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Pakistan fired 300-400 Turkish drones, says India

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Pakistan fired 300 to 400 Turkish drones in late Thursday night attacks on Indian military installations in or near 36 towns or cities across Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, and Punjab - from Srinagar to Jaisalmer, and Pathankot - Colonel Sofiya Qureshi said in yesterday evening press briefing.

Pak drones were also sighted at the Siachen glacier base camp in Ladakh and in the Kutch area in Gujarat; the two are nearly 1,400km apart, which underlines the vast spread of the attack.

Fifty of the drones were shot down by air defence guns, Col



On the night of 8-9 May 2025, Pakistan carried out large-scale violations of Indian airspace, attempting to target military infrastructure with 300-400 drones across 36 locations from Leh to Sir Creek. Indian forces neutralized many using kinetic and non-kinetic means. An armed UAV strike on Bhatinda was also thwarted. India responded by launching drone strikes on four Pakistani air defence sites, destroying a radar. Pakistan escalated with artillery and drone attacks across the LoC, causing casualties. Alarmingly, Pakistan kept its civil #airspace open during the assault, endangering civilian flights

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Qureshi said.

Another 20 were neutralised by jamming radio frequencies.

Most of the drones were unarmed, suggesting Pak may have tested India's defences. Many, however, fitted with cameras that may have relayed footage to ground stations in Pakistan.

Sources said Pak used Asiguard SONGAR drones that, according to the manufacturer, can be used "effectively in any kind of day/night military and security operations" and has a range of 5km.

The firing of hundreds of drones - all of which were intercepted or neutralised by India's air defence system - was a blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement, Col Qureshi said.

This, she said, included continuing small arms fire and artillery shelling across the Line of Control, or LoC, in Jammu and Kashmir, in which 16 Indians, including a soldier, were killed.

In response, Indian military inflicted 'heavy damage' on its counterpart, Col Qureshi said, having shot down the hundreds of drones and missiles, and also countered by disabling Pak air defence networks.

Debris from downed drones and missiles, Col Qureshi said, will be analysed and the re-



sults added to the pile of evidence linking Pak, or its Pak deep state, to terrorist attacks on India.

Some of this debris was found in Punjab's Amritsar.

Bahrain welcomes Yemen ceasefire announcement

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Bahrain yesterday welcomed the Omani announcement of a ceasefire agreement in Yemen with the United States.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed hope that this step would contribute to ensuring the security and freedom of maritime navigation and international trade in the Red Sea and Bab al-Mandab Strait.

The ministry also affirmed the Kingdom's support for regional and international initiatives aimed at resolving conflicts through dialogue and diplomatic means.

Trump suggests lower China tariff, says 80% 'seems right'

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump signaled on Friday that he could lower tariffs on Chinese imports, as the rival superpowers prepare for trade talks over the weekend.

"80% Tariff on China seems right!" Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, which would bring them down from 145%, with cumulative duties on some goods reaching a staggering 245%.

Generate, sell your own power

New proposal aims to lower electricity bills, boost income from surplus energy

● Homeowners and businesses can install renewable energy systems—solar, wind, geothermal, or biogas

● Excess electricity can be fed back into the national grid

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Got extra solar power? A new law could help you cash in.

Imagine this: your rooftop solar panels are generating more electricity than your home actually needs. What happens to all that extra energy?

Good news — a new law is in the

Talal Al Mannai



works that could let you sell that surplus power back to the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA).

Under the draft legislation, homes and businesses would not only be allowed to generate electricity from renewable sources like solar, wind, geothermal, or biogas, but also feed any unused power directly into Bahrain's national grid.

The benefits? Plenty. Households could cut down their electricity bills, while the country reduces pressure on its main grid — a win-win, say supporters of the bill.

But don't start plugging in

just yet.

Connecting to the national grid without approval could lead to fines of up to BD10,000. Prior authorisation is a must.

The law, proposed by five Shura Council members — Talal Al Mannai, Dalal Jassim Al Zayed, Dr Mohammed Ali Hassan, Jumaa Al Kaabi and Ali Al Aradi — is set to be reviewed by the Council this Sunday.

Here's what the draft law includes:

• Who can produce renewable energy, how they connect, and what safety standards they must follow

• Mandatory agreements with EWA, which would oversee inspections, licensing, and enforcement

• A national registry of approved producers, contractors, and equipment, all maintained by EWA

• Strict technical rules to ensure that installations don't pose a risk to the wider grid

The Ministry would also have a major role: setting national goals, identifying suitable sites, deciding how much new renewable energy can be added each year, and managing tariff rates.

To boost investment, the bill proposes customs duty exemptions for all renewable and energy-saving systems and parts. It also recommends giving priority to local companies in government-funded green projects.

The aim, according to the bill's authors, is to create a supportive legal framework for green energy, help Bahrain meet its international climate goals, and reduce the state's spending on conventional electricity.

There's even an appeal process: if a producer disagrees with a government decision under the law, they can file a complaint with the Ministry within 30 days. If there's no reply, it's treated as a rejection — and they're free to take the case to court.

US, Iran to hold new nuclear talks on eve of Trump travel

Washington, United States

The United States and Iran will hold a new round of nuclear talks Sunday in Oman, officials said, just ahead of a visit to the region by President Donald Trump.

Trump, who will visit three other Gulf Arab states next week, has voiced hope for reaching a deal with Tehran to avert an Israeli military strike on Iran's nuclear program that could ignite a wider war.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that Oman, which has been mediating, had proposed Sunday as the date and both sides had accepted.

"Negotiations are moving ahead and naturally, the more we advance, the more consultations we have, and the more time the delegations need to examine the issues," he said in a video carried by Iranian media.

"But what's important is that we are moving forward so that we gradually get into the details," Araghchi said.

Steve Witkoff, Trump's friend who has served as his globe-trotting negotiator, will take part in the talks, the fourth since Trump returned to the White House, according to a source familiar with arrangements.

"As in the past, we expect both direct and indirect discussions," the person said on condition of anonymity.



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