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RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif along with General Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) attended Concluding Session of Army War Game held in Rawalpindi.

## PM lauds Pak Army's role in maintaining regional stability

Shehbaz commends army's innovative strategies and structural reforms aimed at strengthening deterrence capabilities; Expresses satisfaction over operational preparedness of Pakistan Army

RAWALPINDI (APP): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday expressed his complete satisfaction over the operational preparedness of Pakistan Army, acknowledging the pivotal role of the Armed Forces in maintaining strategic stability in the region.

The prime minister, who was attending the concluding session of Army War Game, also acknowledged the Armed Forces' role in preserving the delicate balance of power, essential for peace in nuclearized South Asia, according to a press release.



QUETTA: Provincial Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and others meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

## GoB. decides to put Police & Levies force on modern lines to combat terrorism & crimes

Mir Sarfaraz Bugti directs to Police and Levies force to give prompt response and take action in any incident; asks IGP to end 'safarish culture' from police; directs DG Levies to improve professional training of QRF; vows to eliminate terrorism, crimes & subversive acts from province

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has decided to put the Police and Levies force on modern lines to combat terrorism and crimes in the province. In this regard, the Police and Levies would carry out joint action for elimination of the terrorism and crimes without any particularization of the areas.

The decision to this effect was made in a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on increasing the professional capacity of the Police and Levies in the province, here on Thursday.

The Chief Secretary, Shakeel Qadir Khan, Inspector General of Police, Moazzam Jah Ansari, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Shahab Shah, Director General Levies, Naseebullah Khan and other concerned high ups were in attendance.

The Inspector General of Police and Director General Levies briefed the meeting about the functions of their respective forces and the law-and-order situation in their jurisdictions. Addressing the meeting, Chief Minister said that restoration of peace and enforcement of law is the aim of Police and Levies force as such both the forces should give prompt response and take action in case of any incident.

He on the occasion directed to the Inspector General of Police to end safarish culture from the police and ensure merit in the department. Similarly, he directed to the Director General Levies to improve professional training of the Quick Response Force of Levies force further. He asserted that we would eliminate the terrorism, crimes and subversive acts from the province. He said that the ultimate victory against war of terrorism would be ours and adding he asserted that endeavours of weakening the state would not be succeeded at all.

## Fight against terrorism to continue until last extremist is eliminated: ISPR

DG ISPR says that recent terrorist activities in the region were orchestrated by both domestic and foreign adversaries; Pakistan Army conducts over 130 counter-terrorism operations on daily basis

ISLAMABAD (APP): Director General, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry on Thursday said the Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies were conducting more than 130 operations on daily basis to combat terrorism across the country.

Addressing the press conference, the DG ISPR highlighted the military's relentless efforts to maintain peace and security amid terror threats, particularly in Balochistan.

The briefing comes after a series of deadly terror attacks in Balochistan on August 26, which claimed the lives of 50 people, including 14 security personnel.

The military leadership reaffirmed their unwavering resolve to safeguard the national sovereignty and territorial integrity at all cost. It was reiterated that Pakistan Army remained fully cognizant of the prevailing security challenges and would continue to enhance its capabilities to thwart any aggressive designs against Pakistan.

Federal Ministers for Defence, Finance and Information, Chief of the Army Staff and senior military officials were in attendance.



In response to these attacks, security operations have been intensified across the region. He said that security forces had carried out 32,173 intelligence-based operations (IBOs) so far in 2024, with 4,021 conducted in the past month alone. During these operations, 90 terrorists, referred to as 'khawarij,' were neutralized. He reiterated the resolve of the Pakistan Army, police, and intelligence agencies to continue the fight against terrorism, stating 'The war against Fitna al-Khawarij and terrorism will continue until the last terrorist is eliminated.'

The DG ISPR also paid tributes to the sacrifices of 193 soldiers who embraced martyrdom in the last eight months, calling them real heroes of the nation. He assured their families that their sacrifices would not be in vain.

Highlighting a recent operation in the Tirah Valley against the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other militant groups, DG ISPR Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said that since August 20, 37 terrorists had been killed, including a top commander, Abuzar, also known as Saddam. Four soldiers were martyred during the operation, he added.

"These successful IBOs are a testament to the bravery and commitment of our security forces to eradicate terrorism," he added.

Referring to the August 26 attacks in Balochistan, reportedly orchestrated by Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), the DG ISPR attributed the violence to "internal and external enemies" hell bent upon destabilizing the province's peaceful environment. He pointed out the military's swift response, during which 21 terrorists were eliminated.

Acknowledging the challenges in Balochistan, he noted that certain elements exploited some sort of 'deprivation' among the local population.

## We are determined to provide equal opportunities of progress to women in all sectors: CM

Independent Report Bhutto Scholarship Programme.

QUETTA: The Chief Minister, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has stated that we are determined to provide equal opportunities of progress to the women in all sectors of life.

The Chief Minister was speaking to the Advisor to Chief Minister for Women Development, Dr Rubaba Khan Buledi

He said that women should come forward for doing Ph.D in the science subjects. He said that complete scholarships would be offered in 200 higher universities of the world.

He said that progress would be expedited on the pending draft law of the under age mar-



LAHORE: President Asif Ali Zardari offering Fataha over the martyrdom of Captain Muhammad Ali Qureshi Shaheed during his visit to Lahore.

## We should remember sacrifices of great martyrs as Pakistan celebrating success of being atomic power: Governor

CM Bugti pays homage to all martyrs of homeland on Defence Day; Says government to defend every inch of land with support of security institutions

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail has stated that 6th September is an important day of the history of Indo-Pak.

It was the day when our brave armed forces had defended the country successfully against the aggression of enemy. He said that our armed forces had foiled the nefarious designs of the enemy demonstrating the exceptional bravery.

These views were expressed by the Governor in a statement issued here on eve of the Defence Day of Pakistan being observed today (Friday).

The Governor maintained that that historic incident had proved that unity, consensus and faith are more powerful than arms or strength. The Governor said that as Pakistan is celebrating its success as an atomic power, we should remember sacrifices of our great martyrs.

We stressed that we should revive our pledge for defence and survival of our country.

He said that we pay tributes to the armed forces and whole nation on their bravery and resolve.

He said that let's remember the sacrifices of heroes of our nation and make pledge that we would always continue to rise head of the country and nation with pride.

