

# India wants to keep Pakistan ‘busy’ on western, eastern fronts

## Says Pak defence minister

**DAWN ONLINE**

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Saturday that India wanted to keep Pakistan busy and engaged on the eastern and western fronts amid tensions with Kabul and New Delhi.

Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed early on Friday morning to continue a ceasefire between the two countries following a rapid deterioration of ties and a brief conflict along their shared border last month.

"If there is a need for evidence, then we have it, about what involvement India has in terrorism [in Pakistan] and how it wants to keep us busy on two fronts: the eastern and western," said the defence minister while talking to Geo News.

He added that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "silenced" after the defeat dealt to India during the May conflict and expressed hope that talks with Afghanistan would reach a reasonable conclusion.

"Everyone is onboard — politicians, the establishment and the Pakistani nation — that an immediate solution



to the Afghanistan issue is very necessary, which is that terrorism from Afghan soil should be completely stopped," said the minister in reference to the country's western neighbour.

Asif said the preferable solution would be for both states to maintain a civilised relationship.

The Istanbul talks followed a sharp escalation in tensions that saw Pakistan launch Oct 9 airstrikes on Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan sanctuaries in Afghanistan, triggering Oct 11 border clashes that continued for days before a ceasefire was formalised in Doha on Oct 18-19.

The Istanbul agreement came after days of deadlock that nearly brought the process to a halt, with mediators pulling both delegations back to the table even as Pakistan's team had already begun preparations to return home.

The second round of negotiations with Afghanistan produced a three-point understanding — the continuation of the ceasefire, the establishment of a monitoring and verification mechanism to ensure peace, and penalties for violations.

Meanwhile, three cops, including a station house officer (SHO), were injured in a blast caused by an improvised explosive device (IED) in the Doaba area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu district yesterday, police said.



A forensic officer works at the scene at Huntingdon Station following a series of stabbings on a train, near Cambridge, Britain, yesterday. British police said the knife attack which put 11 people in hospital was not a terrorist incident, adding that two men - both British nationals - had been arrested.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Israeli air strike targets area near Gaza market

## One killed; Hamas, Israel trade blame over truce violations

REUTERS, Jerusalem

An Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian man in the Gaza Strip yesterday, health authorities said, as Israel and Hamas traded blame for daily violations of a fragile truce that has largely halted two years of war.

The Israeli military said its aircraft struck a Hamas member who was posing a threat to its forces.

Al-Ahli Hospital said one man was killed in the airstrike near a vegetable market in the Shejaia suburb of Gaza City. His identity was not immediately known.

The Israeli military said on Saturday that its troops were attacked by Hamas members in areas of Gaza where its forces are still deployed as part of the US-backed ceasefire agreement.

Hamas did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In a separate statement, it listed a series of what it said were Israeli violations of the ceasefire agreed



in October, which have killed more than 200 people.

At least 236 Palestinians, most of them civilians, have been killed in Israeli strikes since the ceasefire took effect, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

Three Israeli soldiers have been killed by Palestinian gunmen in the same period, according to the military, which says its strikes have targeted dozens of Hamas members.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that Israel will continue to retaliate for, and

thwart, any attempts to harm its troops in Gaza and threatened to keep up action against Hamas.

"There are still Hamas pockets in the areas under our control in Gaza, and we are systematically eliminating them," Netanyahu said in broadcast remarks at the start of his cabinet meeting in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu added that any Israeli action in Gaza is reported to Washington.

Hamas in its statement said the United States was not doing enough to ensure Israel abides by the ceasefire agreement.

The US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dan Caine, met on Saturday with Israel's military chief Eyal Zamir during a visit to the region to discuss Gaza, the Israeli military said.

About 200 US troops have set up base in southern Israel to monitor the ceasefire and plan an international force to stabilise the enclave.

# Ukrainian drone strike hits key Russian oil port

## Foreign vessels damaged

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A Ukrainian drone attack damaged at least two foreign vessels and the oil terminal infrastructure at Russia's key Black Sea port of Tuapse yesterday, as Kyiv tries to undermine Russia's war effort by targeting its energy infrastructure.

Ukraine has for several months been striking Russian oil refineries, depots and pipelines in a bid to undermine the Russian economy, and some media have reported that Western intelligence agencies have helped Kyiv with the strikes.

