

Pakistan sees India as an existential threat

Says US Defence Intelligence Agency; report says India considers China its ‘primary adversary’

NDTV ONLINE

Pakistan regards India as an “existential threat”, but India considers China its “primary adversary,” and Pakistan more of an “ancillary security problem”, the US Defence Intelligence Agency has said in its worldwide threat assessment report for 2025.

The report forecasts that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s defence priorities will probably focus on demonstrating global leadership, countering China, and enhancing New Delhi’s military power.

“India views China as its primary adversary and Pakistan more an ancillary security problem to be managed, despite cross-border attacks in mid-May by both India’s and Pakistan’s militaries,” the report says.

The reference was to the India-Pakistan conflict earlier in this month after Indian airstrikes targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir.

“Following a late April terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir, New Delhi conducted missile strikes on terrorism-related infrastructure facilities in Pakistan. The missile strike provoked multiple rounds of missile, drone, and loitering munition attacks, and heavy artillery fire, by both militaries from 7 to 10 May. As of 10 May, both militaries had agreed to a full ceasefire,” the report says.

India, it says, is prioritising bilateral defense partnerships in the Indian Ocean region to counter Chinese influence and boost its global leadership role.

It also referred to the India-China border dispute and said last year’s disengagement “did not resolve the longstanding dispute about border demarcation but reduced some tension still lingering” from the 2020 clash.

On India-Russia ties, the US report said India will maintain its relationship with Russia through 2025 because it views its ties to Russia “as important for achieving its economic and defense objectives and sees value in the relationship as a means to offset deepening Russia-China relations”.



Security personnel restrain demonstrators during a protest led by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a Meitei civil society organisation, near Raj Bhavan in Imphal, the capital of India’s northeastern Manipur state, yesterday. The protest condemned the imposition of President’s Rule on the state and demanded an apology from the governor after the name ‘Manipur’ on a bus was allegedly concealed by security forces.

PHOTO: AFP

India’s water move threatens millions

Pakistan tells UN meeting on protecting water

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Pakistan has warned the United Nations that India’s unilateral decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) represents a dangerous escalation that violates international law and threatens the survival of more than 240 million people.

Speaking at a UN meeting on protecting water in armed conflict on Friday evening, Pakistan urged the world community to act before such actions triggered a humanitarian catastrophe or destabilised the region.

“This is a grave violation of international law, including human rights law, the treaty law and customary international law,” said Ambassador Usman Jadoon, Pakistan’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, at the Arria Formula meeting convened by Slovenia.

“We strongly condemn India’s unlawful announcement to hold the Treaty in abeyance and call upon India to strictly abide by its legal obligations and refrain from stopping, diverting or restricting rivers that are a lifeline for 240 million people of Pakistan. We will never accept any such moves,” Ambassador Jadoon said.

14 people killed in Pak storms

Over 100 hurt

AFP, Lahore

“Destructive” windstorms that raged across central and northern Pakistan after an intense heatwave have killed at least 14 people and injured over 100 more, officials said yesterday.

Fierce winds, thunder and lightning swept across eastern Punjab and northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces as well as the capital Islamabad on Saturday afternoon and evening, uprooting trees and downing electric poles.

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Focus should be on

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a democratic process have the legitimate authority to amend it. If others attempt to bring major changes, it will create complications that will be difficult for the nation to overcome.”

Senior journalist Basudeb Dhar, president of the Bangladesh Puja Uddhayan Parishad, said the representation of minority voices was missing in the reform commissions.

“Secularism was in place during the previous regime, but only on paper. We’ve seen attacks during Durga Puja every year except last year.”

To that effect, he questioned the impact of inserting pluralism into the constitution’s fundamental principles if practical protection was still lacking.

He also argued that reforms could be pursued without altering the current constitution, as it is “rooted in the spirit of the Liberation War”.

Prof Gitara Nasreen, member of the Media Reform Commission and Dhaka University teacher, criticised the government’s silence following attacks on the Women’s Reform Commission.

“A commission was formed by the interim government. That very commission is now being directly attacked, but there has been no clear statement from the government. In this situation, it is difficult to remain hopeful.

“There can be differences of opinion, but the Women’s Affairs Reform Commission worked with equal dedication, took everyone’s views into account, and submitted a report. Then suddenly, demands are made to abolish that commission. It raises the question: are we not even able to create a space for rational thinking?”

She also expressed regret over women being sidelined from major issues despite their vital role in the recent mass movement.

Dhaka University Professor Samina Luthfa demanded that all political parties nominate at least 33 percent women candidates in the upcoming elections.

“Young women are now showing interest in entering politics like never before.”

She criticised a long-standing trend where women lead protests but are later pushed back into domestic roles.

On the Women’s Reform Commission, she said, “All parties must agree on core rights – freedom of speech, human rights, women’s rights, and the rights of minorities and marginalised groups. If any party disagrees, the NCC must engage them in dialogue.”

Prof Ali Riaz, vice-president of the consensus commission, said the commission will inform the public about both areas of agreements and disagreement with political parties.

“This is essential for transparency and to help people make informed decisions in future political processes.”

He added that consensus has been achieved on some fundamental issues; however, on other key matters, differences remain due to ideological positions.

