

# India and Pakistan timeline of tensions

■ **1947: Muslim Pakistan formed from partition of India at end of British rule, amid bloodletting between Hindus and Muslims**

■ **1947-48:** The two countries fight their first war over Kashmir after its Hindu ruler opts to join secular India rather than Islamic Pakistan

■ **1965: Second war over Kashmir. War ends after UN calls ceasefire**

■ **1971:** Pakistan and India go to war a third time, over East Pakistan, which becomes independent Bangladesh

■ **1974: India detonates its first nuclear device**

■ **1990:** Indian army kills 38 people in Kashmiri city of Srinagar, during protest against crackdown on separatism, spurring insurgency that kills 40,000 people over next 14 years. India says Pakistan arms and trains guerrillas. Islamabad denies charge

■ **1998: India holds 5 underground nuclear tests near Pakistan border. Pakistan responds with 6 tests**

■ **2001, Dec:** Gunmen attack Indian parliament. India blames Pakistan-based Kashmiri militants

■ **2002, Jan: Thousands of soldiers confront each other on border**

■ **2003, Nov:** Pakistan announces ceasefire in Kashmir. Truce takes effect

■ **2004:** The two countries launch peace process that brings improvement in diplomatic links

■ **2006, Jul:** Bomb blasts in Mumbai kill over 180 people. Peace talks cancelled after Indian government blames Pakistan-based militants

■ **Sep:** Indian Prime Minister *Manmohan Singh* and Pakistan President *Pervez Musharraf* agree to resume dialogue

■ **2008, Nov 26:** Attackers launch wave of gun and grenade assaults on Mumbai landmarks, killing at least 172 people

**Dec 1: Indian officials say Mumbai attackers were all from Pakistan. Pakistan President *Asif Ali Zardari* appeals to India not to punish his country for attacks, saying militants could precipitate a war**



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