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## 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 person-

nel. 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 Fina 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.



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.

He was comprehensively briefed on the recently concluded war-game and operational readiness of Pakistan Army, across the full spectrum of threat.

Prime Minister Shehbaz commended the innovative employment concepts and structural reforms aimed at enhancing the deterrence regime which would ensure the imposition of retributive cost on any adversary in

the event of aggression. 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.



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

## 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.

The president reassured the nation of unwavering commitment to eradicating terrorism from the country, emphasising that efforts would continue till the menace was completely eliminated.



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."

## 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.

He also extended his gratitude to Ejaz Nisar and his team for uniting leaders from various sectors on a common platform. The Minister underscored that this collective effort is a vital step toward economic stability and securing a brighter future for the nation.

## Google to produce 0.5 mln Chromebooks in Pakistan by 2026, presents first to PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): The global tech giant Google on Thursday launched an initiative to produce half a million Chromebooks in Pakistan, marking the occasion by presenting the first device to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at a ceremony held here.

Regional Director of Google for Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Farhan S. Qureshi presented the Chromebook to the prime minister.

The prime minister, addressing the ceremony, appreciated the contribution of Google on global level and in Pakistan as well.

He believed that the young generation of the country was much capable in the field of Information Technology that could play key role in economic development of Pakistan.

He said the federal and the provincial governments should utilize all possible resources to ensure their education and empowerment.

The prime minister informed that the government had set a target of IT export worth USD25 bil-

lion in next five years that was quite achievable.

He asked the IT experts and entrepreneurs to present a plan to help government achieving the target besides promoting Small and Medium Enterprises and freelancers.

PM Shehbaz Sharif also resolved to make the country's governance system totally paperless and digitized to get rid of massive corruption in the best interest of people of Pakistan.

He said the government had hired a new Secretary for Ministry of IT and Telecommunication through a transparent way.

Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja said Google was playing important role in digitization of Pakistan under the vision of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Farhan Qureshi said focusing on technology would help increase economic activities in the country. He highlighted that there were huge opportunities for freelancers in Pakistan to move forward in various fields of technology.

## No case of new Mpx variant reported in Pakistan: Tarar

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar on Thursday said that no case of the new variant of Mpx had been reported so far while screening was underway at all airports to monitor the spread of the disease.

Responding to a calling attention notice by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, he said that Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif had directed the concerned departments to make strategies to control the spread of a new variant of mpx

after the declaration of public health emergency by the World Health Organization on August 14.

He said the surveillance system had been activated at all airports to monitor international flights especially coming from central Africa while the National Command and Operation Center was monitoring the situation regularly.

The Minister informed that only five cases of the old variant of Mpx were reported yet while no case of the new variant was reported in the country.

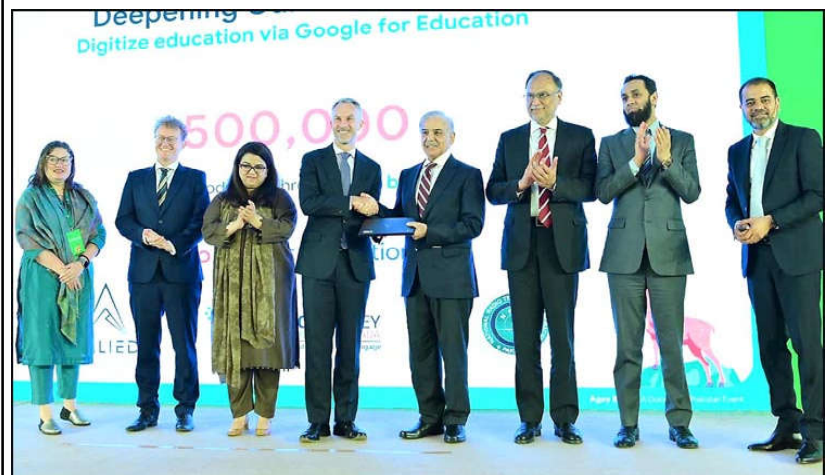
## Chinese envoy visits APNS office

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 at APNS Office.



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.