Meanwhile the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti has paid homage to all martyrs of the homeland who sacrificed their lives for its defence on occasion of the Defence Day of Pakistan.

Patrolling of LEAs to be increased on highways:

## Public transport to be operated from Quetta in daytime for protection of passengers

Additional Commissioner Quetta seeks cooperation of transporters union for protection of passengers and ensure safe journey on national highways in province

QUETTA: The government of Balochistan has decided to operate the public transport from Quetta to other parts of the province and country in day time with immediate effect.

The decision to this effect was made in a meeting chaired by the Additional Commissioner Quetta, Soban Dashti here the other day. Other concerned officials including the Secretary Regional Transport Authority (RTA), Manzoor Ahmed, SP Traffic Quetta city, Jahangir Shah and others were in attendance.

Also present in the meeting were the representatives of transporters of different routes including Hikmat Lehri, Saeed Ahmed Lehri, Abdul Malik Muhammad Hassani, Mehmoood Badini Attiq Khan Kakar, Wazir Khan Kakar and others. The meeting reviewed the security plan for protection of the passengers in the province. It was decided that all the public transport would be operated on all routes in the day time. It was informed that a proposal is also under consideration to operate the transport in form of convoy in the night for all the concerned security institutions would ensure safety of the passengers through joint strategy. It was also decided to increase patrolling of the law enforcement agencies on the national highways located all over the province. Addressing the meeting, Additional Commissioner Quetta sought cooperation of the transport union for protection of the passengers and ensuring safe journey.

## President Zardari visits family of martyred Captain Qureshi

LAHORE (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari visited on Thursday the residence of Captain Muhammad Ali Qureshi, who was recently martyred in Balochistan, and offered his profound condolences to his family.

The President prayed for elevation of ranks of Captain Muhammad Ali in Jannah. Recognising his sacrifices and contributions for the nation, he paid tributes to Captain Qureshi's courage, bravery and dedication.

President Asif Ali Zardari highlighted the sacrifices rendered by the security forces in the fight against terrorism and noted that former prime minister Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was also martyred at the hands of terrorists.

## Planners, facilitators of May 9 riots to face punishment: Asif

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif on Thursday said that planners and facilitators of May 9, would face punishment as per law of the country.

Talking to a private television channel, he said that facilitators and beneficiaries of May 9, would also face action. The convict of May 9 riots would be given severe punishment, he added.

All main-power for May 9, mayhem was provided by PTI, he stated.

## Chinese Ambassador visits APNS office

KARACHI (APP): Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Jiang Zaidong on Thursday visited the office of All Pakistan Newspaper Society (APNS) here. Acting Consul General of China at Karachi, Zhang Hao and other notables were also present on the occasion. Former president APNS, Hameed Haroon, Finance Secretary APNS Shahab Zuberi, Members APNS Kazi Asad Abid and Bilal Farooqi and others accorded a warm welcome to the Chinese Ambassador on his arrival.



who called on him here on Thursday. The Chief Minister said that equal opportunities have been provided to women in Benazir

## Turkish Ambassador calls on Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Turkish Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Pacaci on Thursday called on Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi at the Ministry of Interior to discuss Pakistan-Turkey relations and matters of mutual interest.

Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in areas of counter-terrorism, police, and civil armed forces, as well as to increase the number of flights between Pakistan and Turkey.

Turkish Ambassador Dr Mehmet Pacaci strongly condemned the terrorist attacks in Balochistan, saying that Turkey had also faced terrorism in the past but had overcome it and now the situation is much better. He offered Turkey's full cooperation in counter-terrorism efforts. The Interior Minister stated that Pakistan as a nation has made immense sacrifices in the war against terrorism.

He said that Pakistan's Army, Police, Rangers, FC, and every segment of the nation has made history by rendering invaluable sacrifices. He said that Pakistan would welcome Turkey's cooperation in counter-terrorism.

Mohsin Naqvi said that he will visit Turkey in October at the invitation of the Turkish Government and will propose measures to further strengthen bilateral cooperation during the said visit. He said that Pakistan wants to further strengthen its brotherly relations with Turkey. He highlighted that Pakistanis consider Turkey as their second home. The Interior Minister appreciated Dr Pacaci's services in strengthening Pakistan-Turkiye bilateral relations.

He congratulated him on his appointment as Special Envoy of the OIC for combating Islamophobia and expressed good wishes for his new assignment and future endeavours.

Turkish Ambassador Dr Mehmet Pacaci thanked Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi for his cooperation during his tenure as ambassador in Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Chief of BNP Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal talking with opposition leader in Balochistan Assembly Mir Younis Aziz Zehri, MNA Mir Usman Badini, MPA Haji Mir Zabid Ali Reki and Syed Ehsan Shah before leaving for Dubai at Islamabad airport



## Pakistan Army is the guarantor of survival and defense of the country!

By Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri

Today we are celebrating the victory of the September 1965 war in the form of

for a strong army and a strong defense to protect it. Pakistan Army is the guarantor of the survival and defense of the country. The enemy has tried our arms

an inch of land of their beloved motherland.

After the war of 1965, the enemy became convinced that he could never win against Pakistan on the

has imposed a secret war on Pakistan, which is a hundred times more dangerous than the open war, and through this war, the enemy is spreading chaos and despair in Pakistan, dividing the nation through terrorism, and creating misunderstandings among the nation and the forces of Pakistan to achieve their nefarious goals. Today, Pakistan is fighting a war due to specific circumstances. An attempt is being made to bring the nation against the forces of Pakistan through a conspiracy to divide the Nation by politically, religiously, regionally and ideologically. The nation needs to understand this deep conspiracy.

At this time we need to stand shoulder to shoulder with the forces of Pakistan. The entire nation will have to unite to bring Pakistan out of crisis. A national consensus is needed at this time; all stakeholders have to come on the same page. Pakistan is in a vortex where wisdom can be used instead of strength. All stakeholders will have to sacrifice their egos. Institutions need to be reformed.



