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wait a couple of days before returning home.  
"We saw drones and rockets flying all over last night even after ceasefire was announced. We are praying that this ceasefire is permanent but we want to wait couple of days," Abdul Aziz, a resident of Uri, said.  
Dozens of drones were seen flying over Kashmir valley on Saturday evening in violation of the ceasefire agreement.

## Don't rush back...

areas to sanitize and clear the villages of 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 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 with "seriousness and responsibility".

## LG, Dy CM...

to the grieving son of the officer and expressed his sympathies to the family.  
After the wreath laying ceremony, the tricolor-wrapped coffin carrying the body of the officer was dispatched to his home town for last rites.

## Dr Thapa cremated...

friends and numerous admirers in this hour of grief. I pray for peace for the departed soul," Sinha said.  
Talking to reporters after the cremation, the Deputy Chief Minister said the officer and all those who lost their lives in the four-day-long conflict between India and Pakistan will be remembered forever for their sacrifice.  
"He was known for his dedication, competence, unwavering professionalism and people-friendly approach, and his departure is a big loss for J&K," Choudhary said.  
The Deputy Chief Minister, who also visited the officer's residence on Saturday, asserted that the government stands firmly with his family in this hour of grief.  
"I spent two days with him recently during my tour of Rajouri-Poonch districts to take stock of the situation in the wake of Pakistani shelling," he said, adding this is the sacrifice of the people like Thapa and the border residents, which makes India and J&K strong.  
Sharma, a senior B-JP leader, also paid rich tributes to the officer and said he will be remembered for his professionalism and dedication.  
He also praised the Indian armed forces for carrying out recent precision strikes against terror infrastructure across the border and said this demonstrated the strong will of the BJP-led central government.



LG Manoj Sinha consoling family members of martyr ADDC Dr Raj Kumar Thapa.

## SIA raids 20...

narratives aimed not only at challenging the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India but also at inciting disaffection, public disorder, and communal hatred," they said.  
The officials said J&K police is keeping surveillance on the terror associates and overground workers (OGW) working in Kashmir.  
"Technical intelligence indicated that a host of sleeper cells in Kashmir were in direct contact with their handlers based in Pakistan and were involved in conveying sensitive and strategic information about security forces and vital installations via messaging apps, including but not limited to WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal and so on," they added.  
The officials said these terror associates were also involved in online radical propaganda on the behest of terrorist commanders of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhammed, impinging upon the national security and integrity.  
"The State Investigation Agency, Kashmir is steadfast in the commitment of safeguarding national security and upholding public order. It will continue to take firm action against individuals or groups involved in any kind of secessionist and terrorist activities", the official said.

## Op Sindoor symbol...

witnessed what India can do if terror attacks are carried out on its soil. Following the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that this New India will take effective action against terrorism on both sides of the border," he said.  
Rajnath Singh asserted that the operation was launched to destroy terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK, and innocent civilians were not targeted, however, Pakistan targeted the civilian areas in India and tried to attack temples, gurdwaras and churches.  
"Our Armed Forces displayed valour and restraint and gave a befitting reply by attacking many military bases of Pakistan. Not only did we take action against military bases adjacent to the border, but the indignation of our Armed Forces reached even Rawalpindi, where the Pakistani military headquarters are located," he said.  
On the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre, the Defence Minister said it will strengthen India's efforts towards Aatmanirbharta in defence and contribute to the socio-economic development of the region by generating significant direct and indirect employment.  
He described the inauguration on National Technology Day as a landmark moment, which reflects India's growing innovative energy and aligns with the rapid global transformation in critical, high end and frontier technologies.  
Rajnath Singh called BrahMos as not just one of the world's fastest supersonic cruise missiles, but a message of the strength of the Indian Armed Forces, a message of deterrence to adversaries, and a message of the nation's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its borders.

He added that BrahMos is a confluence of top defence technologies of India and Russia.  
Quoting the Missile Man of India and former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam who had said 'Unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us, In this world, fear has no place, only strength respects strength', Defence Minister stated that India is one of the most powerful nations today and the centre will help in further strengthening India's power.  
Terming the facility as a matter of pride for the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), Rajnath Singh stated that it has already created around 500 direct and 1,000 indirect jobs, reflecting the state's growing stature as a defence manufacturing hub.  
He emphasised that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government's vision of setting-up the corridor rests on its goal of developing the state as the world's top defence production and export destination.  
"A total of 180 MoUs have, so far, been signed in UPDIC with a proposed investment of Rs 34,000 crore, and an investment of Rs 4,000 crore has already been made. Major investments have been made in aircraft manufacturing, UAVs, drones, ammunition, composite and critical materials, small arms, textile and parachute etc. The highlight is that the participation of both public sector and the private sectors are being witnessed. In Lucknow itself, titanium and super alloy material plants are being started by PTC Industries Limited. In addition, the foundation of seven additional critical projects is being laid. This would accelerate the pace of India's self-reliance in the defence sector," Defence Minister said.  
Rajnath Singh reiterated the Government's vision of 'Make-in-India, Make-for-the-World', stressing that self-reliance not only means catering to India's own security needs, but it also envisages making the country a key exporter of defence equipment to the global market.

