

# Five killed in two separate terrorist attacks in Pakistan

**PTI, PESHAWAR:** At least five people, including two security personnel and three members of a local peace committee, were killed in two separate incidents of terrorism in northwest Pakistan, police said on Sunday.

Both terrorist activities occurred in the restive Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police confirmed.

In the first incident, a roadside bomb targeted a patrolling vehicle early on Sunday morning killing two soldiers and injuring three

others, according to police.

Unidentified gunmen shot dead three members of the peace militia in another incident in the Shahab Khel area, local police added. Police identified the deceased as Dastagir, the head of a local peace committee, along with Saleem Khan and Salahuddin.

Security forces cordoned off the areas following the incidents and investigations are underway. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks so far.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in terrorist in-

## INDIA SLAMS PAKISTAN FOR SEEKING TO BLAME IT FOR ATTACK IN WAZIRISTAN

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** India blasted Pakistan on Saturday night for attempting to blame it for a suicide attack in the Waziristan area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. At least 13 security personnel were killed and 24 injured in the attack. "We have seen an official statement by the Pakistan Army seeking to blame India for the attack in Waziristan on June 28," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

Incidents, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces, following the collapse of the ceasefire agreement between the government and the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in November 2022. Pakistan ranked second on the Global Terrorism Index 2025, with terror-related deaths rising by 45 per cent over the past year to 1,081.

# Iran judiciary says Israeli strike on Tehran's Evin prison killed 71

**AFP, TEHRAN:** An Israeli strike on Tehran's Evin prison during this month's 12-day war killed at least 71 people, Iran's judiciary said Sunday, days after a cease-fire ended hostilities between the two arch-foes.

The strike on Monday destroyed part of the administrative building at Evin, a large, heavily fortified complex in the north of Tehran, which rights groups say holds political prisoners and foreign nationals.

"According to official figures, 71 people were killed



Excavators are used to clear the rubble outside the Evin prison complex in Tehran that was hit days ago by an Israeli strike

Images shared by the judiciary showed destroyed walls, collapsed ceilings, scattered debris, and broken surfaces across waiting areas at the facility.

The judiciary said that Evin's medical centre and visiting rooms had been targeted.

On Tuesday, a day after the strike, the judiciary said that the Iranian prison authority had transferred inmates out of Evin prison, without specifying their number or identifying them.

The inmates at Evin have included Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi as well as several French nationals and other foreigners.

in the attack on Evin prison," said judiciary spokesman Asghar Jahangir of the attack, part of the bombardment campaign Israel launched on June 13.

According to Jahangir, the victims at Evin included administrative staff, guards, prisoners and visiting relatives as well as people living nearby.

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#### STAMPEDE AT PURI RATH YATRA KILLS 3

The Odisha government will provide financial assistance of Rs 25 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased, the release added.

Another notification issued by the General Administration Department stated that senior bureaucrat Aravind Agarwal will be in-charge of Rath Yatra supervision.

Earlier in a post on X, Majhi sought forgiveness from devotees of Lord Jagannath for the stampede, and tendered an apology on behalf of his government for the incident.

"Due to intense eagerness among devotees to have a glimpse of Mahaprabhu... an unfortunate incident occurred because of the resulting jostling and chaos. I and my government seek forgiveness from all Jagannath devotees. We express our condolences to the families of devotees who lost their lives... pray to Mahaprabhu Jagannath to grant them the strength to bear this profound sorrow," Majhi said.

He also said that security lapses behind the incident would be probed and those found guilty will face stringent action.

State Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said the situation is now normal at the Shree Gundicha Temple, where devotees are offering prayers to the deities.

According to officials, devotees gathered to witness the sacred 'Pahandi Bij' of Lord Jagannath and his siblings. During the ritual, known as 'Adapa Mandap Bij', the sibling deities were ceremonially taken in a grand procession to the Gundicha Temple.

Puri's titular king, Gajapati Maharaja Divyasingha Deb, expressed shock over the stampede, and appealed to the state government to carry out a comprehensive inquiry.

The titular king, who is also the chairman of the Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (SJTMC), also urged the Odisha government to take proper and immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of any such incident.

Health department sources said among those critically injured, one has been shifted to the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack, while five others are in ICU.

A host of political leaders, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik condoled the deaths, with many criticising the state government over arrangements for the Rath Yatra.

Kharge said he was deeply pained by the stampede, and asserted that the "negligence and mismanagement" which led to the tragedy are inexcusable.

In a post on X, Gandhi described the Puri temple stampede as "extremely tragic", and urged the Odisha government to expedite relief efforts.

Union minister and BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan told PTI Videos in West Bengal's Panihati that those supervising the management of the Rath Yatra should have made better arrangements.

