

## **SUMMARY OF THE HINDU**

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## **THE HINDU National**

## ➡ Indian officials will be allowed to meet detained crew 'soon': Iranh

- Iran said on Monday that it would "soon "allow Indian officials to meet with the 17 Indian crew members detained by Iran.
- They were detained after an Israeli bound ship MSC Aries was detained by Iran on Saturday

#### EAM on Israel Iran conflict:

- After Iran attacked Israel on Sunday night EAM S Jaishakr called both of his counterparts from Israel and Iran
- EAM S Jaishankar talking to pressoersons said
- "We have been telling both of them to not allow the situation to escalate".
- A MEA statement released on Sunday had not condemned Israel and Iran and had suggested a more neutral approach .It has asked both parties for restraint.
- India's approach to not condemning Iran over attack has not gone well with Israel.
- Israel ambassador to India Naor Gillon said That Israel expects India to make sure that Iran stops destabilization in western Asia

## ➡ Iran's summoning of USA, UK, Germany diplomats

- US and It's allies has strongly condemned Iran's attack on Israel.
- On Sunday, the Iranian MFA summoned envoys of UK, Germany and France to protest their statements condemning the Iranian actions. Iran also warned the US against any "misadventure" in support of Israel.

## ➡ India will get above average rainfall, says IMD

- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a beautiful monsoon for the year.
- IMD has predicted that Rainfall over the country will be 106% of the Long Period Average (LPA) .
- Rainfall over the country over the whole June September 2023 was 82cm (94% of LPA).
- IMD categorizes rainfall as Average, Above Average and Below Average rainfall. 95-105 % of LPA is average rainfall. 95 90% of rainfall is below average and 105-110 % of LPA is called above average rainfall.
- The LPA of the southwest monsoon rainfall (June to September) from 1971 to 2020 is 87cm.

## Scrapping poll bond scheme a mistake: Modi

- PM Narendra Modi in an interview on Monday said that the country had been pushed towards black money in elections after the Supreme Court scrapped the electoral bond scheme. The PM said that on honest reflection "everyone will regret it".
- It was the first detailed take on the electoral bonds scheme by PM Modi.
- The PM said that an electoral bond was brought to curb corruption in elections. Though not the absolute way and has scope for improvement..
- "But today we have completely pushed the country towards black money, hence I say everyone will regret it. When they think honestly, everyone will regret it. He said.
- The Prime Minister took over allegations of accusations of ED action . 16 companies that bought electoral bond when they faced action.
- "Of these 37 % of the amount went to BJP and 63% to the parties opposed by BJP.
- The PM lauded ED and said that since he had taken charge at the center, the central agency had significantly contributed towards tackling corruption.
- He said that corruption has destroyed the country and it had to be tackled with full might

## SC seeks ED response on Kejriwal arrest, denies interim relief to CM

- The Supreme Court on Monday declined to give "interim release" to Aravind Kejriwal in the Delhi Excise Policy case.
- The petitioner had sought "timing of the chief minister's arrest "by the ED as one of the reasons for his bail .
- Supreme Court had asked the Supreme Court
- The case is listed on April 19

## **⇒** Election Commission pegs pre poll seizure at ₹4650 crore

- The election commission (EC) on Monday said that it was on track to seize the largest amount of inducement, including drugs and cash.
- Even before the start of polling for the Lok Sabha elections, it had seized ₹4650 crore, an amount higher than recovered in previous Lok Sabha elections. It was ₹3475 crore in previous elections

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## WORLD

## **▶** Israeli military chief vows response to Iranian attack

- Israel's military chief said on Monday that Israel will respond to Iran's weekend military strike, but didn't elaborate on timing.
- Iranian strikes of missiles and attack drones "will be met with a response" Lt Gen Hezri Halevi said.

## **⇒** Let's Israel speak

- US NSC Spokesperson John Kirby declined to say whether the US will be involved in Israel's decision making process .
- "We are not involved in their decision making process about a potential response", he said.

#### **→** How the strike unfolded

- On April 1, Israel struck the Iranian consulate in Syria. This led to the death of seven Iranian officials.
- On Sunday night Iran launched a barrage of missiles, drones on Israel. Nearly 300 drones were launched over Israel. Most of these were diffused with the help of US, UK and Jordanian forces.
- This is the first direct strike by Iran over Israel . the history of tension between the two countries is from decades

## ⇒ Israel lost deterrence, Jewish terrorist violence spreading, says former PM Yair Lapid

• Israel's opposition leader Yair Lapid on Monday accused Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's government of leading a "total loss of Israeli deterrence" in the wake of the Iranian attack.

## Four Israeli injured in Hezbollah attack

- Lebanon's Hezbollah said on Monday it has detonated "explosive devices ", targeting Israeli soldiers who the group said had crossed the Lebanese territory.
- Israel's army said four soldiers were wounded overnight in the region .
- It was the first time Hezbollah claimed the attack in six months of nearly daily cross border crashes



## **→** World leaders call for restraint following Iran's attack on Israel

- World leaders called for restraint on Sunday after Israel after it came under an unprecedented attack by Iran .
- US Security Council spokesperson John Kirby said "We don't want to see this escalate . We are not looking for a wider war with Iran . "
- Iran's foreign minister Hossein Amir Abdollahain said Tehran has notified neighbours states ahead of Saturday's attack, stressing its aim was to punish Israeli regime ".
- NATO said it was "vital that the conflict in the middle East (West Asia) does not spiral out of control "

#### **▶** British jets countered Iranian attack drones, says Sunak

- The UK's Royal Air Force (RAF) participated in taking down drones from launched at Israel by Iran. Mr Sunak called for calm ahead of meeting. Mr Sunak also issued a statement on Saturday condemning Iran's. "reckless" attack, said that if Tehran's attack were successful "the fallout of regional stability would be hard to state".
- In other statement released by US president he confirmed the downing of several drones by US jets . The US and UK drones are in the region to counter Islamic State

## **Text and Context**

## → What is doxxing and what measures can you take if it happens to you?

- The act of digitally publishing anybody's personal details is called doxxing.
- It allows users and criminals who are thousands of miles away to target the victims by putting their personal details online for other s to exploit .
- Doxxers generally publish highly personal data. such as other people's home address, phone no, private email IDs, medical conditions, govt documents, social security number, live location, insurance information, private details.
- The information obtained from illegal sources such as hacking or heft



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