

High Commission of India

Pretoria

PRESS RELEASE

The All-party Indian delegation is on a visit to South Africa from May 27-29, 2025, following Operation Sindoor, and held interactions with South African interlocutors in Johannesburg and Pretoria on 29th May, 2025.

2. The All-party delegation led by Hon'ble MP, Ms. Supriya Sule engaged with the leaders of African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa led by Mr. Fikile Mbalula, Secretary-General of ANC. The meeting was also joined by leaders of ANC, including Ms. Mahlengi Bhengu, ANC National Spokesperson, Mr. Alvin Botes, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms. Thandi Moraka, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Mr. Andile Lungisa, ANC NEC member, Mr. Mntuwoxolo Ngudle, ANC Youth League Secretary General and Mr. Mzwandile Masina, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition.

3. During the meeting, Indian delegation informed about the heinous terrorist attack on 22nd April at Pahalgam and India's Operation Sindoor in response to and India's new resolve to respond to any incident of cross-border terrorism without drawing distinction between terrorists, their organizations or their state sponsors. ANC leaders welcomed and appreciated the briefing by Indian delegation. The ANC reaffirmed its commitment to standing in solidarity with the people of India, emphasizing that terrorism must be condemned in all its forms.

4. During the press engagement with local media by the All-Party delegation in Johannesburg, the delegation highlighted the historic relations and strong strategic partnership between India and South Africa. The delegation explained the significance of Operation Sindoor and elaborated on India's firm stance against cross-border terrorism. It also informed that India would respond to any terrorist attack promptly and decisively and there were no possibilities of talks until terrorism was completely eliminated.

5. The All-Party delegation visited Constitution Hill and offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's statue.

6. The delegation interacted with the leading Think Tanks and policy makers and made them aware of India's firm stance against terrorism.

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