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Operation Rising Lion

- Israel carried out a sweeping air and covert strike inside Iran early Friday, marking the most significant direct military assault on the Islamic Republic in over three decades.
- The mission—codenamed **Operation Rising Lion**—targeted more than 100 strategic locations including nuclear facilities, missile sites, and air defence systems.
- The Israeli military confirmed that the strike killed senior Iranian military officials, including **General Mohammad Bagheri**, **General Hossein Salami**, and **General Amir Ali Hajizadeh**. In addition, **six Iranian nuclear scientists** were confirmed dead.
- Announcing the operation in a televised statement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the attack would continue “for as many days as it takes” to eliminate Iran’s nuclear weapons ambitions.
- “We struck at the heart of Iran's nuclear enrichment programme,” Netanyahu said, confirming that Israeli forces had targeted key sites like the Natanz uranium enrichment facility, Iranian missile factories, and the scientists believed to be developing a nuclear bomb.
- According to the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), over **200 fighter jets** participated in the strikes, launching precision-guided munitions at military and nuclear targets across Iran. “Dozens of IAF jets completed the first stage that included strikes on dozens of military targets, including nuclear targets in different areas of Iran,” the IDF said.



Iran Launches Waves Of Missiles at Israel

- Iran and Israel targeted each other with missiles and airstrikes early on Saturday after Israel launched its biggest-ever air offensive against its longtime foe in a bid to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon.
- Air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel's two largest cities, sending residents rushing into shelters as successive waves of Iranian missiles streaked across the skies. The military said its air defence systems were operating.
- In central Tel Aviv, a high-rise building was hit, damaging the lower third of the structure in a densely populated urban area. An apartment block in nearby Ramat Gan was destroyed.



BSF Personnel To Get Newly Designed Uniforms

- In a significant move aimed at improving comfort and efficiency, Border Security Force (BSF) personnel will soon be donning newly designed uniforms with upgraded features tailored for India's diverse climate conditions.
- The new uniform will see major changes in fabric composition, colour scheme, and overall design.
- "There are a lot of changes, be it the texture or colour. As far as texture is concerned, it was 50-50 per cent in the old uniform -- 50 per cent cotton and 50 per cent polyester. The new uniform is 80 per cent cotton and 20 per cent polyester because it is hot in Rajasthan, and hot plus humid in the northeast. So, such a cotton-based uniform is very comfortable," he said.
- "The colour has also been changed. The current uniform is 50 per cent khaki, 45 per cent green and 5 per cent brown in colour. Other patterns have also been changed, the logo has been introduced, and changes have also been made to the rank we put up."



Reliance and Diehl sign ₹10,000 Crore Defence Pact

- In a move that could reshape India's defence production landscape, Reliance Defence, a subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure, has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Germany's Diehl Defence.
- The partnership will focus on the local production of the **Vulcano 155mm precision-guided munition system**—an advanced artillery shell designed for long-range, high-accuracy strikes.

- The **Vulcano 155mm system** is no ordinary shell. It uses cutting-edge laser and GPS-guided targeting to deliver pinpoint accuracy. This makes it a valuable asset for the Indian Armed Forces, especially in modern combat scenarios where precision is critical.
- The manufacturing initiative will include over 50% indigenous value addition, directly supporting India's defence indigenisation goals. It also aligns with the government's target of achieving ₹50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.



Indigenous Anti-Aircraft Gun Barrels

- For the first time, these barrels are being manufactured at the Field Gun Factory in Kanpur, replacing those previously imported and produced under license from Italian defence firm.
- The Indian Navy has achieved a major milestone in its quest for self-reliance by inducting the first-ever indigenously manufactured anti-aircraft gun barrels for its frontline Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) systems.
- These barrels, now produced at the Field Gun Factory in Kanpur, mark a significant departure from the earlier practice of importing them or manufacturing them under license from the Italian defence firm OTO Melara at BHEL Haridwar.
- The SRGM is a high-speed, medium-calibre naval gun system capable of firing 120 rounds per minute, with a barrel length of 4,588 mm and the ability to launch 76mm shells at targets up to 15 km away.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Indian company has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Germany's Diehl Defence for defence production?

- A. Tata Advanced Systems
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. Reliance Defence
- D. Bharat Forge

ANSWER: C

2. What is the name of the precision-guided munition system to be locally produced under the India-Germany partnership?

- A. Excalibur 120mm
- B. Vulcano 155mm
- C. BrahMos NG
- D. Pinaka Mk II

ANSWER: B

3. What was the codename of Israel's major military operation inside Iran?

- A. Operation Desert Shield
- B. Operation Iron Fist
- C. Operation Rising Lion
- D. Operation Silent Thunder

ANSWER: C

4. When was International Nurses Day 2025 celebrated?

- A. May 10
- B. May 11
- C. May 12
- D. May 13

ANSWER: B

5. Op Ajay Launched By Bharat To Rescue People From

- A. USA
- B. Israel
- C. UK
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

6. DGAQA Stands For

- A. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance
- B. Directorate General of Aeronautical Query Assurance
- C. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assured
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

8. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Military Transport Aircraft
- C. Fighter Aircraft
- D. None

ANSWER: B

9. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On

- A. 26 Oct
- B. 27 Oct
- C. 28 Oct
- D. 29 Oct

ANSWER: B

10. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In

- A. 1773
- B. 1774

- C. 1779
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: A

12. ISRO Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

13. Brahmos Is A

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

14. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

15. 'Five S' Vision of Sammaan Coined By PM Modi Stands For

- A. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Suyog
- B. Samvaad –Sahyog –Sahitya –and Samriddhi
- C. Samvaad –Suknya –Shanti –and Samriddhi
- D. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Samriddhi

ANSWER: D

16. Sarmat Missile Is A

- A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
- B. Cruise Missile
- C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. "The Broken Earth" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. N.K. Jemisin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Philip Pullman

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?

- A. Oslo
- B. Abuja
- C. Cape Town
- D. Warsaw

ANSWER: B

19. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

20. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C