

Cargo Flight From Sharjah Disappears Near Karachi

A Pakistan-registered K2 Airways Boeing 737 cargo aircraft disappeared from radar on Tuesday night after reporting a navigational system malfunction while flying from Sharjah to Karachi, prompting authorities to launch a large-scale search and rescue operation.



proximately 155 nautical miles west of Karachi.

According to the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA), the cargo flight reported a navigational system problem at 9:18pm Pakistan Standard Time (PST) as it approached Pakistani airspace. The Karachi Area Control Centre (ACC) immediately provided navigational assistance to the aircraft.

Three minutes later, at 9:21pm PST, air traffic controllers observed the aircraft making a rapid descent and an abrupt change in heading on radar. Shortly afterwards, both radar contact and radio communication were lost ap-

Following the incident, the Rescue Coordination Centre was activated and a coordinated search and rescue operation was launched at sea with the participation of multiple agencies to locate the missing aircraft.

Officials said the aircraft was carrying five crew members. Their condition remains unknown.

Authorities said search operations are ongoing, while the reported navigational system malfunction and the subsequent loss of contact are under investigation.

Israel, Lebanon to hold talks in Rome in mid-July

AFP | Rome, Italy

Israeli and Lebanese ambassadors are due to hold direct talks in Rome this month, Italy's foreign ministry said yesterday, after several rounds of discussions in Washington aimed at de-escalation.

"We welcome with pleasure the announcement that the next round of talks between Israel and Lebanon mediated by the US will take place in Rome," Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said on X.

A ministry spokesman said the talks would take place at the ambassador level on July 15 and 16.

This round of talks will be the sixth since spring between the two neighbours, which do not have diplomatic relations and are technically in a state of war.



First responders inspect the wreckage of a car reportedly targeted by an Israeli strike in Nabatieh

The two countries and the United States signed a framework agreement last month aimed at "lasting peace", five days after the entry into force of a fragile ceasefire in the fighting between the Israeli army and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah that has been going on since March 2.

'We will consider' selling F-35s to Turkey

AFP | Ankara, Turkey

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that Washington would consider selling F-35 fighter jets to Turkey after booting it out of the programme in 2019 over Ankara's purchase of a Russian system.

"That's a decision we're going to make... it's a great plane, the best plane by far and it's certainly something we will consider," Trump said, sitting next to Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan after landing in Ankara for a NATO summit.

Turkey has long sought to resolve the question of its readmittance to the F-35 programme and the lifting of US sanctions that have soured ties and hampered Turkish defence projects, and has looked to Trump's visit to break the deadlock.

Asked if he would lift the



CAATSA sanctions, Trump said: "We're going to be taking the sanctions off."

"We don't want to sanction friends," he added.

Sitting next to him, Erdogan said he was confident Trump would resolve the issue and end the dispute.

"Mr. Trump has also personally given us his word on this matter," he said through a translator.

"On this issue, Mr. Trump always stands by his word. Here again, God willing, I believe a favourable decision on the F-35s will emerge from this leaders' summit."

Indonesia, India ink long-range missile deal

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

India will supply Indonesia with long-range missiles, an Indian official said yesterday as their leaders agreed to deepen ties in defence, critical minerals and other areas.

President Prabowo Subianto is hosting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jakarta during a three-day state visit, with a deal on the BrahMos missile system topping the agenda.

An agreement for "cooperation on BrahMos System" was struck during the visit, Indian foreign ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

The two countries also reached an agreement on air-to-air missile cooperation that "enhances technology collaboration and defence capabilities", he said.

Details on the deal were not



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) shakes hands with Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto during his visit at the parliament building in Jakarta

disclosed, and an Indonesian defence ministry spokesman did not respond to a request for

comment. "Today, we reached an agreement to enhance defence ex-

changes, disaster management, and industrial cooperation," Modi told reporters.

The coast guards of the two countries will also work together on maritime safety and security in the Indian Ocean, Modi said.

Asia's two biggest democracies also agreed to work together on critical minerals -- which Indonesia produces in abundance -- and steel.

Prabowo said Indonesia and India viewed economic cooperation as "one of the main pillars" of bilateral relations.

They also welcomed efforts to restore the Prambanan temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Yogyakarta.

Modi is set to visit Australia and New Zealand after concluding his Indonesia visit, according to Indian foreign ministry.



Agni-I
700-900 km
Short-range ballistic missile
Road-mobile, solid-fuel missile designed for regional deterrence.

Agni-II
2,000-3,500 km
Medium-range ballistic missile
Two-stage, solid-fuel missile with improved mobility and quick deployment.

Agni-III
3,000-5,000 km
Intermediate-range ballistic missile
Heavier payload capability with enhanced strategic reach.

Agni-IV
About 4,000 km
Intermediate-range ballistic missile
Features advanced guidance and high accuracy with solid-fuel propulsion.

Agni-V
Over 5,000 km
Long-range ballistic missile
Three-stage solid-fuel missile with canister launch capability and intercontinental-class reach.

