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Booms And Sirens In Israel After Iran Launches Over 200 Missiles And Drones

- Booms and air raid sirens sounded across Israel early Sunday after Iran launched hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles in an unprecedented revenge mission that pushed the Middle East closer to a regionwide war.
- The attack marked the first time Iran has launched a direct military assault on Israel, despite decades of enmity dating back to the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution. Condemnation from the United Nations chief and others was swift, with France saying Iran "is risking a potential military escalation," Britain calling the attack "reckless" and Germany saying Iran and its proxies "must stop it immediately."
- Hours after Iran rained 200 missiles and drones over Israel, the latter's Prime Minister Benjamin
- Netanyahu said that the first attacks were repelled and that the confrontation was not over.
- "More than 300 projectiles were fired by Iran at Israel overnight, and over 99 per cent of them were intercepted," the Israeli military said in a statement.
- Booms and sirens echoed areas of Israel early Sunday as Iran launched a barrage of ballistic and cruise missiles, drones, increasing worries of a wider, serious conflict in the Middle Eastern region.
- The attack by Iran follows a suspected Israeli strike in Syria that led to the killing of two Iranian generals in an Iranian consular building.
- This is the first time Iran launched a direct military attack on Israel.

Security situation in Myanmar remains "precarious", "deteriorating," says MEA

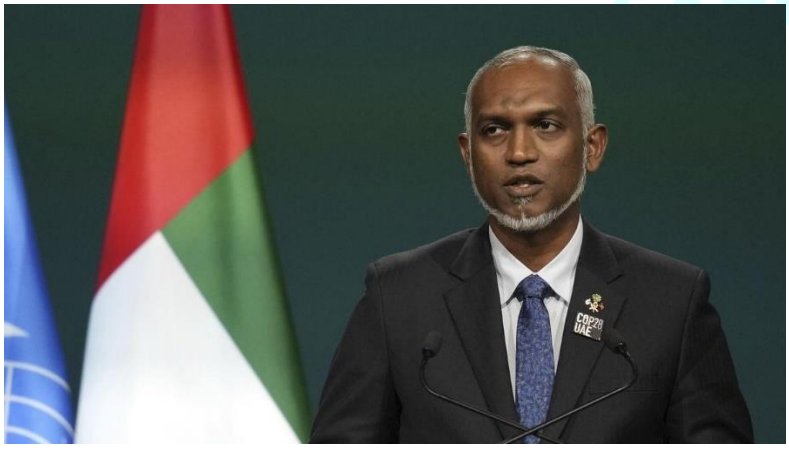
- Amid the ongoing fighting in the Rakhine state and other areas, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday that Indian embassy is "actively monitoring" the security situation in Myanmar that remains "precarious and deteriorating" and has issued advisory warning Indians on safety protocols.
- Underlining that an advisory was issued sometime back for Indian nationals so that they can take due care, the official spokesperson of MEA, Randhir Jaiswal said, "The security situation in Myanmar remains precarious and deteriorating - you heard about the fighting that is going on in the Rakhine state and other areas."
- He also said that India Embassy has relocated staff from Sittwe Consulate to Yangon.
- "We have relocated our Embassy staff from Sittwe to Yangon. (Indian) Consulate in Mandalay remains functional," Jaiswal said.

S Jaishankar Speaks To Iran Counterpart About 17 Indians On A Ship Seized

- India's Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar, on Sunday initiated discussions with Iranian authorities regarding the situation involving 17 Indian nationals aboard a ship seized off the coast of the UAE.
- The ship's seizure has raised concerns about the welfare and safety of the Indian crew members, prompting Jaishankar to take proactive measures to address the issue.
- Israel-linked cargo ship 'MSC Aries' seized by Iran on Saturday near the Strait of Hormuz had 17 Indian nationals onboard, according to the sources.

