

India again extends ban on Pakistani flights until September 23

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Dhaka: India has extended its ban on Pakistani aircraft entering its airspace, prolonging an ongoing standoff between the two countries amid heightened diplomatic tensions.

The restriction, which covers all commercial and military aircraft owned, operated, or leased by Pakistan, will now remain in place until 23 September 2025.

The move comes as a direct response to Pakistan's recent extension of its own ban on Indian aircraft, announced just two days earlier.

The tit-for-tat measures have resulted in monthly rolling extensions since April, with no signs of de-escalation. The airspace closures are now entering their fifth consecutive month.

The reciprocal restrictions were first imposed following the Pahalgam

terror attack in April, which left dozens dead and significantly strained relations between New Delhi and Islamabad.

Pakistan initially barred Indian overflights on 24 April, prompting a response from India on 30 April.

Since then, both countries have issued regular NOTAMs (Notices to Airmen) to maintain the airspace closures.

The continued blockade underscores the deteriorating diplomatic climate and the lack of progress in bilateral talks since the April attack.

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