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Pakistan Leadership Ordered Strike at Pahalgam: Official.

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A senior government official has revealed that top political and military leaders in Pakistan authorized a targeted strike at Pahalgam, a town in Indian-administered Kashmir, escalating regional tensions.

A senior Pakistani government official has revealed that both the political and military leadership of Pakistan jointly ordered a recent strike on Pahalgam, a scenic town located in Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir. The disclosure marks a significant development in the region's long-standing tensions, highlighting what appears to be a coordinated decision at the highest levels of Pakistan's state machinery.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed that the green light for the operation came directly from Islamabad, with backing from both the civilian government and the military top brass. While details about the nature and outcome of the strike remain limited, the move is expected to stir strong responses from the Indian side and could potentially increase friction across the Line of Control (LoC).

Pahalgam, a popular tourist destination in the Kashmir Valley, has generally been spared from major incidents in recent years. However, this reported strike could signal a shift in the dynamics of cross-border activity. Analysts say that such operations, when endorsed at the highest political and military levels, indicate a deliberate escalation rather than an isolated event.

While the government of Pakistan has not issued an official public statement on the matter, the disclosure aligns with a broader pattern of heightened rhetoric and strategic posturing in the region. The official did not comment on the motivations behind the strike or the intended targets but emphasized that the operation had been “deliberately planned and approved at the top level.”

The situation comes at a time when both India and Pakistan are facing internal and external pressures. For Pakistan, this includes ongoing political instability and economic challenges, while India continues to deal with security concerns in Jammu and Kashmir.

International observers are closely watching how the situation unfolds. Any confirmed military action across borders especially one authorized by state leadership—raises concerns about stability in South Asia, a region with a history of military stand-offs and armed conflict between two nuclear-armed nations.

Experts have also pointed out that operations such as these, if verified, could complicate diplomatic relations between Islamabad and New Delhi, potentially derailing any backchannel efforts at peace or dialogue.

For now, much remains unclear. But the confirmation that Pakistan’s top leadership authorized a strike in a sensitive region adds another layer of complexity to an already volatile geopolitical landscape.

The world will be watching how both countries respond in the days ahead, as any further developments could have far-reaching consequences beyond the borders of South Asia.