

'OPERATION  
SINDOOR'

'CAN HEAR SOUNDS OF BLAST': OMAR  
ABDULLAH AFTER PAK DRONES SEEN IN JAMMU

**Diary Times Desk :** Jammu went dark for the second night in a row after blasts were heard and sirens sounded in the region. Sharing a picture of the dark sky, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah informed about the blackout in the region and said he could hear "intermittent sounds of blasts and heavy artillery" from where he was.

The Chief Minister is in Jammu right now, where he rushed from Srinagar this morning to take stock of the situation after a failed Pakistani drone attack Thursday evening.

He also appealed to people in and around Jammy to stay off the streets, even as drones were sighted in the area along with Samba and neighbouring Pathankot district in Punjab. The army, in a statement, said the drones were "being engaged". Track live updates here. "It's my earnest appeal to everyone in and around Jammu, please stay off the streets, stay at home or at the nearest place you can comfortably stay at for the next few hours. Ignore rumours, don't spread unsubstantiated or unverified stories and we will get through this together."

Last night, India thwarted Pakistan's attempts to strike military sites with drones and missiles, including in Jammu and Pathankot. The government this evening said Pakistan fired around 300 to 400 drones targeting 36 sites across Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Punjab. This comes amid heavy shelling by Pakistan following India's precision strike on terror hideouts earlier this week as part of 'Operation Sindoor'.



IPL 2025

IPL 2025 SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK AMID HEIGHTENED  
INDO-PAK TENSION



**Diary Times Desk :** The remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 has been temporarily suspended. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed the development, clarifying in a media release that the suspension is for a week at the moment.

Cricbuzz understands that the decision, taken against the backdrop of heightened border tensions between India and Pakistan, follows a high-stakes meeting of the BCCI top brass. It is understood that various options including a possible change of venues were mulled before this decision was taken.

"Further updates regarding the new schedule and venues of the tournament will be announced in due course after a comprehensive assessment of the situation in consultation with relevant authorities and stakeholders," the BCCI said in the release.

"The decision was taken by the IPL Governing Council after due consultation with all key stakeholders following the representations from most of the franchisees, who conveyed the concern and sentiments of their players, and also the views of the broadcaster, sponsors and fans; while the BCCI reposes full faith in the strength and preparedness of our armed forces, the Board considered it prudent to act in the collective interest of all stakeholders," the BCCI further said.

The move to suspend the league comes close on the heels of Thursday's (May 8) called-off match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals in Dharamsala and amid growing anxiety among overseas players. With all options on the table, the BCCI have opted for a temporary suspension, keeping the safety and interests of all stakeholders in mind.

ARMY CHIEF GIVEN POWERS TO MUSTER TERRITORIAL ARMY;  
RAJNATH REVIEWS SECURITY SITUATION ALONG WESTERN FRONT

**Diary Times Desk :** In the backdrop an escalating skirmish with Pakistan, the Indian Army Chief has been empowered to muster the Territorial Army, a reserve force, while Defence Minister Rajanath Singh on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the security situation along the western border and operational preparedness of the Indian Armed forces. The Ministry of Defence exercising powers under the Territorial Army Rule 1948 issued a notification saying the Army Chief can "call out every officer and every enrolled person of the Territorial Army to provide for essential guard or to be embodied for the purpose of supporting or supplementing the regular Army" This comes in the backdrop of the layered air defence mechanism stalling Pakistan's barrage of missiles and drones. Last night, Pakistan launched attacks across the western front, threatening Indian military and civilian infrastructure. At the meeting with the Minister were the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.



PM MODI CHAIRS MEETING WITH  
TOP DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with the top defence establishment on Friday to take stock of the security situation. With conflict between India and Pakistan heating up, Modi met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and the three service chiefs and the Chief of Defence Staff to strategise over the future course of action. The conflict with Pakistan has intensified with the armed forces responding proportionately and adequately to Pakistani attempts to target Indian installations on the intervening night of May 8 and 9. Pakistan violated Indian airspace to target the military installations, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh said at a briefing. She said Pakistan sent 300-400 drones in 36 locations from Leh to Sir Creek to target Indian military installations. The drones were shot down by the Indian military. Earlier in the day, Modi held interactions with veterans, including former chiefs of the three services.

PAK UNLEASHED TURKISH DRONES IN ATTEMPTING TO TARGET  
INDIAN INSTALLATIONS LAST NIGHT: INDIAN MILITARY



**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan unleashed a swarm of Turkish drones to target Indian military facilities, probe air defence systems and gather intelligence last night and kept its civil airspace open during the assault endangering civilian flights, officials said on Friday as the conflict between two militaries spiralled. Most drones were downed using kinetic and non-kinetic means, said Col Sofiya Qureshi of the army and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh of the air force. The two military officials said Pakistan used its civil airliners as a "shield" as it did not close its civil airspace during its attempts to attack Indian installations with drones and missiles on May 7, knowing fully well that the strikes would elicit a swift response from India. "On the night of May 8-9, Pakistan carried out large-scale violations of Indian airspace, attempting to target military infrastructure with 300-400 drones across 36 locations from Leh to Sir Creek," said Singh. "Indian forces neutralised many drones using kinetic and non-kinetic means. An armed UAV strike on Bathinda was also thwarted," she said.

EFFORTS ON FOR BACK-CHANNEL CONTACTS WITH  
INDIA AFTER NAWAZ SHARIF ATTENDS PAKISTAN'S  
SECURITY HUDDLE: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** At a time when Pakistan's civil and military leadership is emphasising on responding to India amid military conflict, efforts are being made by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif to strengthen back-channel contacts to defuse tension with New Delhi, a media report said on Friday. Nawaz, the chief of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), attended a security huddle at the Prime Minister's House on Thursday night and advised his younger brother and incumbent prime minister Shehbaz Sharif to ease tensions with India diplomatically. Tensions between India and Pakistan soared significantly following India's Operation Sindoor on early Wednesday in response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 that had cross-border linkages. Pakistan subsequently made unsuccessful attempt to attack 15 Indian cities. "The elder Sharif wants the government to utilise all available diplomatic resources to restore peace between the two nuclear-armed states," daily newspaper Express Tribune said. "I am not in favour of taking an aggressive position (against India)," Nawaz was quoted as saying.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Aries

Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

Gemini

Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

Leo

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

Libra

Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

Sagittarius

Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

Aquarius

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

Taurus

Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

Cancer

Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

Virgo

Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.