ISLAMABAD: President Asia Pacific of Google presents locally manufactured Chrome Book to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

## 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 Turkiye had also faced terrorism in the past but had overcome it and now the situation is much better.

He offered Turkiye'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 Turkiye's cooperation in counter-terrorism.

Mohsin Naqvi said that he will visit Turkiye 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 Turkiye.

## Israeli attacks on refugee camps breach of int'l laws: FO

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan on Thursday strongly condemned the assault by the Israeli occupation forces on refugee camps in Jenin and Tulkarim cities of the occupied West Bank, calling it a breach and contempt for international laws.

"Targeting individuals sheltered in refugee camps is yet another breach of international humanitarian law by the Israeli occupation forces, demonstrating their contempt for international law and basic tenets of decency and acceptable international behavior. Pakistan calls for an immediate cessation of these raids masquerading as military operations in the West Bank. We believe that the path to lasting peace cannot be achieved through aggression," Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at her weekly press briefing.

The spokesperson also urged the UN Security Council to play its role to prevent Israeli occupation forces from further attacks against civilians, hold Israeli accountable for war crimes, and take measures to protect the Palestinian people.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting with Ambassador of Turkiye Dr. Mehmet Pacaci.

## NA told Every pilgrim likely to get back Rs 100,000

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Religious Affairs Chaudhry Salik Hussain on Thursday informed the National Assembly that every pilgrim is likely to get back Rs 100,000 as recounting is going on in the ministry.

Replying to various supplementary questions during the Question Hour, the minister said Hajj's expenditure for the current year was already Rs 100,000 less than last year. A relief of around Rs 35,000 was also given to every pilgrim in airfare during the

current hajj, he added. The minister clarified that instead of 1400 Moavineen-e-Hujjaj, only 600 Moavineen were selected through NTS test for the Hajj 2024.

He said the flow of Sikh pilgrims to Kartarpur Corridor has reduced due to the restrictions imposed by India.

He said there was no impediment from Pakistan's side. Infrastructure for receiving daily 5,000 Sikh pilgrims has already been placed at Kartarpur Corridor, he added.



## 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



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

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.



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 not 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 BALUCH 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 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

e-Nau, Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad in 2017 and now the Azm-e-Nau, aim at eliminating the residual threat of terrorism and consolidating gains made in earlier operations. Radd-ul-Fasaad focused on intelligence-based operations, counter-terrorism measures and decentralization programs - reflecting a comprehensive approach to national security while operation Azm-e-Nau is part of a broader strategy to strengthen Pakistan's conventional deterrence.

As the country faces a resurgence of terrorism and navigates a volatile security landscape, the nation is celebrating another Defence Day with a resolve to safeguard the motherland and pay tribute to our valiant soldiers who laid down lives for national defence.



## Defence Day, our pride

6<sup>th</sup> 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. However little did

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

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

By Sultan Shoaib

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 Pakistani 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 Sialkot 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 Pakistani 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.



# 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.

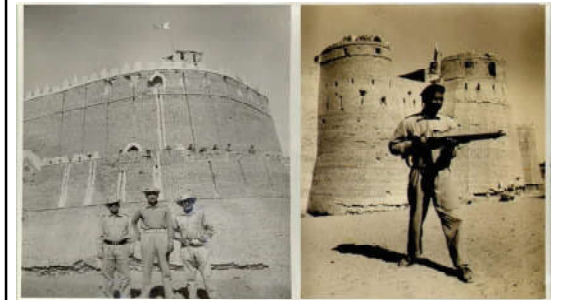
otic songs to defend the motherland. Some of the evergreen heart-warming national songs include "Aye Watan Key Sajeelay Jawano, Ae Mard e Mujahid Jaag Zara. A Putter Hatan Tey Nai Wekday, Ae Rahe Haq Key Shaheedo", "Mere Dhool Sipahheeya", Rang Laye Ga Shaheedon Ka

*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-

## 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

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

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-

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



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

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

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



# Ahsan for adopting best pay scales to promote higher education

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday stressed the need for adopting a best salary mechanism to promote the higher education in the country.

