### 'No upgrade to Pakistan's current capabilities': US denies reports of missile sale to Pakistan

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In a statement issued on Friday, the United States has denied claims that it approved the sale of AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAMs) Pakistan under a recently modified defence contract.

The clarification followed stories in Pakistani and international outlets that interpreted the department of war's September 30 contract announcement as evidence of a fresh missile sale.

Pakistan's current capabilities," sustainment and spares for Pakistan. Pakistan."

Pakistan," the statement further —

modification to an existing brief air engagement between Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Moscow," added Ramesh.



purchased

around

the embassy said in a statement. It May 30, 2030, involves foreign providing Islamabad with a wrote in a post on X. added that the department of military sales to over 30 allied capability boost amid improved war's announcement "referred to nations — including the United diplomatic ties between the two diplomacy, stating it "prioritises an amendment to an existing Kingdom, Germany, Australia, nations. According to Pakistan's image-building and global foreign military Sales contract for Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Express Tribune, the modification spectacle over national interests,"

several countries, including While Pakistan's name to speculation that Islamabad diplomatically isolate Pakistan." appeared on the list, the embassy might receive newer AMRAAM "Contrary to false media emphasised that its inclusion variants to upgrade its F-16 fleet. reports, this deal is moving reports, no part of this referenced pertains only to sustainment. The United States now has forward contract modification is for support. Such sustainment clarified that the agreement "does interventions by external affairs deliveries of new Advanced typically involves maintenance, not constitute a new sale or minister S. Jaishankar in June Air-to-Air technical support, and spare parts enhancement of Pakistan's air 2025. The government owes the Missiles (AMRAAMs) to for previously supplied systems combat capabilities."

enhancements. The Department of War had The clarification comes against AMRAAMs in 2007 for its F-16 support to Pakistan, even as India announced on September 30 that the backdrop of recent tensions aircraft — one of the largest continues to purchase S-400 Raytheon Missiles & Defense and shifting regional alignments international orders for the missile systems and negotiates for had received a USD 41.7 million following Operation Sindoor, a missile system at the time.

explanation from the Modi government on Russia's decision to supply advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan's fleet of Chinese JF-17 fighter jets. "The Modi government must

Jairam Ramesh demanded an

explain why Russia - once India's most reliable strategic ally has chosen to ignore New Delhi's appeals and proceed with supplying advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan's fleet of Chinese-made JF-17 fighter jets. The latest Block III variant of this aircraft will feature the upgraded AMRAAM production contract, India and Pakistan earlier this engine and the same PL-15 "The sustainment does not bringing the total value to year. Reports of a potential missiles believed to have been include an upgrade to any of approximately USD 2.5 billion. AMRAAM delivery had sparked used against our country during The work, to be completed by concerns that Washington was Operation Sindoor," Ramesh

Ramesh also criticised Modi's to the Raytheon contract had led and said India "remains unable to

"According to multiple news despite direct nation an explanation as to why a not new sales or Pakistan had previously long-time and trusted partner like 700 Russia is now providing military Su-57 stealth fighters from

## Earthquake of 7.6 magnitude strikes off southern Philippines, tsunami warnings issued

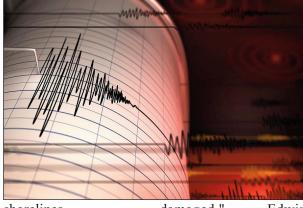
**UNITED STATE, OCT 10** 

An earthquake of magnitude 7.6 struck offshore in the southern Philippines on Friday, the country's seismology agency said, with tsunami warnings issued in several countries and people in nearby coastal areas urged to evacuate to higher ground.

The Phivolcs agency shorelines. warned of damage and The U.S. Tsunami Jubahib told broadcaster aftershocks from the Warning System issued a DZMM. "It was very strong offshore quake, tsunami threat, saying strong.' which struck in waters hazardous off Manay town in waves are possible for affected region in the Davao Oriental in the coasts located within Philippines could not Mindanao region. It said 300 km (186 miles) of immediately be reached. the quake happened at a the depth of 10 km (6 miles). epicenter.

immediately evacuate to possible in above normal tides could 1 metre. be expected.

Indonesia Papua regions, warning earthquake struck. cm hitting Indonesia's reported to have been miles).