Scorpio

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Capricorn

Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Pisces

Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.





## HIMACHAL: INDUSTRIES CLOSED AT NIGHT IN BBN, NO FLIGHTS IN THE STATE TILL 15TH, LEAVES OF HOME GUARDS CANCELLED

**Diary Times Desk :** After the audacity of attacks by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan, many security precautionary decisions have been taken in Himachal. Orders have been issued to keep industries closed at night in Himachal's largest industrial area Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) and Parwanoo. All three airports of the state will also remain closed till May 15. The entrance examination of the State Technical University has been postponed. Night bus service from Himachal to Jammu and Punjab has been stopped. Leave of health workers, police and home guards has also been cancelled. There was a blackout on Friday night in areas adjoining Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab including BBN, Bilaspur. Along with increasing security in temples and sensitive places, it has been decided to close the doors of Shaktipeeth Chamunda temple at 8:00 pm instead of 10:00 pm. Under the instructions of the central government, Himachal's Kangra, Kullu-Manali and Shimla airports have been closed till May 15. During this time, there will be no civilian flights from the three airports of the state. Earlier, there were orders to keep the airports closed till 12 midnight on May 9. Kangra Airport Director Dharendra Singh said that there will be no flights for passengers till 5:30 am on May 15.



## INDIA-PAK TENSION: ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL REMAIN OPEN ON THREE HOLIDAYS

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday chaired a high-level meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of the state in view of the increasing tension between India and Pakistan. He took detailed information from the officials about the current situation in various districts. He directed all the concerned officials to keep a close watch on the current situation and ensure all necessary arrangements to deal with any emergency. Sukhu said that there is no need to panic but it is absolutely necessary to remain alert at all levels. He said that during the upcoming three holidays, all essential government offices in the state like Chief Minister's Office, Chief Secretary's Office and Control Room will remain functional with limited staff. The Chief Minister said that the administration of the border districts of Pathankot, Chandigarh and Jammu and Kashmir need to be especially vigilant. He said that if there is an alert from sirens in these states, necessary action should be taken immediately. He asked to follow the guidelines issued by the Center and the State Government with full seriousness to ensure the safety of the public.

## HIMACHAL WEATHER: SNOWFALL ON THE PEAKS OF LAHAUL, RAIN WILL CONTINUE FOR SO MANY DAYS IN MANY PARTS OF THE STATE

**Diary Times Desk :** The weather is continuously bad in many parts of Himachal Pradesh. On Thursday night, there was overnight rain in Kullu and fresh snowfall of 5 to 10 cm occurred in the peaks of Lahaul. Due to this, not only the temperature has dropped from Kullu-Manali to Lahaul valley. But the snowfall is also affecting the work of restoration of Rohtang and Kunjam pass. Heavy rain was also recorded in Shimla on Friday evening. Last night, 38.2 mm rain was recorded in Naina Devi, 30.8 mm in Bharari, 29.8 mm in Nahan, 18.6 mm in Jot, 10.0 mm in Kahu, 10.0 mm in Rohru, 10.0 mm in Palampur, 8.4 mm in Brahmani, 8.0 mm in Bharmour, 7.4 mm in Barthin and 7.0 mm in Chamba. According to Meteorological Centre Shimla, the weather is forecast to remain bad in many parts of the state till May 15. Light to moderate rain is expected at many places on May 9.

## JAIRAM THAKUR: 'A BEFITTING REPLY TO TERROR FACTORY PAKISTAN, THANKS TO ALL THE BRANCHES OF THE ARMY AND THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP'

**Diary Times Desk :** Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that India has given a befitting reply to Pakistan, the factory of terror. Our brave forces have responded to Pakistan's brick with stones and bullet with shells. Our country's action against Pakistan is the result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment and the long-term preparations of the forces. In a statement issued on Friday, the Leader of Opposition said that the Indian Army, which entered Pakistan and killed, also avenged the Kandahar kidnapping case and killed Rauf Azhar, the culprit of planning the 26/11 attack in Mumbai, along with his family. The Prime Minister had assured the country that every criminal of India and Indians will be brought to justice and everyone will be accounted for. Now the time has come. The action taken by India against the masters of terror cannot be praised enough. He thanked all the branches of the country's army and the central leadership for giving a tough blow to the factory of terror.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH: NOW T20 THRILL IN DHARAMSHALA CRICKET STADIUM IN DECEMBER, INDIA WILL CLASH WITH SOUTH AFRICA

**Diary Times Desk :** Now an international T20 match will be held in Dharamshala Cricket Stadium in December. The third match of the T20 series between India and South Africa will be played at Dharamshala Stadium on 14 December. After two and a quarter years of hosting the Test match between India and England in March 2024, HPCA has got the opportunity to host an international match. This time three matches of IPL were in Dharamshala. In which only one match could be completed and one match had to be stopped midway. One match was shifted to Ahmedabad due to the airport being closed. After which there is disappointment among cricket lovers. Dharamshala stadium has had the opportunity to host 11 international T-20 matches so far. One of these matches could not be played due to rain.