Pakistan Defense Day, in which we defeated the enemy India who attacked Pakistan in the dark of night and we won an eternal victory and the world saw that the entire nation was defeated the enemy. A lead wall was built ahead and along with the Pakistan Army, they inflicted such a defeat on the enemy that they will remember for the rest of the world. If the current situation is examined, it may be correct to say that we have been in a state of war for 77 years. Our arch enemy and opponents of peace have not recognized Pakistan as a claimant of peace till date. Pakistan has always been seeking lasting peace and efforts were also made for this, but due to specific geographical boundaries, Pakistan has always been the target of international powers and is still so. Everyone in the region tries to use Pakistan for their own interests through friendship or enmity. Although Pakistan has always played its vital role for peace in the world. The world is very well aware of Pakistan's sacrifices against terrorism. In many places in the world, the Pakistani army has played a prominent role in peacekeeping and the UNO's missions are a witness to this. Pakistan wants friendly relations with all its neighbors, but India, which is the eternal enemy of Pakistan, which has not recognized Pakistan wholeheartedly since the first day, is always creating a fabric against Pakistan. India wants to confuse Pakistan so that he can achieve their nefarious goals, but it is the great grace of ALLAH that the entire nation and the Pakistan Army have always crushed the evil ambitions of India and its followers and it will continue to crush the enemies in the future. Pakistan is a security state; there is a dire need

many times but in every bad time, Pakistan forces have proved that they are the great army of the world and despite this no fire can come on the country of Pakistan. The day of September 6 reminds us of the great achievements of the Pakistan Army. In the war of 1965, the Sons of the country made such a history that it left the world in awe. The manner in which the largest tank attack on the

battlefield, so he adopted the strategy of trying to harm Pakistan through stealth and conspiracies. Engaged in conspiracies against integrity. Especially in Pakistan's important province of Balochistan, India is continuing its dirty conspiracies. Every day cowardly acts against the integrity of Pakistan are being carried out by a few desperate people who have failed every time in their



Chondah front was repulsed is a unique chapter in war history. The soldiers of Pakistani army got under the enemy's tanks by tying bombs to their bodies and destroyed the tanks. This spirit is not found in any other army in the world. Similarly, Pakistan Air Force destroyed the Indian Air Fleet and M.M Alam made history by destroying 5 aircrafts of India in a few minutes, he set a record that probably no one could break this record in war achievements for the rest of the world. Pak Navy also met the Indian Navy, which was full of spirit and had few resources. Gave a full response to the actions of and caused heavy damage. Therefore, the September war is full of eternal stories of the love of the Pakistani nation and the Pakistani forces for the country. Despite having fewer resources, Pakistan destroyed them and did not allow India to occupy even

nefarious purposes because they are faced with the Pakistani forces and the brave nation who will matter what the enemies do to them. It is a fact that the people of Balochistan have always been patriotic and know that if there is Pakistan, then we are. The only regret is that the anti-national and self-interested elements want to create hatred among nations by using the name of BALOCH and carrying out terrorist acts against other nations, but they will never succeed in this goal. Very soon these cowardly elements will be brought to their logical end.

When India carried out nuclear explosions, then Pakistan also had to do nuclear explosions in response because the world should not think that Pakistan is in any way a weak country or that it does not have nuclear capability. After the nuclear explosions, the enemy changed his strategy. Now the enemy

There is a need to use social media properly and expose the hidden enemies within your ranks. Defense of Pakistan requires consensus building at the national level so that the country can continue its journey in the right direction. We want to tell the enemy that we are all and the entire Pakistani nation is on the same page on the issue of homeland security. No matter what nation or language we belong to, we are all together and no conspiracy of the enemies and their followers whether internal or external to break we will be allowed to succeed and to weaken or break Pakistan. Any attempt to do so will be dealt with iron hands.

It is time on this occasion of Pakistan's Defense Day, let us pledge once again that we will fight the enemy together for the security of Pakistan and will not allow any kind of fire to come to the homeland. Long live Pakistan. Long live the Pak Army.

## Defence Day - A tribute to unyielding spirit of Armed Forces



By Ali Jabir

Amidst challenges of maintaining domestic peace in the wake of foreign-sponsored terror onslaught, the nation is celebrating another Defence Day on September 06 - a day steeped in history, valor and national pride.

Every year, this day reminds us of our obligations to the sacrifices of men and women in uniform who had defended nation's sovereignty over the decades from the battlefields of 1965 and 1971 to the icy heights of Kargil and through the tumultuous War on Terror.

Hats off to our defence forces for always standing as a bulwark against aggression, both external and internal and no matter it is full-fledged war or terrorism threats, the legacy of sacrifices continues to inspire and unite the nation.

The origins of Defence Day trace back to 1965 Indo-Pak War, beginning with escalating tensions over the disputed region of Kashmir and culminating into a full-scale conflict between India and Pakistan as India on September 6, 1965, launched a surprise attack on Lahore, aiming to capture the city. The Pakistani military, despite being outnumbered, mounted a fierce defense.

The battle of Lahore and another key engagement in Sialkot and the defense of the strategic Chamb sector highlighted the courage and resilience of Pakistani soldiers. Heroes like Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, who received Nishan-e-Haider for his gallantry, became symbols of national pride.

On the night of September 5-6 Indian army, without a formal declaration

of war, crossed the international border, launching attacks on Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan's Army and Air Force halted the offensive, inflicting significant casualties on the aggressor.

Besides Lahore and Kasur, an Indian Army Corps also launched a major thrust east of Sialkot with armored and infantry divisions, supported by gallant 3 Frontier Force and B Company 13 Frontier Force (Reconnaissance & Support).

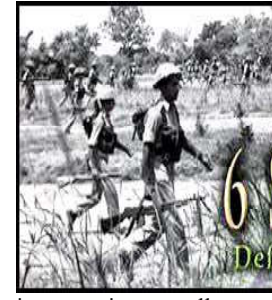
This prompted a swift response from Pakistan, with a 30-mile front established to halt the enemy's advance at Chawinda front. This sector witnessed the largest tank battle since World War II, led by 6 Armored Division, valiantly supported by 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and 4 Corps Artillery. Due to heavy losses inflicted on India, this front is remembered as 'Graveyard of Tanks'.

Pakistan Air Force also played a crucial role, achieving air superiority and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. On September 7, Squadron Leader Muhammad Mahmood Alam, a PAF pilot, achieved an unmatched feat by shooting down five Indian Air Force Hunter aircraft in a single sortie. So, this day is celebrated as Air Force Day. Pakistan's Special Services Groups also executed para-drops on Indian Air Force bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara the same night to neutralize them.

Traditionally described as 'Silent Service', Pakistan Navy during 1965 war encountered valiantly against a larger Indian Navy with

indomitable courage and defiant spirit. Successful operation Dwarka was a commendable achievement where it took only four minutes to complete the bombardment, firing altogether about 350 rounds on the target and inflicting heavy losses on Indian Navy.