Citing a recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, which said that global military expenditure has risen to \$2,718 billion in 2024, he stated that such a massive market is an opportunity India must seize.  
"The launch of the BrahMos facility is a firm stride towards making India a significant player in the world's defence production ecosystem," he said.  
Defence Minister appreciated the efforts of the Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, DRDO scientists, engineers, and other stakeholders for completing the project within 40 months. "Given the current circumstances, it is crucial that we continue to achieve our goals in a time-bound and efficient manner," he said. He credited the state government for creating a strong development ecosystem and implementing initiatives such as setting-up of UPDIC, establishment of DRDO's Defence Technology and Test Centre in Lucknow and hosting DefExpo in 2020.  
Speaking at the inauguration site, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for moving forward with the goal of making Lucknow a defence manufacturing hub. He said the facility in Lucknow will give a fillip to the Make-in-India initiative, Aatmanirbharta and investment in defence manufacturing.  
On the state's initiatives to promote defence manufacturing, Yogi Adityanath said the work is proceeding with pace under all the six nodes of the UPDIC. He listed various projects in defence manufacturing that are being established in the state, covering both public and private industries.  
The Chief Minister hailed Operation Sindoor as a message to the world that India no longer tolerates terrorism. There can be no solution to terrorism other than being absolutely crushed, he said.  
The 200-acre BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow will have integration of Booster subassemblies, Avionics, Propellant, Ramjet engines. The programme center with Design & Administrative blocks are also being planned in the complex.  
The approx. Rs 300 crore complex will pave the way for skill development for industry and entrepreneurs in a long way. The entire defence ecosystem of ancillary and sub-assemblies will be developed in the vicinity to support the complex. It will help in a big way in industrialisation and skill development of students of ITI, Supervisors, Engineers. It will ensure that people are not forced to migrate to look for job opportunities.

Brahmos Aerospace has selected 36 trainees for the operation of the facility. Five of these newly selected trainees were felicitated by the UP Chief Minister as part of the inauguration.  
Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brijesh Pathak, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat, DG Brahmos Dr Jaiteerth R Joshi, public representatives and senior officials of the central and state governments were also present on the occasion.  
Indian armed forces...  
land, air and sea with immediate effect after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes that brought the two countries teetering on the edge of full scale war.  
Directors general of military operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan agreed on the understanding during a call on May 10 afternoon.  
Operation Sindoor was launched early May 7 to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in retaliation to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. All subsequent retaliations to Pakistani offensives were carried out under this operation.  
"You are now familiar with the brutality and the dastardly manner in which 26 lives were prematurely terminated at Pahalgam on April 22. When you combine those horrific scenes and the pain of the families the nation witnessed, with numerous other terrorist strikes on our armed forces, and defenceless civilians, we knew that the time had arrived to make yet another compelling statement of our resolve as a nation," the DGMO said.  
Operation Sindoor was conceptualised with a clear military aim to "punish the perpetrators and planners" of terror and to destroy their terror infrastructure, he said.  
"What I do not state here, of course, is the often stated determination of India and its intolerance to terror. It sent into motion, a very diligent and microscopic scarring of the terror landscape across the borders and the identification of terror camps and training sites," Lt Gen Ghai said.  
The Army officer said the locations that emerged were "numerous", but as "we deliberated more, we realised that some of these terror hubs were now bereft of any presence and preemptively been vacated fearing retribution from us".  
There was also a "term of reference and our own binding self-imposed restrictions" to target only terrorists, and thus "prevent collateral damage", he added.  
"There were nine camps that you are now all familiar with, which were confirmed by our various intelligence agencies, to be inhabited. Some of these were in PoJK (Pakistan-occupied-Jammu & Kashmir), while there were others which were located in Punjab province in Pakistan," Lt Gen Ghai said.  
Nefarious places such as Muridke, the hub centre of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, has over the years spread infamous characters such as Ajmal Kasab and the likes of David Headley, he underlined.  
"What followed was a careful scrutiny of each of these sinister locations, their layout, configuration, even the type of construction in each structure and the terrain obtained around these. This was with an obvious intent to deduce and identify exact vector that was required for their neutralisation, as also the eyes in the sky that we would send up to ensure that we brought back evidence that we had indeed targeted what we set out to," the DGMO asserted.  
The precise images of these engagements on that "fateful and historical night" have already been showcased during the first statement on May 7 that was helmed by the foreign secretary, he said.  
"I have no doubt in my mind that we achieved total surprise and those strikes across those nine terror hubs left more than 100 terrorists killed, including high-value targets such as Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf and Mudassar Ahmed, who were involved in the hijack of IC814 and the Pulwama blast," the DGMO told reporters.  
The Indian Air Force (IAF) played a "major role" in these strikes by engaging some of these camps and the Indian Navy "provided wherewithal in terms of precision munition".  
Director General of Air Operations, IAF, Air Marshal AK Bharti, also addressed the media on the role of the IAF in Operation Sindoor.  
"We carefully selected the targets and out of the nine selected targets, the target systems that were given to the IAF, were the notorious training camps at Bahawalpur and Muridke," he said.  
Under Operation Sindoor, the Indian military targeted Markaz Taiba of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Muridke, Markaz Subhan Allah of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Bahawalpur, Hizbul Mujahideen's Mehmoona Joya Facility.

