

# China denies reports of sending cargo plane with military supplies to Pakistan

**PTI, BEIJING:** The Chinese military on Monday denied reports that its largest military cargo plane has carried arms supplies to Pakistan and warned legal action against those spreading such rumours.

The People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAF) has denied that its Xi'an Y-20 military transport aircraft has taken supplies to Pakistan.

After seeing a large amount of information on the internet about a "Y-20 transporting relief supplies to Pakistan", the Air Force said in a statement that such claims were untrue, a report on the official website of the Chinese Defence Ministry said on Monday.

The PLAF also posted several screenshots of photos and words that shared the incorrect information, with each stamped with the red word "rumour".

"The internet is not beyond the law! Those who produce and spread military-related rumours will be held legally responsible!" the report added.

The denial by the PLA, which shares close ties with its Pakistan counterpart, was regarded as significant, coming two days after an understanding between India and Pakistan to stop all firings and military actions and Islamabad's requirement for immediate replenishments.

According to a recent report of Stockholm International

Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), China has emerged as the largest weapons supplier to Pakistan, accounting for 81 per cent of arms procurement of China's all-weather ally from 2020 to 2024. The procurement included the latest jet fighters, radars, naval ships, submarines and missiles.

Both countries jointly manufacture J-17 aircraft, the mainstay of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF).

Considering the large-scale use of Chinese weapons supplies by Pakistan and the all-weather relationship between the two countries, the Chinese official media showed considerable interest during the last few days in the India-Pa-

kistan military confrontation, regurgitating some of Pakistan's claims, including the downing of planes.

India launched 'Operation Sindoor' on May 7 to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgalam terror attack.

This was followed by major strikes on several Pakistan airbases a day later, virtually weakening Pakistan's ability to retaliate as India's air defence missile systems successfully thwarted a series of attempts made by Pakistan to breach Indian airspace with swarm drone and missile attacks.

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"Locals will no longer face flight safety risks, the Navy's concerns are addressed, and NHAH can continue the project with slight modifications," he said.

For many Vasco residents, the outcome brings relief and renewed hope for the airport's future. "There were fears that Dabolim might shut permanently after Mopa began operations. This is good news after a long time," said Chetan Kamat, president of the Goa Taxi Drivers Association.

However, some locals expressed concern over the financial implications. Vasco resident Sanjay Redkar criticised the unauthorized construction and called for accountability. "This will lead to a huge loss for both central and state governments. The responsible officials, especially the NHAH project director, must be held accountable," he said.

### OPPN SLAMS CM FOR DRAGGING FEET ON FACT-FINDING REPORT

The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) had earlier issued a statement promising a formal statement after completion of the review.

On Saturday, during an event at the Raj Bhavan, the Chief Minister urged the media not to speculate about the findings of the committee and reiterated his intention to make a statement after personally reviewing the report. Yet, by Monday, no such statement had been issued by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

Goa Forward Party (GFP) president and MLA Vijai Sardesai said, "I do not want to do any politics over an unfortunate stampede which brought Goa in national news for all the wrong reasons. Goans are supposed to be a civilised society of well-educated people. But we made the news for all the wrong reasons. Six lives have been lost. There must be accountability, and it has to be fixed. The Chief Minister hails from a region where the temple of Devi Lairai is situated. So, he should consciously act and ensure that those people who lost their lives get justice."

AamAdmi Party (AAP) State president Adv Amit Palakar said, "It is the habit of the government not to make reports public when it finds fault. Contents of so many reports have not been made public. Was it not the responsibility of local MLA and the Chief Minister who was personally looking at the arrangements for the annual zatra? Why are they silent? It means they are vicariously liable. Where is the drone footage? Why are they hidden? The government wants to blame some officers and get away with it. The government has committed fraud when the temple managing committee says they were not present for the meeting held on April 30. Why was there no Judicial Commission inquiry ordered to find out who the real culprits responsible for the tragedy were?"

Activist Avertino Miranda stated, "It is clearly a cover up on the failure of the government to provide safety to the devotees. The government is answerable to the people of Goa especially to families who suffered human loss, which is deplorable and condemnable by any right thinking person. The government must be transparent and make public the report whatever may be its outcome and initiate action against those responsible and take steps to avoid recurrence of such incidents."

Activist Adv Pratima Coutinho commented, "Hindu Khathrem Mein Hai was the statement made by the ruling dispensation to polarise people. People in Goa live in harmony. There was a lapse and no matter what, the government has to take responsibility for the stampede which claimed six innocent lives. The government was aware of the security arrangement when a similar incident was reported in a temple at Valpoi but in Shirgao lives were lost because the government was complacent. Ex-gratia whether Rs 10 lakh or Rs 1 crore cannot bring loved ones back. The delay to make the report public only goes to show that the government is trying to protect somebody and my earnest appeal to the government is that it is high time to give justice to the people."

