted multiple Indian drones and neutralized misfired projectiles that tragically landed within Indian territory — specifically in illegally occupied Kashmir and Indian East Punjab — causing civilian casualties and infrastructure damage. These errors

highlighted India's lack of coordination and systemic flaws within its military hierarchy.

India's narrative

that Pakistan was the

perpetual sponsor of

cross-border terrorism fell flat. The international community, increasingly skeptical of India's claims, demanded verifiable evidence, which never materialized. The UN and European Union called for restraint and transparency. India's allies grew uncom-

fortable with its unilateralism and reck-Even U. S. officials, while committed to India strategically, privately acknowledged that New Delhi had acted without a clear objective and had exposed its military and diplomatic inadequacies. The global perception shifted: Pakistan was no longer

with dignity and proportionality. The economic cost to India was immense. Independent estimates suggest losses exceeding \$2-3 billion during the short-lived but intense confrontation.

the underdog or the provocateur. It was a

disciplined, sovereign state defending itself

These losses stemmed from destroyed misadventure unfolds. aircraft, disrupted operations, investor panic, and infrastructural damage. Insurance premiums soared. Stock markets dipped. Foreign direct investment froze. The confidence of global investors in India's stability took a hit.

India's much-touted status as a future superpower faltered. It

became clear that GDP growth figures and defense budgets mean little without crisis management skills and strategic prudence. Modi's gamble backfired not just militarily, but economically and politically.

The psychological toll on India was profound. A country that regularly projected power found itself licking wounds, explaining failures, and managing embarrassment. The downing of Rafales — symbolic of India's air dominance narrative — was especially damaging. The Indian public, initially fed a diet of patriotic fervor, began asking hard questions: Why were we so ill-prepared? Why did we misread Pakistan? Why did our technology fail?

Modi, the self-styled strongman, is now engaged in damage control. Once boasting of surgical strikes, he now faces accusations of recklessness. His leadership during the crisis is being questioned, not only by the opposition but by his own allies. The BJP's political capital is eroding as its strategic

Pakistan, on the other hand, emerged with its head high. It didn't seek war but proved it wouldn't be cowed by one. Its leadership — both civilian and military $\boldsymbol{-}$ acted with restraint and precision. The world took note.

This wasn't just a military victory. It was a political and psychological triumph. It reminded regional powers and the global community alike that smaller nations with grit, unity, and strategic clarity can defend their sovereignty against larger, more arrogant foes.

India's defeat in this episode is a case study in the dangers of arrogance, miscalculation, and overconfidence. Military might unaccompanied by strategy is hollow. Economic power without responsibility is dangerous. And political bluster without foresight is self-destructive.

Pakistan's victory was not just on the battlefield — it was in the realm of perception, restraint, and national dignity. It turned India's misadventure into an inflection point, one that redefined the subcontinent's strategic calculus.

India lost more than jets, missiles, and billions. It lost its narrative. Its aura of invincibility. Its diplomatic edge. Pakistan, in contrast, gained more than a ceasefire. It gained respect, reinforced deterrence, and reminded the world that real power lies in resolve, not rhetoric.

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Pakistan Shows, India Hides

Abdul Basit Alvi

Pakistan remains one of the most in modern geopolitics. Over the from external human rights groups. vears, the two nuclear-armed nations have been involved in numerous wars, border skirmishes, and political standoffs, with Jammu and Kashmir continuing to be a key flashpoint. While both countries attempt to investigations in Kashmir or other contested

present or suppress information differ significantly. Pakistan is often viewed as more open in revealing evidence, providing information, and engaging with international media, whereas India is frequently accused of controlling the narrative, limiting access, and concealing crucial information, particularly regarding sensitive topics like

human rights, Kashmir, and military operations. A prime example of India's narrative control is the ongoing situation in IIOJK. Since the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, which stripped Kashmir of its special status, the Indian government imposed a total media blackout in the region. Journalists were detained, and those attempting to cover the realities on the ground were often intimidated or threatened. Meanwhile, the official government narrative, spread through national media outlets, portrayed an image of normalcy and development, despite widespread protests, civilian casualties, and human rights violations. The lack of independent reporting from Kashmir has raised serious concerns from international human rights organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, which have accused India of suppressing press freedom and obstructing the flow of information regarding the situation in the region. These organizations have documented arbitrary arrests, torture, and other abuses carried out under the guise of counterinsurgency operations. Yet, due to the media in media transparency between Pakistan and ency, and fairness.

he relationship between India and 📉 clampdown and restrictions on journalists, the 📉 India carries significant diplomatic and strategic world largely relies on official Indian government complex and contentious conflicts statements, which often conflict with reports

Adding to the complexity, the Indian government consistently refuses to allow international organizations, such as the United Nations or the European Union, to carry out independent shape their narratives, the methods they use to areas. Unlike Pakistan, which invites external

scrutiny, India has made it clear that it will not tolerate foreign intervention in its internal matters. This stance has fueled perceptions that India is hiding the true nature of its actions in Kashmir and other conflict zones from the global commu-

Media plays a crucial role in shaping public perception

during conflict, and in the case of India, the media often mirrors the government's policies. Pakistan's openness to media is seen as a means to garner international support. By allowing journalists and foreign observers access to the situation. Pakistan can challenge accusations and present itself as a victim in conflicts. On the other hand, India's stringent control over its media landscape has led to accusations of authoritarianism. Instances of government action against journalists critical of the administration and the sidelining of independent reporting in favor of pro-government coverage have raised concerns. Additionally, the government's strong ties with large media conglomerates have sparked fears about the independence of the media in India, with many alleging that the government uses media as a tool for propaganda. In contrast to India and IIOJK, national and international media are free to visit any part of Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), while the same freedom is restricted in India and IIOJK, where the situation is far more dire. The disparity

consequences. Pakistan's approach of permitting foreign media to report freely allows it to counter accusations and steer the global conversation in its favor. This strategy proves particularly effective in international arenas like the United Nations, where Pakistan consistently advocates for impartial investigations and highlights human rights abuses in Kashmir and other disputed regions. On the other hand, India has faced mounting criticism from international bodies and foreign governments for restricting independent reporting and denying external oversight in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The lack of transparency in this strategically vital region has raised growing concerns among Western nations, who have expressed disquiet over India's handling of dissent and its treatment of minority groups, especially Muslims.

