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Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi reaffirmed India's zero tolerance for cross-border terrorism

The Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi in an address to the nation in the evening of 12 May 2025 reaffirmed India's unwavering commitment to zero tolerance against terrorism, following the recent successful execution of '**Operation Sindoor**' by the Indian Armed Forces against terrorist network across its borders.

Prime Minister Modi strongly condemned the barbaric terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22, where terrorists from Pakistan and trained in Pakistan brutally murdered innocent civilians in a targeted act of religious hatred.

In response to this heinous attack, the Indian Armed Forces were given full freedom to act, leading to 'Operation Sindoor', a decisive and strategic counter-terror operation carried out on May 6–7. The operation targeted terrorist hideouts and training centers in Pakistan, eliminating over hundred high-value terrorist operatives and severely damaging key terrorist infrastructure.

Prime Minister Modi stated that India's missile and drone strikes reached deep into Pakistan's terror hubs, notably in Bahawalpur and Muridke at locations linked to global terror networks. The Prime Minister emphasized that this operation redefined India's counter-terrorism policy and established its strategic doctrine of national security.

Highlighting the precision and effectiveness of the operation, the Prime Minister praised the courage, strength, and professionalism of India's armed forces, intelligence agencies, and scientists.

Despite suffering severe losses, Pakistan responded recklessly by targeting Indian civilian and religious locations. However, India's advanced air defense systems successfully neutralized these threats.

As a result of India's overwhelming and precise counter-offensive, Pakistan sought de-escalation and approached India's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) on May 10 with assurances to cease military and terrorist activities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that following a comprehensive assessment, India decided to temporarily suspend further military operations. India would, however, continue to monitor Pakistan's actions closely, and respond decisively to any future threats.

PM Modi dedicated this victory to the bravery of India's soldiers and to the dignity of every mother, sister, and daughter of the nation. He reiterated that any attack on the sanctity and safety of Indian women will be met with decisive retaliation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined three key pillars of India's new security doctrine, namely, 'Decisive Retaliation' – any terrorist attack on India will be met with a strong and firm response; 'No Tolerance for Nuclear Blackmail' – India will not be deterred by nuclear threats; and, 'No Distinction Between Terror Sponsors and Terrorists'- the state hosting the terrorists and the terrorist groups will be treated in the same manner.

PM Modi asserted that Pakistan's military and government have continuously nurtured terrorism, warning that such actions will eventually lead to Pakistan's own downfall. He declared that if Pakistan seeks survival, it must dismantle its terror infrastructure—there is no other path to peace. He reaffirmed India's firm stance, stating that terror and talks cannot coexist, terror and trade cannot run parallel, and blood and water cannot flow together. Addressing the global community, he reiterated India's long-standing policy that any discussions with Pakistan will focus solely on terrorism and any negotiations with Pakistan will center around Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

PM Modi also emphasized the strategic importance of **Made in India** defense equipment, which played a significant role in the success of Operation Sindoor. India's advancement in New Age Warfare was demonstrated with exceptional efficiency and effectiveness.

Prime Minister Modi concluded by saluting the valor of India's armed forces and expressing deep respect for the unity and courage of the Indian people.
