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BRICS Declaration strongly condemns Pahalgam terror attack

that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group and rejected "double standards" in countering terrorism.

"We urge to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism," it said, while stressing that States have the primary responsibility in combating terrorism.

The BRICS leaders also called for the "expeditious finalisation and adoption" of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism under the UN framework and urged concerted action against all UN-designated terrorists and terrorist entities.

They called for greater cooperation to counter extremism and radicalisation, particularly among younger people, including through the sharing of best practices among member countries.

The declaration also flagged the growing threat from organised scam networks, including cross-border fraud operations and so-called scam compounds. It called for coordinated international action to dismantle such networks, trace and recover criminal proceeds and protect victims.

The grouping further called for closer cooperation among financial intelligence units, law enforcement agencies, customs and tax authorities, telecom providers and technology platforms to tackle money laundering, illicit financial flows and the misuse of emerging payment systems.

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On the economic front, the declaration voiced serious concern over the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures, saying such measures distort trade, threaten global supply chains and create uncertainty for international economic activity.

The grouping reaffirmed its support for reform of the World Trade Organisation and called for an open, equitable, transparent, fair, inclusive and rules-based multilateral trading system. It also advocated the immediate restoration of a fully functioning two-tier binding WTO dispute settlement mechanism.

The declaration also condemned unilateral economic and secondary sanctions that it said were contrary to international law, arguing that such measures have adverse implications for development, health and food security.

Modi, Putin, Xi hand-in-hand at 18th BRICS Summit

President began his two-day visit to New Delhi to attend the BRICS Summit, marking his first trip to India in seven years and signalling a key opportunity to normalise bilateral ties through expansion of trade and investment ties.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host President Xi for bilateral talks on Saturday evening.

It is understood that both sides will carry out a comprehensive review of their bilateral relations, focusing on new steps to enhance the two-way engagement.

The Chinese leader's trip to India comes on the heels of several high-level exchanges, including the Special Representative dialogue in Beijing between National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, even as concerns linger over aggressive Chinese military posturing along the Arunachal Pradesh sector.

Xi was received at the Delhi airport by Union Minister Jitin Prasada, as cultural artistes performed traditional dances to welcome the Chinese president.

"We look forward to constructive discussions as BRICS continues to advance cooperation and contribute to a more balanced, representative and multipolar world," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on social media, welcoming the Chinese leader.

Xi's delegation includes Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

People familiar with Xi's visit said it presents a key opportunity to further normalise relations that came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh military standoff.

In the last few months, both sides have rolled out a series of confidence-building measures to repair ties frayed by the more than four-and-a-half-year military standoff in eastern Ladakh.

In their talks, Modi and Xi are expected to review the overall situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and explore further ways to normalise bilateral relations, including through expanded trade and investment ties, the people cited above said.

Modi and Xi held wide-ranging talks on August 31 last year on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in the Chinese city of Tianjin.

NSA Doval held the Special Representative (SR) talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang late last month that focused on delimitation of the frontier and sustaining work on trans-boundary cooperation as well as maintaining peace along the LAC.

Both Doval and Wang are the designated SRs for the boundary talks mechanism, which was established in 2003 to comprehensively address the dispute over the India-China border spanning 3,488 km.

"China will work with India to act on the strategic guidance of the two leaders, handle the bilateral relations from a

strategic height and long-term perspective, step up communication, enhance cooperation, properly handle differences, and be friends enjoying good-neighbourliness and partners helping each other succeed," Chinese ambassador to India Xu Feihong said on Friday.

Lt Gen Pratik reviews security situation

and rapid response to any emerging challenges.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma reviewed the counter terrorism grid in South Kashmir, where he was briefed on the prevailing security scenario and operational preparedness," the Army's Northern Command said in a post on X.

Man, son killed in road accident

In the collision, the motorcyclist and his son were killed on the spot while his wife survived with critical injuries.

The dead included Naseer Ahmad Mir, son of Ghulam Hassan of Ghoom Ahmadpora, Magam, and son Hadi (3). The injured, who was identified as Naseer's wife Dilshada Akhter (26), was admitted to hospital.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident.

7-day deadline for inspection of 8 online services

ment order, the maximum permissible period for conducting a field inspection will be counted from the date of scheduling or receipt of the application on the concerned online portal.

