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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R) receives Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani during his official visit to Turkey



The Head of the Chechen Republic of Russia Ramzan Kadyrov listens to Russian President Vladimir Putin during their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow



Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey attends the central bank's Monetary Policy Report press conference at the Bank of England

Russia declares ceasefire, but attacks Ukraine anyway

AP, Kyiv: Russia struck northeastern Ukraine on Thursday in the opening hours of a 72-hour ceasefire called by Russian President Vladimir Putin, killing one person, Ukrainian officials said.

The unilateral ceasefire coincides with the celebrations in Moscow for the 80th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany in World War II, Russia's biggest secular holiday. Kyiv has pressed for a longer-term ceasefire.

Putin on Thursday welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Kremlin. Xi, who Putin earlier described as "our main guest" at Friday's Victory Day festivities, arrived in Russia on Wednesday for a four-day visit.

Russian forces dropped guided air bombs on residential areas near the border in the northeast Somy region, killing one and wounded two people, the regional prosecutor's office said. Ukraine's air force also said at least one missile hit the Somy region until early morning on Thursday.

Large-scale missile and drone attacks, which have been a near-daily occur-



Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping exchange documents at the Kremlin in Moscow, on Thursday

rence in Ukraine in recent weeks, were not recorded since 8:30 p.m. (local time) Wednesday, the air force said. Smaller-scale Russian attacks persisted elsewhere in the country closer to the front line, causing civilian casualties, it said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy cast doubt on the ceasefire, calling it "manipulation" as U.S.-led peace efforts stalled. "For some reason, everyone is supposed to wait until May 8 before ceasing fire — just to provide Putin with silence for his parade," Zelenskyy said.

In March, the United States proposed a 30-day truce in the war, which Ukraine accepted, but the Kremlin has held out for ceasefire terms more to its liking.

In Russia, officials said that the regions of Belgorod, Lipetsk, Orenburg, Ryazan and Tambov came under a drone threat alert overnight, but there were no reports of any drones being shot down or intercepted. Russia's civil aviation authority Rosaviatsia also briefly imposed restrictions on flights to and from the airport in Nizhny Novgorod.

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ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST IS THE FIRST US POPE

"Habemus papam, woooo!" howled Bruna Hodara, 41, from Brazil, echoing the words to be spoken on the balcony as the new pope is introduced. She, like others, recorded the historic moment on her phone, as others waved flags and cried out "Viva Il Papa!" — "Long live the pope!" in Italian. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to be here to see the pope. It's really special... I'm excited!" said Florian Fried, a 15-year-old from Munich, in Germany.

Some 133 "Princes of the Church" from five continents — the largest and most international conclave ever — began voting on Wednesday afternoon. Sworn to secrecy, on pain of excommunication, their only means of communicating their progress to the outside world was by sending up smoke through the chimney of the Sistine Chapel.

On Wednesday evening and then again on Thursday lunchtime, the smoke was black, eliciting disappointed sighs from the tens of thousands watching. But on Thursday afternoon just after 6 pm (1600 GMT) the smoke emitted was white, confirming that the Catholic Church has a new spiritual leader. It was unknown how many ballots it took to elect the new pope, but it followed recent history in wrapping up in less than two days.

In 2005, Benedict XVI, a German theologian, was elected in four ballots and Francis, in 2013, was elected in five ballots.

While the details of the election will forever remain secret, the new pope had to secure at least two-thirds of votes to be elected.

INDIA FOILS PAK ATTACKS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Drawing parallels to the tactics of the Palestinian terror group Hamas, the sources said all "cheap" rockets directed at Jammu were successfully intercepted. The missiles were aimed at key areas including Satwari, Samba, RS Pura, and Arnia. Officials alleged that the Pakistani military was operating in a manner reminiscent of a terror organisation, citing a recent meeting between Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Hamas operatives in PoK.

Hostile drones were also reportedly spotted along India's western border, all of which were neutralised. Eyewitnesses described seeing one drone crash near the Jammu Airport, while flares lit up the night sky, drawing residents to their balconies to watch the aerial confrontation unfold.

Pakistan's aerial offensive followed India's precision missile strikes early Wednesday on nine terror targets in PoK and Pakistan, carried out under 'Operation Sindoor'. In a press statement, the Ministry of Defence stated that on the night of 7-8 May, Pakistan attempted to strike military targets in Awantipora, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj.

