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India suspends IWT, downgrades diplomatic ties with Pakistan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday suspended the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) and announced downgrading diplomatic ties with Pakistan including expulsion of its military attaches in view of cross-border links to the Pahalgam terror attack.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met this evening under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and firmed up the responses to the terror attack.

The CCS also decided to close the Integrated Check Post at Attari with immediate effect, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a late evening press briefing.

It is learnt that the CCS lasted for around two-and-a-half hours.

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PM Narendra Modi and other members of Cabinet Committee on Security during meeting.

- ▶▶ **The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.**
- ▶▶ **The Integrated Check Post Attari will be closed with immediate effect. Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return through that route before 01 May 2025.**
- ▶▶ **Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) visas. Any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled. Any Pakistani national currently in India under SVES visa has 48 hours to leave India.**

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On closing of the Integrated Check Post at Attari, Misri said those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return through that route before May 1.

Misri said, "The defence, military, naval and air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi are declared Persona Non Grata."

They have a week to leave India, he said.

India will be withdrawing its own defence, navy and air advisors from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. "These posts in the respective

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J&K Govt condemns heinous Pahalgam terror strike

Council of Ministers to work closely with LG administration to ensure safety of every citizen

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Council of Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir convened a crucial meeting on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, in the aftermath of heinous terror attack that occurred in Baisaran, Pahalgam on April 22, 2025.

The Council of Ministers expressed profound grief and outrage over the tragic loss of innocent lives and the injuries sustained by civilians in this barbaric and cowardly act. It unequivocally condemned this senseless act of terror, which constitutes a direct assault on peace, unity and the democratic values cherished by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The Government stands in unwavering solidarity with the families of the victims and reaffirms its steadfast commitment towards ensuring justice, strengthening security and upholding the

indomitable spirit of brotherhood and resilience that defines Jammu and Kashmir. The Council of Ministers emphasized the Government's firm determination to support in bringing the perpetrators of this horrific act to justice and take all necessary steps to safeguard the life and liberty of every citizen. As a mark of respect, a two-minute silence was observed during the meeting. The Council of Ministers further resolved that the following measures shall be undertaken:

1. While security is not the

Summon Assembly Session on April 28: J&K Cabinet advises LG

JAMMU: The Council of Ministers, under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, decided to advise the Lieutenant Governor to summon the special session of Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir on April 28, 2025 at Jammu at 10:30 AM.

direct responsibility of the elected Government, the Council of Ministers shall work in close coordination with the Lieutenant Governor's administration to ensure the life and safety of every citizen, especially tourists and residents in vulnerable areas.

2. Ensure immediate disbursement of ex-gratia relief among the next of kin of the deceased and to those injured, as announced.

3. Make necessary arrangements for the best possible medical treatment of the injured and facilitating the return of tourists and

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Bharat will not bend to terror: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday asserted that the country will not bend to terror and that those responsible for the killing of tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir will not be spared.

After laying wreaths on the bodies of those killed in the terror attack, he said on X, "With a heavy heart, paid last respects to the deceased of the Pahalgam terror attack. 'Bharat will not bend to terror: The culprits of this dastardly terror attack will not be spared,' he said.

Shah laid wreaths on the coffins of the victims of the ter-

ror attack at the Police Control Room here. 'The Home Minister later interacted with families of the slain persons and other survivors of the attack. He assured them the security forces would leave no stone unturned to bring the perpetrators of the deadly attack to the book, officials said. Shah also visited Baisaran meadows, the scene of gruesome killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam.

Later, in another post, the Home Minister said every Indian feels the pain of those who lost their loved ones in the terrorist attack and that words cannot express

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Pahalgam massacre probe: Terrorists were trained in Pakistan; sketches released, bounty announced

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Initial investigations into the audacious terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 people indicate that the number of terrorists involved could range from five to seven, aided by at least two local militants who received training in Pakistan, officials said on Wednesday.

According to the officials piecing together the available evidence, the role of Aadil Thokar alias Aadil Guree, a resident of Bijbehara, has emerged based on identification by the wife of one of the deceased tourists. Officials believe that Aadil



Thokar crossed over to Pakistan in 2018 where he underwent armed training with the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit before infiltrating back into India to carry out attacks. The probe suggests that while four terrorists lined up

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NIA team reaches terror-hit Pahalgam

NEW DELHI: A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) led by an Inspector General on Wednesday reached terror-hit Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said.

The team would provide assistance to the local police probing Tuesday's dastardly terrorist attack, the sources said.