2nd Batch of Indian Military Personnel Leaves Maldives: President Muizzu

- The second batch of Indian military personnel manning a helicopter gifted by India to the Maldives has left the island nation as demanded by him, President Mohamed Muizzu has said. Muizzu, a pro-China leader, also reaffirmed that foreign ambassadors in Male will not wield authority over him emphasising that ultimate power rests with the citizens.
- Last month, he had alleged that his predecessor Ibrahim Mohamed Solih operated on the orders from "a foreign ambassador" without naming any country. Muizzu had set March 10 as the deadline for the withdrawal of the first group of Indian military personnel from his country.
- He announced the withdrawal of the second Indian military contingent from the Maldives while speaking during a campaign event for the ruling People's National Congress party candidates ahead of the parliamentary elections scheduled for April 21.
- "The first team has already gone. Now, on April 9, the soldiers on the second platform have also been withdrawn," Muizzu, who has been demanding the withdrawal of foreign soldiers from the Maldives during his election campaign last year, was quoted as saying by the local media on Saturday.



Successful Trials of Indigenous MPATGM

- Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile Weapon System, indigenously designed and developed by DRDO has been field evaluated in different flight

configurations several times with the objective of proving the technology with high superiority.

- The system consisted of the MPATGM, Launcher, Target Acquisition System, and the Fire Control Unit. The Warhead Flight Trials were successfully conducted at the Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan on April 13, 2024. Missile performance and warhead performance were found to be remarkable.

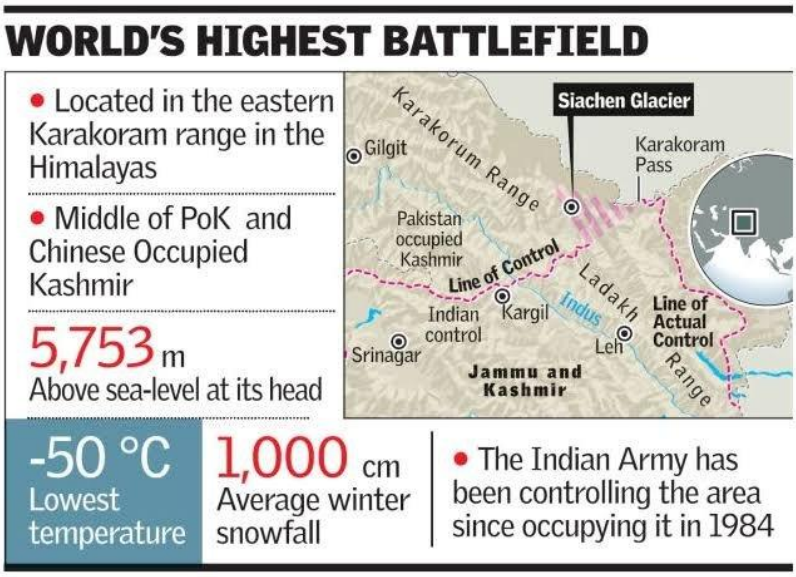
Naval Investiture Ceremony 2024

- Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff presented Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards to Naval personnel on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India at an impressive Naval Investiture Ceremony held at INS Hansa, Goa on 14 April 2024.
- A total of 35 personnel were conferred with various awards during the ceremony, which included **Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) to Cdr Manish Singh Karki, Cdr Kaustab Banerjee, Lt Cdr Panneerselvam Vishnu Prasanna and Lt Cdr Bhaskar.**
- CNS also presented the **Lt VK Jain Memorial Gold Medal** for pioneering research in the field of Weapon Improvement and Electrical Engineering, as well as the **Capt Ravi Dhir Memorial Gold Medal for promoting Flight Safety**.
- The CNS Trophy for **Best Green Practices 2023** was awarded to **Naval Dockyard, Mumbai and INS Valsura** in the **industrial and non-industrial categories respectively.**
- The CNS also awarded Unit Citations to Naval units for their outstanding service over the past year. The recipients were Indian Naval Ships Teg, Kolkata, Karmuk, Sumedha, Sumitra and Sharda, submarine INS Sindhukesari, flight squadron

INAS 550 and shore establishments Chilka, Circars, Eksila, Dronacharya and Naval Ship Repair Yard (Karwar).