The agency called on The Pacific Tsunami Philippines experienced people in coastal towns Warning Center said its deadliest quake in in the central and waves of 1 to 3 metres more than a decade, with southern Philippines to above tide level were 72 people killed on the higher ground or move Philippines, and also a magnitude of 6.9 and further inland, saying said some coasts in also struck offshore. wave heights of up to Indonesia and Palau The Philippines sits on more than one metre could see waves of up to the Pacific "Ring of

A tsunami warning southern Philippine each was also issued in province of Davao European-Mediterranean for its Oriental said people Seismological northern Sulawesi and panicked when the put

of waves as high as 50 "Some buildings were depth at 58 km (36

damaged,' Edwin

tsunami Local authorities in the

earthquake's The strong quake came two weeks after the the island of Cebu. That was

Fire" and experiences The governor of the more than 800 quakes magnitude at 7.4 and its

# and fear ripple across devastated land

GAZA, OCT 10

Palestinians in Gaza welcomed announcement of a deal between Hamas and Israel overnight, but many have questions about what it will mean for them, their loved ones and their devastated communities.

and medicine remained not an option.

Hasera, 36. He has been displacement living in a shabby tent in mean."

business last month.



remained ruined — but open, I will take my him wary. there were reasons for family and leave, "We hope this is true don't matter," he said. "I can't stopped," he said. understand anything," describe to you what life In Deir al-Balah, said Awni Sami Abu in a tent and life in Mohammed Fares, 25,

Deir al-Balah, central Dr Ahmed al-Farra, of both joy and fear. The Gaza, since fleeing Gaza head of the paediatric deal seemed too good to City, where an Israeli ward at Nasser Hospital in be real, he added. offensive the southern city of Khan "I'm so happy and I'm destroyed his home and Younis, said that no new thinking about returning once thriving seafood patients had arrived on to Gaza City, but I also he said. "I don't see a But no matter what war," said Fares, who fled has never ended. It was hard to fathom expected Gaza's severely safety of Deir al-Balah

The situation had not for his family, he said, but remain overwhelmed. changed in any material even if the fighting were Dr al-Farra said that the

way on Thursday to stop, staying in the experience of earlier morning — food, water devastated enclave was ceasefires in Gaza, which all eventually gave way to scarce and their cityscapes "As soon as the borders renewed fighting, had left

anywhere, it doesn't and that the war has really

really had similar concerns. He said he was feeling a mix

Thursday morning as a worry that there will be happens, he said, he the city for the relative what the deal might mean strained hospitals to earlier in the war.

### For Gazans, key questions remain as relief US President inches closer to diplomatic crown amid Gaza truce and hostage release bid

**UNITED STATE, OCT 10** 

President Donald Trump is at the brink of the biggest diplomatic accomplishment of his second term — a cessation of the brutal war between Israel and Hamas — and on Wednesday evening he made clear he was eager to fly to West Asia to preside over a ceasefire and welcome hostages who have spent two long years in underground captivity.

For Trump, success in this venture is the ultimate test of his

coming days, and in West Asia it withdraw troops from Gaza City Democrat, has ever come down statements, and Netanyahu's, often does. The "peace" deal and give up on his plan to take harder on an Israeli Prime referred only to the first step, the Trump heralded on Truth Social control of the shattered remains Minister on issues so critically hostage-for-prisoner swaps and on Wednesday evening may look of Gaza, if he can stop the important to his politics or his the withdrawal of Israeli troops more like another temporary carnage that has killed 1,200 country's security interests." pause in a war that started with people in Israel and more than Trump knows that by far, the Getting to the next stage, where "We're still waking up," result of Israeli attacks. another installment of the Israel's founding in 1948, and 60,000 Palestinians, he will have best

together, if Hamas gives up its and now isolated ally.



self-described goal as a deal weekend and with them its release, if it happens, only came bigger accomplishment. maker and a peacemaker — and negotiating leverage, that would to fruition because of Trump's If the peace plan moves a pathway to the Nobel Peace be an extraordinary step towards willingness to pressure forward, Trump may have as Prize he has so openly coveted. the kind of peace plan Trump, Netanyahu," said Aaron David legitimate a claim to that Nobel By chance, the winner for 2025 is and his predecessor, Joseph R. Miller of the Carnegie as the four American Presidents scheduled to be announced just Biden Jr, have pressed to Endowment for International who have won the peace prize in hours before he may be departing accomplish, despite many Peace, who has often been the past, though with less to take his victory lap in Egypt diversions down dark holes. And critical of Trump's starts and bombast and lobbying. Much could go wrong in Benjamin Netanyahu to President, Republican or conflict is truly ending. Trump's But if Trump can hold this deal tried: outmanoeuvred a difficult was the Abraham Accords, which to run Gaza, may prove even

last 20 living hostages this "This ceasefire and hostage Israel and the United Arab living and dead hostages home.