"It will help attract world-class experts and PhDs in higher education institutions. Currently, it is necessary for the country's future to include Pakistani experts who have completed their PhDs from the world's leading educational institutions in our universities, he said.

The minister expressed these views while chairing a meeting to discuss the performance and recommendations of the task force, established to review the pay scale system in higher education institutions.

The meeting was attended among others by top officials from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), representatives from the finance departments of federal and provincial institutions and other stakeholders.

He was of the view that providing salaries to highly qualified, expert and skilled teachers according to their abilities was indispensable for the national development.

"To raise the educational standard of the country, we have to invest in the education sector so that the best experts and teachers can offer their services in the higher educational institutions of Pakistan," he observed.

Addressing the meeting, Ahsan Iqbal said the task force was established during the 16-month tenure of the PDM government to restore the current pay scale in higher educational institutions and align it with global market demands.

He emphasized that even in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing, it was challenging to attract top-notch professors under the current pay scale of Grade 21.

He pointed out that many PhD holders, who have studied abroad under the country's educational bond, often preferred private sector jobs or seek better opportunities in the Middle East.

The minister stressed that increasing the number of PhDs should not merely focus on producing degree holders but on preparing talented individuals who could contribute to Pakistan's development.

The minister underscored that low salaries justify the migration of talented youth abroad, resulting in the country losing access to highly skilled professionals.

He emphasized the importance of providing excellent opportunities within Pakistan to retain these educated and skilled individuals.

Ahsan Iqbal directed all provinces to work with HEC and concerned finance departments to prepare recommendations for restoring the pay scale system. Once the recommendations are finalized, he said a formal plan would be adopted at the federal and provincial levels.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal chairing a meeting to review the performance and recommendations of the task force formed to assess the pay scale system in higher educational institutions.

## Muqam meets INGOs' representatives to boost support for Afghan refugees

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions, Engr. Amir Muqam, met with representatives of International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) on Thursday to enhance support for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Chairing the meeting, Minister Muqam emphasized the government's recognition of INGOs' vital role in supporting its socio-economic policies and programs.

He stressed the need for stronger working coordination between the Ministry and INGOs to maximize assistance to Afghan refugees.

"Our priority must be to provide assistance to more people," Minister Muqam said, assuring the Ministry's full support and assistance to INGOs.

He urged INGOs to focus on project implementation, identify current challenges, and utilize funds effectively to reach the most vulnerable populations.

INGO representatives briefed the Minister on their projects, including livelihood improvement, vocational skills training, income generation support, and essential services like education, health, and psychosocial support for refugees.

They highlighted their contributions to national development and humanitarian response in Pakistan.

## Speaker NA warns all principal accounting officers to take house serious

ISLAMABAD (APP): Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday warned the principal accounting officers of all ministries to take parliament seriously otherwise a resolution would be passed against those secretaries who were not taking this august House seriously.

While expressing displeasure for not provision of timely written reply to a question raised by Sharmila Sahiba Faruqi Hashaam, the Speaker said that despite a lapse of around one month, the ministry failed to provide answer to the question.

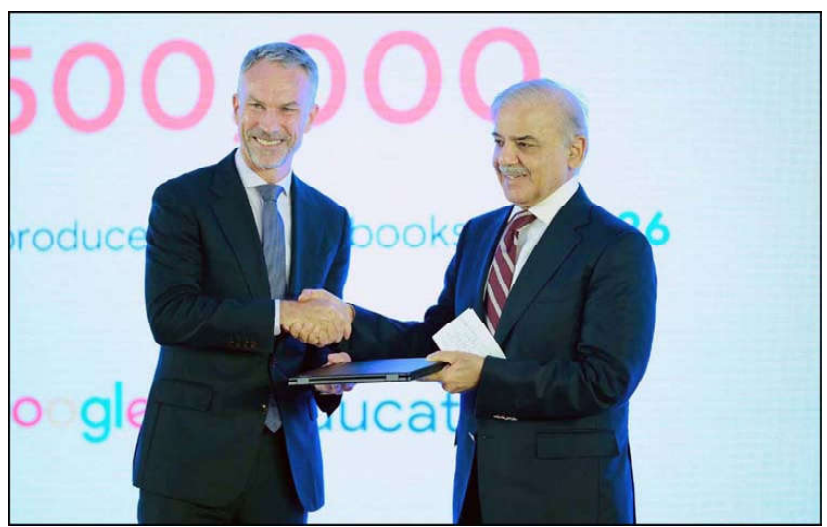
He summoned the Secretary of Water Resources to inquire about the delay in the written response to the question.