In the wake of recent Indian attacks in various cities across Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), Pakistani authorities invited both national and international media to visit the affected sites. This effort aimed to ensure transparency and allow independent journalists to report the facts on the ground. Pakistan continues to uphold media freedom, allowing reporters to access and cover events from any region without restriction. In contrast, independent media access in India-particularly in HOJK—remains highly restricted. Journalists face limitations in movement and reporting, making it difficult for the global community to receive unbiased coverage of the situation there. The stark difference in media openness highlights broader concerns about press freedom and transparency in the region.

These facts should serve as a wake-up call for the world to distinguish between truth and falsehood. India's tendency to hide the reality and control the narrative stands in stark contrast to Pakistan's openness, which speaks volumes about its commitment to innocence, transpar-

Supremacy in the Skies: PAF's **Decisive Dominance in the** Indo-Pak War

Ahsan Ansari

airstrikes on Pakistan- administered with global air forces. Kashmir triggered a high-intenstrikes as counterterrorism operations, global analysts recognized them as a deliberate tional brand now attracting interest from several

attempt to disrupt the balance of power in South developing countries looking to strengthen their Asia. Pakistan, a nation that has consistently prioritized peace, once again demonstrated nuclear restraint and responded with great responsibility. The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) launched "Bunyan-ul-Marsous"—a defensive aerial operation that will be remembered for years as a remarkable example of modern warfare

Through network-centric warfare, Pakistan integrated its air and ground units in real-time, allowing for immediate data sharing and instant takedowns of enemy aircraft and drones.

This victory wasn't a spontaneous reactionit was the product of years of preparation, policy development, and military modernization. In recent years, Pakistan signed strategic agreements with China, under which fifth-generation stealth fighters like the J-35A will soon become part of the PAF arsenal.

In addition, Pakistan has initiated the development of its own indigenous advanced fighter iet under the PFX program, with a goal to make it fully operational within the next decade. This initiative will help Pakistan achieve self-reliance in aviation technology and strengthen its

defense industry on the global stage. Joint military exercises such as Indus Shield 2024 and Spears of Victory 2025 not only famil-

iarized PAF pilots with modern aerial combat

n May 2025, India's unjustified tactics but also enhanced their interoperability

Defense analysts lauded the performance sity war. While India portrayed these of the JF-17, stating that it is no longer just a local combat jet-it has become an interna-

air forces affordably and effec-

When PAF jets returned home after the mission, the entire nation celebrated with gratitude and pride. Social media and local news outlets were filled with patriotic songs and slogans. Across homes, streets, and neighborhoods, the people raised powerful chants

in support of their Air Force: "Pakistan Air Force Zindabad!" and "Long Live Pakistan!" This victory sent a strong message not only to the enemy but also reignited a sense of national pride, unity, and identity among Pakistanis. This war wasn't just won in the battlefield—it

was won in the hearts of the people. The 2025 Indo-Pak war carved a crystal-clear reality: Pakistan's skies are invincible. With courage, technology, and unshakable faith, the Pakistan Air Force proved once again that any attempt to breach its airspace would be met

with swift and decisive retribution. With divine support, Quaid-e-Azam's golden principles of Unity, Faith, and Discipline, and the unwavering trust of the people of Pakistan, the PAF stands as a shield—not only guarding against aggression but also ensuring peace.

"When the storm came, Pakistan's eagles soared even higher. The skies and history bear

"Pakistan Zindabad"

Algerian, Pakistani FMs talk over phone on regional developments after Pakistan-India ceasefire

ALGIERS: Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad, and African Affairs, Algeria, Mr. Ahmed Attaf on Sunday held a phone conversation with Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on the latest regional developments following the ceasefire agreement between India and

According to a statement from the Algerian Foreign Ministry, Dar briefed Attaf on the evolving regional situation, particularly the breakthrough that led to the ceasefire agreement.



Attaf welcomed the agreement, and voiced hope that it will be consolidated in the coming days to foster lasting, just, and comprehensive peace between the neighboring countries, which will in turn benefit the people of the two countries and strengthen regional security, read the

Meanwhile, a statement posted by the Pakistani Foreign Ministry on social media platform X said the two sides "agreed to maintain close coordination at multilateral fora, to achieve common objectives."

Pakistan and India announced earlier Saturday a ceasefire with immediate effect, following days of military strikes on each other.

Solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces

Islamabad Business Community Thanks General Asim Munir

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: On the invitation of UBG (FPCCI) Secretary General Zafar Bakhtawari, the business community of Islamabad held a thanksgiving gathering and cut a victory cake. On this occasion, presidents and heads of various trader organizations of Islamabad also participated and expressed solidarity with the Pakistan Armed Forces and Army Chief General Asim Munir.

