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Op Sindoor exposed Pakistan sponsoring terrorism in India: Amit Shah

"India hit as deep as '100-km' inside Pakistan"

DELHI: Operation Sindoor undertaken by the Indian armed forces in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack has "completely exposed" the fact that terrorism in India is sponsored by Pakistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

Shah also said that the operation showed the "firm" political will of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the "precise" intelligence inputs from agencies, and the "lethal" capabilities of the armed forces.

India hit as deep as '100km' inside Pakistan after they dared to target a few Indian civilian and military setups following Operation Sindoor (on May 7), when nine terrorist camps were decimated, he said.

Shah made the remarks while delivering the annual Rustamji Memorial Lecture



organised by the Border Security Force (BSF) alongside its 22nd investiture cer-

Raised in 1965, the BSF guards the over 6,000-kmlong Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh. K F Rustamji was the founding chief of the BSF.

"The terrorists undertook

extreme attack in Pahalgam as they selectively chose innocents, asked their religion and martyred them

by Pakistan-sponsored ter-

children," Shah said, adding

that this "sin" was committed

was rejected: DGCA STATE TIMES NEWS

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outfits, Shah said.

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Nine terror camps in

Pakistan and Pakistan-occu-

pied Kashmir (PoK) were

'destroyed" within a few min-

utes, out of which two were

the headquarters of terror

"We did not attack their

military installations or air

bases. We only hit the terror-

ist bases in Pakistan. Those

who committed a criminal

act on our land -- the Jaish-

Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-

Toiba -- their bases, houses,

training camps and launch-

pads used against India were

The home minister added,

"We thought it was enough

that we hit the terrorists but

Pakistan proved that it was

sponsoring terrorism, as they

took the Indian strikes as an

attack on themselves and

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targeted civilian

destroyed," Shah said.

Hizbul

NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday said the crew of the IndiGo flight from the national capital to Srinagar on Wednesday had sought permission to enter Pakistan airspace to avoid turbulence but the request was rejected. In a detailed statement

IndiGo Srinagar flight crew's request to enter Pak airspace

about the incident, the Directorate General of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Army Chief presents Badge of Sacrifice, Certificate of Honour to NoK of fallen heroes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Friday presented the Badge of Sacrifice and the Certificate of Honour to the next of kin of several army personnel, who have laid down their lives in the line of

The awards -- a deeply symbolic tribute to valour and supreme sacrifice -- were conferred to honour officers,

SIA raids 18 locations linked to terror sleeper cells in Jammu region

STATE TIMES NEWS

Investigation Agency (SIA) on Friday launched a crackdown on terror sleeper cells and their associates, conducting coordinated raids at 18 locations across the Jammu region and recovering substantial incriminating material, an official said.

The operation targeted the terror ecosystem in the districts of Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur and Ramban, said a spokesperson of the SIA.

Of the 18 locations raided, 12 were in the Surankote subdivision and three in the Haveli tehsil of Poonch district, he added.

The spokesperson said that additional operations were carried out at one location each in Rajouri town (Rajouri district), Ramnagar (Udhampur district) and Ramban.

"A considerable quantity of incriminating material has

CM convenes public

legal protocols. The material is currently under detailed scrutiny and further investigation is underway," he added.

Several suspects have been summoned to join the investigation at the SIA headquarters in Jammu.

The spokesperson said these actions follow the development of actionable intelligence and leads gathered during the SIA's sustained efforts to uncover and neutralize terror-support structures operating covertly in the Jammu region.

"The meticulously planned raids were executed simultaneously by specialized SIA teams supported by local police and magistrates, as part of the agency's ongoing campaign to dismantle sleeper cells and disrupt terror networks in the region," he added.

The spokesperson further said the State Investigation Agency remains committed to eradicating the terror infrastructure and ensuring the region's safety and security. Meanwhile, quoting sources, PTI reported

National Herald scam not just financial, it's symbol of Congress' moral collapse: Chugh



STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday made a scathing attack on the Congress over fresh revelations in the National Herald case, calling it a historic example of how a political party looted its own lega-

Search operation in Kishtwar enters second day

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The search operation to track down terrorists in Kishtwar district entered the second day on Friday. One soldier was martyred

in the encounter that followed the launch of Operation Trashi by a joint team of the Army, police, and paramilitary forces in the Singhpora-Chatroo area on

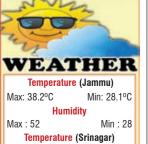
The Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) was initiated on intelligence inputs about the presence of three to four terrorists in the region.

