

Message from Mr. Mamnoon Hussain
President Islamic Republic of Pakistan

(On the occasion of Defence Day -6th September, 2017)

September 6 is a memorable day in our national calendar when the people of Pakistan demonstrated unprecedented national unity and stood by the valiant armed forces to thwart a serious aggression by the enemy. The commemoration of this historic Day revives our spirits and strengthens the resolve to defend the country against all sorts of threats.

We pay homage to all those sons and daughters of the soil who laid down their lives and endured the vagaries of war in defending the motherland. It is because of their supreme sacrifices and unshakeable determination that we live in safety and dignity. The need to imbibe the spirit of September 6 is even greater as the country is confronted with the challenges of extremism and terrorism. The militants and extremists through their subversive activities have challenged the state in a bid to impose their obscurantist agenda on the people of Pakistan.

The Government of Pakistan in unanimity with all the stakeholders and with complete backing from the entire political spectrum and the people has launched National Action Plan under which the armed forces, personnel of police and law enforcement agencies are successfully rooting out the menace of terrorism and extremism from the country. Operation Raddul Fasaad, an extension of operation Zarb-e-Azb, is progressing successfully in different parts of the country and will continue till the last terrorist is eliminated. No nation in the world has paid such a heavy price in terms of property and precious lives as the people of Pakistan in the fight against terrorism.

I once again salute the heroes who rendered sacrifices to protect the dear homeland and the armed forces for making its defense impregnable. Let us revive the spirit of unity of September 6 in meeting the new challenges. Let us pledge, in accordance with the vision of our beloved Quaid-e-Azam, that we will make Pakistan one of the greatest nations of the world.

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