The prescribed seven-working-day timeline will apply to these eight services: Certificate of Vending (Street Vendor Licence), Municipal Trade Licence/NOC for Commercial Establishment, Sewerage Connection, Building Plan Approval, Permission for Alteration, Addition, Revision or Revalidation of Building, Permission for Demolition & Reconstruction of Building, Plinth Approval of Building and Occupancy/Completion Certificate of Building.

The order and seeks to formalise time-bound procedures for inspections linked to identified online services.

The move is aimed at ensuring greater efficiency, transparency and predictability in the delivery of urban development-related services, while reducing delays in processing applications.

The prescribed timeline is expected to provide applicants with a clearly defined timeframe for the inspection stage of these services and strengthen the implementation of the government's business-reform and ease-of-doing-business measures in Jammu and Kashmir.

UN backs Modi's UNSC reform push

other international institutions.

"I think if you listen to what the Secretary-General has been saying, since he got into office and, frankly, his predecessor as well, is that there is a fundamental need for reform of the Security Council. The heart of the peace and security architecture of the United Nations is the Security Council. The fact that you look at the way the Council is made up now, of the 5 permanent members, it is no longer a reflection of the 21st century. Whether it is the Security Council or the international financial institutions or all sorts of other international institutions, they need to reflect 2026, and no longer 1945. It is high time that we adapt this organisation to the realities of the world so it is truly representative and even more effective," Dujarric said.

PM Modi, while addressing the BRICS session on inclusive global governance and strengthening multilateralism, said the current global governance structure resembled a "pyramid" in which power and decision-making were concentrated at the top while countries affected by those decisions had limited ability to shape them.

Furthermore, Dujarric spoke about UN Secretary-General António Guterres' meeting with PM Modi, saying the two discussed global conflicts, including in the Middle East and Ukraine.

"During the meeting the Secretary-General had with your PM yesterday, they discussed the conflicts around the world, including in the Middle East as well as Ukraine. The Secretary-General thinks that India has a big role to play as a bridge builder, as a way to help the fighting sides communicate and reach a peaceful settlement," he said.

On India's BRICS presidency and the New Delhi Declaration, Dujarric congratulated PM Modi on India's leadership of the grouping and said the adoption of a joint declaration was a credit to India's presidency.

"I think the Secretary-General congratulated PM Modi when he met him yesterday for his presidency of the BRICS. I have read that there is a joint declaration, but we haven't seen it yet. But the fact that the group could come up with a joint declaration is something to the credit of India's presidency," he said.

Dujarric said the priorities being raised by the Global South were also central to the agenda of UN Secretary-General António Guterres, including development financing, equitable access to the benefits of artificial intelligence, and reform of international institutions.

"A lot of the priorities that the Global South is talking about are the priorities the Secretary-General António Guterres has been talking about in terms of financing for development, in terms of ensuring that the richness and the potential of Artificial Intelligence is shared and as we have been saying, the importance of reforming international institutions to better reflect today's reality," he said.

CBI arrests CGST supdt, consultant

that Superintendent Pankaj Kumar demanded Rs 1 crore issue a no-objection certificate and hand over the flats for re-

development, a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

"During verification of the complaint, the accused officer demanded Rs 10 lakh in cash on September 10, while Rs 20 lakh as a down payment of a flat purchased by the accused public servant, and Rs 70 lakh at a later stage for other officers of DG HRD CGST, New Delhi," the spokesperson said.

The CBI said it laid a trap on Thursday when the accused superintendent directed the complainant to hand over a Rs 10 lakh bribe to CGST consultant Prasad Kumar Swami, present there.

The agency arrested both the accused and produced them before the competent court, which sent them to two days of police custody.

At BRICS Summit, PM calls for immediate UNSC reform

ty lies at the heart of every effort," the PM said.

"In this regard, I propose that we jointly formulate 10 proposals for global governance reform, aiming to shape them into a BRICS reform roadmap by the time of the next summit," Modi said.

Modi made the remarks in the presence of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto.

The other leaders attending the summit include Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung.

"The current structure of global governance resembles a pyramid: power and decision-making are concentrated at the top, while the lower tiers consist of nations that are affected by these decisions and are unable to shape them," he said.

The prime minister also proposed a seafarers' network among BRICS member nations to ensure their safety.