They said that General Asim Munir raised the nation's head with pride and united the people. Among the notable attendees were ICCI Vice President Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry, G-11 Markaz President Naeem Akhtar Awan, D-12 Markaz President Zargham Shah, E-11 President Iftikhar Abbasi, General Secretary of the Traders Action Committee Khalid Chaudhry, I-8 President Waheed Cheema, F-10 Group Leader Tahir Abbasi, Blue Area Group Leader Yousaf Rajput, INT Center G-10 President Zafar Iqbal Gujar, G-7 Markaz President Altaf Hussain Shah Steel Market President Irfan Chaudhry, General Secretary of Aabpara Market Jamiat-ul-Quraish Khurshid Qureshi, ICCI Executive Member Roohail Anwar Butt, and former ICCI President Nisar Mirza.



and malicious designs of the enemy. "We salute and pay tribute to the Pakistan Armed Forces. We also salute the courage and bravery of Chief of Army Speaking on the occasion, Zafar Staff General Asim Munir, who made Bakhtawari said that the Pakistan the entire nation proud. The divisions

Akhtar Hussain Abbasi, President of Army thwarted the evil intentions within the nation have ended, and now Abdul Qadeer Khan and will show the the country stands united. While the leadership played its role in this victory, special tribute must be paid to the heads of the armed forces, particularly Army

Chief General Asim Munir." He added, "We will also not forget Dr.

world that the Pakistani nation remembers and honors its benefactors.

Other speakers also addressed the audience and congratulated the 'Shaheens' (falcons) for humiliating

'Urbanization and the Silent Struggle of Native Plants in D. I. Khan'

👺 Alina Rehman

The quiet crisis unfolding beneath Dera Ismail Khan's development is the silent disappearance of native plant species once thriving in the region. Among them, lesser-known plants that quietly uphold the area's ecological balance are being hit hardest by urbanization, careless land use, and climate change.

Natural habitats are vanishing under the rapid spread of roads, homes, and markets. Local herbs, shrubs, and trees are fading away before we even get the chance to understand their importance. Some have been valued for their healing properties for generations; others are outgrowing and overtaking native essential to healthy soil and the survival of local wildlife.

Adding to the crisis, invasive species introduced by human activity are



plants, competing for limited space and nutrients. These fast-spreading intruders often smother slower-growing indigenous plants, deepening the loss of

This isn't just about losing plants it's about unraveling an entire ecosystem. Birds, insects, and animals that depend on these plants for food and shelter are being pushed out or face extinction, slowly draining the region's natural vitality.

Yet, there is still hope. With growing awareness, grassroots conservation efforts, and environmental education, we can work to protect what's left. By replanting native species, preventing further habitat destruction, and documenting Dera Ismail Khan's rich plant life, we can keep this heritage alive. It will take a shared effort — from students to scientists to everyday citizens.

Because in the end, maintaining indigenous flora is more than merely conserving trees; it's about safeguarding our soil, our history, and our link with the environment of nature.

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China promotes dialogue to resolve the Pakistan-India crisis and enhance cooperation



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hina has played an active-role to stabilize the current crisis between Pakistan and India through dialogue. After the terrorist attack, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, reaffirming Chinese support for Pakistan's sovereignty. He urged a diplomatic resolution of all disputes, a permanent ceasefire and better cooperation. Even as he denounced the terror attack Pahalgam, he urged both countries to cooperate.

In current weeks, Pakistan and India have come dangerously close to a flashpoint. Minor miscalculations now carry the weight of catastrophe. Violations of international borders, missile threats against cities and military installations, and a chilling diplomatic silence have dragged the entire South Asian region into a haze of uncertainty.

On May 11th, both countries accused each other of violating a fragile truce, even as global attention turned toward the region. U.S. President Donald Trump, after initially brushing off the escalating tensions as "none of our business," reversed course. Vice President JD Vance called Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi following "alarming intelligence" about the conflict.

Trust is lacking between Pakistan and India. Without trust even a single miscalculation could ignite a conflict neither side can afford. It's time for renewed dialogue and deeper public engagement, stating that peace in South Asia cannot survive without face-to-face diplomacy and people-to-people contact.

Behind the scenes, a critical yet unresolved matter is reappearing: the future of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). Water specialists and policymakers have become more worried about India's latest unilateral suspension of treaty duties, a flow that jeopardizes the sensitive water balance between the two nuclear-armed international locations. In response, they're urging Islamabad to notify Washington regarding the problem, in particular due to the latest U. S.-mediated ceasefire that has helped lessen army tensions within the vicinity.

This diplomatic effort is driven by the wish that U. S. Intervention could provide India an opportunity to reinstate the treaty-without the political results of an overt reversal. Originally signed in 1960 with help from the World Bank, the IWT has been stated as one of the most successful water-sharing agreements internationally, surviving a couple of wars and border conflicts. As consistent with its stipulations, India holds control over the eastern rivers-Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej-while Pakistan is authorized to use the waters of the western rivers-Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab,

However, this balance is becoming fragile. Any disruption, especially all through heightened army and diplomatic tensions, risks upsetting an environmental and humanitarian disaster for limitless people. Pakistan closely is predicated on the western rivers for irrigation, consuming water, and hydropower. The failure of this settlement might now not best heighten distrust however can also ignite a bigger struggle bobbing up from useful resource instability-one that might increase uncontrollably in an already tense area.

On the diplomatic front, Islamabad's strategic community urges a full eset. Immediate ceasefire, restoration of hotlines, and a return to the 2003 Line of Control agreement are critical first steps. Embassies must be reactivated in both capitals, and comprehensive talks must resume-talks that include Kashmiris and are rooted in the framework of UN resolutions.

Public diplomacy, too, has to be brought back to life. Access to visas for students, journalists, artists and members of civil society has the ability to make space for empathy. What the media houses need is cooperation, not confrontation. And a still hobbled economy by global trauma needs trade, not tension. Shared problems-water, energy, climate-demand shared solutions, not standoffs.

The media's role is pivotal. It has to refuse to be a weapon of war. Where news is noise and headlines spark animosity, peace slips away. It's not a luxury anymore to report responsibly, it's required.

Yet none of these efforts will matter without intent. Real, visible political will. The youth of Pakistan and India want jobs, education, a future beyond gunpowder and grief. They are not asking for war-they are asking for air to breathe, borders they can cross, and peace they can live with.