Activist Mahesh Nayak of Jai Damodar alleged, "The government is trying to protect Bicholim Taluka Mamlatdar, who is the administrator to devalaya and the temple managing committee, who are reported to be supporters of the ruling party. The administrator should be held responsible because there are reports that he was not present on the zatra day. The government is also trying to protect the five officers who were transferred a few hours after the tragedy."

Goa Forward Party North Goa District General Secretary Santosh Kumar Sawant added, "It's now four days after the fact-finding committee submitted its report on the stampede. The government is trying to hush up the inquiry report and protect those involved. Transfer of officers is not a solution, and accountability must be fixed. High-level officers have been named and held responsible for the stampede, and there is a move to shield them. All should know who is guilty, and they must be punished. The government's intention is not clear, and it wants to protect somebody."

### ANY TALKS WITH PAKISTAN CAN HAPPEN ONLY ON TERRORISM, POK: PM

The prime minister termed the Pahalgalam attack as the most "barbaric face of terrorism", saying it was personal pain for him, but the enemy has now realised the consequences of removing 'sindoor from the forehead of our women'.

Addressing the nation, Modi said Operation Sindoor was not just a name but, through it, the whole world saw India's resolve turn into action and more than 100 dreaded terrorists were slaughtered.

"Pakistan wiped the sindoor off our sisters' foreheads. We wiped out the universities of terror running in Pakistan," he said, dedicating the valour of armed forces to mothers, sisters and daughters of this country.

Outlining the 'new normal', he said India will give a befitting response to any terror attack on its own terms by targeting the terror havens.

He said, "Secondly, India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will launch precise attacks on terror sites being nurtured under the protection of nuclear blackmail."

Thirdly, he added, the country will not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the patrons of terrorists.

"Pakistan has to dismantle its terror infrastructure. There is no other way to peace," the prime minister said.

With terror infrastructure destroyed in a big way and terror sites left in ruins, India considered stopping military actions after Pakistan said it would desist from any terror or military action, he said.

"The Pahalgalam attack was the most barbaric face of terrorism, it was a personal pain for me. We gave the armed forces full liberty to raze terrorists to dust," he said.

"When our missiles and drones destroyed terror sites in Pakistan, not only their buildings but their spirit was also demolished. When 'Nation First' is our resolve, steely decisions are taken," he said.

Pakistan slumped into gloom after the Indian attack on terror camps, "but they dared to attack us rather than helping fight terrorism. More than 100 dreaded terrorists were slaughtered in the Indian attack", Modi said.

"The entire world saw how Pakistani drones were downed by our military might. India has struck at the heart of Pakistan, our missiles attacked with precision to damage their air bases," he said.

Modi reiterated that terror and talks, and terror and trade cannot go together. Blood and water, he added in a reference to India putting in abeyance the Indus Waters Treaty, cannot flow together.

"I will tell world leaders too that this is our stated policy that if dialogue will occur, then it will be on terrorism and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir," he said, adding that terror sites targeted by India were also linked to the 9/11 terror attacks in the US and the London tube bombing.

In the broadcast, Modi saluted the armed forces, intelligence agencies and scientists and ended his speech by raising the slogan of "Bharat mata ki jai" three times.

The prime minister lauded the unity shown by the country against the terror attack, which he said was aimed at creating communal divide as well because the terrorists carried out religious profiling of victims. "Our unity is our biggest strength," he added.

After India eliminated dreaded terrorists roaming freely in Pakistan in one strike, Pakistan sank into despair and attacked India in desperation instead of cooperating in the action against terrorism, he said.

Religious places like gurdwaras and temples, civilians in their homes and military facilities were targeted, he said, adding that Pakistan ended up unmasking itself as the world saw its drones and missiles being brought down like "straws" by India's air defence system.

He said Operation Sindoor has unveiled a new dimension of India's capabilities as the armed forces not only put up a "glorious performance in deserts and mountains but also proved their superiority in the new age warfare".

PM Modi said destruction was inflicted on Pakistan beyond its imagination in three days and began pleading across the world for an escape route.

Asserting that India will continue to take decisive steps to protect itself and its citizens, he said indigenous weapons have proved their superiority in the conflict and added that their time has come.

