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Seven soldiers embraced martyrdom, 23 terrorists killed in three separate IBOs: ISPR

PM pays tribute to Pak Army's officers, soldiers for successful operations against terrorists

RAWALPINDI (APP): A Captain among seven soldiers of Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom while gallantly fighting against terrorists in three separate intelligence-based operations (IBOs) that resulted in eliminating 23 terrorists by the security forces.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release, the security forces conducted three separate operations from May 26-27 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

On May 26, an intelligence based operation was conducted in general area Hassan Khel, Peshawar District, where six terrorists were successfully neutralized by the security forces and multiple hideouts were busted. Captain Hussain Jehangir and Havildar Shafiq Ullah also embraced martyrdom on May 26, while fighting gallantly. On May 27, in another operation conducted in Tank District, the Army troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location, as a result of which ten terrorists were killed.

The third engagement occurred in general area Bagh, Khyber District, wherein the security forces killed seven terrorists, while two terrorists were injured.

However, during the intense exchange of fire, five brave soldiers; Naik Muhammad Ashfaq Butt (age 32 years; resident of district Kahuta), Lance Naik Syed Danish Afkar (age 30 years; resident of district Poonch), Sepoy Taimoor Malik (age 32 years; resident of district Layyah), Sepoy Nadir Sager (age 22 years; resident of district Bagh) and Sepoy Muhammad Yaseen (age 23 years; resident of district Khushab), having fought gallantly, embraced Shuhadaat.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday paid tribute to the officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army for carrying out successful operations against the terrorists in Tank, Dera Ismail Khan and Bagh, Khyber district. The prime minister also paid tribute to five soldiers Naek Muhammad Ashfaq Butt, Lance Naek Syed Danish Afkar, Sepoy Taimoor Malik, Sepoy Nadir Sager and Sepoy Muhammad Yaseen who embraced martyrdom during the operation in Bagh.

He said the Pakistan Army soldiers took part in the operations against the terrorist elements by putting their lives at risk.

"May Allah Almighty elevate the ranks of the martyrs in the paradise and grant courage to the bereaved family members to bear this loss with patience," he said in a message issued by the PM House. PM Shehbaz said the entire nation including himself paid tribute to the family members of the martyrs.

He emphasized that the officers and soldiers of Pakistan Armed Forces always preferred the country's integrity and solidarity over their lives.

"We will continue the war till complete elimination of the menace of terrorism from the country," he resolved.

He said the entire nation stood shoulder to shoulder with its armed forces.



PESHAWAR: Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir attending funeral prayers of soldiers who embraced Shahadat during an intense exchange of fire with terrorists at general area Bagh, Khyber district

On Youm-e-Takbeer

Gilani emphasises constant efforts to make country's defence impregnable

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the nation observes Youm-e-Takbeer on Tuesday to commemorate the 26th anniversary of Pakistan's nuclear tests, Acting President Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani called for drawing inspiration from that success to make the country's defence impregnable through technological and economic advancements.



"The acting president, in his message to the nation, termed the day a pivotal moment in the nation's history and called for a renewed pledge to continue working towards a peaceful and stable world.

He said on that day, Pakistan successfully demonstrated its nuclear capabilities and joined the ranks of nuclear powers. "Youm-e-Takbeer serves as a testament to our nation's resilience, unwavering determination, and commitment to maintaining regional peace and stability," he added.

He said the journey to becoming a nuclear state was not without its difficulties as the national leadership and scientists braved various challenges to achieve the remarkable feat.

"Today, as we reflect on this journey, we acknowledge the hard work of our scientists and engineers without whom this achievement would not have been possible. Today, we also recognize the contributions of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto whose efforts led to making Pakistan a nuclear state. We also appreciate Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto's decision as the opposition leader of the time to support Nawaz Sharif for conducting nuclear tests. Indeed, it was the collective determination of our civil and military leadership as well as our scientific acumen, and unwavering dedication to national defence that propelled us forward," Acting President Gilani remarked.

