

# INDIA TO SEND ENVOY BACK TO PAKISTAN

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Ajay Bisaria

India on Friday took a step towards de-escalation of tension with Pakistan and announced that its envoy will return to Islamabad on Saturday.

Both countries had withdrawn their envoys following a spike in tension after the terror attack in Pulwama and the Indian airstrikes in Balakot.

“High Commissioner of India to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria will reach Islamabad on March 9 and resume his duties,” Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

The announcement comes days after Pakistan declared that Prime Minister Imran Khan would send High Commissioner Sohail Mahmood back to Delhi. Diplomatic sources said Pakistan’s envoy will also return to Delhi on Saturday. Prime Minister Khan met Pakistan’s envoy to India on Friday and discussed the upcoming India-Pakistan engagements.

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