

authorities said today, less than a day before Kyiv said it would start a ceasefire and three weeks before Moscow promised its own truce.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked Moscow for what he said was its "utter cynicism" in launching the attacks after Russia announced a unilateral truce over two days later last week while it marks the anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II. "Russia could cease hostilities at any moment, and this marks annually on May 9."

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The truce proposal follows a similar pattern of Russia offering short unilateral ceasefires during the war led to various holidays — most recently Orthodox Easter — that don't produce any tangible results amid deep mistrust between Moscow and Kyiv more than two years after Russia launched an all-out invasion of its neighbor. US-led diplomatic efforts to stop the war have come to nothing.

The Russian Defence Ministry declared a unilateral ceasefire in Ukraine for Saturday and Sunday, but said



Ukrainian emergency services personnel working to extinguish a fire on a vehicle following a Russian drone attack in Kyiv region, Ukraine AP

that it would strike back at the country if it tries to disrupt the festivities on Victory Day, which Russia marks annually on May 9.

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Russian drones pound Ukraine's power grid

Russian forces fired 11 Iskander-M ballistic missiles and 164 strike drones at Ukraine overnight from Monday to Tuesday, including a jet-powered Shahed drone variant, the Ukrainian Air Force said.

Air defense units stopped 149 drones and one missile, but others got through, it said. Two ballistic missiles failed to reach their targets,

the air force said without elaborating.

Russia has repeatedly hammered Ukraine's energy infrastructure during the war, which began on Feb 24, 2022. It hit natural gas production facilities in Ukraine's central Poltava and north-eastern Kharkiv regions, state energy company Naftogaz Group said.

Since the start of the year, Naftogaz facilities have come under attack 107 times, the company said.

Zelenskyy said that the Poltava attack was "especially vile," because Russia launched a second missile at the same target when emergency rescuers were working at the scene.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko said that Russia's main targets were energy facilities, oil and gas infrastructure, railways and industrial sites, although the

Ukraine also kept up the pace of its long-range attacks on Russian rear areas, apparently aiming at more oil facilities in an effort to further disrupt Moscow's war economy.

Russia's Defence Ministry said that its forces destroyed 289 Ukrainian drones overnight in 18 Russian regions. Drones were also intercepted over the occupied Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed over the Azov Sea, it said.

Ukraine during the night launched its F-5 Flamingo cruise missiles at targets including military-industrial complex facilities in Cheboksary, located more than 1,500 kilometres (900 miles) away, Zelenskyy said. The plant supplied navigation components for the Russian Navy, the missile industry, aviation and armored vehicles, he said.

The regional health ministry said a Ukrainian drone attack wounded three people in the city of Cheboksary.

Ukrainian drones also attacked the Kirishi oil refinery in the Leningrad region close to St Petersburg, sparking a blaze in the town's industrial zone, local Governor Alexander Drozdenko said. (AP)

infrastructure in the United Arab Emirates last night. I express full solidarity with His Highness Mohamed Bin Zayed," PM Shehbaz said in a post on X.

He also said that Pakistan "stands firmly with our Emirati brothers and sisters as well as with the Government of the United Arab Emirates at this difficult time".

He said that it is essential that the ceasefire be upheld and respected, to allow necessary diplomatic space for dialogue leading to enduring peace and stability in the region. The attacks came amidst uneasy calm in the region after the US and Iran

still holding. Pakistan has been making permanent peace between the sides, but the process is moving slowly. The UAE's Foreign Ministry stressed what it called "renewed Iranian aggression" using drones. In a statement, the said that these "attacks constitute a dangerous escalation, an unacceptable aggression, and a direct threat to UAE's security, stability, and integrity, in violation of the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations."

Rajapaksa summoned in airline bribery case

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Colombo



Sri Lanka's anti-graft agency will question former president Mahinda Rajapaksa in a case involving the purchase of aircraft for the national carrier during his presidency, a court was told on Tuesday.

Rajapaksa has been issued notices to appear before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) on May 12.

