

## **Hours before India's surgical strikes in PoK, Iran fired mortar shells into Pakistan's Balochistan**

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**Islamabad:** Even as Pakistan faced Indian army launching surgical strikes in the PoK, its western border was also simmering with fear as Iran border guards fired three mortar shells into restive Balochistan province on Wednesday.

### **Representational Photo: An exploded mortar shell**

The mortars did not cause any loss to property or human but it triggered a panic among the local population.Â Â

â€œMortar shells fired by Iranian border guards landed in the district of Panjgoor,â€• a provincial government official said.

Two of the shells landed near Frontier Corps check-post, while the third landed at Killi Karim Dad, the Dawn quoted the official as saying.

Locals panicked as a result of the attack, and Frontier Corps personnel reached the site to initiate investigations.

Security forces tightened safety at the border after the incident.

Pakistan shares a 900-kilometre porous border with Iran and the two countries in 2014 decided to boost intelligence coordination to wipe out terrorists from the border region.

A few hours after the incident, India launched surgical strikes on terror launchpads and terror camps across three locations in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Indian Army crossed over the Line of Control (LoC) to target terrorist camps inflicted significant casualties and heavy damages on militants.Â

"Indian Army conducted surgical strikes last night on terror launch pads across the Line of Control," DGMO Lt Gen Ranveer Singh said, adding that India was ready for any kind of contingency.