The anti-terror agency's team visited the Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam, the spot of Tuesday's deadly

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CM calls all-party meet to discuss fallout of terror attack

Hails 'ponywallah' who died trying to save tourists

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said he has convened an all-party meeting to discuss the fallout of the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 tourists were killed and a dozen others were injured.

"In the aftermath of the attack in Pahalgam I have called an all-party meeting tomorrow afternoon. I have sent out letters of invitation to all major political parties, all honourable Members of Parliament from Jammu and Kashmir and the Leader of Opposition in the J-K assembly," Abdullah posted on X.

The meeting is scheduled to be held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre at 3 pm on Thursday.

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Jammu-Srinagar NH opened for one-way traffic; special train for stranded passengers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The landslide-hit Jammu-Srinagar national highway was reopened for one-way traffic on Wednesday after remaining closed for three days, while a special train has been launched from Katra to New Delhi to assist the stranded passengers to reach their destinations, an official spokesperson said. The highway, the only all-weather road connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, was opened in the wake of a terror attack in the tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday, in which at least 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

Thousands of tourists are leaving Kashmir after the gruesome terror attack, with authorities making all efforts for their safe return to their respective home states. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said it was "heart-breaking" to see the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 37.2°C Min: 21.6°C

Humidity
Max: 36 Min: 20

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.2°C Min: 8.8°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 41

Sunset : 19:06 Hours
Sunrise : 05:52 Hours

Complete shutdown observed, high pitch protests held in parts of Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Several parts of Jammu region observed a complete shutdown on Wednesday to protest the terror attack in Pahalgam, officials said.

Besides Jammu city, shutdown was observed in Reasi, Udhampur, Katra, Kathua, and Samba.

Protests were held in several parts of Jammu city, with many protesters raising anti-Pakistan slogans.

"We want a befitting reply to Pakistan on the pattern of surgical strikes to destroy terror bases there. We want terrorists and their supporters in J-K to be eliminated," senior BJP leader Yudhvir



Deserted roads, closed establishments, protest rallies mark Jammu Bandh on Wednesday. (Pics by Ashok Anand)

Sethi told reporters here. He further said Pakistan will never end support to terrorism and that strict action should be taken.

"We want to avenge the killings. Security forces should take revenge," another BJP leader Rajesh Gupta said.

In Reasi, hundreds of people took out a march and burnt tyres as a mark of protest.

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People involved in Pahalgam attack will get strong response: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: People involved in the cowardly terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam will get a "strong response" in the "near future" and India cannot be "intimidated" by any such terrorist acts, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday, in the first clear indication of India's possible response to the incident.

He also said that India will not only hunt down those who perpetrated the attack but will also trace the people who conspired to carry out the nefarious act on Indian soil



while "sitting behind the scenes". The defence minister's remarks while delivering the annual Arjan Singh Memorial lecture came a day after 26 people were killed by terror-

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ists in Pahalgam in an attack that triggered wide-spread outrage within India and abroad. Hours before the address, Singh reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in a nearly two-and-a-half-hour meeting that was attended by NSA Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. Yesterday, in Pahalgam, our country lost many innocent citizens in a

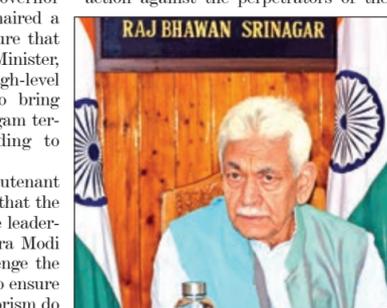
LG reviews security situation at high level meeting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday chaired a security review meeting to ensure that directions passed by Home Minister, Amit Shah in yesterday's high-level meeting is followed swiftly to bring those responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack to justice, according to sources.

During the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor is learnt to have said that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains fully committed to avenge the killing of our citizens and to also ensure that such dastardly acts of terrorism do not recur.

The Lieutenant Governor is learnt to have told the meeting that Home Minister has directed that all might

must be used for the strongest possible action against the perpetrators of the



Pahalgam terror attack and the ecosystem of terrorism has to be completely dismantled.

He said that nothing can compensate

for the innocent lives that have been lost in the most heinous terror attack. But it is important to ensure that we avenge the killing of our citizens and completely destroy terror outfits and those aiding and abetting terrorists wherever they are. "DCs and SSPs must take steps on the ground to restore a sense of security to the people and take care of their needs. I want to assure the nation that the scourge of terrorism will be fought with determination. All means and measures must be taken to avenge Pahalgam terror attack," the Lieutenant Governor is learnt to have directed the DGP and senior police officials.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretary, DGP and all senior civil administration and police officials.

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