Iran won't surrender to bullies, arrogance: Prez Masoud

Israel are making "errors like someone riding a wild horse without reining it in".

"That will lead them to doom and the fires of hell. God created Iranians, Chinese, Indians and others, and we have to live with each other. We will not surrender to oppression, we will keep supporting the oppressed," the Iranian leader said.

The event was attended among others by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, Kashmiri separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Patanjali Ayurved co-founder and managing director Acharya Balkrishna and ORF Director General Sujan R Chinoy.

Pezeshkian arrived in New Delhi on Friday morning on a three-day visit primarily to attend the BRICS summit.

Ahead of the event, the Iranian president held wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi that mainly focused on the overall situation in West Asia as well as bilateral ties.

The Iranian president said he had "nice talks" with Modi that will pave the way for cooperation and development of relations in trade, technology and culture.

With its vast reserves and strategic location, Iran is ready to play the role of a strategic partner in supplying energy and food in the region, he said.

Earlier, speaking at the BRICS Business Forum, Pezeshkian called for a stronger shift towards local currencies in BRICS trade, while pitching Iran's geography, energy resources and transport links as a strategic bridge for the bloc's economic connectivity.

The BRICS must move beyond its economic potential and build a more integrated network of trade, investment and joint financing, he said.

Separately, speaking to reporters, Araghchi said Iran considers India as a "great emerging country", which is helming the BRICS as its current chair.

"The BRICS is a very important institution and is playing a very important role. I am sure that India is able to lead the BRICS and the countries that are members of this group in an excellent way," he said.

"Inside the BRICS, there are different opinions, but all members of the group believe that national currencies should be strengthened and trade between the member states should be conducted through national currencies," he said.

Araghchi said having a single currency for trade among the BRICS nations is still under consideration.

Jinping asks BRICS countries to play 'due role' in bringing peace in West Asia

mentality and called on the member states to oppose violations of other countries' sovereignty and interference in their internal affairs

Xi said the BRICS countries should strengthen cooperation in AI initiative to promote new industrialisation through AI among BRICS countries

He called on BRICS countries to lead global governance in cyberspace, outer space, and the deep sea and amplify the voice of the Global South.

He said that BRICS countries should pioneer in innovative development as well as in maintaining peace and stability, boosting mutual learning among civilisations.

He said the members should focus on improving global governance, noting that the grouping should steer the international order toward greater justice and equity, and work together to build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Xi arrived here early Saturday, marking his first trip to India in seven years.

He was received at Bharat Mandapam for the 18th BRICS summit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The other leaders attending the summit in New Delhi are

Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, WHO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, WHO Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, New Development Bank (NDB) President Dilma Rousseff and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Chief Zou Jiayi are also attending the BRICS summit.

SIA raids 5 locations in Poonch, Udhampur distts

operative of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) involved in Thanamandi terror attack of 2024 before a court of law.

The terrorists, harboured by the accused, were involved in the killing of one Mohammad Razaq while his brother, a soldier in the territorial army, had received gunshot injuries.

The case pertained to an incident that occurred on April 22, 2024, when unidentified terrorists, had forcibly entered the residence of Mohammad Razaq at Kunda in Shahdara Sharief area of Rajouri district and opened indiscriminate fire.

While Razaq had died on the spot, his brother Tahir Khurshid alias Tahir Fauji, a TA jawan, had survived with critical bullet injuries.

During the SIA probe, crucial evidence was recovered and statements of key witnesses were recorded.

It was established that Sabar Hussain, of Khabalwali in Shahdara Sharief (presenty putting up in Chamrer near Surankote of Poonch district) had provided shelter, food, and logistical support to three LeT terrorists at his seasonal hut in Chamrer.

Hafiz Saeed in Pak; NIA tells court, secures warrant

Pakistan and providing weapons, money and directions to terrorists operating in the valley. The information is gathered that the said terrorist at present is in Pakistan and deliberately evading his arrest to escape the clutches of law," the NIA told the court.

After hearing the agency, special judge Prem Sagar observed that Saeed's involvement had surfaced during the investigation and that he was "allegedly involved in terrorism."

The judge noted that Saeed was at large and that the investigating agency had not been able to secure his attendance "in the ordinary manner," and issued a general non-bailable warrant against him.

