

Situation Room

** MONITORING SECURITY IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN **

Period under review: from 7. 5. 2025 to 7. 6. 2025

[This report is based on publicly available sources to describe a changing situation. Information subject to change.]

Situation analysis recap:

- (7 May) India launched a military operation called *Sindoor*, in which missile strikes hit several targets in Pakistan that India claimed were parts of a terrorist infrastructure. Pakistan reported 31 casualties and claimed to have shot down five Indian aircraft, while announcing retaliatory measures. The attack is said to have been undertaken as a response to a terrorist attack carried out on 22 April 2025 on Indian soil, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan.
- (8 May) Unconfirmed reports emerged of a Pakistani drone strike on several targets in northern India.
 Indian accused Pakistan of carrying out attacks on three military bases, but Islamabad denied the allegations.
- (10 May) After a long night of negotiations, mediated by the US, India and Pakistan, agreed to a complete and immediate ceasefire. Both sides expressed their willingness to engage in dialogue after the total number of civilian casualties on both sides rose to 66.
- (11 May) The ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan remained in force, despite allegations of violations by both countries. Just hours after the ceasefire was declared, explosions went off in several areas of Kashmir, but both New Delhi and Islamabad reiterated their commitment to the ceasefire.
- (12 May) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi warned Pakistan that New Delhi would carry out attacks on terrorist bases in the event of further attacks on India.
- (13 May) US President Donald Trump said that the US not only brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan but has also prevented a possible nuclear conflict. He added that he had threatened both countries with the suspension of trade relations if they did not agree to end hostilities. These claims were denied by government sources, who stressed that threats over trade were not mentioned in the talks between Indian and US officials on deescalating tensions.
- (14 May) Pakistan handed over an Indian border guard who was captured the day after the terrorist attack on 22 April. This act was seen as an important step towards stabilising relations after the ceasefire.
- (15 May) India and Pakistan exchanged accusations over the improper handling of nuclear weapons. Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expressed doubts about the safety of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, describing Pakistan as an irresponsible country.

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- (16 May) Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar confirmed that the US-brokered ceasefire between Pakistan and India has been extended until 18 May.
- (19 May) The US State Department imposed visa bans on owners, executives, and senior officials of Indian travel agencies, accusing them of knowingly facilitating illegal immigration to the United States.
- (21 May) A suicide bomber attacked a school bus in Pakistan's south-western province of Baluchistan, killing three children, the bus driver and his assistant. Pakistan blamed India for the attack.
- (22 May) India and Pakistan dispatched delegations around the world to seek international support in light of the recent conflict. India claimed that Pakistan is a sponsor of terrorism, while Pakistan accused Indian Prime Minister Modi of undermining nuclear security and violating the water agreement. Modi announced that Pakistan would not receive water from rivers to which India has a right, which has further exacerbated tensions.
- (24 May) Indian authorities arrested three more individuals in Assam as part of an ongoing crackdown on suspected Pakistan sympathisers, bringing the total number of arrests to 76.
- (25 May) Turkish President Reccep Tayyip Erdogan met Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Istanbul to advance bilateral cooperation, with a focus on defence, energy, and transport.
- (27 May) Iranian political and military officials met with a Pakistani delegation in Tehran to discuss cooperation in tackling anti-regime groups along their common border. Pakistan's army chief, General Asim Munir, reaffirmed commitment to joint border security, while Iran's interior minister announced plans to expand efforts against smugglers and insurgents.
- (28 May) Pakistan marked the 27th anniversary of its nuclear weapons program, reaffirming its commitment to use the capability exclusively for defence purposes.
- (30 May) A senior Pakistani military official told Reuters, that Pakistan and India are close to an agreement to reduce the number of troops along the border to pre-conflict levels.
- (31 May) The Chief of the Indian Defence Staff has confirmed that India lost at least one aircraft in the recent military conflict with Pakistan.
- (4 June) Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar stated that his country is "ready but not desperate" for dialogue with India at a press conference in Islamabad, highlighting the continued stalemate in relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.
- **(7 June)** Indian MP Shashi Tharoor, who led an Indian parliamentary delegation during a visit to the US, stated that dialogue with Pakistan is inappropriate following the recent military clash, unless Islamabad takes concrete action against alleged terrorist training camps. He also emphasized India's opposition to US mediation in bilateral affairs.

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