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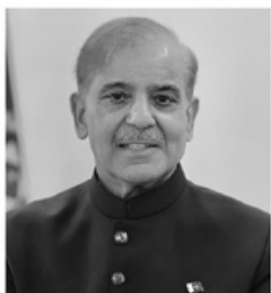
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6th September, the Defence and Martyrs Day of Pakistan, is an inspiring chapter of our history. On this day, we, as a proud nation, pay glowing tributes to our valiant Armed Forces and resilient people who have always defended the frontiers with unshakeable faith and matchless courage. The spirit of sacrifice demonstrated in 1965 has become an eternal beacon, guiding our future generations in times of trial and challenge.

This year's 6th September carries with it an added significance, as we recall the recent Marka-e-Haq. Like in 1965, our brave sons of the soil once again displayed unparalleled valour and devotion to duty during the Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos against India in May 2025. Their professionalism, fighting skills and war readiness on land, in the air, and at sea, assured us that Pakistan's defence is impregnable as it is backed by the undying spirit of its people, and the unwavering resolve of its Armed Forces.

As the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, I take pride in reaffirming our national commitment towards continuous upgradation and modernisation of Pakistan's defence capability. In an era marked by hybrid and 5th Generation Warfare where disinformation, propaganda, and psychological operations are employed as weapons, it is imperative that we strengthen not only our military arsenal but also our information and communication systems. The pillars of our state and the people, especially our youth, must remain vigilant and united to counter these modern-day threats with wisdom, resilience, and unity.

The longstanding dispute of Jammu and Kashmir remains at the core of instability in the region. Without its just resolution, in line with the UN's Security Council resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiri people, peace will remain elusive. Furthermore, the heart-wrenching tragedy of Palestine compels us to demand an end to genocide and oppression against the Palestinian people. The world must stand firm for the establishment of an independent State of Palestine, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, as the only path to lasting peace in the Middle East.

Lastly, on this Defence and Martyrs Day, let us renew our pledge to remain steadfast, resilient, and united so that the sacrifices of Shuhada are honoured, our defence remains unbreachable, and our future generations inherit a strong, prosperous and peaceful Pakistan. The families of the Shuhada are our pride, and the sacrifices of the Ghazis are our sacred trust. The Spirit of September shall continue to reflect in our Armed Forces' fearlessness and in our nation's resilience. No challenge can deter us from the path of self-respect and sovereignty.

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6th September is etched in our national memory as a day of valor, unity, and resolve. Sixty years ago, our valiant Armed Forces, with the full support of the people, foiled the enemy's aggression and proved that Pakistan is a resilient nation, fully capable of safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity. That indomitable spirit of 1965, remains alive today, as once again, in the recent Marka-e-Haq, our Armed Forces and the people stood together like an iron wall (Bunyan-um-Marsoos) against external aggression.

Our Army, Navy, and Air Force, through unmatched professionalism, advanced combat skills, and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Chief of Army Staff's strategic vision, have set new benchmarks of excellence, crushing the enemy's arrogance with their resolute strength.

We pay tribute to our brave Shuhada, who laid down their lives for the sanctity of our homeland, and to our Ghazis, whose courage continues to inspire future generations.

Pakistan remains committed to the policy of peaceful coexistence and constructive engagement with the world. Yet, we cannot be oblivious to the reality of persistent Indian provocations and the changing regional environment. We shall continue to strengthen and modernise our defence capabilities, while also confronting the twin menace of terrorism and foreign proxies operating within our borders.

Our brave Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies, through their perseverance and sacrifice, have made immense progress in eliminating the scourge of Fitna-al-Khawarij and Fitna-al-Hindustan. The nation stands firmly behind them until this mission is accomplished.

On this day, we also reaffirm our solidarity with the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK), who have endured decades of brutal state terrorism. Their struggle for freedom cannot be suppressed by force. We strongly condemn the ongoing atrocities in Palestine and urge the international community to play its role in bringing an end to Israeli aggression, while ensuring the protection of civilians, and uninterrupted supply of essential humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza.

National defence is inseparable from economic stability. Only by rising above personal differences and working for the collective good can we achieve lasting prosperity and self-reliance.

On this Defence and Martyrs Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to enduring principles of Faith, Unity, and Discipline, and strengthen our resolve to build a secure, united, and prosperous Pakistan.