## HIMACHAL : TEAMS OF PUNJAB KINGS AND DELHI CAPITALS LEFT HIMACHAL, SENT TO DELHI IN A SPECIAL TRAIN

**Diary Times Desk :** The IPL match was cancelled on Thursday night due to the rising tension between India and Pakistan. After this, the players of Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals returned from Dharamshala to Delhi on Friday. The players were taken by road from Dharamshala to Jalandhar amid tight security. From here they were sent to Delhi in a special train. Superintendent of Police Shalini Agnihotri said that strict security arrangements were made, and the players were transported to Jalandhar without any problem. From Jalandhar they left for Delhi via special train. The police had deployed additional forces to safely transport the players from Dharamshala to Jalandhar. During this, strict surveillance was kept to avoid any kind of untoward incident. This was the first time in this season of IPL that the match was cancelled due to security reasons. At present, the IPL has been postponed indefinitely, and the date of the next match has not been decided.

## HIMACHAL: IMPACT OF TENSION BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN, LIGHTS WILL REMAIN OFF IN ALL VILLAGES AT NIGHT; INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO PANCHAYATS

**Diary Times Desk :** Amid the ongoing tension between India and Pakistan, the Himachal Pradesh government has issued necessary instructions to all panchayats. Under this, all the villages of Himachal have been asked to switch off the lights of all the houses at night and cover the street and solar lights with black cloth. In this connection, Deputy Commissioner Solan has issued orders to all the panchayats of the district to switch off the lights at night as a precaution. Solar lights were also requested to be switched off. In Una too, the work of covering solar and street lights with cloth is being done. The government has informed the Gram Panchayat Pradhans, Deputy Pradhans, Panchayat members and Panchayat Secretaries through a letter as per the instructions of higher officials that in view of the ongoing tension between India and Pakistan, all should issue instructions to the people in their respective panchayats to remain alert at their own level. Keep the connection of solar lights cut for the time being or cover them with black cloth, so that there can be a complete blackout in the panchayats. Switch off the lights of the house at night as well. Apart from this, instructions should also be issued to all the people to prepare a medical kit at home. Keep some essential items like medicines, clothes, torch, some money, water bottle etc. safely ready in medical kits.

"LET ME CORRECT YOU":  
INDIA'S US ENVOY SCHOOLS  
CNN HOST ON KASHMIR  
REMARK

**Diary Times Desk :** Vinay Kwatra, the Indian Ambassador to the US, firmly corrected a senior CNN anchor during a live interview after he referred to parts of Kashmir as "Indian-administered." "First of all, I'm sorry, but let me correct you," Mr Kwatra told Wolf Blitzer. "The entire Jammu and Kashmir is integral to the Indian part of India. The only issue to be resolved there is the return of the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir." Wolf Blitzer's comment came while discussing reports of explosions in the region. Responding to that, Mr Kwatra said that while India received reports of some activity, "We don't have the operational details relating to that." During the same interaction, Mr Kwatra also spoke out strongly against the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgalam that killed 26 people. Calling it "the most heinous terrorist act," he declared, "Our foremost objective in this was to hold these lowlifes, subhuman monsters accountable and bring justice to the victims." Launching a blistering attack on Pakistan, he accused the country of siding with terrorists. "What it shows the world is that Pakistan has again decided to stand with the terrorists. Rather than take action against them, they are essentially lending them support," he said. "We wouldn't be surprised if they are themselves involved in this."

UNDETONATED MISSILE  
FOUND NEAR VILLAGE IN  
PUNJAB'S HOSHIARPUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Amid the escalation of tension between India and Pakistan, an undetonated missile landed in a secluded spot near Kumahi Devi village of Hoshiarpur district of Punjab on Thursday night. Armed forces personnel and the Hoshiarpur district administration were in the process of safely removing it on Friday. Hoshiarpur was among the 16 of Punjab's 23 districts to observe a complete blackout on Thursday night. The missile was intercepted by India's air defence system and landed in the secluded site near the village, an official said. Forensic experts and an anti-sabotage team were already at the spot. This is the second such missile to be found in Hoshiarpur district since May 7 when India launched precision air strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan. The debris of a similar missile had fallen in the backyard of a resident at Ghagwal village of Hoshiarpur district on Wednesday night. It was later found to be a part of a missile neutralised by the IAF. A senior police official, requesting anonymity.

"NEW LOW EVEN FOR PAK": GOVERNMENT SAYS  
PLACES OF WORSHIP IN INDIA TARGETED



**Diary Times Desk :** The government today accused Pakistan of "targeting places of worship" in India and said several "gurudwaras, convents and temples" along the border in Jammu and Kashmir were damaged by Pakistani shelling. "We have seen the Pakistani side targeting and shelling the places of worship with a particular design. It included Gurudwaras, convents and temples. This is a new low even for Pakistan," said Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in a joint briefing with Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. The strained ties between India and Pakistan broke down after 26 people were killed in a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgalam on April 22. India has blamed Pakistan for the attack, a charge refuted by Islamabad. As a response to the attack, India launched 'Operation Sindoor' on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, hitting nine terror bases in Pakistan. Since the strikes, heavy shelling by Pakistan has been reported from the forward areas of Jammu.

HOME MINISTRY URGES STATES TO  
STRENGTHEN CIVIL DEFENCE AMID  
HOSTILE THREATS

**Diary Times Desk :** In light of the current security environment and the threat of hostile attacks, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has urged all states and Union Territories (UTs) to augment civil defence measures under the Civil Defence Act and Rules of 1968. Highlighting Section 11 of the Civil Defence Rules, 1968, the Ministry in a letter titled "augmentation of civil defence measures in the states/UTs" reminded that state governments are empowered to undertake all necessary actions for the protection of people and property, and to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of vital services during a hostile attack. In the letter issued, considering the last night attacks by Pakistani forces in Jammu and Jaisalmer regions, the provision also authorizes the use of local authority funds for such emergency measures, giving them precedence over other financial obligations. In the communication, the Ministry has requested that "states and UTs invoke Section 11.

