

'Israel sent Iron Dome batteries, personnel to UAE'

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP)

ISRAEL sent Iron Dome anti-missile batteries and personnel to operate them to the United Arab Emirates to defend the country during the Iran war, the US ambassador to the country said on Tuesday.

Mike Huckabee made the comment on stage at an event in Tel Aviv, Israel.

"I'd like to say a word of appreciation for United Arab Emirates, the first Abraham Accord member," Huckabee said at the Tel Aviv Conference. "Just look at the benefits. Israel just sent them Iron Dome batteries and personnel to help operate them." The United Arab Emirates, a federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula, diplomatically recognised Israel in 2020. The UAE did not immediately respond to a request for comment over the acknowledgment by Huckabee, though it underlined the growing defence relationship between the countries long suspicious of Iran.

'India ready to quell any cross-border misadventure'

MUMBAI, May 12 (PTI)

INDIAN Navy chief designate Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has said the country has been a victim of terrorism for several years, and asserted that it remains prepared to counter and quell any "misadventure" from across the border. Operation Sindoor was targeted specifically at terrorists and terrorist camps that participated in a very dastardly incident in Pahalgam in 2025, said Swaminathan, the Flag Officer, Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command. The country cannot accept terrorist activities in the country,

especially when they come from foreign soil, he asserted at an event organised by the Bramha Research Foundation, a think tank, in Mumbai on Monday. "Anybody who is sensible in the world knows the misadventure does not come anywhere or any-time from India. India has always been in a responding kind of mode. The misadventure comes from across the border. People can say what they want, but as far as we are concerned, India will remain prepared and if any misadventure comes from that side we are actually ready to quell it," Swaminathan said. He was responding to reports of remarks made by Field Marshal



Navy chief designate Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

Asim Munir, also the Chief of Defence Forces of Pakistan, that any future misadventure against Islamabad will result in extreme-

ly widespread and dangerous, far-reaching and painful consequences for New Delhi. In response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 persons, mostly tourists, were gunned down, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, carrying out airstrikes on nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, eliminating at least 100 terrorists. Swaminathan said Operation Sindoor is important to make sure India does not continue to be a victim of terrorism. It also reminds about what needs to be done to make the country stronger. As far as the Indian

office is concerned, Operation Sindoor is ongoing, he maintained. "So we continue to be prepared for whatever challenges anybody might throw at us, and we continue to negotiate terrorism from a position of strength," the Navy chief designate asserted. The global security environment is undergoing profound change. Supply chains are increasingly weaponised, access to critical technologies is contested, and geopolitical competition is reshaping the strategic landscape across all regions and all domains, he pointed out.

Trial in Musk Vs Altman case to begin soon



OAKLAND (US), May 12 (AP)

IN A trial featuring a clash between Elon Musk and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, neither of the tech titans has emerged as an overly sympathetic character. But nobody has more to lose than Altman, who is expected to take the stand this week to defend himself.

Already, testimony about Altman's turbulent tenure at the ChatGPT maker has become prime fodder for internet jokes. One piece of evidence that has inspired countless memes was a text exchange between Altman and a company officer, Mira Murati, in 2023 during his short-lived ouster as CEO, when Altman asked if things were moving "directionally good or bad", and she wrote back: "Sam, this is very bad."

Musk, the world's richest man, is seeking Altman's second ouster from the company leadership as part of a civil lawsuit accusing him of betraying their shared vision for OpenAI. Since its start as a nonprofit funded primarily by Musk, OpenAI has evolved into a capitalistic venture now valued at USD 852 billion.

Himanta takes oath for 2nd term

4 MLAs sworn in as Ministers

GUWAHATI, May 12 (PTI)

HIMANTA Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of

Assam for the second consecutive term on Tuesday, marking the formation of the third BJP-led NDA Government in a row

in the northeastern State.

Four MLAs - BJP's Rameshwar Teli and Ajanta Neog, AGP's Atul Bora, Charan Boro of BPF - also took oath as ministers.

Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administered the oath of office to Sarma and the four legislators at a grand ceremony held at the Veterinary Ground in Khanapara area in Guwahati.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Sarbananda Sonowal, Pabitra Margherita, Chief Ministers and deputy CMs of BJP-ruled States and BJP President Nitin Nabin were present at the swearing-in ceremony.

The Chief Minister, attired in dhoti and kurta with the traditional 'gamosa' draped around his neck, took oath in the Assamese language.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, 3rd Left, newly-sworn-in State Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, (3rd R) newly-sworn-in State Ministers Ajanta Neog, (R) Rameshwar Teli, (2nd L) Atul Bora (2nd R) and Charan Boro (L) during the swearing-in ceremony, at Khanapara in Guwahati, on Tuesday.

(PTI)

NEET-UG 2026 cancelled: CBI to probe irregularities

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NEW DELHI, May 12

THE National Testing Agency on Tuesday cancelled the NEET (UG) 2026 exam held on May 3 amid allegations of paper leak, with the Government asking the CBI to carry out a comprehensive inquiry into the "irregularities".

The examination for students seeking admission to undergraduate courses in medical colleges will now be held afresh on dates to be notified separately.

In a statement on X, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said the decision was taken in

the interest of maintaining transparency and preserving trust in the national examination system.

"On the basis of inputs subsequently examined by NTA in coordination with central agencies, and the investigative find-

ings shared by the law enforcement agencies, the National Testing Agency, with the approval of the Government of India, has decided to cancel the NEET (UG) 2026 examination conducted on 3 May 2026, and to re-conduct the examination on dates that will be notified separately," the agency said. The NEET-UG 2026 examination was held on May 3 across 551 cities in India and 14 cities abroad.

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NEET aspirants at an exam centre, in Patna, in this file photo dated, May 3. (PTI)

CBI registers FIR into paper leak

NEW DELHI, May 12 (PTI)

THE CBI on Tuesday registered an FIR in the alleged paper leak of the NEET (UG) 2026 examination held on May 3, officials said.

The Government referred the matter to the CBI for a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations linked to the exam. The exam was organised by the NTA for nearly 23 lakh registered candidates.

CBI, Raj Police take 16 in custody across States

NEW DELHI, May 12 (ANS)

IN A latest development in the alleged NEET 2026 paper leak controversy, the CBI and Rajasthan Police, in their ongoing investigation, have made arrests and detentions across the country.

The CBI and the Rajasthan Police have jointly gathered information related to the (Contd on page 5)