History shows that dialogue always follows war. The wiser move is to talk before the blood is spilled. War destroys. Peace, when genuine, delivers prosperity, dignity, and hope.

Now is the moment to choose.

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DPM Dar briefs Wang Yi on evolving situation; Pakistan's careful calibrated response

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Saturday briefed Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the evolving regional situation in the wake of last night's Indian aggression and Pakistan's carefully calibrated response.

The DPM/FM spoke with the Chinese foreign minister and during the conversation, Foreign Minister Wang Yi acknowledged Pakistan's restraint and appreciated its responsible approach under challenging circumstances, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

Dera Ismail Khan and Environmental Change: A Story of Twenty years

Zeba Khan

about pure and the beauty of nature, Dera Ismail Khan's fertile land comes to mind, where golden sunlight used to scatter across the fields. There was a time when the rivers flowed with life, and the water displaced the vibrancy of life. But then time took a turn-a turn that not only changed the color of the land but also

at a bearable 40°C now regularly soar above 45°C, a glaring reminder of the environmental shifts at play. The impact of climate change is evident in the region's weather. The city now experiences longer, hotter summers, and unpredictable winters. Rainfall has become less frequent, leading to water shortages, and the frequency of sandstorms has increased. These fragrance of crops filled the air, dust storms not only diminish the air quality but also create health problems like respiratory issues for the residents. The changes in the climate are closely tied to the growing levels polluted the very air we breathe. of pollution caused by industrial-Summers that once peaked ization, urbanization, and a rise

in the number of vehicles

One of the most crucial environmental changes in Dera Ismail Khan is the deterioration of the Indus River (River Sindh), which has historically been the lifeblood of the region. The river once provided water for irrigation, agriculture, and daily life, but over time, it has become polluted due to industrial waste,

sewage, and agricultural runoff. The water quality has deteriorated significantly, affecting both the ecosystem and the local population who depend on it for drinking and farming.

To fight these environmental challenges, Imran khan Billion Tree Tsunami was launched in



2015. The initiative aimed to restore the lost green cover by planting millions of trees across Pakistan, including in Dera impact of extreme tempera-

Ismail Khan. This effort has started to improve air quality, reduce the

tures, and restore some of the region's natural beauty. While

the full effects are still unfolding,

it offers hope for a greener and

cooler future.

The future of Dera Ismail Khan lies in striking a balance between growth and conservation. The Billion Tree Tsunami holds the key to this future—a future where the city can breathe again, the river can flow freely, and the environment can thrive. If we stay committed, Dera Ismail Khan can once again become the paradise it was always meant to be—an oasis of green, fresh air, and a climate that nurtures life. It's not just a dream; it's a future within our

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| Danish Krone | 42.25 | 42.65 |
| Euro | 318.75 | 321.50 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 35.94 | 36.29 |
| Indian Rupee | 3.23 | 3.32 |
| Japanese Yen | 1.97 | 2.03 |
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Saifur Rehman Commends **General Asim** Munit and Brave Armed Forces

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Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman Sundav felicitated Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir and the valiant armed forces of Pakistan for inflicting a crushing defeat on the enemy.

In a message he said the entire nation stands united behind its brave military, which has once again demonstrated its unmatched professionalism, courage, and commitment to safeguarding the sovereignty of the motherland.

He lauded the sacrifices made by the armed forces and reaffirmed the business community's unwavering support for national defense.

He emphasized that a strong military guarantees peace, stability, and prosperity for the entire nation.

Strong industryacademia linkages a must for improvement: TEVTA Chairman

LAHORE: Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Chairman Brig. (R) Muhammad Sajid Khokhar Saturday underscored the urgent need for strong linkages between industry and academia to ensure the development of a skilled workforce aligned with industry

He was speaking here at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) where LCCI President Mian Abuzar Shad, Senior Vice President Engineer Khalid Usman and Vice President Shahid Nazir Chaudhry also spoke on the occasion while Executive Committee Members Engineer Iftikhar ahmad, Syed Hassan Raza and Abdul Majeed were also

Pakistan Army proves advanced weaponry can't match skill power: President FPCCI

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: A press conference was held at the FPCCI Regional Office in Lahore, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Atif Ikram Sheikh, alongside Regional Chairman and Vice President Zain Iftikhar Chaudhry, Patron-in-Chief of United Business Group S. M. Tanveer, Vice Presidents Zaki Aijaz and Aun Ali Syed, and other prominent business leaders, expressed unwavering support for Pakistan's Armed Forces.

They praised the military for not only defending every inch of the motherland with exceptional bravery but also for exhibiting remarkable restraint, strategic foresight, and steadfast courage in the face of unprovoked aggression.

Atif Ikram Sheikh underscored that the Pakistan Army has unequivocally shown the world that no level of advanced weaponry can substimeticulous planning, unshakable determination, and patriotic spirit.



He extended the highest tribute to Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, Chief tute for the power of professional excellence, of Air Staff Zaheer Ahmad Babar, and Chief exemplary leadership and composed handling

Bunyan-un-Marsoos."

remained operational, and business activities in every citizen.

of the situation, particularly during "Operation continued uninterrupted—an outcome made

possible by the public's deep confidence in the Despite the challenging circumstances, capability and readiness of their Armed Forces. of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf for their the Pakistani nation stood resilient. Markets The valor of the Pakistan Army has instilled pride

National Flags Displayed

ISLAMABAD: A view of National flags fixed on poles at Constitution Avenue for celebrates Pakistan-India ceasefire, and showing solidarity with Pak Army, in the Federal Capital.



