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Meeting with Dr. Subrahmanyam JAISHANKAR, Minister of External Affairs of India

[JAY-SHAN-KAR]

Context

- [Redacted]
- You last met during the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting and Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi in March.

Objectives

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Background

[Redacted]

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Foreign Interference: Jaishankar responded to June 2 remarks by the NSIA citing India as a top source of foreign interference, exclaiming surprise that Canada would accuse India of interference given "a clear record of Canadian interference in India, including space for Khalistanis and violent extremists."



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Security Cooperation: Canada is committed to working with India to combat terrorism and violent extremism in a manner consistent with Canadian law and legal freedoms. Over the past year, the Government of Canada has worked with Indian counterparts to advance cooperation, including through the 17th meeting of the Canada-India Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism on February 3, 2023, where both sides agreed to regular exchanges between policing authorities to ensure closer cooperation between investigative teams. [REDACTED]

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On May 1, 2023, the RCMP issued a "Be On the Look Out" notice for alleged "Canadian-based gangster" Goldy Brar, who is frequently described in Indian media as wanted for high-profile murders and other crimes.

Updates on Indian students: Following reports that 700 Indian students were facing deportation after their letters of admission were found to be forged, Minister Fraser announced on June 14 that IRCC would halt pending removals. IRCC also initiated a taskforce to examine cases to determine whether individual students were complicit in fraudulent applications. Further, the International Student Program will be reviewed to strengthen integrity and address student vulnerability, unethical recruitment, and non-genuine agents. On June 23, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PM Modi State Visit to US - June 2023: The state visit led to positive outcomes, including a comprehensive list of key agreements and commitments. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Some of the major outcomes include defense cooperation such as an MOU allowing Hindustan Aeronautics to produce fighter jet engines using US technology, the purchase by India of Predator drones from General Atomics, the establishment of a Joint Quantum Coordination Mechanism to facilitate joint research, and the INDUS-X partnership to continue expanding strategic technology and defense industry cooperation. India also agreed to join the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP), a US-led initiative that Canada has joined with twelve other partners. On the commercial side, the US promised to help India increase production of electric vehicles, meet the goal of installing 500 gigawatts of renewable energy, and invest in a new Micron Technology plant in Gujarat. India similarly promised up to \$15 billion in the US solar energy supply chain, joined the US-led Artemis Accords on space exploration and will work with NASA on a joint mission to the International Space Station in 2024. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In a noteworthy gesture, PM Modi, who has not held a press conference in nearly one decade, took questions in a joint press conference. [REDACTED]

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Appendix – Biography

Subrahmanyam JAISHANKAR, Minister of External Affairs of India



- Appointed as Minister of External Affairs May 2019
- Career diplomat. Foreign Secretary 2015-2018
- Former ambassador to the US, China, Singapore and the Czech Republic
- Met with you twice this year (Feb 6 and Mar 2)
- PhD in International Relations, specializing in nuclear diplomacy

Talking points

State of Relationship

- Very aware of seriousness of recent developments
- Condemn with the utmost firmness all incitement to violence, and take action against violent extremism.
- We are taking all possible steps to address the safety and security of Indian diplomats in Canada.
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Security Cooperation

- Canada and India share the aim of preventing extremism and terrorist attacks in our countries.
- We have demonstrated our willingness to address threats, coordinating between jurisdictions across Canada.
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- Threats not isolated to Canada. We are reaching out to other countries facing this challenge.

Diplomatic Security

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- Threatening diplomatic personnel is unacceptable.

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Way Forward

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- In this regard, I plan to attend the G20 Summit in September.
- We have more commonalities than divisions. The need for cooperation between our countries is greater than ever.
- Our work continues to achieve results, including
 - A new *Migration and Mobility Dialogue* to advance our migration management,
 - Ongoing trade negotiations to deepen trade and commercial ties,
 - And many lines of work through MOUs between our governments to advance educational, scientific, and innovation cooperation.

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Responsive –

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- [Redacted]

Responsive -

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

Responsive -

- *We take any and all allegations of violent extremism and terrorism seriously. Period.*
- *As in all democracies, gauging the boundaries of protected freedoms is a serious responsibility in all democracies.*

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- *If crimes are committed, law enforcement will take action.*

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Responsive - Foreign Interference

- *Significant public attention on this issue in Canada, and you can expect it to continue.*
- *Canada has concerns, and it is important that our NSIA/NSA meet to discuss them.*

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- *We have longstanding productive relationship—a basis for frank and direct discussion on mutual concerns.*

Responsive - Indian Students

- *Dedicated to protecting newcomers and the integrity of immigration programs.*
- *Halted student removals and detained Brijesh Mishra – cannot comment on criminal case.*
- *Will review affected students on case-by-case basis.*
- *Students not found to be involved in fraud or criminality will not face deportation.*

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