PM announces public holiday on Youm-e-Takbeer

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday declared a public holiday on May 28 to mark Youm-e-Takbeer, the day when Pakistan's defence became impregnable after nuclear tests in the hills of Chagai, Balochistan in the year 1998.

"Youm-e-Takbeer reminds how the entire Pakistani nation got united on that day to make the country's defence invincible," the prime minister said in a statement issued by the PM House.

On the day in 1998, he said, the nation decided that there would be no compromise on the country's integrity and defence by not yielding to any external pressure.



LAHORE: Chairman Prime Minister Youth Program Rana Mashhood Ahmed calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

CJCSC, Services Chiefs greet nation on Youm-e-Takbeer

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RAWALPINDI: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Services Chiefs on behalf of the Armed Forces of Pakistan, extend warm felicitations to the nation on the 26th anniversary of "Youm-e-Takbeer".



This momentous occasion commemorates the historic achievement of Pakistan's nuclear tests in 1998, which successfully established credible minimum deterrence and restored the balance of power in the region.

The Armed Forces and the nation pay tribute to the unwavering dedication and selfless sacrifices of all those who contributed to this remarkable feat, achieved against overwhelming odds. The scientists, engineers, and officials who devoted their lives to realizing this dream rightly deserve the gratitude and admiration of the nation and its Armed Forces.

A convicted person can't acknowledge Govt's diplomatic achievements, initiatives for developments: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP):



Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Monday said that a convicted person in prison could not digest and acknowledge multiple achievements of current government on diplomatic front and initiatives for the development of the country.

"Definitely, there is a sinister plan to compare the current situation with that of 1971 but these tactics are doomed to fail; InshaAllah, Pakistan will remain on the map of the world and make march towards progress and prosperity," he said while addressing a press conference.

He said during the tenure of the present elected government, by the grace of Allah Almighty, Pakistan had achieved many milestones on the diplomatic front.

"The Prime Minister had a telephonic conversation with the Prime Ministers of Norway and Ireland in the backdrop of their strong stance on Middle East situation", he remarked.

He said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had telephonically contacted the prime ministers of Norway and Ireland who had condemned the ongoing atrocities in Gaza and Rafah and called for immediate for ceasefire.

The minister said that PM Shehbaz Sharif informed the two Prime Ministers about Pakistan's position on the situation.

"Pakistan has always raised its voice for the rights of Palestinians," he said adding PM Shehbaz Sharif during his address to UN General Assembly had stated categorically that Pakistan will continue to raise its voice for the cause of Palestinians.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi and Federal Minister for Energy Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Laghari in a meeting with Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur.

Centre, K-P govt to jointly work to end province's power woes

ISLAMABAD (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur Monday said that the federal and provincial governments have agreed to eliminate load shedding, recover electricity dues, and reduce line losses from the province aiming to provide relief to the people of the province.

Interior Minister and Energy Minister. Minister for Power Division Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Laghari on Monday said a comprehensive plan has been devised in collaboration with Chief Minister Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa to sort out issues related to power pilferage, load-shedding and recovery from the defaulters.

Speaking to the media, Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, accompanied by Minister for Energy Sardar Awais Khan Laghari and Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, he said that a formal agreement between the federal government and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be signed soon.

Gandapur mentioned that ongoing discussions with the Federation concerning load shedding in KP have led us to meet and resolve the issue. He said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf was not against the institutions. He has no differences with Governor KP.

He stated that the people of KP have demanded that despite the province generating electricity for the entire country, they continue to face increased load shedding. He assured addressing electricity arrears and launching a community-based campaign to minimize line losses.

He said that agreements have been reached with the federation and expressed gratitude to the federal government for addressing the concerns related to the province's law and order and economic conditions. Ali Amin Gandapur clarified that his discussions were exclusively with the country's Interior Minister and Energy Minister.

COAS offers funeral prayer of martyrs of Khyber operation

RAWALPINDI (APP): Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Syed Asim Munir on Monday, along with a large of military and civil officials, attended the funeral prayer of martyrs who had embraced martyrdom during an intense exchange of fire with the terrorists in Bagh area of Khyber district, offered in Peshawar Garrison.