Lord Buddha, whose birth anniversary fell on Monday, showed the path to peace but "it passes through shakti" (power), he said, adding that it is a must for India to be powerful to be peaceful and prosperous.

Using power is also at times necessary for peace and this is what India has done in the past few days, he said.

### US-CHINA AGREE TO 90-DAY PAUSE TO TRADE WAR

"The consensus from both delegations this weekend is neither side wants a decoupling," Bessent said. "And what had occurred with these very high tariff... was an embargo, the equivalent of an embargo. And neither side wants that. We do want trade."

"We want more balanced trade," he said. "And I think that both sides are committed to achieving that."

The delegations, escorted around town and guarded by scores of Swiss police, met for at least a dozen hours on both days of the weekend at a sunbaked 17th-century villa that serves as the official residence of the Swiss ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

At times, the delegation leaders broke away from their staffs and settled into sofas on the villa's patios overlooking Lake Geneva, helping deepen personal ties in the effort to reach a much-sought deal.

China's Commerce Ministry said the two sides agreed to cancel 91 per cent in tariffs on each other's goods and suspend another 24 per cent in tariffs for 90 days, bringing the total reduction to 115 percentage points.

The ministry called the agreement an important step for the resolution of the two countries' differences and said it lays the foundation for further cooperation.

"This initiative aligns with the expectations of producers and consumers in both countries and serves the interests of both nations as well as the common interests of the world," a ministry statement said.

China hopes the US will stop "the erroneous practice of unilateral tariff hikes" and work with China to safeguard the development of their economic and trade relations, injecting more certainty and stability into the global economy, the ministry said.

The joint statement issued by the two countries said China also agreed to suspend or remove other measures it has taken since April 2 in response to the US tariffs.

China has increased export controls on rare earths including some critical to the defence industry and added more American companies to its export control and unreliable entity lists, restricting their business with and in China.

The full impact on the complicated tariffs and other trade penalties enacted by Washington and Beijing remains unclear. And much depends on whether they will find ways to bridge long-standing differences during the 90-day suspension. Bessent said in an interview with CNBC that US and Chinese officials will meet again in a few weeks.

But investors rejoiced as trade envoys from the world's two biggest economies blinked, finding ways to pull back from potentially massive disruptions to world trade and their own markets.

Futures for the S&P 500 jumped 2.6 per cent and for the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 2 per cent. Oil prices surged more than USD 1.60 a barrel and the US dollar gained against the euro and the Japanese yen.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**AGNELO BASILIO**  
**TOMAS BRAGANCA.**  
 1st FATRADE - VARCA  
 Born: 07.03.1966 / Died: 12.05.2025  
 Son of late Francisco Braganca/ late Anastasia Furtado.  
 Son-in-law of late Santano/Filomena Fernandes.  
 Husband of Graciana Fernandes.  
 Loving father of Leanne & Lequisha Braganca.  
 Brother/brother-in-law of Sacru/Benjamin, Tecla/Custodio, Magdalena/ Jack, Martina/Minguel, Joaquin/Fransquina, Michael/Zarina, Antonio/Franklina, Florida/Alegre.  
 Brother-in-law of Tony, late Menino, Sabina/Antonio, Jose/Lydia.  
 Loving uncle of Nephew/ nieces.  
 Passed away peacefully. Funeral Cortege will leave his residence at 9.30 am Today 13/05/2025 to St. Roque Chapel Fatrade, Varca for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.  
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation  
 Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
**ANA**  
**FELECIDADE**  
**DE SOUSA**  
**(FELIZ)**  
 BORN: 23/03/1939 DIED: 12/05/2025  
 Beloved Wife of Late Mr. João B. P. De Sousa.  
 Loving Mother of Jacinta & Marilha.  
 Protective sister to her siblings, dotting aunt to all her nieces & nephews and all their family members.  
 Funeral Cortege will leave her residence at Sallis Vaddo, Parra on 13/5/2025 (TODAY) at 4.00 p.m. to St. Anne's Church, Parra for the Eucharistic celebration followed by the burial.  
 Relatives, Neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7*  
**ANGELINA**  
**RODRIGUES**  
**e BARBOSA**  
 CURCHOREM  
 Born: 03.08.1938 Died: 12.05.2025  
 Beloved Wife of Late Luis Xavier Barbosa. Mother/Mother-in-Law of Bertha/Reginaldo, Sr Charlotte SFN, Binny/Elvis.  
 Grandmother of Reeya/Jovito, Raiza/Shelton, Edgar and Elaine.  
 Great grandmother of Skeeava and Stanzer.  
 The funeral cortege will leave her residence, Trimurthi Bldg., Moralem, at 3:45 PM on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025, for the Eucharistic Celebration at Guardian Angel Church, Curchorem, followed by burial.  
 (Friends & Relatives kindly accept this as the only intimation)