"CAN'T EVEN TAKE PM MODI'S NAME": PAK MP CALLS SHEHBAZ SHARIF A "COWARD"

**Diary Times Desk :** The Pakistan government and its Army have found themselves at the receiving end of their citizens and Parliamentarians, after getting beaten in the war of nerves with their Indian counterpart and also losing face globally, over their brazen support to terror. Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif faced major embarrassment after a Parliamentarian in his country called him out over his "cowardice", saying the former couldn't stand up to his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi. The video of the Pakistani lawmaker making personal remarks on the Sharif has gone viral on social media and is evoking many likes and comments. "Pakistan PM is a coward, he can't even take the name of Narendra Modi," the MP is heard saying in the video. He made the statement while speaking in Pakistan Parliament, a day after its Army launched a volley of missiles and drones on India, however, utterly failing to hit any intended targets.



DELHI TESTS AIR SIRENS AMID  
INDIA-PAK TENSIONS, 40 MORE  
TO BE INSTALLED SOON

**Diary Times Desk :** Air raid sirens were heard in the national capital on Friday as part of a mock drill amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, and two waves of missile and drone attacks from across the border. In a statement before the drill, the Delhi government said the Directorate of Civil Defence would be testing air raid sirens installed at the Public Works Department (PWD) headquarters at ITO and asked people not to panic. "The testing will commence at 3.00 PM and be carried out for a period of 15-20 minutes. Accordingly, it is requested that adequate publicity may be made through social and electronic media so that general public are advised to stay calm and not to panic during the said exercise," the statement said. District Magistrate (Central) G Sudhakar also urged people to remain calm and not be alarmed when they hear the sirens. The drill began at 3 pm and sirens were sounded at least twice. PWD Minister Parvesh Verma said 40-50 more such sirens will be installed across the national capital.

CENTRE EXTENDS CLOSURE OF 24  
AIRPORTS ACROSS NORTH INDIA TILL MAY  
15 AS BORDER TENSIONS ESCALATE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Union government has extended the closure of 24 airports across the country till 5:20 am on May 15, as tensions escalate between New Delhi and Islamabad following Operation Sindoor and a foiled drone attack by Pakistan's military. Airports will be closed till May 15 in cities such as Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishangarh, Patiala, Shimla, Jaisalmer, Pathankot, Jammu, Bikaner, Leh, Porbander and others, a 'Notice to Airmen' (NOTAM) issued on Friday (May 9) night said. The list of airports that are closed include the ones in Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Patiala, Bathinda, Halwara, Pathankot, Shimla, Gaggal, Dharamsala, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Mundra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Keshod, Bhuj, Gwalior and Hindon. Airports primarily used for military charters have also been included in the shutdown. According to estimates by airlines, around 450 domestic flights were cancelled.



**US SHUTS DOWN PAKISTAN'S PHONE-A-FRIEND BAIL OUT OPTION**

**Diary Times Desk :** In the middle of an unprecedented pounding by India, Pakistan woke up on Friday to realise its most reliable lifeline had also been withdrawn. Throughout its history, Pakistan had been getting into confrontations with India with the belief that if the going got tough it would be bailed out by the US, to whom it would rush with an SOS. But, in the aftermath of India's 'Operation Sindoor,' the US has denied Pakistan the luxury of a soft landing. To understand Pakistan's psyche, its reliance on the US shoulder to cry on, it is important to revisit the summer of 1999, when Pakistan sent invaders to occupy strategic hills in Kargil. Unwilling to let Pakistan get away without punishment, India made a bold move. It asked the Army's Strike Corps to make preparations to leave their bases. Around the same time, American spy satellites captured images of Indian tanks, heavy artillery being loaded on trains in Rajasthan. The message was clear: India was about to attack Pakistan in retaliation for the intrusion in Kargil.

**BILL GATES ACCUSES ELON MUSK OF KILLING POOR CHILDREN AND PLEDGES TO GIVE AWAY \$200 BILLION BY 2045**

**Diary Times Desk :** Microsoft founder Bill Gates accused Elon Musk of killing poor children as he announced that he would give away 99% of his fortune over the next 20 years and that the Gates Foundation would cease operations by 2045. In an interview with the Financial Times, the billionaire philanthropist addressed Musk's recent cuts to the US Agency for International Development, the agency responsible for distributing foreign aid across the world. He criticised the shuttering of the agency and accused Musk of risking a resurgence of diseases such as measles, HIV and polio. "The picture of the world's richest man killing the world's poorest children is not a pretty one," Gates told the Financial Times. "I'd love for him to go in and meet the children that have now been infected with HIV because he cut that money," he said of Musk. Elsewhere in the interview, the 69-year-old announced that he would give up his remaining wealth to his nonprofit foundation over the next two decades. Separately, in a blog post, the Microsoft founder said that his foundation would be ceasing operations by December 31, 2045.

**PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT STRENGTHENS ARMY CHIEF ASIM MUNIR'S HANDS**

**Diary Times Desk :** While an unpopular, war-hungry General Asim Munir is floundering in a mess of his own making amid rising tensions with India, the de-facto ruler in Pakistan has been handed more power. Pakistan's Supreme Court delivered a landmark ruling, endorsing the trials of civilians in military courts. This could end up giving a free hand to the military establishment, which has already suppressed democracy in Pakistan. The Pakistan Supreme Court ruling of May 7, which overturned an earlier judgment that deemed trials of civilians in military courts "unconstitutional", significantly strengthens the power and position of Asim Munir. This ruling by Islamabad's top court's constitutional bench cleared the path for military trials of those involved in the May 9, 2023 anti-army protests, reported news agency PTI. Lakhs of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters rioted and stormed military facilities following the arrest of former PM and party chief Imran Khan, a move they saw as orchestrated by Munir.

