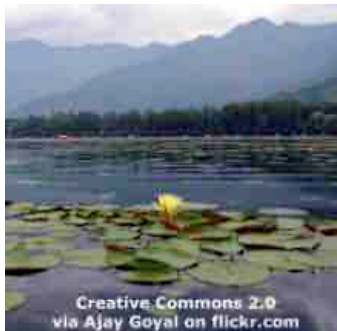


Pakistan and India agree to ceasefire

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Pakistan and India have announced a ceasefire, amid claims by both sides of violations. The two nuclear-armed neighbours have come close to all-out war in recent weeks. This is because of an attack on a tourist sight in India-controlled Kashmir on the

22nd of April, which left 26 civilians dead. India blamed Pakistan for instigating the attack. Pakistan vociferously denied the allegations. Both countries have launched military strikes on each other since the attack. Pakistan said it targeted military sites in India after India fired missiles at air bases in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday. This fuelled fears that tensions might escalate into a more dangerous regional conflict.

The ceasefire is looking somewhat fragile as both sides are accusing each other of violating it. Pakistan's foreign ministry said the country "remains committed to a faithful implementation of the ceasefire". A spokesman for India's military denied accusations that India was not adhering to the truce. He said India would retaliate if its territory was attacked. He warned: "We remain fully operationally ready to launch whatever operations may be required in defence of the nation". US President Donald Trump announced the ceasefire followed talks mediated by the United States. The U.S. "urged both parties to find ways to de-escalate and offered assistance in starting constructive talks".

Sources: cnn.com / thehindu.com / dawn.com

Writing

All countries should destroy their nuclear weapons. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

India / Pakistan / ceasefire / nuclear-armed / tourist sight / allegations / missiles / foreign ministry / faithful / truce / territory / defence / nation / constructive talks

True / False

- 1) Only one side in the conflict has violated the ceasefire. T / F
- 2) The two nations have both threatened to use nuclear weapons. T / F
- 3) An attack on April 22 killed 26 people in India-controlled Kashmir. T / F
- 4) Pakistan claimed its air bases were hit by Indian missiles on Saturday. T / F
- 5) The article says the ceasefire is volatile. T / F
- 6) India said it would fight back if it was attacked. T / F
- 7) Donald Trump said he personally mediated ceasefire talks. T / F
- 8) The USA said it would help in getting the two sides to talk. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. announced | a. brittle |
| 2. violations | b. claims |
| 3. instigating | c. useful |
| 4. allegations | d. starting |
| 5. fuelled | e. carrying out |
| 6. fragile | f. fight back |
| 7. implementation | g. made public |
| 8. retaliate | h. encouraged |
| 9. urged | i. stoked up |
| 10. constructive | j. breaches |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about India-Pakistan relations?
- b) What do you know about India?
- c) What do you think of India and Pakistan being nuclear armed?
- d) How worried are you about this conflict?
- e) How would the world change if war started between India and Pakistan?
- f) What started the recent conflict?
- g) What do you think the next few weeks will be like?
- h) What advice do you have for the two country's leaders?

Phrase Match

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| 1. come close to all-out | a. denied the allegations |
| 2. Pakistan vociferously | b. to the truce |
| 3. Both countries have launched military | c. of the ceasefire |
| 4. it targeted military | d. might escalate |
| 5. This fuelled fears that tensions | e. by the United States |
| 6. The ceasefire is looking somewhat | f. war |
| 7. committed to a faithful implementation | g. defence of the nation |
| 8. accusations that India was not adhering | h. sites |
| 9. operations may be required in | i. fragile |
| 10. the ceasefire followed talks mediated | j. strikes on each other |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Pakistan?
- How long do you think the ceasefire will last?
- Why are so many ceasefires broken?
- What should happen to Kashmir?
- Is the world getting safer or more dangerous?
- What can other nations do to de-escalate this crisis?
- What questions would you like to ask the country's leaders?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. e	8. f	9. h	10. c

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	What did India and Pakistan come close to?
2.	Where was there an attack in which 26 people died?
3.	What did Pakistan do about allegations it carried out the attacks?
4.	Where are the air bases that Pakistan said were hit by Indian missiles?
5.	What are there fears that increasing tensions might fuel?
6.	How did the article say the ceasefire is looking?
7.	What did Pakistan claim India was not adhering to?
8.	What did India say it would do if it were attacked?
9.	Who did Donald Trump say the talks were mediated by?
10.	What did the USA urge both parties to do?

Speaking – Resolving conflict

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to avoid wars at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Dialogue | • Sport |
| • Mediation | • Citizen forums |
| • U.N. help | • Education |
| • Ceasefire | • Help of neighbours |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 T	4 T	5 F	6 T	7 F	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.