

Operation All Clear

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‘Operation All Clear’ of **Bhutan** marks the strong bond between [India and Bhutan relations](#).



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About the Operation All Clear:

- The Operation All Clear is **first military operation** of **Bhutan** that aimed to flush out the militants from its territory.
- It was launched by the **Royal Bhutan Army** in **2003**.
- The logistical and medical assistance was provided by the **Indian Army**, who had also sealed the Indo-Bhutan border to prevent **militants** from escaping into India.

Achievements of the Operation All Clear:

- It had removed the **ULFA** (United Liberation Front of Asom), the National Democratic Front of Bodoland and the **KLO** (Kamatapur Liberation Organization), which had set up camps in Bhutanese territories.

Why were Indian insurgent groups present in Bhutan?

- In the **1990s**, the **Indian military** and **Assam police** had launched **Operations Rhino** and **Bajrang** against **militant** groups in **Assam**, putting them under pressure.
- During this time, **Bangladesh** ceased to be a place of **refuge** too.
- As a consequence, these groups set up camps in **southeast Bhutan**, in the bordering districts of Assam.