

# India's Diplomatic Steps: Escalating Tensions with Pakistan

The diplomatic steps taken by the Indian Cabinet against Pakistan in response to the Pulwama terrorist attack are a measured response, signaling a major escalation in tensions. The decisions to cancel Pakistani visas, suspend consular operations, and close the Attari border integrated check post (ICP) send a message from New Delhi that it desires minimal engagement with Pakistan.

The decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty is an indication of India's intent to implement its earlier decision, which includes suspending all meetings of the Permanent Commission, ending Pakistani water team site visits to India, and continuing hydropower and silt extraction projects on the tributary rivers.





# Pakistan's Response and Terrorist Organizations

## **Visa Cancellation**

**Pakistan has canceled visas for Indian citizens and reduced the strength of the mission.**

## **Trade Suspension**

**All bilateral trade activities have been suspended.**

## **Bilateral Agreements**

**There is a threat to suspend other bilateral agreements like the 1972 Shimla Agreement.**

**Pakistan's response reflects Indian actions, but it is not making an effort to address India's pain. It also does not appear ready to identify the perpetrators, despite the fact that The Resistance Force (TRF), which has claimed responsibility for the attack, is a front of Lashkar-e-Taiba based in Pakistan.**

# Importance and Impact of the Indus Water Treaty



## 1960: Treaty Signed

The Indus Water Treaty was signed between India and Pakistan.



## River Management

Provision for the division of waters of six rivers – three eastern rivers to India and three western rivers to Pakistan.



## 2025: Suspension

India has suspended the treaty until Pakistan takes "credible" action against terrorist groups.

Pakistan has indicated that the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty would be considered an "act of war" if it results in a reduction of water flow to Pakistan, and has threatened retaliatory attacks in response to any military action by India. This situation points towards an increase in tensions and a potential military standoff.



# Prime Minister Modi's Message and India's Strategy



## Warning of "Punishment Beyond Imagination"

From a rally in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has warned of "punishment beyond imagination".



## Garnering International Support

New Delhi is reaching out to countries around the world, with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefing foreign diplomats.



## Informing the Opposition

Senior ministers have briefed opposition leaders on cross-border relations.

Given the current geopolitical circumstances, the hatred towards innocent tourists, and the issue of cross-border terrorism, it is unlikely that countries like the US will put pressure on New Delhi to limit its next steps.



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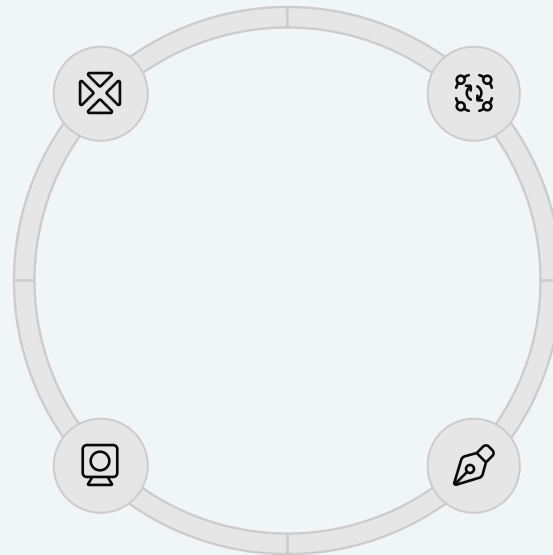
# Pahalgam Terrorist Attack: Background and Impact

## Attack on Tourists

Innocent tourists in Pahalgam were targeted, resulting in several casualties.

## Security Concerns

Tourists were taken to the valley without police permission, raising questions about security protocols.



## The Resistance Force

The attack was claimed by TRF, which is a front of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba.

## Impact on Tourism

The attack has severely impacted the tourism industry in Kashmir.

The Pahalgam terrorist attack has escalated tensions in India-Pakistan relations. The government should continue to involve all stakeholders, including the Jammu and Kashmir government. This attack is reminiscent of past incidents like Pulwama (2019), after which similar diplomatic steps were taken.

# History of India–Pakistan Relations



## 1947: Partition

The partition of India and Pakistan, which laid the foundation for the tense relations between the two countries.



## 1972: Shimla Agreement

Converted the ceasefire line into the Line of Control and rejected third-party mediation on Kashmir.



## Cross-border Terrorism

Terrorist groups based in Pakistan have been a major obstacle in the relations, with constant attacks on India.

The 1972 Shimla Agreement, which Pakistan has threatened to suspend, is virtually dormant. It had most notably converted the ceasefire line into the Line of Control and rejected third-party mediation on Kashmir. The history of relations between the two countries has been complex, involving several wars and conflicts.

