

Foreign Secretary's Statement: Special briefing on OPERATION SINDOOR (May 10, 2025)

Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri:

Good Morning, नमस्कार.

Sorry to keep you all waiting.

जैसा कि हम पिछले दोतीन ब्रीफिंग में भी बता चुके हैं।

ये पाकिस्तानी गतिविधियां हैं पिछले दोतीन दिन से जो एक एस्कैलरी तौर पर देखी जा रही हैं, और प्रोवोकेटिव तौर पर देखी जा रही हैं।

(Approximate translation in English: As we have already informed in the last 2-3 briefings, the activities from Pakistan since the last 2-3 days have been escalatory and provocative in nature.)

As I've said on numerous earlier occasions, it is Pakistani actions that have constituted provocation and escalation.

In response, and I repeat, in response, India has defended and reacted in a responsible and measured fashion to these provocations and these escalations by the Pakistani side.

Earlier this morning, we saw a repeat of this escalatory and provocative pattern, and I invite Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh to update you on the developments since early this morning.

Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri: Thank you Colonel Qureshi. Thank you Wing Commander Singh.

I just have a few points to make in closing. First of all, as you have seen, Pakistani claims about activities that they have undertaken continue to be heavy on lies, misinformation, and propaganda.

And on top of that, this is peddled by Pakistani state agencies. The claims that they have made about attacking and destroying various places, various military installations and facilities, as has been pointed out by my colleagues here this morning, are completely false.

The claim about the Air Force Station in Sirsa being destroyed, completely false, as you have seen. The claim about the Air Force Station in Surat being destroyed, completely false again, as you have seen. There is a claim that has been made that the S-400 base at Adampur was destroyed, completely false, once again. Claims have been made about large sections of Indian critical infrastructure, power systems, cyber systems, etc. being attacked and destroyed, completely false. I would urge all of you, and all those who watch this, not to be misled by this tissue of lies that is being peddled by the Pakistani State for obvious purposes.

The second point that I wanted to emphasize is that Pakistan continues with its execrable and wanton campaign of targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure,

especially in the states of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab. There is also, on its part a consistent attempt, to sow discord between communities in India.

As I said, there has been a particular focus in its targeting of civilian infrastructure and the population in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab. Earlier this morning, Pakistan shelled the town of Rajouri, killing the Additional District Development Commissioner Shri Raj Kumar Thapa, adding to the civilian casualties and the damage in that state. We have also observed overnight damage to property and injuries to civilians in Ferozepur and Jalandhar, among other places.

Finally, as I said, Pakistani officials also continue to make ludicrous claims about India firing missiles towards Shri Amritsar Sahib. As I said, these lame attempts to divide India are doomed to failure.

We have also seen in some of the remarks that have been shown on television that the Pakistani Army Spokesman seems to take great joy at the fact that the Indian public should criticize the Government of India with regard to various issues. It may be a surprise to Pakistan to see citizens criticizing their own government. That is the hallmark of an open and functioning democracy. Pakistan's unfamiliarity with that, again, should not be surprising.

And finally, there is this yet again completely ludicrous claim that Indian missiles have hit Afghanistan. Totally frivolous allegation. And I only want to point out that Afghan people don't need to be reminded about which country it is, that has on multiple occasions, in just the last one and a half years, targeted civilian populations and civilian infrastructure in Afghanistan.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you would have gathered from this morning's briefing, we are dealing with an evolving situation. Accordingly, today, we don't have the time to take questions, but we will continue to update you on the situation as we go along.

Thank you all very much for joining us this morning.