“It is not realistic to expect full agreement on every issue.”

He said civil society’s views would be incorporated into both the proposed national charter and the commission’s final report.

“We’ve repeatedly stated that dialogue with political parties alone is not enough. There must also be a shared understanding among citizens.”

Iliara Dewan, former General Secretary of the Hill Women’s Federation, called for constitutional recognition of the indigenous community and other marginalised groups.

The dialogue was also attended by consensus commission members Badiul Alam Majumdar, Safar Raj Hossain, Ittekkharuzzaman, and Md Ayub Miah, along with Monir Haidar, special assistant to the chief adviser.

Among others present were former Justice MA Matin; former ambassador M Humayun Kabir; NSU Prof AKM Waresul Karim; BIGD researcher Mirza M Hassan; Ashrafun Nahar Misti, founder of the Women with Disabilities Development Foundation; and rights activist Sultana Raziya.

Polls must be held

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their rightful demands; there is no room for becoming sensitive, angry, or offended.

He said that no plan of the government would be effective as long as it kept political parties in the dark.

The interim government was established through the sacrifices of thousands of martyrs, he said. “But this government is certainly not accountable to the people.”

This is why the people must know what the government is planning, he said.

“To ensure the national election, the BNP and others who protested together on the streets continue to fully support the interim government in undertaking the necessary reforms in the civil administration and law enforcement.”

The BNP leader said that if people’s political power is

ensured, it becomes difficult for the government to develop a fascist character.

“Whether it is a directly elected government, an interim government, or a caretaker government, if the government is not accountable to the people, it may unknowingly become authoritarian. This is why, despite threats, citizens must continue constructive criticism of the government.”

Tarique said that the absence of a stable democratic government has led to stagnation in both domestic and foreign investments.

“An uncertain political and economic scenario is creating unrest among various groups of people almost every day. The people are taking to the streets daily with various demands, but at this moment, no one seems to be listening to their grievances.”

Oath-taking likely this week

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employees from various levels of the DSCC. Due to the demonstrations, the deliveries of all 28 civic services, including waste management, mosquito control, the issuance of birth and death certificates, have been suspended over the last 12 days.

The HC on Thursday rejected a writ petition that sought a stay on the Election Commission’s gazette notification declaring Ishraque as the mayor. On Saturday, the ministry received a copy of the court order, which led to several rounds of internal discussions among senior government officials.

A ministry source said speculation over Prof Muhammad Yunus’s resignation and a potential reshuffle in the advisory council has complicated the process. As per protocol, either the prime minister or the chief adviser is responsible for administering mayoral oath.

Contacted, Rezaul Maksud Jahedi, secretary of the Local Government Division, said, “There is no bar to Ishraque Hossain taking the oath. We received the court order yesterday [Saturday]. We have

to follow some procedures for this. We held a meeting today [Sunday] in this regard.”

Another ministry source said as part of the transition, current DSCC Administrator Shahjahan Mia has been assigned additional responsibilities as managing director of Dhaka Wasa. Once Ishraque takes oath, he will officially assume mayoral duties from Shahjahan Mia.

On February 1, 2020, Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh was elected mayor in the DSCC elections. He assumed office on May 16, and the first corporation meeting was held on June 30.

According to section 6 of the Local Government (City Corporation) Act, 2009, the tenure of a corporation is five years from the date of its first meeting. Based on that, the five-year term of the corporation is set to end on June 29 this year.

This means that even if Ishraque takes the oath today, his maximum term as mayor would be just 34 days.

Speaking to this correspondent, Ishraque said he was not officially informed as of yesterday when he would be sworn in.

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1. Ministry/ Division	Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance		
2. Agency	Development Effectiveness Wing, ERD		
3. Name of Procuring Entity	Project Director, Support to Sustainable Graduation Project		
4. Procuring Entity Code/package	Project Advisor (SD-16/24-25) & National Project Manager (SD-13/24-25)		
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6. Expression of Interest for	Project Advisor & National Project Manager		
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10. Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget		
11. Development Partners	DRGA-CF, Japan		
Particular Information			
12. Project/ Programme Code	223034000		
13. Project/ Programme Name	Support to Sustainable Graduation Project		
14. EOI Closing Date and Time	17/06/2025 up to 12.00 PM		
Information for Applicants			
15. Brief Description of the Assignment (Details in the TOR)	SD-16 Project Advisor: Overall supervision of the project which ensures the project is in the right track to accomplish its objectives, provide regular policy guidance to the project attaining its target. SD-13 National Project Manager: Ensure the project produces the results specified in the project document, to the required standard quality and within the specified constraints of the time and cost.		
16. Qualification, Experience & Skill Required (Details in the TOR)	SD-16 Project Advisor: Master's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics, or Social Sciences. At least Fifteen (15) years of working experience at senior level of Government of Bangladesh. SD-13 National Project Manager: Master's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Finance, Economics, or Social Sciences. At least Fifteen (15) years of working experience in field of development project management, operation and implementation at national or international level, Experience on LDC graduation related issues at the national and global level, Five (05) years' experience in managing foreign funded project.		
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19. Name & Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	A. H. M. Jahangir, Project Director (Additional Secretary)		
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