## IHC to hear PTI founder's contempt case on Sept 13

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) would hear contempt of court plea against Adiala Jail administration on September 13, regarding the meeting of PTI founder with his lawyers.

Justice Sardar Ishaq Khan, hearing the case, remarked that the court would hear the case along with the miscellaneous review petition of jail administration against the order dated July 18.

The court also served notices to PTI founder and others on miscellaneous application of jail administration. The state counsel, during the hearing, produced the record regarding SOPs for meeting of PTI founder in jail.



ISLAMABAD: President Asia Pacific of Google presents locally manufactured Chrome Book to Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

## National Health Card scheme to be resumed soon: NA told

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan on Thursday informed the National Assembly that National Health Card Scheme would soon be resumed adding that currently the issue was being examined with State Life Insurance Company (SLIC). Replying to various supplementary questions during Question Hour, the minister said that the incumbent government did not stop any people welfare initiative of past governments.

He said during year 2018 to 2022, increase in prices of medicines was made annually linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI) and under hardship category in accordance with provisions of the Drug Pricing Policy-2018 approved by the Federal Government in May, 2018. He said that the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) followed a structured and transparent procurement process for all drugs, medicines, and surgical disposable items, strictly adhering to the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) rules. The procurement was component-specific, allocated according to the budgets of various hospital sections, including Islamabad Hospital (IH), Children's Hospital (CH), Mother & Child Hospital (MCH), Cardiac Care Center (CCC), and Burn Care Center (BCC), he said. He said all routine and life-saving medicines were supplied according to the hospital's formulary to all components. If any life-saving drugs or medicines were prescribed outside of the hospital formulary.

## Irfan Siddiqui defends 'Peaceful Assembly, Public Order Act 2024'

ISLAMABAD (APP): Parliamentary leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N) in Senate Irfan Siddiqui, on Thursday came out in support of the newly passed 'Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act 2024'.

Speaking to reporters outside the Parliament House, Siddiqui clarified that the law is not intended to restrict political activities, but rather to facilitate peaceful assemblies while maintaining public order.

Siddiqui emphasized that the Constitution does not guarantee unrestricted freedom of assembly, citing Article 16 as evidence.

He argued that the law strikes a balance between allowing peaceful political activities and protecting the rights of citizens, particularly in the capital city of Islamabad. The law, which applies to all types of gatherings, aims to prevent situations where a group can "take the city hostage," Siddiqui explained. He noted that all four provinces already have similar laws in place, and Islamabad was in need of such legislation.

Siddiqui also highlighted the broad support for the law, which was passed with the backing of multiple political parties, including the Pakistan Peoples Party, MQM, Awami National Party, Balochistan Awami Party, and several independent members.

## Court adjourns 190mln pound reference till Sept 7

ISLAMABAD (APP): An Accountability Court (AC) on Thursday adjourned the hearing till September 7, of 190 million pound reference against PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi.

The court also reserved its verdict on acquittal plea of Bushra Bibi till the final decision in the trial. Accountability Court Nasir Javed Rana heard the case at Adiala Jail where PTI founder and his wife Bushra Bibi were produced before it.

During the hearing, the defence lawyers conducted cross-examination against the last prosecution witness investigation officer Mian Umar Nadeem. The cross examination would continue in next hearing.

