

TERROR THREAT Lanka deploys troops in surf hotspot after US warning

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka deployed troops and increased police patrols around a Jewish community centre in a popular surfing town yesterday after the US embassy warned its citizens of a possible attack there.

The stepped-up security and warning came after social media posts called for a boycott of Israeli-owned businesses in eastern Arugam Bay.

"The information was that a place called 'Chabad House' run by Israelis could be a target and we have taken measures to strengthen security," said police spokesman Nihal Thaldewa.

Pakistan selects top judge under new process

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari yesterday approved the selection of the next chief justice, who was chosen through a new process that the government's opponents say is designed to undermine judicial independence.

Justice Yahya Afridi, the third most senior judge after the outgoing chief justice, was picked by a parliamentary panel following a constitutional amendment that changed the way the top judge is appointed, officials said.

China, India agree to resolve differences

REUTERS, New Delhi/Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed yesterday to boost communication and cooperation between their countries and resolve conflicts to help improve ties that were damaged by a deadly military clash in 2020.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Russia for their first formal talks in five years, signalling that ties between the Asian giants have begun to recover from the diplomatic rift caused by the clash along their disputed Himalayan frontier.

India and China, two of the world's biggest economies, have maintained strong trade ties despite the military and diplomatic tensions. The rapprochement is expected to boost Chinese investment in India.

India said the two leaders have directed their officials to take further steps to stabilise all aspects of bilateral ties.

The Xi-Modi meeting in the city of Kazan came two days after New Delhi said it had reached a deal with Beijing to resolve the four-year military stand-off in the Himalayan region of Ladakh, although neither side has shared details of the pact.

The two sides should strengthen



Chinese President Xi Jinping and India Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

-  Xi and Modi hold first formal talks in five years
-  Two leaders meet on the sidelines of the BRICS summit
-  Comes after deal to resolve stand-off over disputed frontier
-  Talks expected to result in more Chinese investment into India

for relations.

"We welcome the agreement on the issues that had come up over the last four years," Modi told Xi in comments aired on India's state broadcaster Doordarshan.

"It should be our priority to maintain peace and tranquillity on the border. Mutual trust, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity should be the basis of our relationship," Modi said.

PATH TO IMPROVING TIES

Relations between the world's two most populous nations - both nuclear powers - have been strained since a clash between their troops on the largely undemarcated frontier in the western Himalayas left 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead in 2020.

The neighbours have added tens of thousands of troops and weapons along the icy frontier over the last four years.

Modi and Xi had not held formal bilateral talks since then, although both participated in multilateral events. Their last bilateral summit talks were held in October 2019 in the southern Indian town of Mamallapuram.

The two spoke briefly on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Bali in November 2022. They spoke again on the sidelines of the BRICS

summit in Johannesburg in August 2023 but released different versions of the conversation, suggesting they didn't see eye to eye.

Xi skipped the G20 summit hosted by New Delhi the following month, a decision seen as another setback to relations.

Diplomatic efforts gained momentum in recent months after the two countries' foreign ministers met in July and agreed to step up talks to ease the border tensions.

India had made improving the wider political and damaged business ties contingent upon finding a solution to the border stand-off.

New Delhi had increased the scrutiny of investments coming from China, blocked direct flights between the two countries and had practically barred issuing any visas to Chinese nationals since the Ladakh clashes.

Speaking in Kazan, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said there was hope for better India-China relations.

"As we have maintained during the last four years, the restoration of peace and tranquillity on the border areas will create space for ... normalisation of our bilateral relations."

Thousands of N Korea troops in Russia: US

AFP, Washington

Thousands of North Korean soldiers are in Russia for training, but their ultimate mission is unclear, a senior US official said yesterday, confirming warnings from South Korea.

Seoul's spy agency has said Pyongyang deployed troops to aid its Russian ally, which is locked in a grinding war against Ukraine, and that the number of these forces has now doubled to 3,000.

"We know that thousands of DPRK troops are in Russia to be trained. We don't know what their mission will be or if they'll go on to fight in Ukraine," the senior US official said, using an abbreviation for North Korea's formal name.

"Russia is suffering extraordinary casualties on the battlefield every day. If Russia needs to turn to DPRK for manpower, that's a sign of desperation - not strength - on the part of the Kremlin," the official said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had earlier provided the first confirmation from a US official of a North Korean deployment to Russia, but likewise said it was not known why the troops are there.

Myanmar armed group takes over rare earth mining hub

REUTERS

An armed group fighting Myanmar's ruling military said it has taken control of a mining hub that is a major supplier of rare earth oxides to China, likely disrupting shipments of elements used in clean energy and other technologies.

Rare earth mining in Myanmar is concentrated in Kachin state around the towns of Panwa and Chipwe, adjacent to southwestern China's Yunnan province.

The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) took control of Panwa on Oct. 19, spokesperson Colonel Naw Bu told Reuters on Tuesday. It had previously captured Chipwe, according to local Myanmar media. Reuters was not able to independently verify the status of both towns.

The KIA is focused on managing the town of Panwa and has no current plans for rare earths or other economic issues, Naw Bu said.

He did not respond when asked whether the KIA is open to working with China on rare earths.



A boat carrying Rohingya refugees, sails ashore off the coast of Labuhan Haji in Southern Aceh province yesterday. Indonesia will rescue more than 100 Rohingya refugees today after their boat languished for days off the country's western coast, local officials told AFP. The mostly Muslim ethnic Rohingya are heavily persecuted in Myanmar and thousands risk their lives each year on long and dangerous sea journeys to reach Malaysia or Indonesia's Aceh Province.

PHOTO: AFP

Leaders tout joint finance, trade projects

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He added that the exchange "will contribute to the formation of fair and predictable price indicators for products and raw materials, considering its special role in ensuring food security".

"The implementation of this initiative will help protect national markets from negative external interference, speculation, and attempts to create an

artificial food shortage," Putin said.

Other leaders backed the creation of a common cross-border payments system, which would help BRICS countries trade with each other, bypassing the dollar-dominated global financial system.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who took part in the BRICS summit via video conference after a head injury over the

weekend, said that it is time for the BRICS nations to create alternative payment methods.

He added that the group's New Development Bank (NDB) was designed as an alternative to what he called failing Bretton Woods institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he welcomed the steps

for financial integration of BRICS countries while China's President Xi Jinping urged BRICS countries to deepen financial and economic cooperation.

In his speech, Putin also called for the creation of a BRICS investment platform, which will facilitate mutual investment between BRICS countries and could also be used for investment in other countries in the Global South.

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