Prosecutors told the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that SriLankan Airlines' former CEO Kapila Chandrasena,

the chief accused in the case, admitted to giving SLRs 60 million in bribes to the former president.

Chandrasena said Rajapaksa was given LRs 20 million three times at his home in the rural south in 2015 during his presidency. Chandrasena was granted bail on Tuesday after he was remanded by the Commission to Investigate Bribery.

Attempts to divide British society will not be tolerated: Starmer to Iran

DI KHANNA ■ London

Prime Minister Keir Starmer warned that attempts to foment division within British society "will not be tolerated", as he hosted a summit on tackling antisemitism in London on Tuesday.

In his opening remarks at 10 Downing Street, Starmer said a rise in attacks against British Jews is "a threat to all of us" and requires a "whole of society" response.

The meeting of police chiefs, business and civil society leaders came a week after a terrorist attack killed Jewish men on the streets of Golders Green in north-west London. "Last week's terrorist attack in Golders Green was utterly appalling. But it was not an isolated incident. It is part of a pattern of antisemitism that has left Jewish communities feeling threatened, angry, and asking whether this country, their home,

is safe for them.

"One of the lines of inquiry is whether a foreign state has been behind some of these incidents. We're investigating, of course, all the possibilities, and we're clear that these actions will have consequences if that proves to be the case," said Starmer. "Our message to Iran, or to any other country that might seek to foment violence, hatred or division in society, is that it will not be tolerated. That is why we are fast-tracking legislation to tackle these malign threats," he said.

The UK PM said that ministers are "clear-eyed" that antisemitism doesn't have "one source alone" and pointed to Islamist, far-left and far-right extremism as areas of concern.

"That is why this government has put in place the first coordinated national plan to strengthen cohesion and confront extremism



in all of its forms," he said.

Leaders from business, civil society, health, culture, higher education and policing gathered at the

summit were called upon to reflect on the forms antisemitism takes in their individual sectors and the work being done to tackle it. A series of roundtables will be followed by a ministerial meet on the West Asia Response Committee, focused on the domestic security implications of the conflict in West Asia and the heightened threat to Jewish communities in light of recent attacks, Downing Street said.

Earlier, Starmer issued a statement condemning strikes on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) amid the ongoing West Asia conflict.

He said: "We stand in solidarity with the UAE and will continue to support the defence of our partners in the Gulf."

This escalation must cease. Iran needs to engage meaningfully in negotiations to ensure the ceasefire in the Middle East endures, and a long-term diplomatic solution is achieved."

Meanwhile, Somalia-born British national Essa Suleiman, 45, remains in custody charged with the attempted murder of two Jewish men stabbed in Golders Green last week. The attack also saw the UK's terror threat level raised to severe, which means an attack was highly likely within the next six months.

Meanwhile, counter-terrorism officers are also investigating a suspected arson attack at a former synagogue in Whitechapel, east London, in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

It follows a spate of suspected arson attacks across London, including on ambulances owned by a Jewish charity and a synagogue. Opposition Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch has called for all pro-Palestine marches to be banned because of their impact on Britain's Jewish community. (PTI)

BGB seizes smuggled Indian sarees worth tak...

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Dhaka

The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has seized a large quantity of smuggled Indian sarees valued at over \$1 million during an operation in the Shashidal border area under Brahmanbaria District Cumilla.

According to BGB sources, the sarees were found in a container at the Shashidal Outpost (BOP), under Sultampur Bazar (BGB), carried out a smuggling drive in the area and recovered a substantial quantity of high-quality



that had been illegally imported into the country.

The estimated market value of the seized goods is \$1,70,17,000.

In a separate development, BGB also reported the seizure of approximately 1000 smuggled goods along the Sylhet border, including ongoing efforts to curb illegal cross-border trade.

Legal procedures are currently underway over the confiscated goods to the appropriate authorities.

Lieutenant Colonel Shariful Islam, commander of Sultampur Bazar (60 BGB), stated that the border guards remain vigilant in maintaining border security and preventing smuggling with directives from the headquarters. He added that intelligence surveillance and national activities have further intensified border regions.

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