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CCA's statement on escalation of conflicts between India and Pakistan

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses deep concern over the recent escalation of conflicts between India and Pakistan following a deadly terrorist attack in Indian-administered Kashmir and subsequent retaliatory strikes.

On 22 April 2025, a deadly attack allegedly carried out by Pakistan-based terrorists in Pahalgam—a popular tourist destination in Jammu and Kashmir, India—claimed the lives of twenty-six people, including several tourists. In response, the Indian military launched targeted strikes across the Line of Control (LoC) on 7 May 2025.

The intensifying military engagement between India and Pakistan, following India's action citing the presence of militant infrastructure in Pakistan-administered territory, has heightened fears of a broader regional conflict.

CCA is deeply concerned about the impact of any further escalation, particularly the risk of war in a region where millions of civilians already live in vulnerable conditions on both sides of the border. The possession of nuclear weapons by both India and Pakistan causes fear and anxiety, as each act of aggression risks becoming a flashpoint for catastrophic consequences with implications extending well beyond the subcontinent.

The people of India and Pakistan share deep historical roots, intertwined cultures, and a common heritage that predates political divisions. These bonds must serve as a foundation for peaceful coexistence and human security, rather than allowing hostility and mistrust to permeate between the two nations.

CCA urges the governments of both nations to return to the path of peaceful dialogue, uphold their responsibility to protect life and dignity of everyone across the borders, and ensure that people are not made to suffer in the crossfire of political or military agendas. In this critical moment, restraint, wisdom, and a shared commitment to humanity must prevail. Let us pray for peace, reconciliation, and for leaders to be guided by compassion and a commitment to a lasting resolution.

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