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6th September, 1965 stands as a pivotal day in our history, one that we commemorate with great pride as a symbol of the courage, bravery, and valor of our armed forces. On this day, we honor the heroic soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defence of our motherland, nearly six decades ago. This day serves as a lasting testament to the unwavering courage and resolve of our armed forces, triumphing over an enemy of superior numbers through their exceptional bravery.

This year, we observe Defence & Martyrs Day with a renewed sense of pride and commitment. Recently, our nation has once again demonstrated its strength, resolve, and unity in the face of external aggression. The successes achieved in the "Marka-e-Haq" and "Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos" represent for significant milestones in our history. Much like in 1965, today our armed forces have once again showcased their military expertise, unwavering determination, discipline, and professional competence on the battlefield. Whether in ground operations or air engagements, the Pakistan Armed Forces have reinforced their superiority through exceptional operational proficiency and strategic planning.

This remarkable victory has inspired new hope and confidence among our people. Pakistan has established itself as a key player on the global stage, a nation that seeks peace but is not willing to yield to any pressure or coercion. This triumph highlights the fact that when a nation is united, resolute, and determined in its purpose, it has the full capability to achieve its goals.

Today, as Pakistan faces multi-dimensional security challenges on various fronts, the entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with its armed forces to prevent the enemy's malicious actions. Our forces have proven their strength not only on the battlefield but also through their vital role in relief and rehabilitation efforts in flood-affected areas.

On this day, we renew our
unwavering support for our
brave armed forces.Pakistan Armed Forces
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The Defence & Martyrs Day of Pakistan reminds us of the supreme sacrifices offered by the Armed Forces while performing the sacred duty of defending the homeland. During the 1965 War, Pakistan Armed Forces defeated the enemy's aggression with indomitable courage and great professionalism that shall be remembered in the annals of history with unwavering pride and respect for their valour and sacrifice. The great spirit of national unity and cohesion, exhibited during the war is a perpetual mark of national resolve and resilience. Undoubtedly, this great victory was possible only with Allah Almighty's help, the sacrifices of our Shuhada, the valour and professionalism of our Armed Forces, and the prayers of the nation. Reviving the unyielding spirit of the 1965 War, the Pakistan Armed Forces, in unison with the entire nation, have once again demonstrated their prowess by securing a remarkable victory in Marka-e-Haq against Indian aggression. The conduct of Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos is a manifestation of our courage, professionalism and commitment to the great cause of defending the sovereignty of our beloved Pakistan.

Like the 1965 cowardly attack on a sovereign neighbour, the enemy brazenly targeted our civilian population and infrastructure including mosques, and martyred "innocent civilians, including women and children on night 6-7 May. Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos was a fair retribution to that aggression - a reminder to all that we are resolute in our response and will stand like an "iron-clad wall" against any act of aggression against Pakistan.

During the Marka-e-Haq, Pakistan Army's fearless warriors displayed a coordinated joint response using a wide array of modern defence technology with confidence grounded in their rigorous training and professionalism. Our battle-hardened troops and officers proved with their gallant actions that no matter how big the enemy might consider itself, it cannot match our power of conviction and commitment to the cause.

On this Defence and Martyrs Day, I pay homage to our Shuhada who laid down their lives for defence of the motherland. Today, we commemorate the sacrifices of our martyrs which inspire us and act as beacons for us on the battlefield. I also felicitate the nation whose support and prayers kept our spirits high. The affection and solidarity expressed by a wide array of modern defence technology with confidence grounded in their rigorous training and professionalism. Our battle-hardened troops and officers proved with their gallant actions that no matter how big the enemy might consider itself, it cannot match our power of conviction and commitment to the cause.

On this occasion, I wish to reaffirm our desire for peace, progress and prosperity in the region. Nevertheless, we will never compromise our independence, sovereignty, and national interests. Our desire for peace must not be misconstrued as a weakness. Let me make it absolutely clear that any attempt to undermine Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity will be met with a swift and forceful response. In addition to guarding the Eastern and Western borders, we are also keeping a vigilant eye on the activities of Fitna-al-Khawarij and Fitna-al-Hindustan, and we are fully determined to foil their evil designs.