Trump berates NATO, praises Erdogan as summit starts

● **Trump was greeted personally by Erdogan on the tarmac as he descended from Air Force One**

AFP | Ankara, Turkey

US President Donald Trump praised his "chemistry" with Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan as he arrived in Ankara for a NATO summit yesterday, while hitting out at European allies for their response to his war in Iran.

Trump was greeted personally by Erdogan on the tarmac as he descended from Air Force One, before being escorted through the empty streets of the Turkish capital by a guard of riders on white horses.

The summit comes at a fraught time for the 77-year-old transatlantic alliance, as Trump has lashed out at allies and Washington steps back from Europe.

"I was very disappointed with NATO," Trump said, sitting next to Erdogan at the Turkish leader's vast presidential palace.

"Frankly, if it (the summit) weren't held in Turkey, where my friend happens to be a very strong leader, a very strong person, it's possible that I wouldn't have attended."

'Testing'

The US president was clearly still smarting over the restrictions some allies placed on US forces using bases at the start of the Iran conflict.

"I was testing to see whether or not they'd be there, because

'She's a nice person actually': Trump on Meloni

Ankara, Turkey

US President Donald Trump appeared to have turned the page on a diplomatic row with Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni Tuesday as he landed in Ankara for a key NATO summit.

"I think she's a nice person, actually," he said at a joint press conference with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"We had a bad relationship, folks. It

became a little bad because she refused to help us... She refused to get involved with the Hormuz Strait," he said, reiterating his disappointment over Europe's reluctance to play a role in the US-Israeli war on Iran.

"I like her, I think she's a nice person actually, but I think she made a mistake.. she just wasn't there for us and I wasn't happy about that," he said.



I've long said that we helped them," he said.

"Italy turned us down, and Germany turned us down, and France turned us down."

Trump also risked reopening another old wound with NATO when he reiterated his stance that Greenland "should be controlled by the United States, not by Denmark".

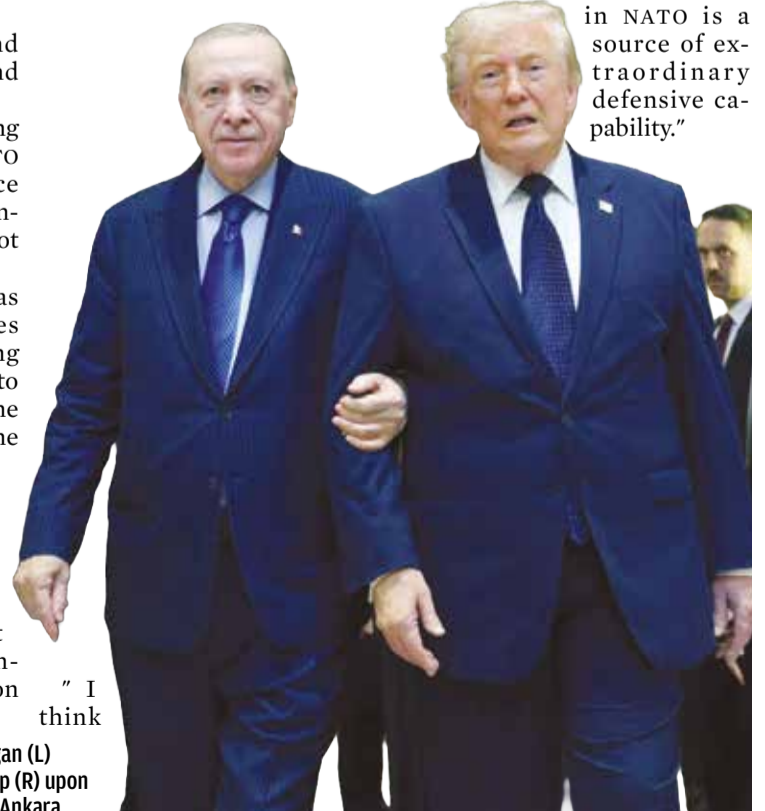
NATO chief Mark Rutte has insisted European countries are "delivering" by bolstering military budgets and moving to take more responsibility for the defence of their continent in the face of Russia.

Zelensky makes pitch

Trump spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin ahead of the NATO gathering and is expected to meet Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky on the summit sidelines on Wednesday.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) welcoming US President Donald Trump (R) upon his arrival at Etimesgut Air Base near Ankara

"I think



they both want to make a deal," Trump said.

"It's too bad it took so long, but I think something's going to come out." Zelensky for his part urged NATO to step up help for the country's air defences as it struggles with shortages of crucial interceptors to shoot down Russian missiles.

The Ukrainian leader also made a new pitch for Kyiv to become a member of the alliance, despite Trump previously shutting the door.

"Do you really believe it would be right to live outside NATO, a country and a people with this level of defensive capability?" Zelensky said.

"Ukraine in NATO is a source of extraordinary defensive capability."