The latest warrant is the second non-bailable warrant issued against the LeT founder by the Special NIA Court in Jammu in two months.

On July 8, the court had issued the first NBW against Saeed in connection with the last April's Pahalgam terror attack that had left 25 Hindu tourists and a local dead. The terrorists had enquired about their religion from the Hindu holidayers before shooting them dead.

JeM terrorist's body recovered from Seojdhar forest

"You can run but you can't hide. RR, SOG Doda and CRPF retrieved the remains of a Pakistani Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist, who was neutralised earlier in a joint operation. A night enabled M 4 has also been recovered," police said in a post on X.

Conflicts be resolved through dialogue: Prez Murmu

tempts to inflict economic strain on Tehran through crippling sanctions.

Welcoming President Pezeshkian on his first visit to India, the president expressed appreciation for the support extended by Iran during India's BRICS presidency.

The two leaders discussed the long-standing bonds of friendship between Iran and India, including their strong cultural and people-to-people ties, a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

The president reiterated India's commitment to the pursuit of enduring peace in the region and called for conflicts to be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy, it said.

The West Asia conflict began in late February this year.

Pezeshkian, who is here to participate in the BRICS Summit, called on President Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

J&K Bank wins national CSR honour for impactful social initiatives

philosophy of making CSR an integral part of its institutional purpose.

"CSR is not a peripheral obligation but an extension of our institutional purpose," Chatterjee said, adding that the Bank was focusing on meaningful, need-based interventions, particularly in J&K and Ladakh, with emphasis on measurable and lasting outcomes.

Among its initiatives are cardiac and breast-cancer screening programmes in underserved areas, solar-powered sanitation facilities, plantation and waste-management drives, affordable meals for hospital attendants, and skill-development and livelihood programmes.

The award, the Bank said, underscores its shift from conventional philanthropy towards structured, sustainable and impact-driven community development.

The National Awards for Excellence in CSR & Sustainability recognise organisations that integrate social responsibility into their institutional strategies and demonstrate tangible benefits for communities and the environment.

National Lok Adalat held across Poonch; 883 cases settled

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 12: The 3rd National Lok Adalat of 2026 under the Aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble High Court of J&K was organized today in all Courts of District Poonch.

The proceedings witnessed enthusiastic participation from Judicial Officers, members of the Bar, bank officials, litigants and the general public. While starting National Lok Adalat Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Poonch, Susheel Singh (Pr. District. & Sessions Judge) highlighted the positive as-

pects of Lok Adalat and described it as the need of the hour. He stressed upon the general public to come forward to take benefit of this Lok Adalat.

Prior to the start of National Lok Adalat, the Chairman DLSA inaugurated the child care room in the district court complex which has been equipped with all the basic necessities. The facility has been made fully furnished recently by the efforts of the Chairman DLSA. The Chairman DLSA was accompanied by judicial officers of the District Headquarters

At District Headquarters Poonch, six benches were constituted for the conduct of the National Lok Adalat, while total eight benches were constituted across the entire district for amicable settlement of cases. First bench was presided by Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Susheel Singh and assisted by Additional District & Sessions Judge Mir Wajahat. Second Bench was presided by Chief Judicial Magistrate Sarfraz Nawaz and assisted by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Rafaqat Hussain. Third Bench was presided by



Sub-Judge Special Mobile Magistrate Asma Choudhary and assisted by Principal Magistrate JJB Saloni Annand.

Fourth Bench was presided by Additional District & Sessions Judge Mir Wajahat and assisted by District Mobile Magistrate Traffic Jaspreet Kaur. The fifth Bench was Presided by Munsiff Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Surankote Meghna Mohan and assisted by Advocate Iftikhar Hussain Shah. Sixth Bench was presided by Munsiff/JMIC Mendhar Roopsi and assisted by Panel Lawyer Alys Ahmed Khan. Seventh

Bench was presided by District Labour Officer Mohammad Arif and assisted by Labour Inspector Ravinder Singh. Eighth Bench was presided by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohammad Sayeed and assisted by Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majeed.

A total no of 1293 cases including civil, criminal, MACT, Bank Recovery, Pre-Litigation and other cases were taken up in today's Lok Adalat. Out of these, 883 cases were settled by way of mediation, conciliation and compromise. An amount of Rs.10573613 was settled.