BJD chief and Leader of Opposition in Odisha assembly, Naveen Patnaik, claimed that the stampede exposed the state government's glaring incompetence in ensuring a peaceful Rath Yatra for devotees.

The chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra had on Saturday reached Shree Gundicha Temple, a day after the Rath Yatra began in Puri.

The return car journey, known as 'Bahuda Yatra', will held on July 5.

#### FORMALIN CHECK A MERE FORMALITY IN FATORDA FISH MARKET

Cedrick Pereira, a regular buyer at the market, echoed the unease: "We've seen this issue before. There was a time when we felt confident about the fish we were eating because of the visible FDA checks. Now it's uncertain again. We want the full mechanism in place, not half measures."

A fisherman at the market, speaking on condition of anonymity, revealed that two individuals are occasionally seen inspecting incoming fish, though their visits are irregular and lack consistency.

Sanjyot Kudalkar, an FDA officer, confirmed the absence of a dedicated team at the Fatorda market. However, she stated that inspections continue at Goa's border checkpoints. "Currently, there are no FDA personnel conducting routine tests on fish at the wholesale market. We visit the site and conduct tests only when requested or in response to a complaint," she clarified.

Despite repeated concerns raised by both vendors and consumers, authorities have yet to activate a comprehensive formalin-checking mechanism this season. Many believe that unless immediate steps are taken to restore rigorous testing—particularly at market entry points—Goa risks repeating past mistakes that triggered public outcry and temporary bans on fish imports.

With the monsoon season underway and fish consumption on the rise, stakeholders are urging the FDA and relevant agencies to act swiftly and ensure that Goans have access to safely edible fish—an essential expectation in a coastal state proud of its seafood heritage.

#### 7 DAYS ON, CHORAO FERRY REMAINS SUBMERGED

The spokesperson alleged that the government has repeatedly failed to maintain the inland water transport system despite warnings about the deteriorating condition of ferries, accusing the administration of focusing on public relations over public safety.

The ferry partially submerged early Monday, June 23, after one of its tanks flooded. Three parked bikes also sank with the vessel but were recovered by evening.

This marks the second marine incident in Goa this month. Earlier in June, the passenger boat MV K-Cat caught fire while docked at the Britona Jetty on the Mandovi River. The fire, which broke out around 5:15 am, was quickly

brought under control by the fire department and Captain of Ports officials. No passengers or crew were on board at the time.

#### FADNAVIS GOVT BLINKS, SCRAPS ORDERS ON 3-LANGUAGE POLICY IN SCHOOLS

"The government tried to divide Marathi people but failed to do so," he said.

Fadnavis alleged that as chief minister Uddhav Thackeray had accepted the recommendations of the Dr Raghunath Mashelkar committee to introduce a three-language policy from class 1 to 12 and set up a committee on the policy implementation.

Uddhav dismissed the claim, saying he had appointed a study group on Mashelkar panel suggestions, but the group did not hold even a single meeting.

"The state cabinet has decided to withdraw the Government Resolutions (GR) issued in April and June regarding the implementation of the three-language policy from class one. A committee headed by Dr Narendra Jadhav will be formed to recommend implementation (of the three-language formula)," Fadnavis said.

The Fadnavis government had issued a GR on April 16, making Hindi a compulsory third language for students in classes 1 to 5 studying in English and Marathi medium schools. Amid backlash, the government issued an amended GR on June 17 making Hindi an optional language.

Maharashtra minister Ashok Uike's remarks opposing the imposition of Hindi found unexpected support from the MNS, which prominently featured his photograph and quote on its posters ahead of the July 5 protest.

The party displayed the state tribal development minister's quotes on its banners in some parts of Mumbai.

Uike had recently said that he would speak only in Marathi, asserting, "I was born in a tribal family. My mother, who was illiterate, instilled in me the values of Marathi. I don't know Hindi, and I will not speak in Hindi."

Hours before Fadnavis made the announcement, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Sunday said efforts were being made to ensure that the need for the July 5 march against the three-language formula did not arise.

Reacting to Ajit Pawar's statement, Uddhav Thackeray said someone in the government showed the courage to oppose it (GRs), and not everyone has become a slave.

"My party does not oppose Hindi but only its imposition," he said, after copies of the June 17 government resolution on the three-language policy for schools was burnt at a well-attended protest event in south Mumbai.

Congress MP Varsha Gaikwad accused the BJP-led Maharashtra government of launching a false propaganda campaign to undermine public resistance against its alleged "anti-Marathi" agenda and push for the imposition of Hindi.

The former state school education minister also refuted claims that the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, in which Congress was an ally, had accepted the three-language formula under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

#### GOT TO KNOW ABOUT THE RAPE THROUGH MEDIA: COLLEGE VP

That same day, police sealed two rooms on the ground floor as part of their investigation.

