

# 20 killed in Sudan after drone strike hits prison

CAIRO, May 10 (AP)

A SUSPECTED drone strike launched by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces hit a prison in the southern region of Kordofan on Saturday and killed at least 20 inmates, authorities said.

Fifty other detainees were wounded in the attack on the main prison in Obeid, the capital city of North Kordofan,

Information Minister Khalid Aleiser said in a statement.

Aleiser, who is also the spokesman of the military-allied government, accused the Rapid Support Forces for the attack, which came as the militia escalates drone strikes on the military-held areas across the country.

Sudan plunged into civil war on April 15, 2023, when simmering tensions between the

military and the RSF exploded into open warfare in the capital Khartoum and other parts of the country. Obeid is 363 kilometres south of Khartoum.

There was no immediate comment from the RSF, which earlier this month launched multi-day drone attack on Port Sudan, the Red Sea city serving as an interim seat for the Sudanese government.

The strikes hit the city's air-

ports, maritime port and other facilities including fuel storages.

The military earlier struck Nyala airport in South Darfur, where the RSF receives foreign military assistance, including drones. Local media say dozens of RSF officers were killed in last week's strike.

In the western region of Darfur, an artillery attack by the RSF on Friday on a camp for displaced people killed at least 14, accord-

ing to the Emergency Room, an activist group tracking the war. The dead included two parents, their eight children and the children's grandmother, the group said.

The RSF has launched nearly daily attacks on the camp and the nearby city of el-Fasher, the provincial capital of North Darfur, which the paramilitaries have attempted to seize for more than a year.

# 'Indus Waters Treaty will REMAIN IN ABEYANCE'

NEW DELHI, May 10 (PTI)

**INDIA'S** punitive measures against Pakistan including putting the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance following the Pahalgam terror attack will remain in place, Government sources said on Saturday.

The clarification came after India and Pakistan worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military actions, ending days of hostilities between their militaries.

India's measures announced against Pakistan on April 23 will remain effective, the sources said.

Terrorism will not go unpun-

ished and India's resolve on terrorism remains firm, the sources added. On the understanding between the two sides to end the hostilities, the sources said Pakistan called it a bilateral arrangement.

US President Donald Trump was the first to announce the understanding between India and Pakistan and claimed credit for it. "After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE," the US president announced in a post on Truth Social.

# Pak announces opening of its airspace

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ISLAMABAD, May 10 (PTI)

**PAKISTAN** announced on Saturday that it was opening its airspace for all kinds of traffic, shortly after the announcement of a ceasefire with India.

Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) made the announcement as apparently normalcy returns to the country after the raging tension with India seems to be ending.

"All airports in the country are available for normal flight operations. Passengers are requested to contact the relevant airline for the latest schedule of their flights," the PAA said.

It also said that Pakistan's airspace has been fully restored for all types of flights, and all airports in the country are available for normal flight operations.

Pakistan's airspace remained closed for a certain duration and routes due to the tension with India, which hampered reg-

ular air traffic, resulting in inconvenience for passengers. The decision to open airspace showed that clouds on the horizon of Pakistan and India are lifting.

**NAWAZ SHARIF PRAISES PAKISTAN AS 'PEACE-LOVING' NATION AFTER CEASE-FIRE WITH INDIA:** FORMER three-time premier Nawaz Sharif on Saturday said that Pakistan was a "peace-loving" country, but also "knows how to defend itself".

His comments came after US President Donald Trump announced that India and Pakistan have agreed to a "full and immediate" ceasefire.

Sharif took to social media to react to the ceasefire agreed between Pakistan and India after days of unrest and tension.

"Pakistan is a peace-loving country and prefers peace, but also knows how to defend itself," he said in a post on X. Sharif, the chief of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) party, also congratulated the civil and military leadership.



# India's approach is ~~measured,~~ ~~responsible:~~ EAM Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, May 10 (PTI)

**INDIA'S** approach has always been measured and responsible and remains so, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday after talking to US



Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

The phone conversation between Jaishankar and Rubio came as Indian and Pakistani militaries targeted each other's installations, escalating the already serious confrontations.

"Had a conversation with US @SecRubio this morning. India's

approach has always been measured and responsible and remains so," Jaishankar said in a social media post. The US State Department said Rubio emphasised that both sides need to identify methods to de-escalate and re-establish direct communication to avoid miscalculation.

"He further proposed US support in facilitating productive discussions to avert future disputes," State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce said.

The US has said both India and Pakistan need to identify methods to de-escalate and re-establish direct communication to avoid miscalculation, proposing "support" in facilitating "productive discussions" to avert future disputes.

US Secretary of State Marco spoke separately with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce said in a statement early on Saturday.