The war ended in a stalemate after India approached UN Security Council for a ceasefire, but it cemented the resolve of Pakistani nation to defend



its sovereignty at all costs. Since 1965 war, India remained continuously engaged in sabotage activities against Pakistan and shamefully disintegrated the country by supporting separatist movement in East Pakistan. The sacrifices of soldiers in battles like the defense of Dhaka, the naval engagements in the Bay of Bengal and the air battles over the subcontinent were immense.

Whether it was 1948, 1965, 1971, or Kargil operation, Pakistani soldiers, operating in extremely challenging conditions, displayed extraordinary bravery. As during last 25 years Pakistan and India did not engage in a full-fledged war, Indian governments and spy agencies had always been busy in destabilizing activities by fuelling extremism, conducting covert

operations, and sponsoring terrorism.

The turn of the 21st century brought a new and complex challenge to Pakistan in the form of the War on Terror and this new kind of warfare required the military to adapt to counterinsurgency operations, facing an enemy that was often elusive and deeply entrenched in difficult terrain.

Operations such as Rah-e-Rast, Rah-e-Nijat and Zarb-e-Azb were pivotal in dismantling terrorist networks in tribal areas and restoring the state's writ. The military's success in these operations came at a tremendous cost with thousands of soldiers martyred and many more wounded. The efforts of the armed forces not only curbed terrorist threats but also paved the way for rebuilding the war-torn regions, enabling displaced populations to return to their homes.

In recent years, the armed forces have been battling the remnants of terrorism through operations like Radd-ul-Fasaad and Azm-

## The Unforgettable War: Pakistan's victory against all odds in 1965

By Sultan Shoab

There is no doubt that a nation cannot be negligent about its defense, as a nation's defense is directly proportional to the security of its borders and the bravery of its people.

The 17-day war that started on September 6, 1965, is a symbol of dignity and independence for the Pakistani nation, reminding us every year in September how the Pakistani armed forces thwarted India's nefarious intentions.

In the 1965 war the Pakistani army defended the country's borders with such honor that it proved to the world that we are a living nation and who's never compromise on their defense. It should not be forgotten that the India that claims to be a champion of peace today had imposed war on a smaller country 59 years ago. In the 1965 war, India was a bigger enemy in terms of numbers, but Pakistan defeated them on every front with the grace of Allah. Despite being outnumbered Pakistan's 125 tanks and 9,000 soldiers bravely fought against India's 500 tanks and 50,000 soldiers and humiliated them.

The Chawinda battle in the Indian sector was the largest tank battle in the history of wars after World War II. Pakistan's army destroyed 45 Indian tanks and captured several others, making Chawinda a symbol of defeat for India.

After the defeat, the Indian soldiers became demoralized and started fleeing, leaving their tanks behind.



The Pakistani army took advantage of the situation and captured several enemy posts, which is why Chawinda is called the "tank graveyard" for Indian tanks. The Pakistani army also captured hundreds of enemy soldiers. Similarly, in the Lahore sector the enemy had planned to capture Lahore but Major Aziz Bhatti stood in their way. He was the company commander in the Burki area of the Lahore front. Major Aziz stood firm like a wall against the Indian tanks for five continuous days. Finally, on September 12, 1965, he embraced martyrdom after being hit by an Indian tank shell, but he foiled the enemy's plan to enter Lahore.

According to Indian records, the 1965 war was a significant defeat for India. The Indian Ministry of Defense admitted that India suffered heavy losses in the war, with 59 of their 460 aircraft and 43 of Pakistan's 186 aircraft being destroyed.

However, independent sources claim that over 100

Indian aircraft were destroyed, while only 19 Pakistani aircraft were lost in the war. The 1965 war was the first aerial war between India and Pakistan. The Indian Air Force had numerical superiority over the Pakistan Air Force, but despite this, Pakistani aircraft successfully defended the country's airspace and taught India a lesson that still holds the world record today. MM Alam shot down five Indian warplanes in less than a minute.

Similarly, our Navy also defended the maritime front and made the nation proud. In September the smaller but brave and united nation faced the enemy's attacks with such valor that their plans were foiled. Despite having less military equipment, the Pakistani armed forces and the nation proved that they have the capability to defend every inch of their sacred land with their passion, enthusiasm, and martyrdom spirit.

The 17-day war that

started on September 6, 1965 proved that the Pakistani army and nation are a living nation and cannot be defeated by any power in the world. The 1965 war was a resounding testament to Pakistan's unyielding spirit and unwavering dedication to its sovereignty.

Like a beacon of hope the nation stood tall against the odds, its people and armed forces united in their quest for freedom and dignity. The bravery and sacrifices of our heroes, etched in the annals of history, continue to inspire generations, their legacy a shining reminder of the power of courage and unity. As we remember this pivotal moment in our past, we honor the indomitable will of a nation that refused to be defeated, and we recommit ourselves to the ideals of freedom, justice, and peace that have always guided us. May the spirit of 1965 continue to ignite our hearts and minds, illuminating the path towards a brighter future for all.

## Defence Day, our pride

6th September our Defence day is one of the proudest moments for Pakistan as a nation which was built on the basic elements of love, brotherhood and fraternity. It is a day of such wisdom, love sacrifice, nobility and honor that it leaves your heart to cry. As a child I was always delighted by and indulged in the celebrations not knowing of what truth

amongst human beings. However, it is very sad to see that this disease of politics has entrapped the world and it is immensely dreadful for the whole of humanity.