if Trump can get Prime Minister stops in West Asia. "No But it is far from clear that the

done what many before him accomplishment of his first term arms and, even harder, its claim normalised relations between more difficult than bringing the

Emirates and Bahrain, the first Arab states to recognise Israel in a quarter of a century. Sudan and Morocco joined later. It was the fear that Saudi Arabia, home to many of the holiest sites in the Muslim faith, was on the verge of joining those accords that helped drive Hamas to the horror of the October 7, 2023, attack.

But in many ways, stopping the carnage of this war - which destroyed Hamas's leadership, 90 per cent of the homes in Gaza, and ultimately tore at Israel's

to a yet-to-be-described line. international Hamas would have to give up its

#### Power of art amid apocalypse: Nobel for Hungarian writer Laszlo Krasznahorkai

Hungarian organises the prize.

hoar-kay), 71, is known destruction. for novels featuring Much

novelist the screen.

"for his compelling and events in a small town 300 pages. visionary oeuvre that, in after a circus arrives with a Krasznahorkai told The

lengthy sentences and Krasznahorkai's fiction is Faulkner."

UNITED STATE, OCT 10 Bela Tarr has adapted Nobel in 2023. The several of his novels for Melancholy of Resistance, which was first published Laszlo Krasznahorkai was Among his best-known in Hungarian in 1989, awarded the Nobel Prize works are The Melancholy consists of just one in Literature on Thursday of Resistance, about sentence over more than

the midst of apocalyptic huge stuffed whale in tow, New York Times in 2014 terror, reaffirms the power and Herscht 07769, which that he had tried to of art", according to the imagines a graffiti cleaner develop an "absolutely Swedish Academy, which in Germany who writes original" style, adding, "I letters to Chancellor wanted to be free to stray Krasznahorkai Angela Merkel to alert her far from my literary some new version of news of Kafka or Dostoyevsky or announcing the Nobel.

dark subjects. Susan written in sentences that Steve Sem-Sandberg, a artistic gaze, which is Sandberg added. Sontag once called him a span several pages — a member of the committee entirely free of illusion and Krasznahorkai was born his 1985 debut novel, visionary writer of literature Nobel after Imre the habit shared with Jon that awarded the prize, which sees through the in Communist Hungary in Satantango, about a life in extraordinary intensity Kertész, a novelist and apocalypse", and the Fosse, the Norwegian praised Krasznahorkai's fragility of the social 1954 into a Jewish family a poor hamlet, which was and vocal range who Holocaust survivor, in



(pronounced CRAS-now- to the world's impending ancestors, and not make inspired epic style" at the unwavering belief in the a jazz band — and studied novel. conference power of art that has Hungarian literature in Marina Warner, the bookmakers' favourites to motivated the academy to Budapest. "It is Krasznahorkai's award the prize," Sem-

Hungarian movie director author who received the "powerful," musically order, combined with his in Gyula, a small town a literary sensation in captures the texture of 2002.

worked in the social 1994.) welfare ministry.

said in interviews, won the Man

Budapest. His father was a an adaptation, which lasts scenes that are terrifying, lawyer, and his mother for over seven hours, in strange, appallingly comic

In recent decades, he has beautiful". school, received a stream of The Swedish Academy Krasznahorkai undertook accolades outside his has tried in recent years to military service but, he has home country. In 2015, he expand the diversity of

including playing piano in work rather than a specific Krasznahorkai

about 190km from Hungary. (Tarr also filmed present-day existence in and often shatteringly

authors awarded the prize, deserted the army after Booker International having faced criticism that being punished for Prize, which at the time the vast majority of insubordination. He then was awarded for an laureates were men from took on odd jobs — author's entire body of North America or Europe.

featured chair of that year's judging win the prize for many Krasznahorkai's literary panel, told reporters that years. He is the second breakthrough came with Krasznahorkai was "a Hungarian to receive the