Kolkata Police has formed a five-member Special Investigation Team (SIT), led by Assistant Commissioner of Police (South Suburban Division), Pradip Ghoshal.

The SIT is expected to record a confidential statement from the victim and her parents.

The victim appeared in a city court on Saturday afternoon to provide her secret deposition.

In her complaint, the victim reported that she was threatened with a hockey stick by the accused.

Investigators also recovered a 1.5-minute video clip from a mobile phone belonging to one of the three arrested suspects — Manojit Mishra (an alumnus and ad-hoc staff), along with current students Pratim Mukherjee and Zaib Ahmed.

"A forensic analysis of the video is underway. We're trying to determine if it was shared or deleted," the officer said.

On Saturday morning, police arrested college security guard Pinaki Banerjee after he failed to provide coherent responses during questioning.

Meanwhile, the National Commission for Women (NCW) on Saturday wrote to West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant asking him to take action in connection with the crime.

The police described their visit as 'confidential' and instructed me not to alert anyone.

NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar termed the crime as "grave" which has "shaken public conscience".

#### 3 DIE IN 32-HOUR INDORE TRAFFIC JAM

By Saturday morning, officials managed to shrink the jam to about one kilometre near Arjun Baroda by diverting traffic onto city routes and alternate highways.

However, as evening traffic built up and fresh showers battered the area, the relief proved temporary. Vehicles once again crawled along pothole-ridden service roads, with two-wheeler riders drenched and ambulances forced to turn back to save patients' lives.

That is why I said it was a rare accident. People are no longer scared and are travelling comfortably," he said.

#### A-I CRASH: SABOTAGE NOT RULED OUT, SAYS MINISTER

"It is being probed from all angles, including any possible sabotage. The CCTV footage is being reviewed and all angles are being assessed... several agencies are working

on it," Mohol added.

The London-bound AI 171, belonging to the Boeing Dreamliner 787-8 fleet, crashed seconds after taking off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad, claiming 241 lives and leaving a sole survivor. Captain Sumit Sabharwal - a seasoned pilot - gave a 'Mayday' distress call moments before the aircraft plunged into the residential quarters of BJ Medical College doctors in the Meghaninagar area. Nine students and their relatives from the institute were among those killed in the accident on the ground.

A high-level panel has been set up to investigate the causes of the Ahmedabad plane crash, and the investigation is progressing smoothly, the government said after the incident.

"Decoding the black box is going to give an in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash," Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu had said.

There were reports and speculation that the black box - FDR and CVR - could be sent to the US, as AAIB's black box lab might not be fully equipped to handle damaged units. Mohol dismissed the reports and said: "It will not go anywhere. It is in AAIB's custody, and there is no need to send it outside. We will do the entire investigation."

He said it was natural for passengers to develop apprehensions about air travel immediately after the Air India plane crash.

"But let me tell you... all 33 Dreamliners have been inspected on the orders of the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation). Everything was found safe.

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## GONE TOO SOON

# Maria Arcanja Dias Neto

Bondir, St. Cruz

*Although you sleep in Heaven now, You are not that far away from us our hearts is full of memories. You have lived your life with meaning and smile upon your face. A world that was full of happiness is now an empty place. Our pillar of family will always be missed*

## Adeus Mai

From your loving grandchildren (UK)

**Jonathan, Jessy, Joaquin, Jolex, Joel, Flossy, Lino, Joaquin (Kuku), Janke, Swana, Romson, Royson, Mervella.**

## First Death Anniversary

In Ever Loving Memory Of Our Dearest

# Joao Bosco Da Cruz Menezes

(BM & BM)

It's been a year since you left us, yet not a single day passes without your memory. Your absence is deeply felt, at home, in our hearts and in the quiet spaces once filled with your laughter, wisdom, and love.

Though we always knew how special you were, this past year has only magnified your place in our lives. We continue to hear heartwarming stories from friends, colleagues, and even acquaintances, each one a reminder of the lives you touched with your kindness. You gave selflessly, never asking for anything but a prayer in return.

Your values live on: humility, respect, faith and love. We see glimpses of you in your grandsons, in their innocence and affection.

They say time heals, but we're still learning to live with the ache. We miss your presence, your voice, your irreplaceable ways.

Deeply missed and forever loved by your devoted wife, Apollina, Your loving children: Benjamin, Nesty, Bhalze/Charmine, and your cherished grandsons: Werner & Zane.

A Eucharistic Celebration for our beloved Joao will be held on Tuesday, 1st July 2025 at 4:30 PM at St. Agnes Church, St. Ines, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.

Relatives, friends & neighbors kindly accept this as the only invitation.