## MAJOR POINTERS...

numerous terror camps and training sites.  
Operational Ethics and Restraint: Operated under self-imposed restraint to avoid collateral damage and only terrorist targets were to be neutralized, avoiding civilian harm.  
Final Targets: 9 confirmed terror camps, based on multi-agency intelligence.  
Key Targets: Bhawalpur (terrorist training camp); Muridke (another key terrorist training site)  
Results of the Strikes: Over 100 terrorists killed in the action; 11 air bases in Pakistan were destroyed; Indian army inflicted heavy damage in response to Pakistan's intrusion.  
High-value targets eliminated include Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf and Mudassar Ahmad; these individuals were linked to the IC-814 hijack and Pulwama blast.  
India conducted retaliatory strikes and destroyed Radar installations in Lahore and Radar facilities near Gurjanwala.  
Countdown to Ceasefire: Inflicted by this heavy damage, Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) called the Indian DGMO and It was agreed between them that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hoursIndian Standard Time on 10th May 2025.  
Pakistani Response after ceasefire: Even after ceasefire, Wave of UAVs and small drones intruded into Indian civilian and military areas. These drones were successfully intercepted. A befitting response was given by Indian armed forces. Further, all field commanders have been authorized to take appropriate action in case of any ceasefire violation.

## BSF jawan succumbs...

deepest condolences to his family.  
"Wreath-laying ceremony (of the fallen jawan) with full honours shall take place tomorrow (Monday) at frontier headquarters Jammu," the BSF said.  
While 16 persons, mostly civilians, lost their lives in intense Pakistani shelling on May 7, three others including an Army JCO were killed on May 9, while eight more persons fell to the Pakistani shelling on May 10.  
According to officials, dozens of Pakistani posts were also damaged in the retaliatory action by the Indian Army and BSF during the clashes, which ended Saturday.

## Anantnag resident booked for using Pak flag as display pic on WhatsApp

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHIMLA: Police in Shimla have booked a man for using the image of a Pakistan flag as his display picture on WhatsApp, officials said on Sunday.  
Adil Magre -- a native of Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir living near the Lakkhar Bazar in Shimla since 2016 -- works with a private gas agency in the state capital, they said.  
Magre has been booked for "prompting enmity on grounds of religion, language, caste, race or community and imputations and assertions prejudicial to national integration", police said.  
A case under Sections 196 and 197(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered against Magre, they said.

## Portion of road collapses on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway; traffic suspended

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RAMBAN : The traffic on 250-km-long Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was suspended Sunday night after a portion of the road collapsed near Ramban, a traffic department official said.  
The collapse of the road at Maroog around 10 pm, left hundreds of vehicles from both sides stranded, the official said.  
He said the restoration work was started by the National Highway Authority of India on the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country.  
"People are advised not to undertake journey on the highway until the restoration work is completed. Decision regarding allowing fresh traffic from both sides shall be taken on Monday after a green signal from the NHAI," the official said.

