

Trump weighs in on Kashmir attack: 'India and Pakistan will figure it out'



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On April 25, 2025, while en route to Rome aboard Air Force One, President Donald Trump addressed reporters about the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. The attack, which claimed 26 lives, reignited the longstanding dispute over the region, drawing global attention.

Trump, known for his candid approach, remarked, "I am very close to India, and I'm very close to

Pakistan, and they've had that fight for a thousand years in Kashmir." He continued, exaggerating the timeline: "Kashmir has been going on for a thousand years, probably longer than that. There have been tensions on that border for 1,500 years." His casual remarks sparked social media debate, with some questioning his historical accuracy.

The timing of Trump's comments was critical, as India accused Pakistan of involvement in the attack, a claim Islamabad denied. In retaliation, both nations imposed countermeasures, including India suspending the Indus Waters Treaty and Pakistan closing its airspace to Indian airlines. Despite the rising tensions, Trump remained nonchalant. "It's been the same, but I'm sure they'll figure it out one way or the other," he said. "I know both leaders. There's great tension, but there always has been."

In India, officials were relieved by Trump's decision not to offer mediation, unlike his 2019 claim that Prime Minister Modi had requested it. In Pakistan, analysts saw his neutrality as a rejection of India's accusations. Reactions on social media, however, were less kind, with users mocking Trump's comments.

As Air Force One landed in Rome, the future of Kashmir remained uncertain, but Trump's remarks had added another layer to the complex conflict.