

# We were attacked and we did nothing: Jaishankar on 26/11

## In Mumbai, Says Maha Needs Govt 'On Same Page As Centre'

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**Mumbai:** Maharashtra requires a govt that is on the same page as the Centre, in which the country as well as the world will repose faith, said external affairs minister S Jaishankar. Reiterating govt's zero-tolerance policy on terrorism, he said, "When we talk of zero tolerance against terror, it is clear that when somebody does something, there will be a response."

On the India-China border standoff, Jaishankar said the two countries would go back to the arrangement that existed in April 2020 along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh. "We expect to return to pre-Oct 31, 2020, patrolling arrangements in areas like Demchok and Depsang. This will take some time," he said.

Jaishankar was on a visit to Mumbai on Sunday. Addressing a press conference



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at BJP's Mumbai office in Dadar, he said a double-engine govt is required as Centre works at the international level enhancing India's image while the state govt works at the ground level. "PM Modi works very hard attending international investment conferences and when the investments come to the country, the state govt plays a role. Success depends upon state

govts being positive, sincere partners," he said.

On the opposition's charge that investments coming to Maharashtra were being taken to Gujarat, Jaishankar said federal competition for investments is in the country's interest, adding that not all investments that came to the country went to Gujarat. "The investor makes his own assessment and when he sees a performing govt, he goes there. One needs to see which govt was there (when investments went out of the state). Everyone needs to think of their performance," he said.

He said India-Middle East Economic Corridor connecting to Europe is one of the most talked-about connectivity corridors today. "Maharashtra, given its geography, will be at the centre of it," he said, highlighting the importance of the Vadnavan port.

On the India-China border tensions, Jaishankar said

the disengagement of the two armies is the first step in ending the four-year-long standoff in Ladakh. "We expect our two armies at Depsang and Demchok to return to their earlier positions," he said, adding that the de-escalation, as both armies are heavily armed, will not happen until India is sure that the same is happening on the other side as well.

On countering terrorism, he said Mumbai is a symbol of counter-terrorism. "We should not have a repeat of what happened in Mumbai. We were attacked and we did nothing. This is unacceptable. Wherever required, we will act after thinking it through thoroughly," he said. When India was a member of the UN Security Council, it was chairing the counter-terrorism committee, Jaishankar said. "We held the counter-terrorism panel meeting in the same hotel that was hit by the terror attack."

# MAKE IN INDIA PACT WITH SPAIN

## PM to inaugurate first military aircraft plant in Gujarat today

NEW DELHI, Oct 27 (IANS)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi, along with his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez, will inaugurate the Tata Advanced Systems Ltd's (TASL) Tata Aircraft Complex, which will produce the C-295 military tactical transport aircraft, in Gujarat's Vadodara on Monday.



TASL will produce 40 C-295 aircraft in this factory, which will be the first private assembly line for military aircraft in India. All work related to manufacturing, assembly, testing, delivery, and maintenance of aircraft will be done in this factory. This military aircraft factory is being built by Tata Advanced Systems in partnership with Airbus Spain. It will be a symbol of the Indian Government's flagship 'Make in India' initiative.

A deal was signed on September 24, 2021, between the Defence

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# CDS, Army chief pay homage to infantrymen on 78th Shaurya Diwas

NEW DELHI, Oct 27 (PTI)

CHIEF of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Sunday paid homage to infantrymen who died on duty at a solemn ceremony held at the National War Memorial here to mark the 78th Shaurya Diwas. October 27 has a unique significance for the Infantry - on this day in 1947, infantrymen became the first from the Indian Army to land in Srinagar and help evict invaders from the outskirts of the city, thus saving Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistani invasion, the Army said. At the Shaurya Diwas event, Gen Chauhan and Gen Dwivedi laid wreaths on this occasion to pay tributes to the infantrymen. Infantry is the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.

Earlier in the day, Prime



Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other pay homage at the National War Memorial on the 78th Infantry Day, in New Delhi on Sunday. (PTI)

Minister Narendra Modi also posted on X on the occasion.

"On Infantry Day, we all salute the indomitable spirit and courage of all Ranks and

Veterans of the Infantry, who tirelessly protect us. They always stand resolute in the face of any adversity, ensuring the safety and security of our

nation. The infantry embodies the essence of strength, valour and duty, inspiring every Indian," he wrote. Three decorated veterans -- Brig Vijay Kumar Berry, MVC (retd) who had participated in 'Op Cactus Lily' (1971), Sub Maj (Hony Capt) Shatrughan Singh, VrC (retd) and Hav Jai Ram Singh, VrC (retd) who had participated in 'Op Vijay' (1999) also laid wreaths on behalf of Infantry veterans at the war memorial. The ceremony which was attended by colonels of all the regiments of the Infantry, was conducted with military precision and solemnity. In a video post on X, the Army wrote, "#GeneralUpendra Dwivedi, #COAS and All Ranks of #IndianArmy convey best wishes to All Ranks, #Veterans and Families of the #Infantry on the occasion of 78th #ShauryaDiwas."

# 'Two secretive Iranian military bases damaged in Israeli attack'

DUBAI, Oct 27 (AP)

**AN ISRAELI** attack on Iran damaged facilities at a secretive military base Southeast of the Iranian capital that experts in the past have linked to Tehran's onetime nuclear weapons programme and at another base tied to its ballistic missile programme, satellite photos analysed Sunday by The Associated Press show.

Some of the buildings damaged sat in Iran's Parchin military base, where the International Atomic Energy Agency suspects Iran in the past conducted tests of high explosives that could trigger a nuclear weapon. Iran long has insisted its nuclear programme is peaceful, though the IAEA, Western intelligence agencies and others say Tehran had an active weapons programme up until 2003.

The other damage could be seen at the nearby Khojir military base, which analysts believe hides an underground tunnel system and missile pro-



This satellite photo from Planet Labs PBC shows damaged buildings at Iran's Parchin military base outside of Tehran, Iran on Sunday. (AP)

duction sites.

Iran's military has not acknowledged damage at either Khojir or Parchin from

Israel's attack early on Saturday, though it has said the assault killed four Iranian soldiers working in the country's

air defence systems.

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately (Contd on page 3)

'Israel's attack should not be exaggerated nor downplayed'

■ Iran reserves the right to respond

DEIR AL-BALAH, Oct 27 (AP)

## IRAN'S

supreme leader said on Sunday that Israel's attack on Iran this weekend "should not be exaggerated nor downplayed," though he stopped short of calling for retaliation. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's remarks are the latest suggesting Iran is carefully weighing its response to the attack.

Already, Iran's military has said a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip or Lebanon trumps any retaliatory (Contd on page 3)



Netanyahu says, attack 'achieved all its goals'

TEL AVIV, Oct 27 (AP)

**ISRAELI** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Israel's strikes "severely harmed" Iran and that the barrage "achieved all its goals."

He spoke on Sunday, a day after Israeli warplanes hit several military targets in Iran in retaliation for an Iranian ballistic missile attack on Israel earlier this month.

Warning Iran's "proxy" Hezbollah for the "grave mistake" after a drone from Lebanon targeted his private residence, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the "assassination" attempt will not deter him or Israel to "eliminate" the terrorists and "those who dispatch them."

