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"No More Appeasement Politics" Suvendu Adhikari Government Clears 27 Km Border Land for the BSF Fencing Along Bangladesh Frontier

Kolkata, 20 May : In a major political and security development that is likely to intensify the debate over border management and national security in eastern India, West Bengal's opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari has claimed that nearly 27 kilometers of land along the Bangladesh border has now been cleared for fencing work by the Border Security Force (BSF). The announcement has immediately triggered sharp political reactions across the state, with supporters calling it a "long overdue correction" to years of alleged administrative obstruction, while critics accuse the BJP of turning border security into a political weapon ahead of future elections. For years, several stretches of the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal remained vulnerable due to unresolved land acquisition disputes, local resistance, riverine terrain complications, and political disagreements between state authorities and the central government. Security agencies repeatedly argued that incomplete fencing created opportunities for illegal infiltration, smuggling networks, cattle trafficking, fake currency operations, and cross-border criminal activity. Now, according to BJP leaders, the latest move signals a decisive shift in approach. Border Security Returns to



the Center of Bengal Politics. The India-Bangladesh border passing through West Bengal is one of the most sensitive international boundaries in South Asia. Stretching across districts such as North 24 Parganas, Nadia, Murshidabad, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, and Cooch Behar, the region has long been politically charged. The BJP has consistently accused the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) government of practicing "appeasement politics" by allegedly slowing down or resisting fencing projects in minority-dominated border regions. TMC leaders, however, have denied the

allegations and argued that humanitarian concerns, land disputes, and local livelihoods must also be taken into account. Suvendu Adhikari's latest remarks appear designed to sharpen this confrontation further. According to BJP sources, the clearance of 27 kilometers of land for BSF fencing is being projected not merely as an infrastructure project, but as a symbolic political message — one that emphasizes stricter border control, stronger internal security, and a tougher stance on illegal migration. Why the Fencing Issue Matters. Border fencing is not simply about physical barriers. Security analysts say it affects multiple dimensions of governance: Illegal immigration control, Human trafficking prevention, Anti-smuggling operations, Counter-terrorism surveillance, Drug and arms trafficking monitoring, Rural security in border villages. The BSF has repeatedly stated that unfenced areas create operational challenges, particularly during nighttime patrols and monsoon seasons when riverine borders become difficult to monitor. In many sectors of the Bengal border, fencing work had remained incomplete for years because land required for construction either fell too close to the "zero line" with Bangladesh or faced legal complications involving private ownership and agricultural use. The newly approved land corridor could therefore accelerate stalled infrastructure projects that have remained pending for a long time. Political Battle Intensifies. The BJP is expected to aggressively use the issue in upcoming political campaigns, framing it as proof that national security concerns were ignored under "vote-bank politics." Party leaders argue that uncontrolled border regions have demographic, economic, and security consequences that affect not only West Bengal but the entire country.

"I Will Repay the Debt Owed to North Bengal": Suvendu Adhikari Makes Major Promise Upon Arrival in Hills

Kolkata, 20 May : In a politically significant and emotionally charged visit to the hill regions, West Bengal opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari made a series of major announcements during what he described as his "first dedicated mountain outreach tour," declaring that "the debt owed to the people of the hills must now be repaid through development, dignity, and direct governance." The statement has instantly sparked intense political discussion across West Bengal, particularly in the strategically sensitive hill districts where identity politics, regional aspirations, infrastructure demands, and administrative autonomy have long shaped electoral narratives. Addressing large gatherings amid loud chants from supporters, Adhikari attempted to position himself and his party as the new political force willing to "listen to the hills rather than merely govern them from Kolkata." His speech blended emotion, political messaging, and promises of economic revival aimed at strengthening the BJP's influence in the region ahead of future electoral contests. "The Hills Have



Waited Long Enough." During his address, Adhikari claimed that successive governments had repeatedly made promises to the mountain population without delivering long-term structural change. He said the region deserved "respect, investment, jobs, tourism expansion, and transparent administration." "The hills have sacrificed much for Bengal. Now Bengal must stand beside the hills," he declared before announcing a broad set of proposed initiatives focused on connectivity, tourism, youth employment, healthcare access, and infrastructure modernization. His speech repeatedly emphasized the phrase "শেখা শেখা" — or "repaying a debt" — which supporters interpreted as a symbolic recognition of the

hill population's political and cultural importance within the state. Key Announcements. During the Mountain Visit. Among the major promises and proposals highlighted during the tour were: Expansion of tourism circuits connecting remote hill destinations. Improved road connectivity in difficult terrain areas. Greater employment opportunities for local youth. Development-focused administrative reforms. Enhanced healthcare and emergency facilities in mountain districts. Increased focus on eco-tourism and sustainable economic activity. Support for small tea growers and local businesses. Stronger disaster-management infrastructure in landslide-prone zones. Political observers noted that the announcements



In this image received on May 20, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by artistes after their performance, in Rome, Italy.

