

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 carries "strong offensive implications" 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 in 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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Musk says he will spend 'a lot less' on political campaigns

AFP, Doha

Billionaire Elon Musk said Tuesday he was pulling back from spending his fortune on politics, asserting his Tesla electric car company was doing well despite blowback over his support of US President Donald Trump.

"In terms of political spending, I'm going to do a lot less in the future," Musk told Bloomberg's Qatar Economic Forum in Doha, speaking by video link from Austin, Texas.

"If I see a reason to do political spending in the future, I will do it. I don't currently see a reason," he said in the often tense interview.

The comments will trigger speculation that the close relationship between Trump and Musk may be shifting as the Tesla tycoon steps away from his full-time role as cost-cutting chief for the US administration. When it comes to politics, "I did what needed to be done," Musk said.

Russia downs 232 Ukrainian drones

Moscow briefly shuts down its airports

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia said yesterday that its air defences had shot down at least 232 Ukrainian drones over various Russian regions, including some approaching Moscow where the capital's airports were briefly shut down to ensure the safety of flights.

While Russia, Ukraine, the US and European powers consider the sequencing of a possible end to the more than three-year conflict in Ukraine, the drone war continues.

Russia's Defence Ministry said it had destroyed at least 232 Ukrainian drones, mostly over Russia's western regions bordering Ukraine, but also some approaching Moscow, a city which along with the surrounding area has a population of 21 million people.

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