# Foreign Office issues urgent travel warning following deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir



The Foreign Office has issued an urgent travel warning for India and Pakistan following a deadly terror attack that claimed the lives of 25 tourists and a local Kashmiri in Jammu and Kashmir. The incident, which occurred in the picturesque meadow of Baisaran in Pahalgam, has significantly escalated tensions between the two neighbouring countries.

Described as a "terror attack" by Jammu officials and India's Home Affairs Minister Amit Shah, the assault was claimed by the Resistance Front, believed to be a covert wing of the outlawed Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist group. The attack represents one of the most violent in recent times in the Kashmir region.

In response to the incident, the Foreign Office issued travel guidance on April 24, advising against all travel within 10 kilometres of the India-Pakistan border. The warning specifically includes a prohibition on visiting the region of Jammu and Kashmir, encompassing Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, the city of Srinagar, and the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, with the only exceptions granted to air travel to and from the city of Jammu, travel within the city itself, and travel within the Union Territory of Ladakh. Additionally, travel within 5 miles of the international border between Pakistan and India is advised only for essential purposes, with the Wagah-Attari border crossing officially closed.

The attack's aftermath has seen heightened diplomatic strain, leading to the closure of the Attari-Wagah border, a crucial crossing point between India and Pakistan. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was on an official visit to Saudi Arabia at the time, cut his trip short to return to India and address the situation. He vowed that those responsible for the attack would face justice.

The violent incident has reignited longstanding tensions between India and Pakistan. In response, India has downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and taken several measures, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. Pakistan, in turn, has warned that any attempts to divert its share of water under the treaty would be considered an "Act of War," according to reports from NDTV.

The situation remains volatile as authorities in both countries work to implement stringent security and diplomatic measures. The Foreign Office continues to monitor developments closely and provides regular updates for travellers considering visits to the affected regions.

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