I also want to make it clear that Kashmir is the unfinished agenda of the subcontinent's partition. We desire peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the UN resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmiri people. Freedom is the fundamental right of the Kashmiri people and we shall stand by them till they attain this right. In the same vein, we strongly condemn the ongoing Israeli aggression in Gaza and oppression of the Palestinian people, and urge the international community to resolve this issue as early as possible. Pakistan firmly believes in the indispensability of Two State Solution for lasting resolution of this issue.

There is no doubt that Pakistan Army, owing to its level of discipline and professional standard, holds a distinguished place in the world. The motto of "Iman, Taqwa and Jihad fi Sabeel Allah" is our pride and the most effective weapon to face any kind of challenge. I assure the Nation that every soldier and officer of Pakistan Army is equipped with modern-day training, discipline, and professional skill and is fully prepared for the defence of the country.

The tireless relief and rescue efforts by our men during the recent floods, in coordination with other institutions, not only validate our preparedness but also stand testimony to the spirit of national unity. While paying homage to the Shuhada and Ghazis, let us renew our pledge that whenever the country is faced with testing times, Pakistan Armed Forces and the nation will stand as a Bunyan-um-Marsoos' (steel-clad wall) in the defence of motherland.

"Indeed, Allah loves those who fight in His cause in rows as though they are a solid structure." (Surah As-Saff: Ayah 4).

May Allah help and protect us.
Ameen!

Today, as we mark the 6th of September, we stand in solemn remembrance and deep gratitude for the heroic sons and daughters of Pakistan who gave their lives so that this nation may live in freedom, dignity, and honour. Defence & Martyrs Day is not merely a date on the calendar, it is a symbol of national unity, unwavering resolve and the eternal spirit of sacrifice that defines the identity of our people.

The event of September 1965 remain etched in the collective memory of our nation. At that critical juncture in history, when aggression threatened our sovereignty and territorial integrity, our Armed Forces responded with remarkable courage, unmatched professionalism and unshakable determination. From the frontlines to every corner of the country, the people of Pakistan stood united, proving that the defence of this homeland is a sacred trust shared by all. On this day, we honour our martyrs, whose ultimate sacrifice lit the path to freedom and security. We salute our Ghazis, whose resilience in battle stands as a source of national pride. And we pay heartfelt tribute to the families of our fallen heroes, whose strength and grace in the face of loss remains an enduring inspiration for all Pakistanis.

The responsibility of defending Pakistan extends far beyond the battlefield. Our Armed Forces have served the nation not only in times of war but also in moments of peace, crisis and natural calamity. Whether confronting terrorism, responding to floods and earthquakes or participating in international peacekeeping efforts, our soldiers have stood firm with discipline, dedication and compassion.

As we navigate an increasingly complex global and regional security environment, Pakistan remains steadfast in its pursuit of peace. We seek harmony and coexistence, guided by the principles of justice and international law. However, our desire for peace should never be mistaken for vulnerability. We are fully prepared to safeguard our sovereignty and territorial integrity against any threat and our Armed Forces possess both the capability and the will to do so. The nation recalls with pride how recent provocations during Operation Bunyan-um-Marsoos and Marka-e-Haq were met with measured, precise and resolute responses, reaffirming Pakistan's resolve and operational readiness.

Operations like Bunyan-um-Marsoos and Marka-e-Haq serve as a testimony to our strategic foresight and national resilience. We also reaffirm our enduring support for the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, who continue to endure oppression while striving for their fundamental right of self-determination. Pakistan will persist in its political, diplomatic and moral efforts to advocate for a just and peaceful resolution of this longstanding dispute, in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions and the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

In these times of evolving threats and information warfare, the role of an informed and united citizenry becomes even more critical. Our youth, media, educators and our civil society, all must rise to the occasion. The defence of Pakistan is a shared duty that demands vigilance, resilience and an unwavering commitment to truth and justice.

On this sacred day, we must reflect upon the sacrifices that have made our freedom possible. Let us also renew our pledge to build a strong, peaceful and prosperous Pakistan. Let us honour our martyrs not only with words, but with actions that strengthen the nation they gave their lives to protect.

May Allah Almighty protect our beloved homeland, bless our Armed Forces with courage, backed by a strong nation in the pursuit of peace, progress and national pride.