On this day during the 1965 Indo-Pak war Pakistan defeated India and her armies with such zeal, courage and passion of patriotism, with such strength and

they know of the bravery that is vested in every Pakistani's veins. We certainly did not crack under pressure and instead gave India a lesson she deserved. As our heroes, our brave martyrs did astonishing works involving not only exhibiting practical application of the bravery instilled in their hearts and love for their homeland. In addition,

attacks for five days and nights in Defense of the strategically vital BRB Canal. Being courageous throughout the constant fire from enemy small arms, tanks and artillery, he organized the Defence canal, directing his troops to answer the fire until he was hit by an enemy tank shell which killed him. Could one imagine of such bravery and courage to go in front of tanks waiting to shoot you? Or when we hear about how Pilot officer Rashid Minhas took control of such a mind distorting situation. He was going for a take-off on a routine training flight but suddenly an Instructor pilot forced his way into the air craft and took off. When Rashid Minhas realized that this person was actually an Indian agent and was leading the aircraft towards India, he tried to regain control of the plane but could not do so. Hence, without any hesitation, looking death into the eye, he damaged the controls and forced the air craft to crash thirty two miles away from the border. This is just two of the examples of such nobility and act of patriotism shown by our heroes, of the bravery and sacrifice given by so many of our heroes. Our Army is such a huge blessing for us that we can't imagine.



lied behind them. But as I grew up and saw the world covered up with grotesque toxins such as violence, pride and politics, I wondered where humanity is? but when I came to know of the whole incident as to what act of bravery and courage and patriotism was shown by our soldiers and even the normal citizens during this whole incident the War of 1965, I saw hope, and realized that there is solitude and love

nobility that the world is amazed while just listening as to what happened on this day. The Indian army without permission crossed the borderlines and attacked Pakistan without a warning thinking of attacking us in a way that we might get surprised and under such stress and chaos give up and surrender to them. This is totally against war ethics and is actually a shame towards them.

we also come to see the amazing techniques, plans made, initialized and put into action by our heroes, the way our heroes commanded their troops with such strong nerves and not even one single person cracked under pressure. Can you just imagine how Major Aziz Bhatti at that moment, between such horrifying fight stood up as he choose to move forward with his platoon under ceaseless artillery and tank



# September 6: A day of national pride in Pakistan's military history



On September 6, 1965, Pakistan faced a grave challenge to the sovereignty and integrity, which the nation and its valiant armed forces met with great courage and determination, defeating the sinister designs of much-larger enemy – India.

Since then, the nation has been observing the Defence Day every year with great zeal, seeking Allah Almighty's blessing and support for the country's integrity, prosperity and independence.

The day is commemorated to revive the national spirit and renew the pledge of defending the country against all sorts of threats, paying homage to the sons and daughters of the soil who laid down their lives and endured the vagaries of war in defending the motherland.

Fifty-five years back, it was the first full-fledged war with India after a clash in 1947-48 on the core issue of Kashmir, which unfortunately still remained unresolved even after the passage of more than 70 years, besides becoming a nuclear war flashpoint. Later, the two armies also fought in 1971 and 1999 and remained eyeball-to-eyeball several times.

The latest episode took place in February, 2019 when Indian aircraft intruded Pakistani airspace after the Pulwama incident, whom the Pakistan Air Force gave a befitting reply by gunning down its two fighter jets and arresting a pilot.

Initially, the Indian forces intruded Pakistani area in the Rann of Kutch in April 1965, whom was ejected in a sharp and short conflict. Both the armies had fully mobilized, with eyeball-to-eyeball contact. Pakistan proposed cease-fire, India accepted, following which an agreement was signed and the forces were disengaged.

Past midnight on September 5-6, without a formal declaration of war, Indian army crossed the international border and attacked Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan Army and Air Force halted the attack in its tracks, inflicting heavy casualties on the aggressor. On September 7, a single Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Pilot, Squadron Leader Muhammad Mahmood Alam, Sitara-i-Juraat, in his F-86 Sabre, shot down five Indian Air Force (IAF) attacking Hunter aircraft in a single sortie, an unbeaten world record till date.

On September 6-7

night, three teams of Pakistan's Special Services Groups were parachuted on the IAF bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara to neutralize them.

To relieve pressure on Lahore front, on September 7-8 night, after crossing two major water obstacles in a bold thrust, Pakistan's armoured and mechanized formations supported by artillery and PAF overran area Khem Karn, six to eight miles inside Indian territory. Vital Indian positions at Sulemanki and across Rajasthan and Sindh were also captured in bold and swift attacks.

As soon as the pres-

ence of India's one Armoured Division was confirmed, Pakistan Army rushed forward to stop the onslaught on a 30-mile front. The biggest tank battle since World War-II was fought on the Chawinda front by 6 Armoured Division, under command 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and valiantly supported by 4 Corps Artillery led by Brigadier A.A.K. Choudhry, Hilal-i-Juraat.

Pakistan Air Force (PAF) support helped turn the tide of the battle. Before a counter offensive by 6 Armoured Division on 22 September could be launched, India asked for cease-fire in the United Nations. India's aggression against Pakistan's international borders without a formal declaration of war, had cost it, apart from heavy personnel, material and

economic losses, 1617 square miles of territory as compared to 446 square miles of Pakistan's open and undefended territory. Many of our martyred national heroes were given awards for their gallantry and bravery. The highest military award of Nishan-i-Haider was awarded to Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, for his

extraordinary role in defending the Lahore Bedian area in 1965.

Where the country's armed forces proved their mettle, despite being short in number and having limited resources, the whole nation stood by them shoulder-to-shoulder in thwarting the attack.

otic songs to defend the motherland. Some of the evergreen heart-warming national songs include "Aye Watan Key Sajeelay Jawano, Ae Mard e Mujahid Jaag Zara. A Putter Hatan Tey Nai Wekday, Ae Rahe Haq Key Shaheedo", "Mere Dhool Sipahheeya", Rang Laye Ga Shaheedon Ka

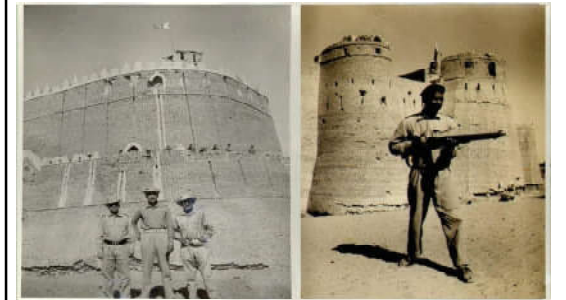
*Pakistan armed forces were fighting a war to defend the territorial integrity of the country against a formidable enemy. They did defend the country in a befitting manner. When the war ended Lahore and Sialkot were far away from the reach of the enemy. The enemy suffered heavy losses in terms of military hardware.*



Pakistan's artists including Mehdi Hassan, Alam Lohar, Noor Jehan, Saleem Raza and others also played their part and made the whole nation realized that Pakistanis as a nation would not be ill-willed by the designs of adversary. They warmed the hearts and souls of armed forces personnel and civilians with patri-

Laho, Yeh Hawaaron Key Musafir, Umeed-e-Fatah Rakho, Apni Jaan Nazar Karoon, Ab Fatah-e-Mubeen Hai, Khitta-e-Lahore Tere Jaan Nisaaron Ko Salaam, Hum Haidery Hain, Toheed Key Matwalon and Jung Khed Nahi Hundi Zanaayaan Di."— APP feature

## Defence Day: For honour and inspiration



By Arif Iftikhar

Very often we take for granted our freedoms as citizens of an independent country and the peaceful surroundings of our city and other places in Pakistan that we visit. This freedom and peace is ensured by the military and security agencies that work round the clock to protect our country from foreign and other kinds of domestic threats. Their role is to work for the defence and security of the country under the guidance of the civilian government; and their personnel make great sacrifices, if necessary, in the course of their duty.