## Pakistan Embassy hosts reception to commemorate Defence and Martyrs Day in Paris

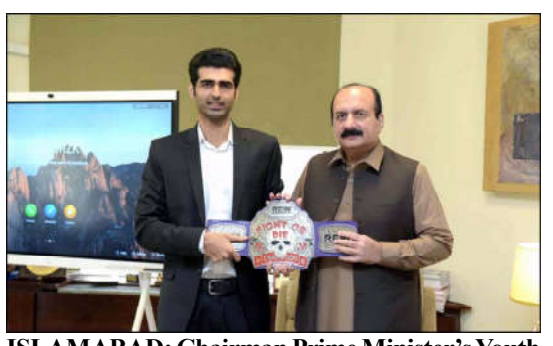
ISLAMABAD (PR): Pakistan Embassy, Paris hosted a reception to commemorate the Defence and Martyrs Day of Pakistan. The event was attended by members of Parliament, Ambassadors, Defence Attaches, dignitaries from French Armed Forces, Foreign Affairs, Defence industry and think tank representatives.

In his welcome remarks Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad thanked the guests for joining noting that their presence marked the bonds of friendship and cooperation with Pakistan.

He said that 6th September was a reminder of the exemplary courage, indomitable will, spirit of unmatched sacrifice and bravery of the armed forces and the people of Pakistan. All nations honour their heroes, and broadly speaking, such commemorations are homage to all those men and women who fight for the right cause and defend their homelands.

The Ambassador paid tributes to Defence Forces and martyrs of Pakistan. He mentioned that Pakistan does not harbour any aggressive designs against any country, but we are today supremely placed to effectively defend against any foreign aggression at any level and scale. He mentioned Pakistan's contributions for regional and global peace and stability especially under UN peacekeeping missions. The Ambassador highlighted that Pakistan has also been a key partner in the international community's collective efforts in counter terrorism.

He stressed upon the importance of addressing the root causes of conflict and instability. He advocated the benefits of dialogue, diplomacy, and respect for international law. Further, he mentioned that peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter was a cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. A just and peaceful solution of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the wishes of the Kashmiri people was imperative for durable peace and stability in South Asia, and for unlocking the full development potential of our region.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan in a meeting with the wrestler Athar Zahid.

## HEC conducts w'shop on Intelligent Project Automation System

ISLAMABAD (APP): A training workshop on Intelligent Project Automation System (iPAS) was organized by Higher Education Commission's National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) in collaboration with the Planning & Development Division.

The workshop aimed to enhance the capacity of HEC employees in effectively utilizing iPAS for improved project management and automation in the public sector, said a press release on Thursday.

iPAS is a web-based tool introduced by the Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives that automates Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP), enables tracking of financial and physical progress of projects, automates releases, allows online submission of PC-I and supports funds management, like re-appropriations and supplementary grants, to facilitate all the stakeholders of development portfolio. The system delivers financial efficiency, automation of manual processes, and minimization of information gaps among all the stakeholders throughout the project life-cycle to make project work smoother and enhance management efficiency.

The iPAS not only streamlines the processes but also fosters collaboration, data-driven decisions, and strategic planning.

In her opening remarks, Ms Noor Anna Malik, Managing Director NAHE highlighted the significance of embracing advanced technologies to maintain a competitive edge. She encouraged participants to engage actively and consider how these tools can be integrated into their own projects. Mr Shadab Anjum, Joint Director iPAS, Mr Zafar Iqbal, Deputy Director iPAS and Ms Bushra Illahi, Assistant Director iPAS led the sessions as experts, providing in-depth training on its functionalities of iPAS.



ISLAMABAD: A view of a banner installed at a highway of Federal Capital, in connection with Defence Day to pay homage to the martyrs of the Pakistan's armed forces who have sacrificed their lives for the defence of the motherland.

## IGP directs for effective measures to curb crimes and better security

**Independent Report**

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, has directed all police officers to take further effective steps to control crime and better security in the city and adopt a professional as well as responsible attitude to mitigate the sufferings of the people, a public relations officer said.

He said that, The IGP Islamabad said that fool-proof security arrangements should be made to ensure the safety of citizens in public places, strict surveillance and patrolling should be done to ensure effective policing and special crackdown against suspicious elements.