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**MARSHAL**  
**GOMES**  
 - Mandapa - Navelim -  
 Born: 21<sup>st</sup> May 1966  
 Died: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
 Beloved son of Rosy / late Robert Gomes.  
 Beloved husband of Sabina Gomes.  
 Loving father of Macy, Maynard.  
 Brother / brother-in-law of Jerry / Nelly Gomes, Theresa / Bartholomeo Costa, Defly / Rajesh Naik, Jenevia / Socorro Silva.  
 Doting uncle of nephews and nieces.  
 Remembered by his loving family  
 Passed away peacefully.  
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th May 2025 (TODAY) to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim, for Eucharistic Celebration and burial.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**MARTHA MONIZ**  
 - Kirthat, Nuvem -  
 Beloved wife of Sebastiao Moniz.  
 Affectionate mother/mother-in-law of Johnny/Binneta, Jennifer/Melvin Lourenço, Savio and Syden.  
 Adorable grandmother of Joviette, Abel and Emmanuela.  
 Dearest sister/sister-in-law of late Josinho/ Carmelinhá, late Maria Amelia/ Albert Fernandes, late Inacinho/ Clara, Idalina/ Remeth Diniz, Hilarina/ Jose Mascarenhas, Piedade/ Mary.  
 Loving sister-in-law of Santan/ Cleta, Octaviano/ Maria Lourdes, Leandro/Juanita, Philomeno/Prisca.  
 Passed away peacefully.  
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence Today, 13th May 2025 at 3.45 p.m. to Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuvem for Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 p.m., followed by burial.  
 Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

"This is a substantial de-escalation," said Mark Williams, chief Asia economist at Capital Economics. But he warned "there is no guarantee that the 90-day truce will give way to a lasting ceasefire."

Jens Eskelund, president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, welcomed the news but expressed caution. The tariffs only were suspended for 90 days and there is great uncertainty over what lies ahead, he said in a statement.

"Businesses need predictability to maintain normal operations and make investment decisions. The chamber therefore hopes to see both sides continue to engage in dialogue to resolve differences, and avoid taking measures that will disrupt global trade and result in collateral damage for those caught in the cross-fire," Eskelund said.

Trump last month raised US tariffs on China to a combined 145 per cent, and China retaliated by hitting American imports with a 125 per cent levy. Tariffs that high essentially amount to the two countries boycotting each other's products, disrupting trade that last year topped USD 660 billion. The announcement by the US and China sent shares surging, with US futures jumping more than 2 per cent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index surged nearly 3 per cent and benchmarks in Germany and France were both up 0.7 per cent.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
 In Everloving Memory Of  
**NIFA DIAGO**  
**FERNANDES**  
 MAPUSA/MANDREM  
 There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Nifa Diago Fernandes at 8.00 am on Friday, 16th May 2025 at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Mandrem, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave. Offered by her family.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation  
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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
 In Everloving Memory of  
**MILAGRINE**  
**FERNANDES**  
**DANDO-CANDOLIM**  
 There will be a requiem Mass for the soul of our beloved Milagrine Fernandes on Wednesday, 14th May, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church, Candolim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband: Santan (Employee, Taj Fort Aguada, Siquerim), daughters: Mishelle and Myola, nieces: Richena and Criselle, Brother-in-law: Minguel, Sister-in-law: Piya Fernandes.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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Month's Mind  
 In loving memory of  
**IRENE FURTADO**  
**DA COSTA**  
**CAVELOSSIM**  
 There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved IRENE on 14th May 2025 (Tomorrow) at 8.00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Cavellossim followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.  
 Offered by her sorrowful husband Rosario Children Rowena/Vitney & Romero. Grandchildren Vaysel & Vaydan  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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First Death Anniversary  
 In Ever-loving Memory of  
**FILOMENA TELES**  
**PEREIRA**  
 MALWARA - AGASSAIM  
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mother on 14.05.2025 (Tomorrow) at 7:45 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church Agassaim, followed by prayers and blessings of the grave. Offered by her sorrowful family  
 Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race 2 Tim 4:7  
**One year Remembrance**  
**DELMIRA**  
**PEREIRA**  
 2nd Palvem Chinchinim  
 There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved MAI on 14th May 2025 (Tomorrow Wednesday at 8.00 a.m.) at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim followed by prayers and blessing at the grave  
 Offered by her sorrowful children and grandchildren  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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