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The contributions of the defence services provided by our military forces are marked by the annual celebration of the national Defence Day in our country. Defence Day, as the name suggests, commemorates the day when our national armed forces successfully defended the attack of Indian forces on our country in the 1965 war. It is a tribute to our armed forces and all the martyrs of the war. It is celebrated on September 6 each year. The enemy attacked

our borders on September 6, 1965, with a view to invade the attacked areas. It was a reaction to stop the advance of Pakistani military in India Occupied Kashmir. They mainly attacked the regions of Lahore, Sialkot and the desert areas of Sindh. The battle lasted till September 22, 1965, when both sides accepted the United Nations-administered ceasefire.

Our military was successful in defending not only the areas attacked but also in protecting the lives of thousands of civilians and their homes. As such, we owe a duty to honour and respect all the military personnel of our country who gave up their lives so that we, our relatives and our fellow countrymen could live peacefully. This respect and honour should also extend to all those military personnel who supported our martyrs, risked their lives and lived to tell the tale.

Many of our martyred national heroes were given awards for their gallantry and bravery. The highest military award of Nishan-i-Haider was awarded to Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, for his extraordinary role in defending the Lahore Bedian area in 1965.

He is among a handful of other gallant and brave military personnel who were martyred and awarded the same award in other battles and wars. They gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the defence of Pakistan.

## Defence Day – Manifesting an indomitable resolve against aggression

By Ali Jabir

ISLAMABAD : The valiant nations always rise to the call of duty by emerging stronger and resolutely to demonstrate unwavering resolve and determination



to defend their homeland and honor.

Whether it is internal strife or foreign aggression, these nations exhibit unyielding courage with their valiant fighters even laying down their lives for the independence, sovereignty and well-being of their people.

Such a day was experienced by the Pakistani nation on September 6, 1965, when its neighbouring enemy India imposed unwanted aggression ambushing in the darkness of night with an ambition to kneel down its people.

But our valiant armed forces, backed by the nation's courage and determination, defended the motherland's sovereignty and integrity with unparalleled

valor. From the initial clashes along the Eastern Border to the full-fledged war, Pakistan embarked on a path of glory that showcased its mettle on the ground. It sent a clear message to

the world, "When this nation unites with its armed forces, no enemy can shake its resolve."

Since then, the Pakistani nation has observed Defence Day every year on September 06, with great zeal and enthusiasm to reaffirm its commitment to defending our country against all threats.

On this day, the nation pays tribute to brave sons and daughters of Pakistan who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and passed on the legacy of valor and loyalty to future generations.

Fifty-eight years ago, Pakistan found itself engaged in a full-fledged war with India. The initial Indian incursion into Pakistani territory occurred in April

1965 in the Rann of Kutch. Pakistan forcefully ejected them, with both sides fully mobilized, standing face-to-face. Pakistan proposed a ceasefire, which India accepted, leading to an agreement and the dis-

engagement of forces.

However, the situation escalated on the night of September 5-6 when the Indian army, without a formal declaration of war, crossed the international border, launching attacks on the Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan's Army and Air Force halted the offensive, inflicting significant casualties on the aggressor.

On September 7, Squadron Leader Muhammad Mahmood Alam, a PAF pilot, achieved an unmatched feat by shooting down five Indian Air Force Hunter aircraft in a single sortie. Pakistan's Special Services Groups executed para-drops on Indian Air Force bases at Pathankot, Adampur and Halwara on the

same night to neutralize them.

To relieve pressure on the Lahore front, Pakistan's armoured and mechanized units, backed by artillery and the PAF, swiftly overran the Khem Karn area, penetrating six to eight miles into Indian territory. Key Indian positions in Sulemanki and across Rajasthan and Sindh were captured in bold and rapid offensives.

Simultaneously, an Indian Army Corps launched a major thrust east of Sialkot with armoured and infantry divisions, supported by gallant 3 Frontier Force and B Company 13 Frontier Force (Reconnaissance & Support). This prompted a swift response from Pakistan, with a 30-mile front established to halt the enemy's advance. The Chawinda front witnessed the largest tank battle since World War

II, led by 6 Armored Division, valiantly supported by 24 Infantry Brigade Groups and 4 Corps Artillery.

The Pakistan Air Force played a crucial role in turning the tide of battle. Before a counteroffensive by the 6 Armored Division on September 22, India requested a ceasefire through the United Nations.

India's aggression, without a formal declaration of war, came at a significant cost, resulting in heavy personnel, material and economic losses, along with the loss of 1617 square miles of territory compared to 446 square miles of Pakistan's open and undefended land.

Many of Pakistan's martyrs received awards for their gallantry and bravery, including Major Raja Aziz Bhatti, who was posthumously awarded the highest military honor, Nishan-i-Haider, for his



exceptional role in defending Lahore at Bedian.

While the armed forces showcased their mettle, the entire nation stood shoulder-to-shoulder, united against the enemy's aggression. Pakistani artists, including Mehdi Hassan, Alam Lohar, Noor Jehan, Saleem Raza and others, played a vital

role in boosting morale with patriotic songs, fostering a sense of unity and resilience.

The enemy had suffered a resounding defeat with our forces silencing India's reckless territorial ambitions and ill-will towards Pakistan.

"The victory in the 1965 war was made possible by the national spirit and unity that must always be remembered and upheld," stated Lieutenant General (Retd) Amjad Shoab.

"On this day the whole nation especially people from Lahore, Sialkot and other border areas demonstrated unique unity," he added.

Other defence analysts also underline the importance of this day and call on the nation to always emulate the spirit and determination of that historic day.

"India had been re-

lently seeking to destroy Pakistan since its inception, but it is our unity as a nation that foiled all bids of our enemy," remarked Lieutenant General (Retd) Ghulam Mustafa.