**NORTH KOREA'S KIM VISITS RUSSIAN EMBASSY AS HIS GENERALS MEET PUTIN**

**Diary Times Desk :** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made a rare visit to Russia's embassy in Pyongyang with his daughter on Friday and reaffirmed "the invincible alliance" between the two countries, while Russia's leader greeted North Korean generals in Moscow. Congratulating Russia on the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany in World War Two, Kim said North Korea would "consolidate and develop the long tradition of the DPRK-Russia relations, the noble ideological foundation and the invincible alliance", state-run KCNA reported. Kim has taken his young daughter to a variety of events recently, part of what South Korean intelligence views as plans for her to succeed her father. North Korea's unprecedented deployment of thousands of troops, as well as huge amounts of artillery ammunition and missiles, has helped Russia push back a Ukrainian incursion into its western Kursk region. It has also brought North Korea and Russia - both economically and politically isolated - closer.

**BALUCH REBELS SEE OPPORTUNITY IN PAKISTAN'S ADVERSITY, HOIST FLAGS OF LIBERATION**

**Diary Times Desk :** While Pakistan is busy launching futile drone and missile attacks on Indian civilians and military sites across its eastern front, Baluch rebels have stepped up their offensive against Pakistani security forces. At least three groups of Baluch fighters have seized control of parts of its western province, Balochistan. The developments come amid fighting between several rebel groups and Pakistani forces escalating and calls for Balochistan's independence growing louder. Images and videos of Baluch people hoisting their flags after pulling down Pakistan's are all over social media. Baluch pro-independence groups carried out coordinated attacks on Pakistani security forces and their assets swept across Balochistan on Thursday, according to news reports and posts from credible handles. The attacks on the Pakistani regime in Balochistan have gained momentum in the last week.

**ANOTHER GUJARAT FAMILY'S AMERICAN DREAM SHATTERED OFF SAN DIEGO COAST**

**Diary Times Desk :** On May 5, a small wooden boat capsized in rough waters off Torrey Pines State Beach, about 30 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border near San Diego. The panga—a flat-bottomed fishing vessel traditionally used in Mexico and Central America—carried at least 16 people in a suspected human smuggling operation. Among them was the Patel family from Gujarat's Mehsana district, that was attempting to illegally enter the United States from Mexico. Of the three people who died in the incident was 10-year-old Prince Patel, son of a Gujarat couple, Brijesh Patel and Sangita Patel. Their 14-year-old daughter, Mahi Patel, is still missing. Brijesh, 39, and Sangita, 38, survived but are hospitalised in San Diego with severe injuries, confronting both physical trauma and the devastating loss of their children. Brijesh Patel's cousin, Kinjal Patel, 36, said the family hails from Anandpura village in Kukarwada, Mehsana, where they can trace their roots back 150-200 years, and where they still have an ancestral house, though they had been living in Ahmedabad for some years now.

**TRUMP DROPS LOYALIST ED MARTIN, NAMES JEANINE PIRRO AS INTERIM DC PROSECUTOR**

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump has withdrawn his nomination of conservative activist Ed Martin Jr to serve as US Attorney for Washington, DC, after facing bipartisan criticism over Martin's lack of prosecutorial experience, inflammatory political stances, and vocal support for January 6 rioters. Instead, Trump announced Martin will take on new roles within the Justice Department as associate deputy attorney general, pardon attorney, and director of a "weaponization working group." This group will focus on investigating perceived political bias in past Justice Department actions, especially during the Biden administration. Martin, who previously served as acting US Attorney for DC, became a contentious figure for firing staff, pushing politically charged investigations, and supporting Capitol riot defendants — including praising a rioter with a history of white supremacist rhetoric. He failed to initially disclose frequent appearances on Russian state media, further eroding confidence in his nomination. Amid growing opposition, including from Senate Republicans.

## PAKISTANI MISSILE STRIKES HOUSE IN BATHINDA

**Diary Times Desk** : Pakistani missiles targeted Bathinda on Thursday night in a significant escalation of hostilities. Debris from the intercepted missiles has been recovered from the villages of Tungwali, Gehri Baghi and Bir Talab in the Bathinda district. The Indian Army's advanced air defence systems successfully intercepted the incoming missiles, preventing any casualties or major damage. However, one missile has hit a house in the fields of Tungwali village, damaging a shed and shattering glass windows. Residents of Bathinda city reported hearing loud explosions but confirmed there were no injuries or fatalities. Authorities have advised residents to remain indoors while recovery and forensic analysis of the missile fragments is underway. The district administration has also appealed people to stay at least 100 metre away from any unidentified objects as joint armed forces team along with Punjab administration are visiting the areas. Bathinda Deputy Commissioner Shaukat Ahmad Parray said that 4-5 drone attacks were also reported in the district last night, all of which were neutralised by the armed forces.



## MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO REMAIN OPEN AMID THREE-DAY CLOSURE

**Diary Times Desk** : Amid Punjab's three-day closure of all educational institutions, medical, paramedical, and allied health institutions will remain operational. Around 10,000 students under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) will continue their academic and clinical activities without interruption. BFUHS officials emphasised that during crises—much like during the COVID-19 pandemic—the need for trained medical personnel becomes critical. "In times of war or emergencies, healthcare systems face immense pressure. The availability of medical and paramedical staff is essential," said Dr Rajeev Sood, Vice Chancellor of BFUHS. "Students assist in surgeries, provide patient care, and support overburdened hospitals and clinics. Their presence is not only necessary, but vital." Reflecting on the COVID-19 era, Dr Sood added that medical and nursing students had remained on the frontlines, contributing to the pandemic response when all other educational institutions were shut.

## CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION BANS HOARDING OF ESSENTIALS

**Diary Times Desk** : In a decisive move to ensure the uninterrupted availability of essential goods, the District Magistrate of Chandigarh has imposed a ban on hoarding and stockpiling of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and Section 163 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita Act, 2023. The order, which came into effect on May 9, prohibits all individuals, traders, wholesalers, retailers, and business entities from engaging in the hoarding of key items, including rice, wheat, pulses, sugar, edible oils, vegetables, milk products, medicines, petrol and diesel. "In order to safeguard public interest and maintain smooth availability of essential goods, I, Nishant Kumar Yadav, IAS, District Magistrate, UT, Chandigarh, exercising the powers conferred upon me... hereby order the following," the official notification states. The order mandates that all traders and stockists must declare their current stock to the Department of Food & Supplies within three days of the order.