Armed Forces of Pakistan
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In the chronicles of our national history, certain days stand as luminous milestones, evoking glorious moments of the past. Such days rekindle the fervour of patriotism and reaffirm our solemn resolve to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our beloved homeland at any cost. Among these, 6th September holds an exalted place, commemorating an era of unparalleled valour and sacrifices by the gallant Armed Forces of Pakistan in defence of the motherland.

It is a day that embodies strong resilience, unyielding determination and exceptional courage displayed by the men-in-arms, shoulder to shoulder with their countrymen, in discharge of the sacred duty of national defence. As the decades go by, this historic day continues to inspire national pride, reminding all that Pakistan's defence remains impervious to any transgression, and if challenged, will be met with a decisive response. Above all, it is an occasion to honour our heroes who have sacrificed their lives to render the nation's defence impregnable. The indomitable spirit to defend the homeland was reaffirmed during 'Marka-e-Haq' when the adversary attempted a reckless misadventure on a fabricated pretext. The world witnessed resolute response of our valiant Armed Forces, which stood as an impenetrable wall of steel in defence of its sacred soil. Through an exemplary display of deterrence and maritime vigilance, Pakistan Navy ensured the inviolability of national waters and kept the Indian fleet at bay, thus frustrating its naval ambitions.

This day, reminiscent of the bravery, unity and patriotic fervour of the nation reinforces in us the spirit to serve with utmost integrity, conviction and commitment. The Officers, CPOs, Sailors and Civilians of Pakistan Navy salute our Shuhada and Ghazis and renew their pledge to defend country's maritime frontiers to ensure robust national security and economic sustainability.

As we mark this occasion, let us sincerely offer our gratification to Allah SWT for endowing us with an independent and abundantly resourceful homeland. We must remain mindful that true strength of a nation resides, not solely in the might of its arms or its rich resources, but more so in the allegiance, resilience and cohesion of its people.

There are adversities along the way, but they make us stronger and more resilient, be it Marka-e-Haq or natural calamities like recent floods, as the nation has always gelled together, its Armed Forces and people side by side, measuring upto every challenge. Each citizen is therefore, entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the ideals of selfless service, ultimate sacrifice and absolute loyalty to ensure that the spirit of 6th September lives on and leads us to our collective destiny.

May Allah be our Guide and Protector, Aameen!

Pakistan Navy Zindabad
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Defence & Martyrs Day of Pakistan symbolises the exemplary courage, sacrifice and unity of the Armed Forces and the people of Pakistan. The day holds a special significance in our history, as it revives the memory of our nation's resolve in the face of aggression, thus showing the world that Pakistan knows how to safeguard its territorial integrity. In a similar vein, the aggressor yet again challenged the very existence of a peaceful country in May 2025, but was routed with the same ancestral spirit, which is our hallmark. Alhamdulillah, this resounding success was the outcome of remarkable synergy displayed by our Armed Forces, coupled with people's full support and Allah's special blessings. While commemorating this momentous day, we remember the extraordinary achievements of our heroes and pay them glowing tributes for their ultimate sacrifices.

My Dear Countrymen! Pakistan is a peace-loving nation and believes in maintaining peaceful and cordial relations with its neighbours as well as the international community at large. Despite our strong desire for peaceful co-existence, we cannot remain oblivious to the sacred obligation of Pakistan's defence. We have been challenged many a time through aggression from across the border but overpowered the threats to our very survival on the strength of national cohesion.

Today, I once again assure the entire nation that, as always, by grace of Allah Almighty the aerial defence of Pakistan is inviolable. Well-cognizant of the fast-changing security dynamics, Pakistan Air Force stands committed to its mission with singularity of purpose. The latest link in chain of victories secured by PAF in Marka-e-Haq Bunyan-um-Marsoos has once more proved our will and capability to guard the aerial frontiers of our motherland.

On this historic occasion of our national pride and unity, I take this opportunity to share in the grief of those affected by devastating floods and stand in solidarity with them. Let me assure that Pakistan Air Force, in coordination with Sister Services, is ever ready to employ all available resources to extend full support in their hour of need.

On this special day, we also acknowledge the sacrifices of our Kashmiri brethren and pay homage to Kashmiri Shuhada who laid down lives in their just struggle for self-determination.

May Allah Almighty give us strength and guide our efforts to defend the country in keeping with aspirations of the people of Pakistan! (Aameen).

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Pakistan Paindabad!