IAF In Operation Meghdoot

- Meghdoot was launched on **13 April 1984**, when the Indian Army and IAF advanced to the Siachen glacier to secure the heights dominating the Northern Ladakh region.
- The operation involved the airlifting of Indian Army soldiers by the IAF and dropping them on the glacial peaks. Although the operation began in 1984, IAF helicopters were already operating in the Siachen Glacier since 1978, flying the Chetak helicopters which was the first IAF helicopter to land in the Glacier in October 1978.
- The main characters the Army's higher echelons involved in the operation were then Army Chief Gen AS Vaidya, the Director General Military Operations Lt Gen CN Somanna, the GOC-in-C Northern Command Lt Gen ML Chibber, the Chief of Staff Northern Command Lt Gen Narinjan Singh Cheema, GOC 15 Corps Lt Gen PN Hoon, GOC 3 Div Maj Gen Shiv Sharma, MGGS Northern Command Maj Gen Amarjit Singh, Commander 102 Infantry Brigade Brigadier Jal Master and Commander 26 Sector Brigadier V Channa.
- A special mention must be made of the DGMO, Lt Gen Somanna. Commissioned into the Brigade of Guards in December, 1949, Lt Gen Somanna is often forgotten in popular retellings of the Siachen story, but was among the most important planners.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Which naval units received Unit Citations for their outstanding service over the past year?**

A. Indian Naval Ships Teg, Kolkata, and Karmuk
B. Indian Naval Ships Sumedha, Sumitra, and Sharda
C. Indian Naval Ships Teg, Kolkata, and Sumedha
D. Indian Naval Ships Karmuk, Sumitra, and Sharda

ANSWER: A

2. What system was field evaluated several times by DRDO?

A. Surface-to-air missile system
B. Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System
C. Submarine-launched ballistic missile system
D. Aircraft carrier system

ANSWER: B

3. When was Meghdoot launched?

A. 13 April 1984
B. 13 April 1994
C. 13 April 2004
D. 13 April 2014

ANSWER: A

4. Which submarine received Unit Citations for its outstanding service?

A. INS Sindhukesari
B. INS Sindhuraj
C. INS Sindhukirti
D. INS Sindhuvir

ANSWER: A

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A. Indian Naval Ships Teg, Kolkata, and Karmuk
B. Indian Naval Ships Sumedha, Sumitra, and Sharda
C. Both A and B
D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. INS Karmuk Is A

A. Destroyer
B. Missile Corvette
C. Submarine
D. Tank

ANSWER: B

7. __Is The Official Residence And Workplace Of The President Of The United States.

A. President House

B. White House
C. Sansad
D. 7 RCR
ANSWER: B

8. R&AW Stands For
A. Research and Analytical Wing
B. Raw and Analysis Wing
C. Research and Analysis Wing
D. Research and Analysis Wet
ANSWER: C

9. IRST Stands For
A. Infra-Red Search and Terrorist System
B. Infra-Red Search and Tokyo System
C. Infra-Red Search and Track System
D. None
ANSWER: C

10. India Sold Brahmos Missile To
A. Philippines
B. Vietnam
C. Thailand
D. Japan
ANSWER: A

11. Agni-V Is A
A. Destroyer
B. OPV
C. IRBM
D. ICBM
ANSWER: D

12. Which is Not Correctly Matched:
A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
C. Indian Army Day: 26 Jan
D. BSF Day: 1 Dec
ANSWER: C

13. “Sarvatra” (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

A. JKRIF
B. RR
C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

14. IAF Was Formed On

A. 8 October 1932
B. 8 October 1922
C. 8 October 1942
D. 8 October 1952

ANSWER: A

15. SLBM Stands For

A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

16. Lima Is The Capital Of

A. Poland
B. Qatar
C. UAE
D. Peru

ANSWER: D

17. “The Epic Battle of Longewala" Book Is Written By

A. Arun Kumar
B. Ashish Ghatak
C. Ramesh Kandula
D. Air Marshal Retd Bharat Kumar

ANSWER: D

18. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

A. Yama

B. SLINEX
C. Indra
D. Konkan Shakti
ANSWER: D

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?
A. Jaipur
B. Vishakhapatnam
C. Pune
D. Mumbai
ANSWER: A

20. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of
A. Germany
B. Israel
C. USA
D. India
ANSWER: B

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