

S-W PAKISTAN Six killed in school bus bombing PM accuses rival India of backing the militants

AFP, Quetta

A suspected suicide bomber targeted a schoolbus in southwestern Pakistan killing at least four children and two adults yesterday, in an attack the government accused India of backing.

The bus driver and his assistant were among those killed in the attack in Khuzdar district of Balochistan province, on the way to a school that caters to the children of army personnel and civilians living in the area.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif accused arch-rival India of backing the militants that carried out the attack, coming almost two weeks after the two sides settled a ceasefire to end their most serious conflict in decades.

"Terrorists operating under Indian patronage attacking innocent children on a school bus is clear evidence of their hostility," his statement added. The military also said in a statement that the attack was "planned and orchestrated" by India.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for yesterday's bombing. Sarfraz Bugti, the chief minister of Balochistan province said four children, the bus driver and his assistant were killed.

"A bus carrying children of the APS (Army Public School) was targeted with a bomb, the nature of which is still being determined," Yasir Iqbal Dashti, a senior local government official in Khuzdar district, told AFP.



Mourners carry the bodies of Palestinians, including a newborn, killed in Israeli strikes, according to medics, during their funeral in Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEM

Trump unveils plans for 'Golden Dome'

China says US plan 'undermines global stability'

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he had selected a design for the \$175-billion Golden Dome missile defense shield and named a Space Force general to head the ambitious program aimed at blocking threats from China and Russia.

The program, first ordered by Trump in January, aims to create a network of satellites, perhaps numbering in the hundreds, to detect, track and potentially intercept incoming missiles.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning, when

asked about the project at a regular press conference yesterday, said it "undermines global stability" and heightens the risks of the militarisation of outer space and an arms race.

The Kremlin indicated that President Trump's missile shield plans could force the resumption of the foreseeable future of contacts between Moscow and Washington about nuclear arms control.

On Tuesday evening, Trump told a White House press conference that US Space Force General Michael Guetlein would be the lead program manager for an effort widely viewed

as the keystone to Trump's military planning.

Golden Dome will "protect our homeland," Trump said, adding that Canada had said it wanted to be part of it.

In a statement, the office of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he and his ministers were discussing a new security and economic relationship with their American counterparts.

"These discussions naturally include strengthening NORAD and related initiatives such as the Golden Dome," it added.

Indian troops kill 27 Maoist rebels Home minister says insurgent chief among dead

AFP, New Delhi

Indian commandos yesterday killed the Maoist insurgent chief, the country's home minister said, in what could be a decisive blow to the decades-long conflict.

Amit Shah said troops had killed 27 rebels in central India, including the "topmost leader" of the banned Communist Party of India-Maoist group, commonly known as the Naxalite rebellion, after the village in the foothills of the Himalayas where the Maoist-inspired guerrilla movement began nearly six decades ago.

"Today, in an operation in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, our security forces have neutralised 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist, topmost leader, and the backbone of the Naxal movement," Shah said in a statement.

Afghanistan, Pak aim to upgrade diplomatic ties

Says Beijing after hosting meeting between Islamabad and Taliban

REUTERS, Beijing



Pakistan and Afghanistan plan to upgrade their diplomatic ties, China said yesterday after hosting an informal meeting between Islamabad and the Afghan Taliban administration following several outbreaks of violence.

The neighbours agreed in principle to send ambassadors to each other's country as soon as possible, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said after his talks with Afghanistan's acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and Pakistan's FM Ishaq Dar.

The two countries "clearly expressed" willingness to upgrade the level of their diplomatic relations, Wang said according to a Chinese foreign ministry statement. "China welcomes this and is willing to continue providing assistance for the improvement of Afghanistan-Pakistan relations," he said.

In December, the Afghan Taliban said bombardment by Pakistani military aircraft in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika province had killed at least 46 people, most of whom were children and women. Pakistan has not confirmed the strikes but has said that it is carrying out "anti-terrorist operations" against militants it blames for attacks in Pakistan and who it says have safe havens in Afghanistan, a charge that Kabul denies.

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Robbers take over

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began at 7:30pm with 10 passengers on board, including him.

Along the way, the bus picked up more passengers from various locations. Around 9:30pm, while stuck in traffic, 7-8 more passengers boarded at the Jamgara bus stand area in Savar. Another 8-10 passengers boarded from the Baipail area.

When the bus, now carrying around 40-45 passengers, reached the garbage dump area under Sreepur Police Station in Gazipur at 11:30pm, 8-10 robbers posing as passengers took control of the vehicle, brandishing knives and machetes.

They tied the driver's hands and feet and moved him to the back of the bus, while one of the robbers took the wheel. When the bus reached Elenga in Tangail at 12:15am, the robbers tied the hands and mouths of the passengers.

The bus then made a U-turn at the eastern Gol Chatar near the Jamuna Bridge and started heading back toward Dhaka, the case statement reads.

The robbers continued driving for several hours,

looting gold ornaments, mobile phones, and other valuables from the passengers.

According to the statement, the 2/3 robbers also "sexually assaulted two or three female passengers by touching them inappropriately."

Some of the robbers got off the bus at various points with stolen items. Around 5:30am, the remaining assailants got off in the Shibpur area of Tangail Sadar, taking the rest of the looted goods with them.

"Then locals came to our rescue and called the national emergency service 999 to alert police," said Minu Miah in his statement. Patrol police later brought the bus, passengers, and staff to Tangail Sadar Police Station.

Tangail Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Tanvir Ahmed told The Daily Star that senior district police officials questioned the passengers and staff upon arrival.

Tangail Superintendent of Police Mizanur Rahman said several police teams have already begun working to identify and arrest the robbers.

"Since the robbers are hiding in different areas, it may take some time to catch them," he said.

NCP won't run in any polls

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He added that when the search committee was formed to constitute the present EC, they opposed the use of the existing law.

During the demonstration, Patwari said retaining individuals who have deprived people of their voting rights for the past 16 years makes free and fair elections impossible. "Legal action must be taken against those who helped rig votes during the autocratic regime."

Referring to BNP's 31-point charter, Patwari said the reconstitution of constitutional institutions is mentioned there. "But once you got your own people into the institutions, you forgot about the reform."

"BNP leaders like Salahuddin want to uphold the 'Mujibist constitution'. They want to hand over Bangladesh to India."

He alleged that when Prof Wahiduddin was the education adviser, he worked to "sink" education in Bangladesh. He also claimed that Salehuddin and Asif Nazrul were now working to "sink" the financial sector and

law ministry, respectively. "If this continues, we will be forced to start a movement to make them resign," he added.

Regarding the July declaration, he said, "Asif Nazrul had told us that he would make the declaration. He has committed an act of treachery. If there is any further deception, I don't know whether Asif Nazrul will remain in Bangladesh."

"We are waiting for the declaration, for the restructuring of the Election Commission, for local body elections, for Constituent Assembly elections, and for a beautiful Bangladesh."

Meanwhile, Election Commissioner Abul Fazal Md Sanaullah said they have no opinion on the EC's reconstitution, as it is a political matter.

He also claimed that they were working in a "completely neutral manner". It entirely depends on the government whether the national election will be held first or the local government polls, he said while talking to reporters after a meeting of election commissioners.

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