Those whose funeral prayer was offered included Sepoy Taimoor Shaheed (age 32, resident of Layyah district), Sepoy Nadir Sagheer Shaheed (age 22, resident of Bagh district), Sepoy Muhammad Yaseen Shaheed (age 23, resident of Khushab district), Lance Naik Syed Danish Afkar Shaheed (age 30, resident of Poonch district) and Naik Ashfaq Butt Shaheed (age 32, resident of Kahuta district) was offered, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said.

Later on, the COAS visited the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar to inquire after the well-being of troops injured during the operation. The Army Chief appreciated their high morale and reaffirmed the resolve of the nation to fight the terrorism with full vigour and spirit.

The martyrs will be laid to rest with full military honours in their respective native towns.

US Ambassador calls on Finance Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Ambassador of the United States of America to Pakistan, Donald Blome called on Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Monday.

On the occasion, the finance minister underscored the long-term mutual relations between Pakistan and the USA. He informed the Ambassador about successful completion of the Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) and that the Government of Pakistan was engaged with the fund to build upon the reforms under the SBA.

He highlighted the priority reform areas of the government including increasing tax-to-GDP ratio through end-to-end digitization, bringing the under-taxed sectors into the tax net, and tax administrative reforms.

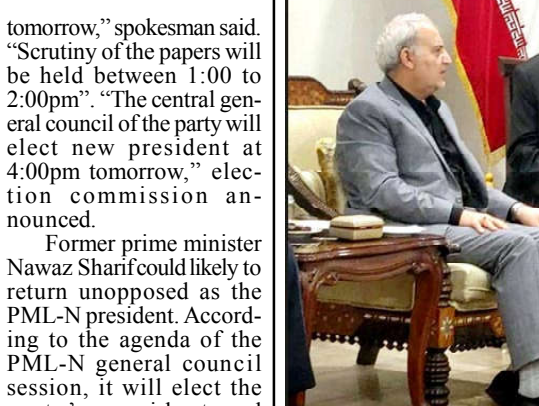
The minister reiterated the Prime Minister's commitment to privatizing State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), which has sparked interest from local and foreign investors in the case of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA).

Nawaz Sharif likely to elect PML-N President

LAHORE (INP): The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz election commission will issue nomination papers for election of the party's new president today.

The five-member election commission of the party being headed by Rana Sanaullah, Iqbal Jhagra, Ishrat Ashraf, Jamal Shah Kakar and Khealdas Kohistani are other members of the commission. Candidates can get nomination papers upto 5:00 in the evening, a party spokesperson said. "The papers could be submitted from 10:00am to 12:00 noon tomorrow," spokesman said. "Scrutiny of the papers will be held between 1:00 to 2:00pm". "The central general council of the party will elect new president at 4:00pm tomorrow," election commission announced.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif could likely to return unopposed as the PML-N president. According to the agenda of the PML-N general council session, it will elect the party's president and approve amendments in the party's constitution.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Chaudhry Salik Hussain offering condolences with the Iranian ambassador on tragic demise of Iranian president, foreign minister and other officials.

Missing persons problem calls for political solution: IHC

ISLAMABAD (Online): Islamabad High Court (IHC) has remarked missing persons issue calls for political solution.

"Attorney General (AG) has assured court that every person who is alleged to be missing will reach his family at every cost. The missing persons issue warrants political solution, this was order by IHC in its written order issued on Monday during hearing of missing Baloch students case. As per order counsel Imaan Mazari has handed over list of 3 missing students to AG. We expect that on next hearing the court will be informed about these 3 missing persons. It was said in 4-page order issued by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani that AG assured the court that every person about who it is alleged that he is missing will reach his family at every cost."

The order further said the AG told the court the talks have been held at high level always to address missing persons issue. It was said therein that the committee comprising ministers pertaining to enforced disappearances has worked out its recommendations. The recommendations will be presented in the court after cabinet approval.

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