RCCI Salutes Civil-Military Leadership on Glorious Victory

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has paid rich tribute to Pakistan's Armed Forces and civil leadership on the occasion of a glorious national victory against Indian aggression. RCCI President Usman Shaukat extended heartfelt congratulations to the entire nation, applauding the unwavering resolve, courage, and professionalism demonstrated in defense of Pakistan's sovereignty.

"We salute our civil and military leadership for this historic triumph, which reflects the unmatched bravery, strategic brilliance, and patriotism of our forces. This victory is a powerful reminder that Pakistan remains resilient and united in the face of all challenges," he stated.

He expressed deep appreciation to President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Senator Ishaq Dar And the top military leadership: General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), General Syed Asim Munir, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), Admiral Naveed Ashraf, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu, Chief of



the Air Staff

President Usman Shaukat also commended the strategic leadership of General Asim Munir, whose vision has garnered global respect. "Our Air Force has once again showcased world-class precision and strength-MashAllah. The Navy's steadfast dedication equally deserves the nation's applause."

RCCI Group Leader Sohail Altaf praised the spirit of national unity during this critical time. "The entire Pakistan Zindabad!"

nation deserves appreciation for standing

The business community, too, stood firmly with our Armed Forces, and the resolve demonstrated at RCCI will be remembered for years. The media's role was exemplary. We thank Almighty Allah for His countless blessings.'

"Heartiest congratulations to the nation. May Allah keep us united, strong, and safe from every evil eye. Aameen.

PFC observes Thanksgiving Day for crushing defeat to India



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) Sunday observed "Youm-e-Tashakur for crushing defeat of the enemy" and lauded the Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir for a "landslide victory" in a war with India.

The event, held here today brought together industry leaders to express gratitude toward the army, Navy and PAF. PFC CEO Mian Kashif the council's focus on inter-Ashfaq briefly speaking on twining economic resilience the occasion hailed the with national security narraarmed forces' role in safe-

guarding national sovereignty, linking security to economic stability. "Our military's valor ensures a peaceful environment for trade and growth," he stated, emphasizing unity between civic and defense sectors.

He praised Gen Munir's leadership, crediting the armed forces for protecting national interests. The PFC underscored its

commitment to bolstering national morale, aligning industrial progress with patriotism.

The ceremony concluded with pledges to support defense initiatives, reflecting tives.

Business Community Applauds Armed Forces' Thunderous Victory

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: **Business** community from South Punjab Sunday congratulated the valiant armed forces of Pakistan for landslide victory against arch enemy inflicting huge losses to their military infrastructure, installations and air bases.

In a statement here today, Convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional committee on food shahid Imran praised the armed forces' valor and operational precision, calling the triumph a "defining moment" for national secu-

He underscored that the military's success not only bolstered national morale but also reinforced regional stability, creating a safer



environment for economic

He emphasized that robust defense capabilities are pivotal to attracting foreign investment and sustaining economic growth. "A secure Pakistan is a prosperous Pakistan,". He reiterated unwavering support for the armed forces, acknowledging the sacrifices of personnels.

The victory sends a clear message of Pakistan's resilience against aggression, further uniting the nation in pride and patriotism he concluded.

'A Call for Peace: Iftikhar Malik urges dialogue and collaboration'

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former ceasefire emphasizing its potential to foster stability in a region home

Asia, underscored the ceasefire as a critical opportunity to rebuild trust between the nuclear-armed neighbors. "Sustainable peace is the President Iftikhar Ali Malik bedrock of prosperity," he stated, Sunday hailed the Pakistan-India urging both countries to prioritize the region's 1.9 billion population. dialogue and collaboration.

He linked the détente to to one-fifth of the global popula- economic revival and reduced hostilities could unlock trade, In statement here today popular investment, and regional connecoctogenarian trade leader of South tivity projects. South Asia's GDP

potential hampered by decades of nstability

'A peaceful environment attracts global investors," he added, stressing the need to capitalize on

Iftikhar Malik expressed optimism that the ceasefire could reignite multilateral cooperation, transforming South Asia into a hub

of growth and innovation. He said peace is not just a polit-



ical imperative but an economic necessity. A durable peace would send a strong message globally that dialogue, not conflict and war is the path forward, he added.

He also called upon all SAARC member states to support this positive development and push for a revival of the regional economic

Zalmi Foundation announces PKR 50m in honor of Pakistan's **Air Defenders**

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Peshawar Zalmi has pledged Rs50 million in support of Pakistani pilots, recognizing their "heroic response" to recent missile and drone strikes by India.

The announcement was made on Sunday, as the country observed a "Day of Gratitude" declared by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to acknowledge Pakistan's military response to the cross-border aggression.

Wednesday, targeted several Pakistani jets—an account partially confirmed who defend our skies with unwavering remaining matches.



cities. In response, Pakistan claimed

by Indian government sources who resolve.' acknowledged the loss of at least three

Javed Afridi, chairman of Peshawar Zalmi, emphasized the severity of the threat to national security and praised the swift and precise action of Pakistan's air defense forces, which helped prevent large-scale damage.

"Their unwavering courage, dedication, and sacrifice are the heartbeat of our national pride," said Afridi.

This contribution is more than a gesture — it is a symbol of deep The strikes, which occurred on to have shot down five Indian fighter respect and solidarity with the heroes

The pledge came as a U. S.-brokered ceasefire appeared to hold on Sunday, following four days of intense conflict—the deadliest between the nuclear-armed neighbors since the 1999 Kargil War. Nearly 60 people were killed, and thousands displaced amid the hostilities.

As a result of the escalation, both India and Pakistan postponed their domestic Twenty20 cricket leagues to ensure the safety of players and fans. Cricket authorities in both countries are currently in talks to reschedule the

Shahid Afridi congratulates Pakistan Army, criticizes Modi's clears the air policies toward minorities

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Cricket icon Shahid Khan Afridi expressed strong support for the Pakistan Armed Forces while also sharply criticizing Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies during a public rally held at Sea View in Karachi on Sunday.