## RISING INDIA-PAK TENSIONS CAST SHADOW OVER WEDDINGS IN PUNJAB'S BORDER DISTRICTS

**Diary Times Desk** : As tensions escalate between India and Pakistan, anxiety is growing among civilians—particularly those with weddings planned in the coming days. Gurinder Singh, a resident of Muktsar town, voiced his concern over his nephew's wedding, scheduled for May 12 in Punjab's Fazilka district. "We are all perplexed. Everything is ready, and the functions are scheduled to begin on May 10, but the current situation is making us nervous," he said. He added that blackout drills had already begun in the area, further increasing the unease. "The situation escalated further on Wednesday with the execution of Operation Sindoor. Adding to our worries, schools in the border districts have been ordered shut as a precautionary measure," Gurinder said. The owner of a popular wedding hall in the region echoed similar sentiments. "Just a few weddings are usually held in May. However, those who have planned them are definitely anxious," he noted. Despite the rising concern, officials have urged the public to remain calm, assuring that there is no need to panic.

## RECOVERY OF CHINA-MADE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE MAY PROVIDE VITAL INPUTS ON ITS CAPABILITY

**Diary Times Desk** : The recovery of a near-intact China-made long-range air-to-air missile near Hoshiarpur in eastern Punjab on Friday is expected to provide the Indian Air Force a first-hand insight into its technical specifications and operational capability, helping to fine tune aerial combat procedures. The missile, identified as the PL-15, is an active radar homing missile that equips Chinese fighters like the JF-17 which are also in service with the Pakistan Air Force. According to reports, Pakistan acquired the PL-15E variant that has a claimed range of 145 km. The JF-17s in service with Pakistan have been operationally deployed during the ongoing engagement with India. According to Air Force officers, the missile was probably launched at an Indian aircraft, missed its target and continued its flight till it ran out of fuel and fell out of the sky. The nearest distance to the Indo-Pakistan border from Kamahi Devi village in Hoshiarpur, where the missile was found, is about 60 km. While designers specify the missile's range, it may deviate depending upon the altitude and speed of the launch platform, environmental conditions and angle of attack. Examination of its system may provide clues about the place and conditions of launch. "This is a golden opportunity, albeit rare for Indian experts to examine all aspects of the missile minutely.

## BBMB ROW: HC FINDS PRIMA FACIE CASE OF CONTEMPT AGAINST PUNJAB

**Diary Times Desk** : Just about three days after Punjab was directed not to interfere in the functioning of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) and abide by a decision taken in a meeting in the matter, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today said a prima facie case of contempt was made out against the state for not complying with its directions. The bench also made it clear that the notice would be issued to the state Chief Secretary and DGP. The bench, at the same time, made it clear that it would hold its hand till Monday if Punjab assured compliance with the order. A detailed order in this regard is expected to be released by the court later in the evening. The division bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel asserted that judicial directions, whether right or wrong, were binding until stayed or set aside. The court also noted that there appeared to be "some element of contempt" and that a reply was required.

## BAPORA VILLAGERS FILLED WITH PRIDE SEEING 'BAHU' WING COMMANDER VYOMIKA SINGH AT CENTRE STAGE FOR OPERATION SINDOOR BRIEFING

**Diary Times Desk** : With the entire nation celebrating the success of the Indian Army's Operation Sindoor, the people of Bapora village in Bhiwani district have even more reason to rejoice. Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, a helicopter pilot in the Indian Air Force who has drawn attention at the national and international level by being part of the Indian Force's media handling team, is the 'bahu' of Bapora in Haryana's Bhiwani district. She and Colonel Sophia Qureshi were part of the Indian Force's team which regularly briefs media on Operation Sindoor. Singh is married to Dinesh Sabharwal, a native of Bapora village in Bhiwani district, which also happens to be the ancestral village of former Army Chief General VK Singh (retired) — who is serving as Governor of Mizoram now. Dinesh Sabharwal is also the Group Captain in the IAF. His father Prem Singh Sabharwal had also retired as the District Excise and Taxation Controller. "Vyomika is a bahu (daughter-in-law) of the village, and her success brings honour not only to her family but to the entire village. Her father-in-law's family still resides in the village, while Vyomika lives with her husband in Gurugram," informed the villagers. A villager said that the entire village was elated after hearing about the success.



**BLACKOUT ORDERED IN  
PARWANOO, BADDI,  
NALAGARH IN SOLAN  
DISTRICT**

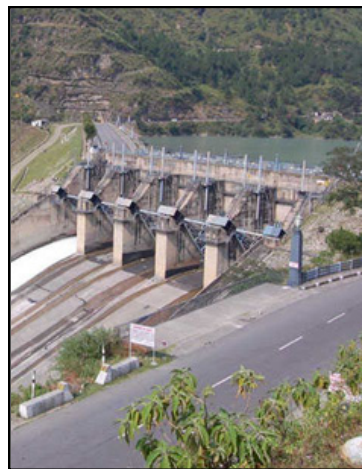
**Diary Times Desk :** A blackout will be observed in the border areas of Solan district, including Parwanoo, Baddi and Nalagarh tehsils, on Friday night from 8 pm to 6 am. The directive was issued by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Solan Manmohan Sharma. The DC has urged all traders in these areas to close their shops at 8 pm and instructed the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) to ensure compliance with the blackout orders in the panchayats under their jurisdiction. The SDMs have also been asked to request industrialists not to assign employees to night shifts during this period. Additionally, the SDM of Kasauli has been asked to coordinate closely with the Army. The Deputy Commissioner said that depending on the evolving situation, blackout orders may be executed to other areas of the district. He appealed to citizens to cooperate.

