



2.2.2. Relations with India

During the reporting period, relations between Pakistan and India remained adversarial and security-focused.^{[148](#)} Formal bilateral dialogue mechanisms remained suspended, and no comprehensive talks were resumed.^{[149](#)} Both states reiterated long-standing and opposing positions on Kashmir.^{[150](#)} India maintained that Pakistan facilitated or tolerated cross-border infiltration by militant groups, particularly in the context of attacks in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir, while Pakistan rejected these allegations and denied any support for cross-border militancy.^{[151](#)} The Pakistani government, for its part accused India of supporting Baloch insurgent groups,^{[152](#)} officially labelling all terrorist groups operating in Balochistan ‘Fitna al Hindustan’, claiming that this denomination reflected the groups’ links to India.^{[153](#)}

In April 2025, following a fatal armed attack targeting tourists in India-administered Kashmir, India announced a series of diplomatic measures against Pakistan, including the suspension of a key water-sharing treaty, the cessation of bilateral trade and the suspension of most visas^{[154](#)}, resulting in the deportation of hundreds of Pakistani nationals from India.^{[155](#)} In response, Pakistan announced reciprocal measures, including the suspension of visas for Indian nationals, the closure of its airspace to Indian flights and a trade ban. The measures were followed by four days of heavy cross-border shelling and aerial operations. These were halted by a ceasefire,^{[156](#)} which the International Crisis Group assessed in September 2025 as fragile, referring to continued mutual accusations and entrenched mistrust between the parties.^{[157](#)} Despite the ceasefire, exchanges of small-arms fire between Pakistani and Indian forces were reported during the remainder of the reporting period.^{[158](#)} Both states also conducted military exercises^{[159](#)} and missile tests,^{[160](#)} and accused each other of mismanaging their nuclear weapons.^{[161](#)} For more information, see section [4.1.2. Border security, including incidents along the Durand Line \(Afghanistan\), the Line of Control \(India\), and the Pakistan-Iran border.](#)

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