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Pak slams strikes by Iran, recalls envoyPak slams strikes by Iran, recalls envoy

Pakistan recalled its ambassador to Tehran on Wednesday, a day after Iran launched air strikes on Pakistan.

Iranian ambassador, who was visiting Tehran when the attack took place, not to return. Iran immediately did not acknowledge Pakistan's decision.

Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, the spokesperson for Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said "Last night's unprovoked and blatant breach of Pakistan's sovereignty by Iran is a violation of international law and the purposes and principles of the charter of the UN "she said in a televised address.

On Tuesday Iranian state media had reported that Iran's Parliamentary Revolutionary Guard targeted bases belonging to militant group Jaish e Adl . Later Jaish e Adl acknowledged the Iranian strike in a shared online statement. The group said that the attack killed two children, two women and a teenage girl.

Jaish e Adl is a Sunni separatist group.

It seeks independence from Balochistan and has spread across Afghanistan and Iran.

The group has claimed responsibility for several attacks against Iran's military. The group cooperates with Sunni separatist group in Iran

India defends Iran, cited its position on no compromise on terrorism

India has backed Iran citing its missile strike in Balochistan as "self defense ".

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson in a statement said "Insofar as India is concerned, we have an uncompromising position of zero tolerance towards terrorism. We understand the action that countries take in their self defense".

The strike came a day after EAM S. Jaishankar visited Iran and met his counterpart

▶ Crack down on hate speech, incitement to violence, says SC

The Supreme Court on Monday said that authorities need to be "cautious that no incitement of violence and hate speech are permissible". The court underscored it while ordering Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh police and local authorities to keep an eye on public events planned by Hindu Janjagruti samiti.

The court has ordered authorities to keep a close eye on incitement to violence, hate speech in comingevents by a few Hindu Organisations



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SC will hear appeal filed by Uddhav camp on January 22

The Supreme Court on Wednesday listed for January 22, hearing of an appeal filed by the Shiv Sena (UBT) by faction against the Maharashtra assembly 's decision to dismiss disqualification proceedings against CM Eknath Shinde and MLAs supporting him. Earlier Maharashtra Assembly speakers called Shiv Sena of Eknath Shinde as the real Shiv Sena. And rejected any move to disqualify there MLAs

PM inaugurated three infrastructure projects worth ₹4000 crore in Kochi

PM Modi launched infrastructure projects totalling ₹4000 crore in Kochi .

A new dry dock, an International shipment Repair Faculty (ISRF) and an LPG import terminal of Indian Oil CorporationLtd.

Dry dock - It would enable vessels to dock here for repair.

ISRFwould transform Kochi to South Asia's largest ship terminal.

LPG import terminal would meet the LPG needs of Kochi , Kozhikode , Coimbatore , Erode , Salem , Madurai and Trichy .

PM Modi on this occasion said that turnaround time for ships in India has decreased

▶ Disproportionateact : CPR on FCRA license cancellation

The Center for Policy Research (CPR), foreign donations to fund "protests and legal battles against developmental projects" and misutilised foreign contribution to "affect India's economic interests", a government said on Wednesday.

The government said that CPR was producing current affairs programmes using foreign funds, which is a violation under Section 3 of FCRA act.

CPR in its statement said "We remain steadfast in our belief that this matter will be resolved in line with Constitutional values and guarantees

➡ The Indian Navy to have mixed marching contingent at Republic day Parade

The Indian Navy will have a mixed marching contingent this year.

The contingent this time on Republic Day will consist of 144 men and women . This is the first time that the Women contingent of the Navy will participate along with male in the R Day Parade

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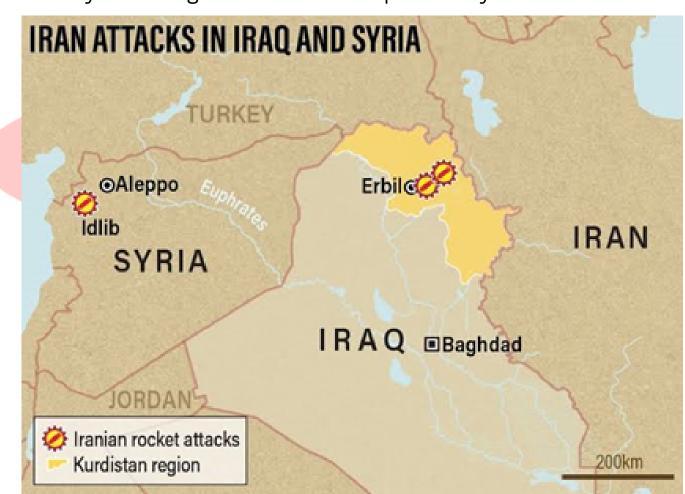
▶ Why did Iran carry out strikes in Iraq, Syria and Pakistan?

December 15,2023 – A Police station in Rask in Iran's Sistan province was targeted by Jaish Al Adl (the army of Justice). 11 Iranian Security personnel died.

December 25 ,2023 – Brigadier General Sayyid Razo Maussavi , a senior advisor of Iran's Revolutionary Guard's corps (IRGC) was killed in an airstrike ,in a southern suburb of Damascus . Tehran blames Israel for this , Israel neither confirmed nor denied its role . January 3 , 2024 – 94 people were killed in a memorial blast in Karman in Iran in twin blasts .

The Islamic State - Khorasan , the Afghanistan based branch of Islamic state claimed it's responsibility .

On January 15 - 16, Iran launched three attacks in Iraq, Syria and Pakistan and claimed to have carried out retaliatory strikes against all the three previously discussed strikes



▶ Israel escaltes Gaza strike after medicine for aid deal

Israel stepped up strike on the south of war torn Gaza, on Wednesday, ahead of expected delivery of medicines for hostages in exchange for humanitarian aid under a newly brokered deal. The deal was brokered by Qatar and France.

Under the deal 45 Israeli hostages with Hamas will get medicines in exchange for humanitarian aid for Palestinian civilians

→ China's population falls for second straight year

The. decline in population reflects decline in birth rate. The decline in fertility rate is a long term economic and societal challenge for China. Experts expect the population decline to continue for decades, even if fertility rates rebound

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