The IGP directed the police officials to improve the 'information and coordination system' among police divisions as well as police stations so as to effectively combat criminal elements. He directed all the officers to make checking effective at the entry and exit points of the city to maintain law and order in the federal capital Islamabad, surveillance and monitoring should be ensured with modern cameras of safe city to make the security of the city more effective. He further said that the officials should ensure the use of bulletproof jackets and helmets at the duty points, the personnel deputed at pickets should be equipped with weapons.

## Rana appeals for unity to address citizen grievances

ISLAMABAD (APP): Advisor to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs, Rana Sanaullah on Thursday urged for a united effort calling on the government, opposition, and civil society to join forces and address the pressing challenges facing Balochistan and the everyday concerns of ordinary citizens.

Talking to a Private news channel, he stressed that a collective approach would enable the stakeholders to develop effective solutions and implement projects that would bring tangible benefits to the common people. Rana Sanaullah emphasized that all provinces in Pakistan are equal and deserving of attention but emphasized that Balochistan holds a special place in the government's priorities.

He acknowledged the historical neglect and deprivation faced by the people of Balochistan and assured that the current government is committed to addressing these injustices.

He pledged that the government would work tirelessly to ensure that the province receives its due share of resources and investments, leading to improved infrastructure, economic opportunities, and living standards.

Rana Sanaullah urged the opposition to actively participate in parliamentary proceedings and fulfill their responsibility of representing the true sentiments of the common people and the province of Balochistan.

He emphasized that the opposition's role is crucial in holding the government accountable and ensuring that the voices of marginalized communities are heard.



ISLAMABAD: A view of banner hanging on the pole in capital city on the eve of September 6 Defence Day. On this day in 1965, the Indian forces made an abortive attempt to cross the international border and attack Pakistan under the cover of darkness.

## ADB completes pre-feasibility study for modern bus terminal in Federal Capital

ISLAMABAD (APP): Asian Development Bank (ADB) has completed a pre-feasibility study for constructing a modern bus terminal in the Federal Capital in order to improve the public transport system.

It was informed in a meeting on Thursday, between a delegation from the ADB and CDA Chairman Muhammad Ali Randhawa, to discuss the prospects for establishing a modern bus terminal. The proposed bus terminal will be constructed on 32 acres in Sector I-11, featuring a commercial area, overnight car parking for big buses and minibuses, and connections to key locations in Islamabad.

Chairman Randhawa emphasized the importance of linking the terminal to important places in the city.

The project seeks to eliminate encroachments, improve traffic flow, and provide modern travel facilities to passengers.

The CDA Chairman directed the adoption of the best financial model to ensure the project's feasibility. Once completed, the bus terminal will significantly enhance the public transport infrastructure in the Federal Capital, making travel more efficient and convenient for citizens.

## OEC offering paid internship to fresh graduates

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), under the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD), facilitates manpower export and emigration under G-to-G arrangements. In alignment with the National Internship Program (NIP), OEC offers paid internships to fresh graduates and postgraduates, providing practical skills and professional experience in a dynamic environment.

An official source told APP, he said that currently, internships are available in the following disciplines including Discipline & Positions, Management Sciences (01 Position), Information Technology / Computer Science (01 Position), Planning & Development (01 Position), Finance, Accounting, and Economics (01 Position).

He said that the internship will initially be for six months, with the possibility of an extension for an additional six months based on performance and the fulfilment of program objectives. Internships will not exceed a total of 12 months (1 year), eligibility criteria & monthly remuneration. Applicants must hold a degree from an HEC-recognized university, specific qualifications required for each department are, Graduate (14 Years of education) - Rs. 20,000, Post Graduate (16 Years of education) - Rs. 25,000, specialization after post-graduation (18 years of education) - Rs. 30,000.

## ICT Police conduct search operation in limits of PS Sabazi Mandi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police conducted a search operation within the jurisdiction of the Sabazi Mandi police station and held sixteen individuals.

A police public relations officer said on Thursday that, following the special directives of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police Inspector General (IG) police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi the search and combing operations are being conducted across the district to ensure the safety and security of the Islamabad citizens. Following these directives, a search and combing operation was conducted in different areas of Sabazi Mandi police station jurisdiction.



ISLAMABAD: An illuminated view of a Mosque decorated with colorful lights in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH), in the Federal Capital.