# International Reaction and Geopolitical Impact



## US Stance

**Due to India's extensive understanding of the cross-border terrorism issue, countries like the US will not put pressure on New Delhi to limit its next steps.**



## United Nations

**There has been international condemnation of the targeting of innocent tourists, which has provided diplomatic support to India.**



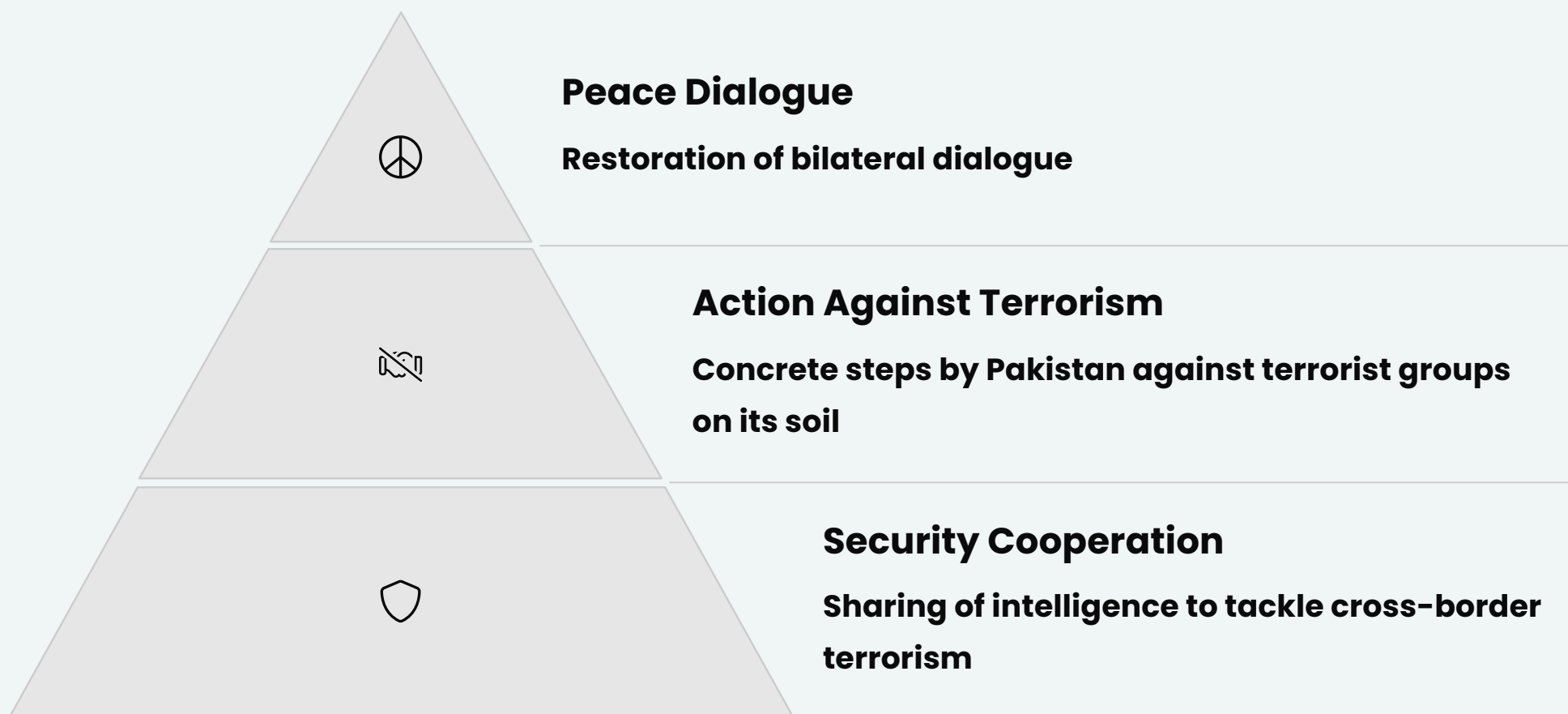
## Global Community

**Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is briefing foreign envoys, in an effort to garner international support.**

**In the current geopolitical circumstances, India is likely to receive international support for its diplomatic steps. India's position is strong in the global fight against terrorism, and the attack on innocent tourists has caused outrage in the international community. India's diplomatic outreach is playing a crucial role in garnering international support on this issue.**



# The Way Forward: Prospects for Peace



**Pakistan could benefit from reconsidering its counterproductive position, and still, it has an opportunity to demonstrate that it is ready to act against terrorist groups, and is attempting to avert the coming tensions. India has sent a clear message that Pakistan must eliminate the terrorist groups operating on its soil.**

**For reducing tensions between the two countries and restoring peaceful relations, it is essential for Pakistan to take concrete steps against terrorism. The international community can also play an important role in this process, but ultimately, the two neighboring countries will have to resolve their differences.**



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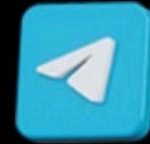


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