"The search operation is ongoing for the second day. Additional troops have been deployed to strengthen the cordon and intensify the operation to track down the hiding terrorists," official

According to reports, four terrorists are trapped in the

Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat visited the Singhpora-Chatroo area on Thursday to review the antiterror operation and

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In a statement, Chugh said

that the case is not just about financial irregularities - it is about how the Congress turned a newspaper founded during the freedom struggle into a private asset for the Nehru-Gandhi family. "The recent ED report has marked Rs 142 crore as 'proceeds of crime.' The question is - who used this money and

transaction where a company owning thousands of crores worth of property was 'sold' for just Rs 90 crore, and shockingly, both the

BERLIN: External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar here

on Friday said India has

zero-tolerance for terror-

ism and New Delhi will

"never give in to nuclear

blackmail," referring to

the cross-border links to

the Pahalgam massacre.

joint press conference

with his German coun-

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talks with him, the external

affairs minister also said.

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brutally in front of their families, including women and

"India's response under

victims with Centre: Omar **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said the assessment of damages caused by cross-border shelling by Pakistan is almost complete and his government will take up the issue with the Centre for providing relief to the victims.

"The assessment is almost complete. Reports from two for what purpose?" he asked. districts are awaited. Once we get them, we will take up He pointed out the strange the matter with the Government of India and try to prepare a (relief) package," Abdullah told reporters

Zero-tolerance for terrorism, India will never

give in to nuclear blackmail: Jaishankar

The Union minister is cur-

his three-nation Europe visit.

"I came to Berlin in the

immediate aftermath of

India responding to the

any quarter" in that regard. — me share with you what I

rently in Germany as part of that context. India has zero-



J&K Govt to take up relief for Pak shelling

Srinagar on Friday.

visits by opposition leaders, including a Trinamool The chief minister also Congress delegation, to the

conveyed to Mr Wadephul in

he said.

tolerance for terrorism.

India will never give in

to nuclear blackmail,"

"And, India will deal

with Pakistan purely

bilaterally. There should

be no confusion in any

quarter in that regard,"

Wadephul delivered

his remarks in German.

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Following the talks with the

External Affairs Minister,

the German foreign minister

publicly condemned the

Jaishankar said.

areas affected by Pakistani expressed gratitude for the shelling in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, India's

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Forest fire trigger landmine blasts

STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU:Several landmines exploded due to a forest fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, official sources said. No loss of life was reported.

A forest fire broke out near LoC and spread to a large chunk of mountainous area in the Krishna Ghati sector, they said. Due to the forest fire. several landmines exploded in the area, but there was no loss of life or injury to anyone, they added. Army and forest department officials along with locals are making efforts to

outreach programme at Raabita office SRINAGAR: Chief Minister

Omar Abdullah on Friday conducted a weekly Public Outreach Programme at the Chief Minister's Raabita Office at Gupkar in Srinagar, engaging directly with the public to address their issues and concerns. Former J&K Minister

Mohammad Ashraf Mir brought to the Chief Minister's attention various developmental challenges in Athwajan, Pantha

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CB arrests Govt teacher for providing fake appointment orders Rashid Manhas, son of Sajed

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU : Crime Branch (CB) on Friday arrested most wanted history-sheeter government school teacher, Jameel Anjum of Ustad Mohalla Jammu for duping the unemployed youth on the pretext of arranging government jobs and providing fake appointment orders

Anjum is involved in 10 FIRs registered with CB and District Police.

"The instant case, in which the notorious accused Jameel Anjum, son of Nasir Ahmad, resident of Ustad Mohalla Jammu has been arrested, was registered on a written complainant of

Khan, resident of Gujjar Nagar, Jammu wherein he alleged that the accused person duped him of Rs 10 lakh cash and gold ornaments worth Rs 5.0 lakh on the pretext of providing government jobs to the complainant and his sister," a CB official said.

The fficial added the accused prepared fake/false appointment orders and provided to the complainant alluring the complainant saying that there were certain vacancies in Excise, CAPD & Education Department for which the government

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Pakistan doesn't have many days left: Yogi

STATE TIMES NEWS

AYODHYA/LUCKNOW: Pakistan has lived too long for 75 years and does not

have many days left now, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath claimed

Addressing function after inaugurating Hanuman Katha Mandapam in Hanumangarhi of Ayodhya, he said terrorism will destroy Pakistan one day.