PM Modi-Trump Summit Next Month as Middle East Tensions Push World Toward Economic Uncertainty

New Delhi, 20 May : A rapidly escalating geopolitical crisis in the Middle East has placed the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz at the center of global attention, triggering fears of an international economic shock, energy disruption, and possible military escalation. With oil markets already trembling and world powers stepping up diplomatic engagement, all eyes are now on the high-stakes meeting expected next month between Narendra Modi and Donald Trump. The narrow maritime corridor of Hormuz, through which nearly one-fifth of the world's crude oil supply passes every day, has become a flashpoint after intensifying regional hostilities and renewed threats to commercial shipping routes. International observers warn that any prolonged disruption in the region could send global fuel prices soaring, destabilize trade networks, and deepen inflation pressures already affecting major economies. India, one of the

world's largest energy importers, is closely monitoring the developments with growing concern. Officials fear that continued instability in the Gulf could severely impact fuel imports, shipping costs, and domestic economic planning. Strategic discus-



sions are reportedly underway in New Delhi to assess contingency measures in case the crisis worsens further. Amid this volatile backdrop, the upcoming Modi-Trump meeting is being viewed as far more than a symbolic diplomatic engagement. Analysts believe

the summit could shape a new geopolitical alignment involving energy security, Indo-Pacific strategy, defense cooperation, and emergency trade coordination. The anticipated talks are expected to focus heavily on safeguarding maritime routes, stabilizing



ing global supply chains, and countering emerging security threats. Global markets have already begun reacting sharply to the uncertainty. Oil traders, shipping companies, and financial institutions are bracing for turbulence as fears of confrontation near Hormuz continue to grow.

Several countries have reportedly increased naval surveillance in the region, while diplomatic channels remain active to prevent a broader conflict. Political experts say the timing of the Modi-Trump interaction is critical. At a moment when global power equations are rapidly shifting, the meeting could redefine strategic cooperation between India and the United States on issues ranging from energy resilience to regional security architecture. Meanwhile, citizens across several countries are watching anxiously as the crisis unfolds. From fuel prices and stock markets to international trade and military preparedness, the implications of the Hormuz tensions are now being felt far beyond the Middle East. As the world waits for the Modi-Trump summit next month, one question dominates international discourse: can diplomacy calm the flames before the Hormuz crisis spirals into a full-scale global emergency?

Delhi Breaks May Records as Temperatures Cross 45°C, Scientists Sound Global Alarm

New Delhi, 20 May : A brutal and unprecedented heatwave has tightened its grip across large parts of India, with the national capital Delhi recording temperatures above 45 degrees Celsius, triggering health emergencies, power crises, and growing fears among climate scientists about the accelerating impact of global warming. What began as an early summer rise has now transformed into one of the most severe May heat events in recent years. Streets across Delhi appeared deserted during afternoon hours as scorching winds and blazing sunlight turned the city into a furnace. Hospitals reported a sharp increase in cases of dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke, while meteorological experts warned that the worst may still be ahead. According to weather officials, several monitoring stations in and around Delhi breached the dangerous 45°C mark, making this one of the hottest May periods recorded in the capital in recent memory. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued repeated heatwave alerts, urging citizens to avoid

outdoor exposure during peak daytime hours. The extreme conditions are not limited to Delhi alone. Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, and parts of eastern India are also battling unbearable temperatures, with many districts witnessing dry, burning winds and rapidly shrinking water sup-



plies. In several cities, roads appeared visibly distorted under intense heat, while electricity demand surged to record highs as millions relied on air conditioners and coolers for survival. Climate scientists and environmental researchers are now expressing deep concern that such extreme weather events are no longer isolated sea-

sonal anomalies but part of a disturbing long-term climate pattern. Experts believe rising global temperatures, urban heat islands, deforestation, and changing atmospheric systems are combining to create more frequent and more dangerous heatwaves across South Asia. "This is no longer just summer. This is climate stress becoming a permanent reality," one senior climate researcher warned while discussing the unprecedented rise in urban temperatures across northern India. Agriculture experts have also raised alarm over possible damage to crops, especially wheat, vegetables, and fruit-producing regions already struggling with irregular rainfall patterns. Farmers in several states fear major productivity losses if the heatwave continues through the coming weeks. The economic impact is also becoming increasingly visible. Construction work in many regions has slowed dramatically, outdoor laborers are struggling to continue work under dangerous conditions, and several schools have either reduced timings or announced.

CM Suvendu Adhikari Announces Tough New Law Against Illegal Bangladeshi Infiltration

CM Declares Major Border Action Against Illegal Bangladeshi Entry

Kolkata, 20 May : In a dramatic political and administrative announcement that is already sending shockwaves across West Bengal's political landscape, senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari declared that a new state-level enforcement mechanism targeting illegal Bangladeshi infiltration will come into effect "from today itself." Addressing a massive public gathering, Adhikari announced that authorities would begin an aggressive "pushback policy" aimed at identifying, detaining, and deporting undocumented Bangladeshi nationals allegedly residing illegally in different parts of the state. The announcement was accompanied by strong rhetoric on national security, demographic balance, border control, and what he termed the "end of appeasement politics." According to Adhikari, the new framework has been designed to coordinate local

administration, border intelligence inputs, and verification systems to detect illegal infiltration networks operating near sensitive border districts adjoining Bangladesh. "West Bengal Cannot Become A



Safe Corridor." Speaking before supporters, Adhikari stated: "The era of silence is over. Illegal infiltration will no longer be ignored. From today, pushback operations will begin wherever illegal Bangladeshi presence is identified." He accused previous administrations of deliberately overlooking border infil-

tration for "vote-bank politics" and claimed that several districts have witnessed increasing pressure on resources, employment, law and order, and demographic stability due to unchecked im-

legal immigration from Bangladesh has remained one of the most politically sensitive subjects in eastern India for decades. Border districts in West Bengal frequently become focal points in national debates over: Cross-border infiltration. National security concerns. Smuggling and fake identity networks. Voter identity controversies. Refugee and migration politics. Adhikari claimed the new policy would focus specifically on "illegal entrants without valid documentation," while "genuine Indian citizens would have nothing to fear." He also emphasized stronger coordination with the Border Security Force and central agencies to tighten surveillance along vulnerable stretches of the international border. Opposition Slams "Fear Politics." Opposition leaders reacted sharply to the announcement, calling it politically motivated and socially dangerous.