Russian authorities said two foreign vessels were damaged in the attack on Tuapse, one of the biggest oil terminals on the Black Sea, sparking a fire, reports Reuters.

Meanwhile, Russia fired a wave of drones and missiles at Ukraine overnight, killing at least six people including two children and cutting power to tens of thousands, officials said yesterday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the attacks showed Moscow aimed to "inflict harm" on civilians.

# US would go in ‘guns-a-blazing’

## Trump threatens military action in Nigeria over killing of Christians

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump on Saturday said he has asked the Defense Department to prepare for possible "fast" military action in Nigeria if the West African nation fails to crack down on the killing of Christians.

The US government will also immediately stop all aid and assistance to Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation and top oil producer, Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

If the United States sends in military forces, it would go in "guns-a-blazing," to completely wipe out the Islamic Terrorists who are committing these horrible atrocities," Trump wrote, without providing any evidence of specifics about treatment of Christians.

Trump warned its government must move quickly. "If we attack, it will be fast, vicious, and sweet, just like the terrorist thugs attack our CHERISHED Christians!" he wrote.



Law enforcement officers detain a demonstrator during a protest near the Broadview ICE facility, following US President Donald Trump's order to increase federal law enforcement presence for crime prevention, in Broadview, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Iran vows to rebuild nuke sites ‘stronger than before’

AFP, Tehran

Iran said yesterday that it would rebuild nuclear sites damaged by Israeli and US strikes "stronger than before", as mediator Oman urged Tehran and Washington to revive stalled diplomacy.

US President Donald Trump has said the strikes obliterated Iran's nuclear programme, but the full extent of the actual damage remains unknown.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, in a visit to the country's nuclear organisation, said Tehran "will build (the destroyed sites) stronger than before".

"By destroying buildings... we will not be set back," he said in a post to his official website.

# Obama calls Mamdani

## Praises campaign ahead of NY mayoral polls

REUTERS, New York

Former Democratic President Barack Obama called New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani Saturday and offered to be a "sounding board" if the 34-year-old frontrunner wins the election. He also praised Mamdani's campaign.

The call, first reported by the New York Times, was confirmed by Mamdani's spokesperson.

"Zohran Mamdani appreciated President Obama's words of support and their conversation on the importance of bringing a new kind of politics to our city," said Mamdani spokesperson Dora Peket.

Mamdani, a Uganda-born state assembly member, has polled well ahead of his main rival, former Governor Andrew Cuomo, ahead of the November 4 general election.

Cuomo is running as an independent after losing to Mamdani in the Democratic primary. Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa is the Republican nominee.



Mamdani's policies range from hiking taxes on New York City's wealthiest, raising the corporation tax, freezing stabilized apartment rental rates and increasing publicly subsidized housing, raising worries among the finance community that the city's competitiveness will suffer.

# World's most expensive coffee goes on sale in Dubai at \$1,000 a cup

AFP, Dubai

Selling for nearly \$1,000 a cup, a cafe in Dubai is offering the world's most expensive coffee, brewed from Panamanian beans sold at a premium price.

The wealthy emirate is known for its extravagant ventures including an enormous mall with an indoor ski area, the world's tallest building and an artificial island dotted with five-star hotels.

"We felt Dubai was the perfect place for our investment," said Serkan Sagsoz, co-founder of the Julith cafe with the pricey offering.

Located in an industrial neighbourhood that has become a hotspot for coffee lovers, Julith plans to serve "around 400 cups" of the precious beverage starting on

Saturday, Sagsoz told AFP.

For a price tag of 3,600 dirhams (around \$980), the brew offers an experience of floral and fruity flavours reminiscent of tea.

"There are white floral notes like jasmine, citrus flavours like orange and bergamot and a hint of apricot and peach," said Sagsoz, who previously ran a cafe in his native Turkey.

"It's like honey, delicate and sweet," he said. Dubai notched a Guinness record for the world's most expensive cup of coffee last month, when Roasters offered one for 2,500 dirhams.



The new record staggered some people, though residents also said it was par for the course for the desert city with a luxury lifestyle.

"It's very shocking but at the same time, it's Dubai," said Ines, who did not give her last name.

"For wealthy people, it's just another experience they can boast about," added another resident, Maeva.

The Julith cafe bought its beans at an auction in Panama after a tough battle that lasted many hours and drew hundreds of bids.

It claimed to have paid the highest price ever for coffee.



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