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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, highlighted the Bahrain Defence Force's readiness to sacrifice and their dedication in serving the nation and defending its values and interests.

He emphasised that such commitment reflects their high sense of duty and patriotism.

HM the King was speaking as he received yesterday at Sakhir Palace Field Marshal Shaikh

Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander in Chief of the BDF, and senior BDF officers.

During the meeting, HM King Hamad expressed appreciation for the dedication and national service of BDF personnel and commended their commitment and efforts in defending the Kingdom and upholding its values and interests.

He emphasised that the armed forces remain the Kingdom's first line of defence, trusted to safeguard its security at all times.

His Majesty commended the



HM the King with senior BDF and government officials

professionalism and resolve of all BDF personnel, led by the Commander in Chief, in ensuring the Kingdom's security, stability, and progress.

The Armed Forces Supreme Commander underlined that the devoted efforts of the BDF are valued and will continue to receive full support, as they reflect the deep rooted patriotism and high morale of Bahrain.

Following the meeting, HM the King hosted a luncheon in honour of the Commander in Chief and the senior officers.

Royal order on legislative session

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Order (14) of 2025, ending the third session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

According to the order, the third session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives shall be concluded as of Tuesday, May 13.

Bahrain calls for calm to ease India and Pakistan border tensions

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The Kingdom of Bahrain expressed deep concern over the military escalation between the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which has resulted in loss of life and property.

In a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the ministry emphasised Bahrain's call for both sides to exercise calm and restraint and to avoid further escalation.

The ministry underlined the importance of dialogue.

Crossfire unrest

Dozens killed as India and Pakistan clash in worst violence in two decades

AFP | Muzaffarabad, Pakistan

India and Pakistan exchanged heavy artillery fire along their contested frontier yesterday after New Delhi launched deadly missile strikes, in the worst violence between the nuclear-armed neighbours in two decades.

At least 43 deaths were reported, with Islamabad saying 31 civilians were killed by the Indian strikes and firing along the border, and New Delhi adding at least 12 dead from Pakistani shelling.

The fighting came two weeks after New Delhi blamed Islamabad for backing an attack on the Indian-run side of Kashmir, which Pakistan denied.

The South Asian neighbours have fought multiple wars over the divided territory since they were carved out of the sub-continent after gaining independence from British rule in 1947.

Justice

The Indian army said "justice is served", reporting nine camps had been destroyed, with New Delhi adding that its actions "have been focused, measured and non-escalatory".

Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif accused Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi of launching the strikes to "shore up" his domestic popularity, adding that Islamabad "won't take long to



Smoke billows after an artillery shell landed in the main town of Poonch district in India's Jammu region. (AFP)

settle the score".

Pakistan military spokesman Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said five Indian jets had been downed across the border overnight.

An Indian senior security source, who asked not to be named, said three of its fighter jets had crashed on home territory.

Strike

The largest Indian strike was on an Islamic seminary near the

US President Donald Trump called for India and Pakistan to immediately halt their fighting, and offered to help end the conflict.

Punjab city of Bahawalpur, killing 13 people according to the Pakistan military.

A government health and education complex in Muridke, 30 kilometres from Lahore, was blown apart, along with a mosque in Muzaffarabad - the main city of Pakistan-administered Kashmir - killing its caretaker.

Four children were among those killed in yesterday's attacks, according to the Pakistan military.

Pakistan also said a hydro-power plant in Kashmir was targeted by India, damaging a dam

structure, after India threatened to stop the flow of water on its side of the border.

Warning

Pakistan had earlier warned that tampering with the rivers that flow into its territory would be an "act of war".

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the overnight operation was New Delhi's "right to respond" following the attack on tourists in Pahalgam in Kashmir last month.

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