Brigadier (Retd) Mahmood Shah has also reiterated that Pakistan's victory in the 1965 war was due to national unity and the heroic performance of its armed forces.

"This unity and determination must continue to be the pillars of Pakistan's defense and progress in the years to come."

This Sunday, once again the nation will stand united to renew its vigor and enthusiasm, sending a clear message to hostile neighbours that Pakistan remains prepared and determined to thwart any threats to its sovereignty and integrity.—APP Feature





ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb in a meeting with the leadership of Pak China Investment Company Limited (PCICL) to discuss boosting Chinese investment in Pakistan.

## Atta Tarar says: PML-N always on forefront to create ease of doing business

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar said on Thursday that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had always been on forefront to create ease of doing business which is very critical to achieve economic growth, progress and prosperity in the country. "Whenever the people of the country gave the chance to the PML-N to run this country, the business community has always benefited greatly", he said while delivering his speech at CEO Summit. Citing an example, he said till 2018 when the PML-N was in power, GDP growth rate stood at 5.8 per cent and it was projected at 6.4 per cent and inflation was merely 4 per cent. He said foreign direct investment was pouring in and China had invested nearly \$ 70 billion in China Pakistan Economic Corridor and other projects. All international financial journals and institutions were projecting that Pakistan would join G-20 countries in six to seven years. In that era, he added, Pakistan had achieved the landmark development through sincerity, dedication and clarity of thought. Without security there cannot be progress and first and foremost attention was focused on creating a safe and secure environment in the country. He recalled that when the PML-N came into the power in 2013, Pakistan was facing challenges of energy crisis and poor law and order situation. At that time, the national economy was losing approximately Rs 500 billion per annum due to energy shortage, he added. The minister said that security situation of the country was also not good. After coming to power, the PML-N regime under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif embarked on projects to rid the country of energy crisis and within four years, 20 hours loadshedding was brought to zero. He said in 2013, Karachi—the hub of business was unsafe, but the government with iron resolve and help of the security forces embarked on National Action Plan and carried out operations to improve security situation. Tarar said during the previous tenure, the government faced threat of default and due to fluctuating currency rates.



QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti offering Dua after condoling with Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail on sad demise of his uncle former Senator Sheikh Zareef Khan Mandokhail

## CM Bugti says: Minorities' children to be educated under BBS

QUETTA (APP): Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Thursday said that the children of minorities would be educated in the higher educational institutions of the country under the Benazir Bhutto Scholarship (BBS) in Balochistan. He said that in this regard, minority leaders should provide awareness in their own communities. He expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Hindu Panchayat led by former provincial minister Basant Lal Gulshan who called on him. The delegation informed the Chief Minister about the problems being faced by them. The Balochistan Chief Minister announced the renovation and construction of the Arya Samaj Temple, the provision of High, S Ambulance to the Panchayat. He also assured the delegation for the solution of all the problems being faced by the minorities. Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that under the Benazir Bhutto Scholarship in Balochistan, the minorities will be educated in the higher educational institutions of the country.



QUETTA: Different students union holds protest outside QPC.

## Dr. Rubaba emphasizes importance of equipping women with essential skills

QUETTA: The leadership of Kathleen Kamal Raisani Foundation (KKRF) met the Advisor to Chief Minister of Balochistan for Women Development, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi to discuss significant matters related to women's empowerment. The meeting was led by the Foundation's Chief Executive, Zulekha Raisani, and discussions covered various initiatives, including improved facilities for women, opportunities for skill development abroad, and financial literacy programs. On this occasion, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi emphasized the importance of equipping women with essential skills and financial literacy for their self-reliance and social development. She stated, "Providing women with the necessary skills for employment abroad, as well as financial literacy, is crucial for their self-sufficiency and collective societal progress." During the meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Women Development and the Kathleen Kamal Raisani Foundation was also reviewed. The need for effective coordination between institutions providing relevant services and the Department of Women Development was highlighted to ensure better access to services for the women of Balochistan. Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi noted, "A strong communication system will act as a bridge between women's needs and the services that will help them become self-reliant and play a strong role in society." Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi praised the Kathleen Kamal Raisani Foundation for their active efforts and dedication to the welfare of women, stressing the importance of joint efforts.

## Ahsan stresses collaborative efforts to achieve sustainable economic goals

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives on Thursday stressed collaborative efforts to achieve the objective of sustainable economic goals in the country. Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal, speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch of the book titled "Pakistan's 100 Most Successful CEOs and Diplomats" which highlighted the essential role of private institutions and civil society in collaboration with the government to achieve national development. Addressing the event, Minister Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the significance of this gathering, calling it a milestone in shaping the future of Pakistan. He noted that the event brings together visionary and influential individuals who are playing a pivotal role in the country's economic and social progress. The Minister lauded the contributions of these individuals in modernizing national institutions. He referred to them as the architects of society who lead in productivity, innovation, leadership, and quality, propelling the nation towards the path of sustainable growth.

## To cope with security challenges Speaker BA stresses need on better cooperation between LEAs & GoB

QUETTA: The Speaker Balochistan Assembly, Captain (Retd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai has stressed need on better cooperation between the law enforcement agencies and provincial government to cope with security challenges in the province. The Speaker was speaking to the Inspector General of Police, Moazzam Jah Ansari who called on him here in his chamber on Thursday. During the course of meeting, the challenges being faced by the province and security situation were discussed. They also discussed the prevailing situation of law and order including the recent incidents of terrorism in the province. The measures were also discussed for ensuring law and order situation and protection of life of general public. Earlier, the Speaker warmly welcomed the Inspector General of Police and congratulated him on his appointment. The Speaker noted with pleasure that a local person has been posted on the important slot and hoped that his expertise would enable him to resolve the security challenges in better manner. The IGP assured the Speaker that the Police force would strive hard for protection of life and property of the people of province.



ABU DHABI: Chief Guest His Excellency General Salem Saeed Al Jabri, UAE's Assistant Foreign Minister for Military & Security Affairs, H.E. Ambassador Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, Commodore Shahid Wasif SI (M), Mission Commander, Pakistan Navy and Brigadier Abdullah Al Mohairbi, Deputy Commander UAE Navy at the cake cutting ceremony held in connection with Pakistan Defense Day in Abu Dhabi.