**PROTECTING THE  
GREENS 58 VAN MITRAS  
EQUIPPED TO SAVE  
MANDI FORESTS**

**Diary Times Desk :** A seven-day Van Mitra training camp, organised by the Forest Department, concluded on Wednesday in the Nachan Forest Division of Mandi district, marking a major stride in community-driven forest conservation. A total of 58 Forest Mitras, including 37 women and 21 men, successfully completed the training and are now set to assist forest officials across various beats in the district. The closing ceremony was graced by notable guests, including Padma Shri awardee Nek Ram Sharma and Priyanka from the Brahma Kumaris organisation. Both dignitaries praised the newly trained volunteers and underlined their dual role — as on-ground collaborators with the Forest Department and as environmental ambassadors within their rural communities. Throughout the intensive week-long training, Forest Mitras were equipped with essential knowledge and hands-on experience in wildfire prevention and response, wildlife protection, community engagement and basic first aid. These skills are expected to prepare them for swift.

**PUBLIC ADVISORY ISSUED IN MANDI AS LARJI DAM TO RELEASE  
WATER AMID RISING BEAS RIVER LEVELS**

**Diary Times Desk :** In light of increasing water levels in the Beas river and its tributaries, the authorities at Larji Hydro Electric Project (HEP) Kullu, which has an installed capacity of 126 MW, have announced the controlled release of approximately 50 cubic meters per second (cumecs) of water from Larji Dam. The dam management and the Mandi administration have issued a public advisory urging residents and tourists to stay away from the riverbanks during the next 24 hours. The precautionary measure is being taken to ensure public safety and prevent any untoward incidents due to the sudden rise in water levels. Officials have reiterated that such releases are standard operational procedures during high inflow conditions and are necessary for regulating dam safety and downstream flow. Warning signage and public announcements have been arranged in the affected areas, particularly in locations frequented by tourists and locals near the Beas river. The administration has appealed to the public to strictly follow the advisory and avoid venturing near the riverbanks for fishing, bathing or other activities. The authorities have requested cooperation from public to ensure safety and minimise risk.

**FUNGICIDES UNAVAILABLE IN  
GOVERNMENT OUTLETS FOR HAIL-HIT  
APPLE CROP**

**Diary Times Desk :** Apple growers are claiming that at present, fungicides are not available at most of the outlets of the Horticulture Department. The department offers fungicides and other pesticides recommended in its spray schedule to the growers at subsidised rates at its outlets. "Apple growers have suffered huge losses due to heavy hailstorms at several places. In such difficult times, subsidised fungicides would have offered some relief to the affected growers. However, fungicides are not available at most of the outlets of the department," said Harish Chauhan, a progressive apple grower of Rohru, here today. Sohan Thakur, apple grower of Theog, said that the fungicides were not available in the Horticulture Department's outlets even in his area. "The University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, recommends spraying fungicides to control fungal attack on injured fruit and battered leaves immediately after a hailstorm. However, fungicides are not available in the department's outlets and the growers have to buy these from the market at the full cost," he added. While admitting that fungicides were not available in some of its outlets, an Horticulture Department official said that a supply order for fungicides had been made to companies and these would be available shortly in the department's outlets.

**AIRPORTS SHUT, FOREIGN TOURISTS  
IN DILEMMA**

**Diary Times Desk :** Foreign tourists are anxious and in a dilemma after the Indian Government temporarily closed several airports in northern states for commercial operations, as tensions with Pakistan escalated after the Pahalgam terror attack. The Indian Government suspended civilian flights from the airports at Jammu, Srinagar, Pathankot, Amritsar and Kullu, citing security concerns and airspace management. The retaliatory strikes by Indian armed forces have disrupted the travel plans of international tourists. Linda, a tourist from the UK, expresses concern over her international flight from New Delhi on May 16 while Michal from Israel cancelled her planned June visit altogether. We are on a trip in Himachal and have booked a flight from Kullu to New Delhi for the return journey. But now we're stuck and don't know what to do," says Alan, a visitor from the USA, who is held up with his group in Kullu. He adds, "Tour operators don't know when flights will resume and we're nervous about how the situation will evolve." Beyond logistical challenges, travellers are also worried about their personal safety amid heightened uncertainty. The embassies of various countries have issued travel advisories, urging their citizens to avoid non-essential trips to Jammu and Kashmir and areas near the Pakistan border.

**FARES HIKED BY UP TO 15 PER CENT FOR ALL BUSES**

**Diary Times Desk :** The state government has raised bus fares by up to 15 per cent in all categories of buses — ordinary, deluxe and Volvo/luxury. It had increased the minimum bus fare to Rs 10 sometime ago. As per an order issued today, the fare of ordinary buses in hilly areas has been fixed at Rs 2.50 per kilometre and at Rs 1.60 per kilometre for plains. For deluxe buses, the fare in hilly areas will be Rs 3.10 per kilometre and Rs 1.95 per kilometre in plains. Volvo/luxury buses will charge Rs 5.20 per kilometre in hilly areas and Rs 3.90 per kilometre in plains. Bikram Thakur, a former Transport Minister in the previous BJP government, has termed the government decision as anti-people. He said that the decision taken after the minimum bus fare was raised sometime ago was unjustified for the people of the state. "The HRTC is the lifeline of common people. The government is making transport services expensive instead of keeping it inexpensive and accessible for common people," he added. Other BJP leaders, too, criticised the government decision.



IPL 2025 SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK AMID HEIGHTENED  
INDO-PAK TENSION

**Diary Times Desk :** The remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 has been temporarily suspended. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed the development, clarifying in a media release that the suspension is for a week at the moment. Cricbuzz understands that the decision, taken against the backdrop of heightened border tensions between India and Pakistan, follows a high-stakes meeting of the BCCI top brass. It is understood that various options including a possible change of venues were mulled before this decision was taken. "Further updates regarding the new schedule and venues of the tournament will be announced in due course after a comprehensive assessment of the situation in consultation with relevant authorities and stakeholders," the BCCI said in the release. "The decision was taken by the IPL Governing Council after due consultation with all key stakeholders following the representations from most of the franchisees, who conveyed the concern and sentiments of their players, and also the views of the broadcaster, sponsors and fans; while the BCCI reposes full faith in the strength and preparedness of our armed forces, the Board considered it prudent to act in the collective interest of all stakeholders," the BCCI further said.