Addressing a large gathering, Afridi paid tribute to the military, highlighting their role in national defense and their restraint amid regional

He also used the platform to comment on India's internal policies, particularly regarding its treatment of religious and ethnic minorities.

"I had already said that Narendra Modi should behave like a human being," Afridi stated.

"Minorities in India are facing oppression. Neither Muslims nor the 'Hindu card.' Now that his political

He added, "Pakistan wishes for But Narendra Modi's mindset is ques-



mosques, Sikhs or other minorities mentor has entered the fray, we hope things will move in a better direction."

Afridi also appreciated Pakistan Indians to visit and play cricket here. Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's recent representation

calling it a "positive gesture".

Commenting on military tensions, he said, "India did not realise the extent of our skills and technology. They targeted our civilians, yet we refrained from doing the same to

tionable—he incites tensions and plays of Pakistan in the international media, IPL chiefs in talks about restart

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: board officials were reported to be meeting Sunday to discuss a quick resumption of the IPL, following India and Pakistan agreeing to a ceasefire in their deadly border conflict.

Nuclear-armed neighbours India and Pakistan called a halt to hostilities on Saturday, and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Devajit Saikia told website cricbuzz they were "closely monitoring the evolving situation."

Saikia added they will "take a call on IPL resumption after consulting all stakeholders of IPL and the concerned government authorities.

Rajeev Shukla, vice-president of the reported hours earlier. BCCI, told Indian media that officials would meet on Sunday to decide the future course of action.

The Indian Premier League was on Friday suspended for a week, a day after a match between Punjab Kings



following ceasefire: reports

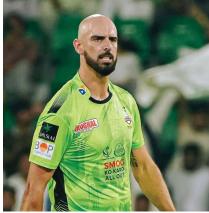
A special train was arranged for players to return to Delhi on Friday as airspace was closed, while overseas stars began to head home on Saturday.

Teams on Sunday were reported to be contacting their overseas players and Delhi Capital was abandoned and coaching staff about returning, in Dharamsala, less than 200 kilo- with website ESPNcricinfo saying metres (125 miles) from the northern the IPL could restart around May 15 city of Jammu, where explosions were if given the go-ahead by the govern-

There are 12 regular season games remaining to be played followed by three playoff matches and the final, originally scheduled for May 25.

India and Pakistan have fought two of their three full-scale wars over Kashmir, a disputed territory that both claim in full but administer separate portions of since gaining independence from British rule in 1947.

Daryl Mitchell about playing in Pakistan amidst Indian media reports



New Zealand's all-rounder Daryl Mitchell shared his thoughts regarding the crossborder tensions between India and Pakistan, clarifying Indian media reports suggesting he would not visit the country in the future.

The tensions between India and Pakistan reached fever-pitch following an attack last month in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) town of Pahalgam that killed 26 tourists.

However, the situation returned to normal after an immediate ceasefire on Saturday, following days of deadly jet fighter, missile, drone and artillery atta

Due to the growing tensions, PSL 10 was postponed indefinitely, leading to the return of overseas players to their home countries.

Mitchell, who was playing for Lahore Qalandars, was also among the players who returned home after the marquee event's postponement.

Meanwhile, several Indian media outlets reported that Mitchell vowed to not play in Pakistan again.

In a statement released by Lahore Qalandars, Daryl Mitchell shared his thoughts on the conflict between the two countries while on his way back home.

"It's been tough to watch two countries that are so close to my heart in conflict over the past few days. My thoughts are with those affected on both sides," Daryl Mitchell

The all-rounder stressed the importance of peace between both countries and expressed his determination to return in the future.

"Both the PSL and IPL have played major roles in my career, and I've always cherished my time in both tournaments. I hope peace prevails and we can get back to playing the game we love and continue giving back to the amazing people who support us," said Mitchell.

"It feels good to be heading home to my family, but I'm also looking forward to returning to both countries in the future places I truly love spending time in," he concluded.

Sajid Sadpara summits World's 7th highest mountain



ISLAMABAD: Pakistani mountaineer Sajid Ali Sadpara has successfully summited Dhaulagiri (8,167m), the world's 7th highest mountain, without supplemental oxygen.

According to Karrar Haidri, Secretary, Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP), this extraordinary accomplishment was made possible with the support of Seven Summit Treks Nepal and Sabroso Pakistan, with technical climbing gear proudly sponsored by Kailas.

He said it is a proud and historic moment for Pakistan and the global mountaineering community.

Bangladesh tour of Pakistan for T20 series set to be on track



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Bangladesh cricket team's upcoming tour of Pakistan remains on track, with no security concerns or reservations raised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), according to sources familiar with the matter.

Despite regional uncertainties and evolving geopolitical dynamics, the BCB has not expressed any apprehensions regarding the tour.

Sources confirmed that the five-match T20 International series between Pakistan and Bangladesh will be held as scheduled.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board is willing to send their team to Pakistan, even amid the changing regional situation," a source

The T20I series will be played at Faisalabad, with the opening match set to take place on May 25.

The exact location of the remaining matches is yet to be officially confirmed, but will remain within Pakistan.

Bangladesh's squad is currently on a tour of the United Arab Emirates and is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on May 21, following the conclusion of their UAE fixtures.

Jannik Sinner makes triumphant return from doping ban at Italian Open



Jannik Sinner made no mistake on his return to tennis on Saturday after a three-month doping ban, sweeping aside Mariano Navone in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 at the Italian Open in front of thrilled fans in Rome.

World number one Jannik Sinner cruised past Argentina's Navone in one hour and 39 minutes in front of over 10,000 supporters at the Foro Italico to set up a third-round clash with lucky loser Jesper de Jong.

The Italian had not played since winning the Australian Open in January due to the suspension he accepted from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) the following month.

