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Modi Denies Foreign Involvement in Pakistan Ceasefire During Op Sindoor Debate

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday denied claims that any foreign leader had brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan during the four-day conflict in May, responding to repeated assertions by former U.S. President Donald Trump. Addressing Parliament during a debate on “Operation Sindoor,” the military campaign launched after the April terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir, Modi said India acted independently and halted operations on its own terms.

“No world leader asked us to stop the operation,” Modi said, rejecting speculation that outside pressure led to a de-escalation. Without naming Trump directly, he added that it was Pakistan that requested a halt to hostilities after experiencing the full impact of India’s military response.

The conflict began after gunmen opened fire on a group of Indian tourists in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) in April, killing 26. Indian authorities accused Pakistan of supporting the attackers, a charge Islamabad denied. In retaliation, India launched Operation Sindoor, resulting in significant cross-border engagement. Over 70 lives were lost before operations ceased.

Trump had claimed credit for defusing the conflict, though Modi made no reference to him in his speech. “If I weren’t around, you’d have, right now, six major wars going on. India would be fighting with Pakistan,” Trump said earlier this week during a visit to Scotland.

Home Minister Amit Shah also addressed Parliament, stating that three of the attackers involved in the April massacre were killed in a recent security operation. “This government will not compromise when it comes to national security,” Shah said.

The opposition Congress Party used the moment to challenge the government, with party leader Rahul Gandhi urging Modi to explicitly deny Trump’s claims. Modi, however, declined to respond directly, instead reiterating that no external party had influenced India’s decision-making.

India has consistently maintained that any disputes with Pakistan are bilateral and not subject to third-party mediation. Modi’s remarks align with this long-standing position, reinforcing India’s view that its national security actions are sovereign decisions free from foreign intervention.