DELHI CRICKET BODY RECEIVES BOMB  
THREAT CLAIMING REVENGE FOR  
OPERATION SINDOOR

**Diary Times Desk :** The Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) on Friday received a threat email claiming to blast the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi in retaliation for the ongoing Operation Sindoor carried out by the Indian armed forces against Pakistan. The Arun Jaitley Stadium received a bomb threat via email on Friday morning, and a police complaint has been registered, a top DDCA official told IANS. "There will be a bomb blast in your stadium. We have a committed Pakistan sleeper cell active in India. The blast will be our revenge of Operation Sindoor," reads the mail. The venue played host to Delhi Capitals' home matches in the IPL 2025 before it was suspended for one week by the BCCI on Friday. Arun Jaitley Stadium was scheduled to host its last match of the season against Gujarat Titans on May 11 but it has now been suspended following the BCCI's decision. On Thursday, Pakistan launched aerial attacks on Jammu as well as several military stations near the western border, but those were successfully foiled by India's air defence systems. Pakistan attempted strikes, involving drones and missiles, triggered blackouts and sirens across several areas.

SETBACK FOR PAKISTAN: UAE SET  
TO DECLINE BIG PSL 2025  
REQUEST. REASON IS...

**Diary Times Desk :** The PCB's plans to conduct the remaining Pakistan Super League matches in the UAE may not succeed as the Emirates Cricket Board is "unlikely to approve" its request due to the border tensions between India and Pakistan. A source close to the developments in the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) has indicated that the Board is set to reject the request from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), which has already announced that the PSL would be held in the UAE. The source has cited "security concerns potentially emanating from the rising tension between India and Pakistan." It is learnt that the recent developments have made the Emirates Cricket Board "vary of being perceived as an ally of PCB", which it believes the act of hosting the PSL may suggest. "The Emirates Cricket Board has enjoyed a strong relationship with BCCI in recent years having hosted the 'India' edition of the ICC T20 World Cup 2021, editions of the IPL as well as India matches during ICC Champions Trophy 2025," the source further stated. Dubai is also the headquarter of the International Cricket Council, which is currently headed by former BCCI secretary Jay Shah.

PBKS OPENERS PRABHSIMRAN  
AND ARYA RISE ON IPL 2025  
ORANGE CAP TABLE AFTER  
FIFTIES AGAINST DC

**Diary Times Desk :** Not much can change when a game is called off after 10.1 overs, but both the batters on show on Thursday night in the IPL 2025 game between Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Delhi Capitals (DC) in Dharamsala did their cause no harm when it comes to the Orange Cap race. Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh, who have formed such a potent opening combination for PBKS, were the only batters in action on Thursday, putting together a 122-run stand before Arya fell. The game ended immediately after that. But Prabhsimran's unbeaten 50 from 28 balls took him up to No. 6, while Arya's 70 in 34 balls lifted him to No. 8. Not much changed around them, with Suryakumar Yadav (MI, 510 runs), B Sai Sudharsan (GT, 509 runs), Shubman Gill (GT, 508 runs), Virat Kohli (RCB, 505 runs) and Jos Buttler (GT, 500 runs) making up the top five. Yashasvi Jaiswal (RR, 473 runs) is between the two PBKS openers at No. 7.

ECB SHUTS DOOR ON  
PAKISTAN'S BID TO HOLD PSL  
IN UAE, WON'T DAMAGE  
CLOSE TIES WITH BCCI AND  
INDIA

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) plans to hold the remaining Pakistan Super League (PSL) matches in the UAE are facing a significant hurdle. News agency PTI cited sources within the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) suggesting that they are "unlikely to approve" the request and shut doors on the PCB and PSL . This potential rejection stems from "security concerns potentially emanating from the rising tension between India and Pakistan." The ECB is reportedly wary of being "perceived as an ally of PCB" by hosting the PSL, especially given their "strong relationship with BCCI in recent years," which includes hosting the 'India' edition of the ICC T20 World Cup 2021, Indian Premier League (IPL) matches, and India's games during the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2025. With Dubai being the headquarters of the International Cricket Council (ICC), currently headed by former BCCI secretary Jay Shah, the ECB is likely considering broader implications. The presence of a "diverse South Asian population which enjoys cricket" in the UAE raises concerns that hosting the PSL amidst heightened tensions "could vitiate harmony, pose security risks and stir unnecessary friction between communities." "The UAE has a diverse South Asian population which enjoys cricket."

VIRAT KOHLI ISSUES FIRST STATEMENT AFTER IPL 2025 SUSPENDED: 'WE  
STAND WITH OUR ARMED FORCES'

**Diary Times Desk :** After the suspension of IPL 2025 due to rising tensions between India and Pakistan, star cricketer Virat Kohli has shared a powerful message on social media. The Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batter took to his official social media handles to extend his support to the Indian armed forces amid the ongoing conflict. Taking to his Instagram story, Kohli wrote, "We stand in solidarity with, and salute our armed forces for fiercely protecting our country in these difficult times." He added that the nation is "forever indebted" to the soldiers for their bravery and sacrifice. Kohli also expressed deep respect and gratitude for the families of the soldiers. "Heartfelt gratitude for the sacrifices they and their families make for our great nation," he said, ending the message with "Jai Hind" and Indian flag emojis. His message came after the ongoing IPL 2025 was suspended following the abandonment of the Punjab Kings vs Delhi Capitals match in Dharamsala on Thursday. With nearby airports shut down and security concerns rising, players and support staff were taken to Delhi via a special train arranged by the BCCI.

