



# India-Pakistan split deepens with train travel block

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*India has urged Pakistan to review its decision to downgrade diplomatic ties over the withdrawal of special status to Kashmir, as its neighbor halted the main train service between the two countries.*



1. The Pakistan-India border \_\_\_\_\_

2. And Kashmir now, as in the past, \_\_\_\_\_

3. There is no cross-border trade currently passing here, \_\_\_\_\_

4. Their main train service to India has also been halted - \_\_\_\_\_

5-1. Pakistan is furious at the Indian government's decision \_\_\_\_\_

5-2. part of a bid \_\_\_\_\_

6-1. On Thursday, India \_\_\_\_\_

6-2. and said it's time \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT, INDO-FOREIGN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, B.K. BAJAJ, SAYING:  
"This will have no effect on India. We have wanted friendship with them at all the times but it is their wish to close border. The economy of India is so big that for us it is not an issue. Their economy is small by comparison so it will affect them."

7. Caught \_\_\_\_\_, Shabana Kausar and her five children.

8-1. They live barely four kilometers \_\_\_\_\_

8-2. the ceasefire line that divides \_\_\_\_\_

9-1. Shabana's husband runs a small business in Muzaffarabad, \_\_\_\_\_

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10. He visits them \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER, SHABANA KAUSAR, SAYING:

"There is enough room for all family members to hide easily. But at times we have to accommodate neighbors as well who don't have these bunkers. So, we all come and hide here to safety."

11-1. India and Pakistan \_\_\_\_\_

11-2. and in February engaged \_\_\_\_\_

12. Many here fear more of the same, \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

- friction:** disagreement; a state of conflict between persons
  - *The decision is likely to lead to friction with neighboring countries.*
- Kashmir:** an area in southwestern Asia whose sovereignty is disputed between Pakistan and India
- cross-border:** going across a border between two countries
- cross-border trade:** The buying and selling of goods and services between businesses in neighboring countries, with the seller being in one country and the buyer in the other country
- put a stop to something:** to bring something to an end.
  - *I want you to put a stop to all this bad behavior.*
- halt:** to stop moving, or to stop a person or vehicle from moving
  - *The truck was halted by soldiers guarding the bridge.*
  - *At the meeting, the government agreed to halt preparatory work on the two runways.*
- ban:** to say officially that people must not do, sell, or use something
  - *China banned the display of photographs of the Dalai Lama.*
  - *The book's been banned from some libraries for its violence.*
- furious:** extremely angry
  - *They were furious at not being invited to the party.*
- revoke:** to officially say that something is no longer legal, for example a law or a document
  - *After the third accident, her driver's license was revoked.*
  - *His investigating license was revoked after it was discovered that he had participated in the cover-up.*
- status:** the legal position of a person, country, etc.
  - *You must show proof of student status to enter the university library.*
- bid:** an attempt to do something
  - *The government has unveiled plans to dramatically reduce taxes in a bid to bolster the economy.*
- integrate:** to change the rules of a place, institution, or organization so that people of all races can enter it; to connect or combine two or more things so that together they form an effective unit or system

- *Care will also be taken to integrate the buildings with surrounding architecture.*
- **urge**: to advise someone very strongly about what action or attitude they should take
  - *The doctor urged me to stop smoking.*
- **restore**: to cause a particular situation to exist again, especially a positive one; to make someone or something start being in a particular situation again
  - *He tried to restore that painting to its original condition.*
  - *Every effort was made to get peace restored to the area.*
- **diplomatic ties**: the art or practice of conducting international relations, as in negotiating alliances, treaties, and agreements
- **trade**: the activities of buying and selling goods or services
  - *Spain wants to develop its trade with the Philippines.*
- **issue**: a problem that needs to be considered
  - *Money is not an issue here.*
- **by comparison**: when compared with somebody/something
  - *The tallest buildings in London are small in comparison with New York's skyscrapers.*
- **caught in the middle of something**: Between two opposing sides
  - *When parents don't get along, the children are often caught in the middle.*
- **barely**: used for emphasizing how small an amount is
  - *He's barely 12 years old.*
  - *They had traveled barely a third of the way.*
- **Line of Control**: a 450-mile line that is supposed to indicate the boundary between the part of Kashmir controlled by India and the part controlled by Pakistan
- **ceasefire**: an agreement to stop fighting for a period of time, especially in order to discuss permanent peace
  - *The cease-fire is holding.*
- **ceasefire line**:
- **run**: to control and organize something such as a business, organization, or event
  - *I think we could learn a lot from the way they run their business.*
  - *Sue's been running a mail-order business for years.*
- **Muzaffarabad**: A town in north-eastern Pakistan, the administrative center of Azad Kashmir; population 17,500 (est. 2009).
- **administer**: to be responsible for managing a company, organization, or institution
- **accommodate**: to provide a place or room for someone to stay in
  - *Designed by an Italian architect, the hotel can accommodate 600 guests.*
- **bunker**: a room or set of rooms with very strong walls, built underground as a shelter against bombs; a secret place, often underground, where government or military officials work during a war
  - *a nuclear bunker*
- **wage**: to start and to continue a war or a fight
- **wage war**: to instigate or initiate war against some other country or group of people
  - *The administration has pledged to wage war on drugs.*
- **aerial**: in or belonging to the air or operating (for or by means of aircraft) in the air
- **clash**: a fight or battle between two groups of people
  - *Yesterday saw violent clashes between police and protesters.*

- **aerial clash:**
- **bitterly:** in a determined and angry way
- **contested:** causing dispute or argument
  - *a hotly contested issue*