He twice tested positive for traces of banned substance clostebol in March last year, although WADA accepted that the 23-year-old had been accidentally contaminated by his physi-

And Sinner delighted a partisan and packed centre court in the Italian capital, shaking off the cobwebs as he eyes a run at Roland Garros later this month.

"I tried to give everything I have, you know, I think that's the only thing I can do. That's the only thing I can control right now." said Jannik Sinner.

"It's an amazing feeling. It's a special feeling. I never take things granted. And yeah, I'm just happy to be back."

The three-time Grand Slam winner's last clay court match was his epic semi-final defeat to rival Carlos Alcaraz at last year's French Open, and while the crowd matched such a big occasion on Saturday, the tennis did not.

Eduan, Simbine shine at world relays

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Success Eduan lived up to her name by anchoring 42.28sec, with the Jamaican ing Britain to a thrilling victory in the 4x100m at the world relays in Guangzhou on Sunday as Akani Simbine led South Africa to victory in the men's event.

Eduan produced a thrilling final leg to outpace Jamaica's Shericka Jackson and Twanisha Terry of with teammates Nia Wedderburn-Goodison, Amy Hunt and Bianca Williams.

"I did not think too much of (the) others, I just knew that if I the fight for another day." gave all myself in, it would come

out all right," said Eduan. winner, I don't care if Shericka or Shelly-Ann (Fraser-Pryce), respect to give my all and I'm going to pass them and I'm going to win. And we did that!"

Spain snatched a shock silver quartet also featuring multi-medalled Fraser-Pryce taking bronze (42.33), just five-hundredths ahead of the US team.

"We came out, took the chance, got a medal, qualified for the world championship in Tokyo," said Fraser-Pryce, whose first the United States for gold along Olympic gold medal was at the 2008 Beijing Games.

"All in all we are very pleased. We are grateful for getting a bronze medal, and we will leave

South Africa had in-form Simbine, winner of the two "I have a mentality of a opening Diamond League 100m races this season, to thank for an electric anchor leg as he powered to them, are running. I am going past Brandon Hicklin for gold in the men's 4x100m relay.

The team also featuring Bayanda Walaza, Sinesipho Dambile and Bradley Nkoana clocked a world leading time of

The US took silver in 37.66sec, with Canada, featuring the same quartet who won gold in last year's Paris Olympics, claiming bronze.

"Once I got the baton I saw that US (were) in front of us, I just said to myself'I need to catch the guy in front," said Simbine.

"I knew I could do it, and I just chased him. I feed from chasing, I feed from being able to chase. So it's really great to be able to be in that position and get through it and get to the line first."

'My biggest dream' There was another upset in the women's 4x400m relay, with Spain pushing the US team, the defending Olympic champions, into second.

Spanish anchor leg Blanca Hervas was overtaken on the final lap but she held her nerve to slowly reel back in a flagging Bailey Lear.

Paula Sevilla ran the first leg for Spain, just minutes after taking part in the 4x100m relay, with Eva Santidrian and Daniela Fra completing the winning line-up as they timed 3:24.13.

The US took silver in 3:24.72 with South Africa rounding out the podium in 3:24.84.

"Myself and all of them never felt like this before," said Hervas. "We are crazy excited — gold medal, world relays champion, national record, everything — my biggest dream, I am so thankful."

The South Africans brought two days of competition - which also served as qualifiers for the world athletics championships in Tokyo in September — to an end with gold in the men's 4x400m



The quartet of Gardeo Isaacs, Udeme Okon, Leendert Koekemoer and Zakithi Nene

raced home in 2:57.50. Alexander Doom produced his trademark late push to guar-

with Botswana taking bronze (2:58.27).

The US foursome of Chris Irby-Jackson earlier claimed gold antee silver for Belgium in 2:58.19, championship record of 3:09.54. in 40.30sec.

And the Canadian quartet of Sade McCreath, Marie-Eloise Leclair, Duan Asemota and Robinson, Courtney Okolo, Eliezer Adjibi topped the podium Johnnie Blockburger and Lynna ahead of Jamaica and Britain in the mixed 4x100m relay, winning in the mixed 4x400m relay in a the first ever holding of the event

The Spokesman

Waving flag ISLAMABAD: A view of National flags fixed on poles at zero point bridge to celebrate Pakistan-India ceasefire, and showing solidarity with Pak Army, in the Federal Capital. SYMBOL OF UNITY

Nation observes 'Youm-e-Tashakur' on success of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The nation is observing 'Youm-e-Tashakur' (Day of Gratitude) on Sunday across the country to celebrate the remarkable success of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos.

Large crowds took to the streets in cities including Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi, Peshawar, and Quetta, victory against Indian forces. waving flags and expressing solidarity with the armed forces. The partici-Army" from Karachi to Kashmir.

In addition, "Long Live Pakistan"

Renala Khurd, Chiniot, Vehari, and Kasur. People in large numbers gathered in Swat, Mohmand, Nowshera, and Qila Bala Hissar in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to honour the armed forces.

The participants also distributed sweets to celebrate armed forces'

A rally was also held in Muzafarahad by Iamaat-e-Islami where pants chanted "Long live Pakistan" participants chanted slogan "Kashmir" stani jet JF 17 Thunder destroyed | allow Sikh pilgrims to cross over to will become Pakistan."

more, Faisalabad, Jhang, Gujranwala, Sharif to celebrate the success of Operation Bunyan-un-Marsoos.

Earlier, Pakistan had launched Operation 'Bunyan-un-Marsoos' (Iron Wall) in response to Indian aggression and destroyed many military installations of the enemy.

Pakistan had destroyed Indian Brahmos missile depot in Beas, Pathankot airfield, and Adampur airbase.

