



The Abhinandan Saga

Trigger

- Indian Operation Bandar failed on 26 February 2019
- Pakistan conducted Operation Swift Retort in retaliation on 27 February 2019



Aerial Engagement

- Two Indian aircraft, including a MiG-21 and Su-30, shot down



Pilot Captured

- The ejected Pilot Wing Commander Abhinandan captured inside Pakistani territory



Pakistan's Chivalry and Benevolence

- Detention lasted only 60 hours
- Treated in accordance with the Geneva Conventions



Release & Strategic Effect

- Repatriated via Wagah border on 1 March 2019 as a peace gesture
- Internationally welcomed as a de-escalatory move and a demonstration of responsible state conduct