He said the Indian army did not attack Pakistan, instead Pakistan first attacked our innocent people and shot them after asking

Referring to the Indian Army's response, Adityanath said 124 terrorists were

killed in the military action by the brave soldiers of India. So the fault in this is not of India's but of those people of Pakistan who were sitting there and giving shelter to

rorism. I say with confidence that terrorism will destroy Pakistan one day," he

"They are encouraging ter-

Aditvanath stressed that Pakistan "does not have many days left. Anyway, one of our revered saints had declared that Pakistan has no existence in the

spiritual world. Remember that anything that does not have its own real existence is artifi-

He claimed that "Pakistan has lived too long for 75

years and now its time ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi is supposed to have knowledge of the sensitivities associated

with national ecurity, and especially when India is still in no-peace with its long time adversary Pakistan after four-daylong intense war that threatened to scalate to something big

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has leclared that "Operation Sindoor", launched on May7 to avenge the barbaric massacre in Pahalgam on April 22, is not over as yet. Pakistan has suffered huge losses - more than 100 terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Toiba killed and all its airbases, including Nur Khan damaged beyond repair. It is still nursing its wounds. It is faking its victory in

In such times, Prime Minister

Rahul Gandhi, your questions are ill-timed and bad in taste Modi's word is final. There can be no challenge to what he is saying. He is face of the whole of the country and all the Indians have rallied behind him. There is a twin-challenge situation: India is facing the cross-border terrorism from Pakistan , despite hard hutting Indian strikes at its ter-

, Islamabad continues to support terrorism, and secondly, India is busy in telling the world how Pakistan sponsored terror-

ism is a generational threat. Rahul Gandhi should have rallied behind the PM, not just by words, but also by his actions. War is an opportunity to demonstrate that all parties, cutting across their party lines and political ideologies, stand behind the government of the day.

He should know that it is not time for nit picking or raising questions that may be used by the adversary to further its propaganda. At this point in time - frustrated Pakistan reeling from its worst-ever defeat- is using all

sorts of tools to defame India. And, the fact remains that some of the questions that Rahul Gandhi has raised were helping Pakistan to add substance to its otherwise senseless claims of illusory success in war with India. The LoP's questions can wait for a

ror infrastructure NEWS ANALYSIS while. All what he Islamabad conwants to know will be told by the Government in the days to

come? At this moment, the situation is still evolving, and there is no certainty what Pakistan would do next. It was thought that Pakistan has learnt lessons after its terror camps were hit in Balakot in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province after the Pulwama terror attack of February 2019, but, it still carried out carnage

Rahul Gandhi, just do some introspection and then you will find that your questions are invalid and untimely. The repeated question that how many aircraft India lost in the four-day is not in the national inter-

in Pahalgam in April 2025.

est. The enemy is revelling in deliberate manipulation of war-time claims. which are nothing but imaginary tales, to mislead its domestic audience and put up a brave face before the world. Though the world knows that what all Pakistan has suffered from, but Pakistan is still busy with its game of misinformation. Rahul Gandhi's questions on the aircraft loss and foreign policy, are being used by Pakistan to consolidate its disinformation campaign.

It is understandable that Rahul Gandhi, as leader of the main opposition party, would like to criticise the government of the day. But this is not the time. There seems to be headlong rush to score brownie points. You are not being loved for the questions you asked of government. Because, to the Indians it appears that doubts are being cast on the successes of the armed forces.

In India, no one appreciates that Rahul Gandhi should be wise enough to know this reality of the day.

Russia reiterates commitment to uncompromising fight with India against terrorism

STATE TIMES NEWS

MOSCOW: Moscow on Friday reiterated its decisive commitment to an uncompromising joint fight with New Delhi against all forms of terrorism as an Indian multi-party Parliamentary delegation held wide-ranging discussion on counter-terrorism combat and briefed the Russian side on Operation Sindoor.

A Foreign Ministry statement issued after Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko met with the visiting parliamentary delegation expressing readiness to increase close cooperation on the issue at regional and global venues.

The delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi is in Russia to sensitise the diplomatic leadership about

terror emanating from Pakistan, a month after the Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead.

"A decisive commitment to an uncompromising joint fight against all forms of terrorism was confirmed. Readiness was expressed to increase close cooperation on these issues at regional and global venues, primarily in the UN, BRICS and SCO,' the Foreign Ministry statement said.

Rudenko expressed hope for a speedy de-escalation of tensions in relations between New Delhi and Islamabad through peaceful diplomatic means. The delegation was warmly

welcomed by Rudenko at the Smolenskaya Square highrise building built by

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