Hypersonic missile fired by Paki Indian S400 air defence system in The rallies are being held on the Udhampur. The system costs \$1.5 rallies were held in Kandhkot, Kash- call given by Prime Minister Shehbaz billion. This is a great loss of India.

Pakistan reopens *Kartarpur* Corridor after ceasefire; Ĭndia yet to respond



跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan has restored the Kartarpur Corridor for Sikh devotees shortly after the announcement of a ceasefire agreement with India, 24NewsHD TV channel reported on Sunday.

The corridor had been closed on May 7 due to heightened border tensions following Indian drone attacks on Pakistani territory. While Pakistan has reopened its side of the corridor. India has yet to perform their religious duties.

According to Kartarpur Corridor management, India has not shared any information regarding the resumption of pilgrim travel. As a result, while local and overseas Sikh pilgrims continue to arrive from the Pakistani side, the Zero Line Gate on the Indian side remains closed.

Don't rush back, unexploded shells still a threat: Indian police tells LoC villages in IOK

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir police has urged residents near the LoC to stay away from home until unexploded shells are cleared following cross-border shelling. Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday asked border villages residents, who were evacuated to safer places in view of cross border shelling by Pakistan, not to rush back to homes as they are yet to sanitize and clear these areas of any unexplored shells.

More than 1.25 lakh residents of villages close to Line of Control in Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara districts were evacuated to safer a very high risk of being targeted in Pakistani shelling.

Lives are at risk as unexplored munitions remain (scattered) after Pakistani shelling," an advisory issued by the police said. Bomb disposal squads will be sent to affected areas to sanitize and clear the villages of with "seriousness and responsibility".

any unexplored shells which can lead to loss of human lives, it said. As many as 41 lives were lost in explosions of leftover shells near the LoC in 2023 alone," the advisory read, highlighting the dangers of civilians rushing back to villages. The Poonch district accounted for the highest 18 of the total 25 fatalities with over 50 others injured since Wednesday. shortly after India carried out Operation Sindoor, striking nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and PoK to avenge the April 22 Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead. India and Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect after four places as their habitations were at days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. However, hours later New Delhi accused Islamabad of breaching it. In a late night media briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation

Our forces wisely struck fear into the enemy: AJK Minister Information



Spokesman Report

NEELAM: Minister for Information, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah said that he pays tribute to the district administration, journalists and the people of Neelam for defeating India's war madness. With India's defeat, the Kashmir issue has been highlighted at the international level.

"Banyan Marsus" and the success Pahalgam false flag operation by India the whole world. has also flopped. A solution to the Ker issue is indispensable for lasting mosques, innocent children and peace in South Asia. These views were expressed by the Minister for Information, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar innocent martyrs, which we are all Saeed Shah while addressing a press proud of. Pir Mazhar Saeed Shah said conference at the Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall. Deputy istration.

Commissioner Nadeem Ahmed Janjua and SP Khawaja Muhammad Siddique were also present on the occasion, Pir Mazhar Saeed Shah said that our martyrs are our pride and we will never forget their sacrifices. During the war with India, the spirit of jihad of the entire nation was visible and the nation stood behind the Pakistan Army like a lead wall for the security of the country and nation. Jour-Our forces have wisely struck fear nalists contributed to the victory with into the enemy. Where the whole a responsible attitude, for which I pay world has recognized Operation tribute to them. Journalists highlight the Kashmir issue at the international of our Shaheens, the film of the level and highlight India's atrocities to

> He said that India targeted women, while the Pakistan Army struck their defense installations. Our Shaheens have taken revenge for the that I congratulate the district admin-

150 international and national flights cancelled countrywide

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Although Pakistan and India have agreed to a ceasefire following days of heightened tensions, flight schedules across Pakistan remain severely disrupted.

Despite visible improvement wide today, causing distress among are facing uncertain delays. passengers and adding to logistical



in the airspace situation, a total of woes. Among these, 138 were inter-150 flights were cancelled nation- national flights, while several others

Key breakdown of cancelled flights

including 45 at Karachi Airport, 40 at Islamabad Airport, 38 at Lahore Airport, 10 at Multan Airport, 11 at Peshawar Airport and six at Sialkot

According to airport authorities, although airspace remains open, lingering aircraft unavailability, operational backlogs, and residual tension from recent aggression have delayed a full return to normal flight schedules.

India admits Pak army inflicts heavy military losses

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Indian military on Saturday admitted that Pakistan army inflicted large-scale destruction on its installations in retaliatory action.

Pakistan, after warning India of its retaliation in the face of Delhi's war frenzy, launched Operation Bunyanun-Marsoos after Fajar prayers.

According to the Indian army, Pakistan carried out attacks, with precise accuracy, on more than 26 locations, damaging military equipment. The biggest blow was delivered by the Pakistan Air Force when it destroyed S-400 air defense system.

the destruction of its defense shield, but later stated that it would issue details

Pakistan used latest missiles to target the military admitted.

Pakistan Air Force downed five they acknowledged three French-made



in its occupied Kashmir when Reuters The Indian army, however, denied news agency showed the wreckage of the fallen iets.

Meanwhile, both the Indian Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs have acknowledged that Pakian airbase in the Indian state of Punjab, stan's attacks caused heavy damage to their bases.

Pakistan, in a strong response to Indian fighter jets and the Indian Indian aggression, destroyed multiple military rejected that news. Later, airfields including Udhampur, Adampur, Sherkot, Akhnoor, Jammu, planes were "crashed" in different areas Bathinda, Sirsa, Sasaram, Barnala,

and Mamun, as well as several military outposts.

The Indian government also admitted that Pakistan launched a cyberattack on its power company in the state of Maharashtra, completely crippling the system and plunging a vast area into darkness. Pakistan also jammed a military satellite disrupting its defense system. In addition, Pakistani drones flew for several hours over Gujarat, the home state of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