## Mir Ali Hassan Zehri says Brave and daring Pak forces have made eternal sacrifices for the protection of country

QUETTA: The history of Pakistan is made up of sacrifices. Since the establishment of Pakistan till today, our brave and daring forces have made eternal sacrifices for the protection of the country and the nation. These views were expressed by senior leader of Pakistan Peoples Party, Spokesman of President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Advisor for Industry and Crafts of Balochistan Mir Ali Hassan Zehri in his congratulatory message on the occasion of Pakistan Defense Day on September 6. He said that today we are celebrating the victory of the September 1965 war. In this Great War, we defeated the enemy India who attacked in the dark of night and won an eternal victory. If the current situation is examined, it would probably be correct to say that we are still in a state of war. Our arch-enemy and opponents of peace have not recognized Pakistan as the advocate of peace. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that Pakistan has always since then, Pakistan has been seeking and striving for lasting peace, but due to its geographical limitations, Pakistan has been and still is the target of international powers. India, which is the eternal enemy of Pakistan, which has not recognized Pakistan wholeheartedly since day one, is becoming a fabric against Pakistan every moment. He wants to confuse Pakistan so that he can achieve his nefarious goals, but it is the great grace of Allah that the entire nation and the Pakistan Army have always crushed the evil ambitions of India and its followers and will continue to feed the enemies in the future. He said that there is a dire need for a strong army and defense to protect Pakistan.



QUETTA: Commissioner Quetta Division Hamza Shafiqat presiding over a meeting of Coordination Committee regarding development projects

## Pak armed forces prepared to defeat terrorists, ever ready to respond to any challenge: Zardari

Armed forces mark 59 years of vigilance, excellence, resilience; uphold legacy of courage & preparedness: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari has said that Pakistan's armed forces were vigilant and ever ready to respond to any challenge to national sovereignty and territorial integrity and also fully prepared to defeat terrorists. The president, in his message to the nation on the Defence and Martyrs' Day of Pakistan, said that Pakistan's armed forces were provided with adequate defence equipment and possessed the desired professional skills and the will to protect the country from all challenges. On the Day, he paid homage to the country's Ghazis and Shuhada, who rendered immense sacrifices and bravely defended the country against external aggression. "This day is a reminder of our nation's unwavering commitment and determination to defend its sovereignty. I pay homage to the brave sons of the soil who shattered the enemy's dreams to harm Pakistan," he remarked. The president said that Pakistan sought peace and stability in the region and was committed to peaceful coexistence with all neighbours. "However, enduring peace is only possible when the plight of the Kashmiri people is alleviated. They bear illegal subjugation and a continuous reign of terror by the Indian armed forces over the unfinished agenda of the partition of the sub-continent. The revocation of the autonomous status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) has further compounded the problem."



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal speaking as the Chief Guest at the launch of the book "Pakistan's 100 Most Successful CEOs and Diplomats."

## September 6th stands as defining moment in nation's history: CNS

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf on Thursday said September 6th stood as a defining moment in the nation's history, when the indomitable Armed Forces exhibited unparalleled resilience, valour and unwavering determination in the defence of the country. In his message on Defence Day, the Naval Chief said, "This chapter, etched in glory, fills every heart with pride as we honour the profound patriotism, unmatched professionalism and immense sacrifices made in the face of enemy's sinister designs. This day sends a powerful message: defence of our motherland is impregnable and as united people, we are resolute in our ability to safeguard the sovereignty of this land." "Today, we pay tributes to the courageous heroes who were audacious in their planning, undaunted in their action and instilled fear in the hearts of our enemy. Pakistan Navy's Operation "SOMNATH" remains a shining example to this unflinching resolve, as PN Task Group destroyed Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwarka, establishing uncontested dominance at sea from the very outset of the conflict. In the annals of history, this action as well as mere presence of PNS/M GHAZI in the Indian Ocean confined the Indian Fleet within harbours, too petrified to venture out into the open seas," the Naval Chief said. He added that "As we commemorate this venerated occasion to honour the feats and sacrifices of our brave sentinels of sea, our Navy stands vigilant and unflinching in its commitment to defend maritime borders and secure our vital sea routes - the lifeblood of our economy."



ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf

## Four resolutions to be tabled in session of BA today

QUETTA: The session of Balochistan Assembly is due to be resumed at the assembly's Hall in Quetta today (Friday). As per the revised agenda issued by the Provincial Assembly's secretariat the other day, the session would be held at 03:00 PM. At least four resolutions would be tabled in the today's session of assembly, as mentioned in the agenda. These resolutions are about up-gradation of Union Council Shingar of Washuk district as sub-Tehsil, increase in annual grant of Balochistan Institute of Nephro-Urology Quetta, posting of a female photographer in Passport office, Pishin and registration of private tractor water tankers in Quetta city.

## Whole process of issuance of computerized arms licenses to be made easier: Hamza

QUETTA: The Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafiqat has stated that issuance of the computerized arms license is an important initiative and in this regard, whole process of computerized licenses would be made easier so that the people may get arms easily and get their manual licenses computerized. The Commissioner directed to take every possible steps for issuance of the computerized arms licenses to the people easily. He said that issuance of computerized arms licenses is a trusted and safe system and adding announced that arms licenses would be issued in different categories for five years. He made it clear that the Balochistan domicile holders would get the arm license only. The Commissioner was presiding over the meeting about issuance of computerized arms licenses here on Thursday. The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Muhammad Anwar Kakar, Assistant Commissioner Quetta, Waqar Kakar, Assistant Commissioner Political, Syed Kaleemullah as well as the officials of Home Department.



QUETTA: Inspector General of Police Balochistan Moazzam Jah Ansari meeting with Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (retd) Abdul Khaliq Sheikh

## Disaster preparedness knowledge enhanced in Balochistan: Ghorezai

ISLAMABAD (APP): Director General of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Balochistan, Jahanzaib Khan Ghorezai, announced on Thursday that disaster preparedness and response knowledge among provincial authorities has improved due to frequent natural calamities. However, he emphasized the need for additional resources to ensure the resilience of communities across Balochistan. Speaking at the inception workshop of the "Integrated Disaster Preparedness (DP) for Resilience Building" project by the World Food Programme (WFP), funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and co-partnered by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Ghorezai highlighted the ongoing progress in the PDMA. He noted that the agency has reduced bureaucratic hurdles and improved coordination with stakeholders and donor organizations involved in humanitarian efforts. Support from the NDMA (NDMA) and international agencies.