

Visit of the All-Party Parliamentary Delegation to the Republic of Korea (ROK)

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The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha began their engagements on Operation Sindoor with a briefing by Mr. Amit Kumar, Ambassador of India to ROK. He highlighted the Korea-specific approach to scheduled engagements, setting the context for a strong messaging of India's stance of zero tolerance against terrorism.

2. The delegation interacted with the Indian community in ROK and shared their insights on Operation Sindoor. The delegation clearly explained Pakistan's involvement in orchestrating the barbaric terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22 and highlighted Pakistan's efforts to cause social disharmony in India. They highlighted that our initial response as well as subsequent action was measured, targeted, non-escalatory, and responsible. Reaffirming India's principled and resolute stand against terrorism, they reiterated that dialogue can not co-exist with terror.

3. The delegation also held substantive interactions with eminent Korean dignitaries, including former ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Yoon Young-kwan, Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Cho Hyun, Former Ambassadors of ROK to India, Amb. Shin Bong-kil and Amb. Lee Joon-gyu, Ranking Member of Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Kim Gunn and Director of the National Counter-Terrorism Center, Major Gen Shin Sang-gyun. The delegation apprised them about the heinous act of terrorism in Pahalgam, and subsequent measured, and non-escalatory action taken by India. They also highlighted the need for taking corrective actions in international forums, including FATF. The delegation reaffirmed India's "New Normal" of swift and decisive retaliation on India's terms against terrorism. They also emphasized that no distinction can be made between terrorists and their sponsors. The Korean side conveyed their firm opposition to terrorism and expressed understanding of India's position.

4. Tomorrow, the delegation is set to engage with Senior Officials of ROK's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dignitaries from the National Assembly of ROK, senior representatives from leading think-tanks in RoK followed by interaction with media.

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