## Govt dismisses reports of drones over J&K, explosions in Udhampur

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NEW DELHI: The government on Sunday dismissed as "false" social media reports about explosions in Udhampur and drones being spotted in certain areas of Jammu and Kashmir.  
"Claims of heavy explosions in Udhampur are circulating on social media. The claim is FALSE. There have been no explosions in Udhampur," the Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check Unit said in a post on X.  
It said these rumours were being spread to create panic and urged people to rely only on official government sources for accurate information.  
The PIB's Fact Check Unit also dubbed as "fake" claims on social media that drones had been spotted in certain areas of Jammu and Kashmir.  
"This claim is fake. There is no drone activity in Jammu and Kashmir," it said on X.  
Social media has been awash with various claims regarding the recent military conflict between India and Pakistan in wake of the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam.  
The Indian Armed Forces carried out strikes against terror sites inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in the early hours of Wednesday to avenge the attack.  
Pakistan retaliated by sending swarms of drones across the border into India at locations from Leh in Ladakh to Bhuj in Gujarat that were repulsed by the armed forces' air defence systems.  
Pakistan reached out to India on Saturday with a request to cease the hostilities that was accepted only after a strong warning that any future misadventure would be dealt with firmly.

## Govt orders property damage assessment in shelling-hit Poonch

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday called for a detailed assessment of the property damaged in Poonch, the border district worst hit by the Pakistani shelling between May 7 and 10, an official said.  
Twenty persons, including some security personnel, lost their lives and over 50 others were injured in cross-border shelling in the district with a large number of houses, religious places and commercial buildings damaged along with dozens of private vehicles.  
Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, on Sunday visited several areas of the town affected by the recent cross-border shelling and directed the authorities concerned to conduct a detailed assessment of property damage and submit comprehensive reports promptly.  
During the visit, Kundal inspected Qazi Mohra, Dungus, Sarain, district police lines, district court complex, Jamia Zia Ul Uloom, Geeta Bhawan, Kamsar, radio station, Gurudwara Singh Sabha and Kama Khan -- all of which suffered damage due to the shelling, an official spokesman said.  
He said the deputy commissioner interacted with local residents and took stock of the ground situation, assuring the affected residents and institutions of all necessary support.  
Officials were also instructed to ensure timely relief and rehabilitation in coordination with local agencies, the spokesman said, adding that Kundal is expected to visit the remaining areas affected by the shelling shortly to assess the situation firsthand.  
Meanwhile, National Conference leader and MP Mian Altaf along with independent MLA Choudhary Mohd Akram visited the Poonch town to assess the damage to public and private properties.  
Altaf met the office bearers of the District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and assured the community of all possible help in the reconstruction of the historic place of worship.  
He also visited the district hospital to enquire about the health of those injured in the Pakistani shelling.  
Talking to reporters, the MP demanded adequate compensation to the families hit by shelling, including those who lost their members and houses.

## Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 15 people, mostly women and children

### ■ AGENCY

DEIR AL-BALAH: Israeli strikes overnight and into Sunday killed 15 people in the Gaza Strip, mostly women and children, according to local health officials.  
Two of the strikes hit tents in the southern city of Khan Younis, each killing two children and their parents, according to Nasser Hospital, which received the bodies.  
Another seven people were killed in strikes elsewhere, including a man and his child in a Gaza City neighbourhood, according to hospitals and Gaza's Health Ministry.  
The Israeli military says it only targets militants and tries to avoid harming civilians. It blames Hamas for civilian deaths in the 19-month-old war because the militants are embedded in densely populated areas. There was no immediate Israeli comment on the latest strikes.  
Israel has sealed Gaza off from all imports, including food, medicine and emergency shelter, for over 10 weeks in what it says is a pressure tactic aimed at forcing Hamas to release hostages. Israel resumed its offensive in March, shattering a ceasefire that had facilitated the release of more than 30 hostages.  
The UN and aid groups say food and other supplies are running low and hunger is widespread.  
Children carrying empty bottles raced after a water tanker in a devastated area of northern Gaza on Sunday. Residents of the built-up Shati refugee camp said the water was brought by a charity from elsewhere in Gaza. Without it, they rely on wells that are salty and often polluted.  
"I am forced to drink salty water, I have no choice," said Mahmoud Radwan. "This causes intestinal disease, and there's no medicine to treat it."  
COGAT, the Israeli military body in charge of Palestinian civilian affairs, says enough aid entered during a two-month ceasefire this year and that two of the three main water lines from Israel are still functioning. Aid groups say the humanitarian crisis is worse than at any time in the 19-month war.  
Trump to visit the region US President Donald Trump, whose administration has voiced full support for Israel's actions, is set to visit Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates this week in a regional tour that will not include Israel.  
The war began when Hamas-led militants attacked southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking 251 hostage.  
Fifty-nine hostages are still inside Gaza, around a third of them believed to be alive, after most of the rest were released in ceasefire agreements or other deals.  
Israel's offensive has killed over 52,800 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many of the dead were combatants or civilians. The offensive has destroyed vast areas of the territory and displaced some 90 per cent of its population of around 2 million.