# De-Escalate: G7 urges India, Pak

NEW DELHI, May 10 (PTI)

THE Group of Seven (G7) nations on Saturday urged India and Pakistan to exercise maximum restraint and called for immediate de-escalation of their military conflict through dialogue.

The call by the powerful grouping came amid the continuing escalation of the military confrontation between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

The G7 said it is continuing to monitor the situation "closely and express our support for a swift and lasting diplomatic resolution". The Foreign Ministers of the G7 countries said further military escalation poses a serious threat to regional stability.

"The G7 Ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK and US and High Representative of the EU, strongly condemn the egregious terrorist attack.

## Russia assured full support to India

MOSCOW, May 10 (PTI)

RUSSIA has assured full support to India in its fight against all manifestations of terrorism and promised to promptly fulfill military orders in the pipeline, visiting Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said on Saturday.

Seth, who represented India at the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi

Germany in the Second World War, called on Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Alexander Fomin to discuss deepening military and technical cooperation.

"Russia assured that it will support us in our battle against all manifestations of terrorism and said cooperation between the two nations will continue to advance based on existing agreements," Seth told PTI.



# Ukraine, its allies ready for 30-day ceasefire

KYIV, May 10 (AP)

UKRAINE and its allies are ready for a "full, unconditional ceasefire" with Russia for at least 30 days starting on Monday, Ukrainian FM Andrii Sybiha said on Saturday.

His remarks came as the leaders of four major European countries visited Kyiv, amid a push for Moscow to agree to a truce and launch peace talks on ending the nearly three-year war.

It coincided with the last day of a unilateral three-day ceasefire declared by Russia that Ukraine says the Kremlin's forces have repeatedly violated.

In March, the United States proposed an immediate, limited 30-day truce which Ukraine accepted, but the Kremlin has held out for terms more to its liking.

The leaders of France, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom arrived together at the train station in Kyiv, and met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy shortly after to join a ceremony at Kyiv's Independence Square marking the 80th anniversary of the end



Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, France's President Emmanuel Macron, and Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz after paying their respects to the victims of war at the Memorial for the Fallen at the Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday. (AP/PTI)

of World War II. They lit candles at a makeshift flag memorial for fallen Ukrainian soldiers and civilians slain since Russia's

invasion.

The visit marked the first time the leaders of the four countries have travelled together to Ukraine, while Friedrich Merz is making his first visit to Ukraine as Germany's new Chancellor.

Sybiha on Thursday called the Russian truce a "farce," accusing Russian forces of violating it over 700 times less than a day after it formally came into effect. Both sides also said attacks on their troops had continued on Thursday.

"We reiterate our backing for President Trump's calls for a peace deal and call on Russia to stop obstructing efforts to secure an enduring peace," the leaders said in a joint statement. Meanwhile, Russia has kept up attacks along the roughly 1,600-kilometre front line, including deadly strikes on residential areas with no obvious military targets. Officials said shelling over the past day killed three residents and wounded four more. Another civilian man died on the spot on Saturday as a Russian drone struck the southern city of Kherson.

# India, Pak agree to immediate US-brokered ceasefire: Trump

NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON, May 10 (PTI)

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 that brought the two countries teetering on the edge of full scale war.

The decision by India and Pakistan was first made public by US President Donald Trump in a surprise announcement in a social media post while claiming that the talks between the two sides were "mediated" by the United States, after which "India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE."



Top Government sources, however, clearly said that the outcome was the result of a direct engagement between the Indian and Pakistani sides and that Islamabad agreed to it with "no pre conditions, no post conditions and no links to other issues." In a short announcement after Trump's remarks,

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the Directors General of India and Pakistan agreed on the understanding during a call this afternoon.

"The Director General of Military Operations of Pakistan called the Director General of Military Operations of India at 1535 hours IST earlier today," Misri told the media at around 6 pm.

"It was agreed between them

## DGMO Pak called DGMO India at 1535 hours for truce

### Agree to stop military action: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, May 10 (PTI)



INDIA and Pakistan on Saturday worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing and military action, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday.

"India has consistently maintained a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It will continue to do so," Jaishankar said in his reaction after Donald Trump's announcement of truce.

that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hours Indian

Standard Time today," he said. The Foreign Secretary said instructions have been given on both sides to give effect to the

### Agree to immediate ceasefire: Ishaq Dar

ISLAMABAD, May 10 (PTI)

PAKISTAN and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect, Foreign Minister said on Saturday.

Dar, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister, made the announcement on X within minutes of US President Donald Trump posting a message on Truth Social.

"Pakistan and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect, Pakistan

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understanding and that the DGMOs of the two sides will talk again on May 12 at 1200 hours. Trump announced the

understanding in a post on Truth Social. "After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that

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