"These attempts were neutralised by the Integrated Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System (Grid and Air Defence systems)," the ministry said, adding that S-400 air defence systems had been deployed in northern India to counter the attacks. Debris from intercepted objects is now being recovered from multiple locations, confirming the Pakistani strikes. The ministry reiterated that "any attack on military targets in India will invite a suitable response."

It also confirmed that Indian forces had targeted and disabled Pakistani air defence radars and systems at several locations. "The Indian response has been in the same domain and with equal intensity as Pakistan's," it said. Intelligence inputs suggest that an air defence system in Lahore was successfully neutralised.

In Islamabad, Pakistan Army spokesperson Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry claimed that Indian drones were downed in Lahore, Gujranwala, Chakwal, Bahawalpur, Mian, Karachi, Chhor, Rawalpindi, and Attock. He added that one drone crashed near Lahore, injuring four soldiers, and that at least four drones had struck the Lahore cantonment area. A statement from the Pakistan Army said, "So far, 25 Israeli-made Harop drones have been shot down by the Pakistani Army's soft kill (technical) and hard kill (weapons) systems."

In New Delhi, the Ministry of Defence reported unprovoked Pakistani shelling across the Line of Control (LoC), involving mortars and heavy-calibre artillery in the Kupwara, Baramulla, Uri, Poonch, Mendhar, and Rajouri sectors of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Sixteen innocent lives have been lost, including three women and five children, due to Pakistani firing," the ministry stated. It added that Indian forces were compelled to respond proportionately to halt the cross-border shelling. "The Indian Armed Forces reiterate their commitment to non-escalation, provided it is respected by the Pakistani army."

KALA ACADEMY AILING, SHOWS TASK FORCE REPORT

"Actors could perform without microphones and still be heard clearly in the back rows. Post-renovation, however, that is no longer the case," it said. The audit also found issues with sound isolation — both from external sources and between internal spaces. During quiet moments of the test drama, ambient noise was distinctly audible: sounds of the HVAC system.

"It is crucial to acknowledge that this report is not an exercise in blame, but a professional blueprint for solutions. The Kala Academy Task Force, led by Vijay Kenkre, took the first step by recognising the problems and bringing experts like Roger Drego on board. Now, with these findings in hand, the leadership — from the Government of Goa to the venue administrators — must demonstrate the will to act on them swiftly and thoroughly. There are "no shortcuts to fixing these problems", the report said.

Earlier, the task force met chief minister Pramod Sawant at Mantralaya at Porvorim and submitted the report.

Speaking to reporters at Mantralaya at Porvorim, the Chief Minister said, "The Task Force on Kala Academy has submitted its report today. Will hold a meeting on this tomorrow. I have not gone through the report yet."

Task Force Chairman Vijay Kenkre said, "We had a meeting with the chief minister and we submitted our report to him. Chief Minister assured that rectification work will start after he will have a meeting with the PWD officials. Now it will have to be decided how much time will take to carry out the rectification work."

Kenkre said, "There are 18 to 20 faults. We have given the details and the CM has assured that he will get them rectified. The task force will supervise the work carried out by the PWD. New tender will be issued for the work. Kala Academy may remain closed for some days when the works will be carried out."

He said the task force has highlighted in its report that there are problems with lights, acoustics, black box, open air auditorium and in air conditioning, among other things.

Kala Rakhonn Mand Convenor Devidas Amonkar said, "In short it is now clear that the claim that all is well has been proved false. The Chief Minister has accepted that there are flaws in the Kala Academy. Today it has been accepted that Kala Academy is not the way it should be. Till today some people are claiming that there is no problem in Kala Academy. But today when the chief minister has said that all the flaws will be rectified it means things in Kala Academy are not in order."

However, Amonkar said that the Kala Rakhonn Maand will hold its protest against the Supari remarks made by Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude.

The government had constituted a 12-member task force, chaired by theatre artist Vijay Kenkre, to review the Kala Academy's infrastructure and suggest improvements. The task force was established in response to artists' concerns about the renovation work, which they felt was haphazard despite the large amount of funding. The task force conducted an inspection of the Kala Academy complex before its first meeting on October 22.

The task force includes representatives from various departments and organizations, including the Public Works Department (PWD), Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), Kala Academy, Kala Rakhonn Mand, and the Charles Correia Foundation. The Charles Correia Foundation subsequently declined to join the task force.

The task force's primary goal was to assess the current infrastructure status of the Kala Academy and make recommendations for its improve-

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