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Peace as Pakistan's economic lifeline



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Pakistan, a country with immense potential and abundant resources, has faced numerous challenges over the years. Among these challenges, perhaps none has been as impactful as the issue of internal and external conflicts leading to instability and unrest. In recent times, there has been a growing realization of the critical link between peace and economic prosperity. The pivotal role of peace as Pakistan's economic lifeline. Exploring how peace can pave the way for economic growth, stability, and development, we can better understand the significance of peace in shaping Pakistan's future.

Peace within a nation creates a conducive environment for economic activities to thrive. Conflict, terrorism, and political instability disrupt economic activities, leading to reduced investment, lower productivity, and a decline in overall economic growth. Efforts shows that countries marred by conflict tend to have lower GDP per capita and higher poverty rates compared to peaceful nations.

Pakistan, being a country with a history of internal strife and external threats, has faced economic challenges due to the lack of peace. However, efforts towards peace-building and conflict resolution have shown positive impacts on the economy. For instance, the improved security situation in certain regions of Pakistan has led to increased investments in sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, and services, contributing to economic growth.

Pakistan's economic challenges is the persisting internal strife within the country. Ethnic and sectarian tensions have frequently erupted into violence, leading to instability and hindering economic progress. The lack of peace and security in regions like Balochistan and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa has deterred investment, disrupted infrastructure development, and impeded the functioning of industries. The ongoing conflict in these regions has resulted in human casualties, displacement of populations, and destruction of property, creating a burden on the economy.

One of the primary economic challenges that Pakistan faces due to internal strife is political instability. The frequent changes in governance, lack of continuity in policies, and power struggles among different political factions have created an environment of uncertainty for investors and businesses. This instability has led to a lack of confidence in the Pakistani economy, deterring both domestic and foreign investments. According to a report by the World Bank, political instability can significantly hinder economic growth and development, leading to decreased investment and productivity levels.

Foreign investors are cautious about investing in countries with a history of conflict or political instability due to the higher risks involved. Peaceful conditions, on the other hand, create a sense of trust and confidence among investors, encouraging them to explore business opportunities in the country.

Pakistan has been striving to improve its security situation to attract more FDI, which is crucial for stimulating economic growth, creating jobs, and enhancing technology transfers. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a testament to how peace can open doors for significant investments and infrastructural development in the country. The successful implementation of CPEC projects relies heavily on maintaining peace and stability along the corridor, displaying peace as a vital component for economic progress in Pakistan.

Pakistan's access to international markets and its trade competitiveness heavily depend on the country's ability to maintain peace both domestically and in its relations with neighboring countries. Regional peace initiatives, such as the Kartarpur Corridor between India and Pakistan, not only have symbolic significance but also hold economic benefits by enhancing trade

opportunities and people-to-people contacts. Furthermore, peace along the borders reduces military expenditures, allowing governments to allocate more resources towards socio-economic development and poverty alleviation.

Peaceful relations and stable domestic conditions are prerequisites for Pakistan to access international markets. Countries prefer to engage in trade with partners that demonstrate political stability and security. By maintaining peace, Pakistan can attract foreign investors, forge trade agreements, and increase export opportunities, thereby enhancing its trade competitiveness. Peace and stability create an enabling environment for economic growth. A country at peace is more likely to experience sustainable development, which in turn boosts trade competitiveness. Peaceful conditions attract foreign investments, spur innovation, and promote entrepreneurship, all of which contribute to Pakistan's ability to compete in the global market.

Moreover, political unrest and governance issues have further exacerbated Pakistan's economic distresses. Corruption, inefficiency, and lack of institutional capacity have plagued the country, leading to mismanagement of resources and hindering economic growth. The political instability has also deterred foreign investors and hindered the implementation of much-needed economic reforms. Without a stable political environment, Pakistan has struggled to attract foreign direct investment and foster sustainable economic growth.

Pakistan is not just a political slogan but also a crucial determinant of the country's economic health. The relationship between peace and economic prosperity is symbiotic, where one cannot thrive without the other. By prioritizing peacebuilding efforts, resolving conflicts through dialogue and ensuring security across the nation, Pakistan can pave the way for sustainable economic development, job creation, and poverty reduction. The strategic integration of peace initiatives with economic policies can unlock Pakistan's full potential as an emerging market and secure its position as an economic lifeline in the region.

Indian Prime Minister Narindar Moodi,s baseless propaganda exposed in the world after defeating by the Pakistani Armed forces



Qazi Shoaib Khan

ATTOCK: The Federal Minister for Railways Mr Muhammad Hanif Abbasi strongly contradicting the false and groundless propaganda of Indian Prime Minister Narindar Moodi has said that Indian Prime Minister exposed before the entire world after defeating by the Pakistani Armed forces who is now trying to save his skin under the garb of different negative tactics. The Federal Minister for Railways Mr Muhammad Hanif Abbasi was addressing the thanks giving victorious ceremony hosted by the PML (N) ticket holder Malik Hameed Akbar for MPA ATTOCK and local office bearers of PML(N) in mehria marke. The colour full event was also attended by the chairman district monitoring committee member public accounts committee MPA ATTOCK Nawabzada Sher Ali, former provincial minister Punjab Mr Jahangir Khanzada, Muslim leagu-

ers Mrs Khalida Rana, Ch Sajid Mahmood, Malik Hamza Safdar, Mr Asim kamrial, Sardar Iftikhar Ahmed, Salim Shahzad, President Goldsmith Association ATTOCK Mr Iftikhar Ahmed , large number of workers and elites of the district. Speaking on the occasion the Federal Minister for Railways Mr Muhammad Hanif Abbasi has said that historical victory of Pakistan Armed forces has proved that we are not terrorist and upholding the peaceful environment through constructive dialogues but 240 million people of the country are stand by the Pakistani Armed forces if war is imposed by India. He also appreciated the wisdom of Prime Minister MIAN Shahbaz Shareef and war planning of Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir, Chief of Air Staff and Naval Chief to destroy the Indian air defense system in a few hours teaching a lesson to Indian forces that they are not in a position to face our well trained forces. The

Federal Minister Mr Muhammad Hanif Abbasi also recognized the tremendous support of China, Turkey, Azerbaijan to fight against Indian aggression. In his address Mr Hanif Abbasi said that Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz sharif has very kindly consented to provide more than four billions rupees for the upgradation of Railways lines besides providing free medical treatment at Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology, disbursement of stipends of rupees Millions, laptops to the brilliant students, welfare programs for socio-economic development of the province. Earlier, the distinguished guest also visited the barrack of district jail ATTOCK where he was detained on the manipulated charges leveled by the previous regime. The impressive ceremony was also addressed by Malik Hameed Akbar, Malik Hamza Safdar and others to extend warm welcome to the visiting guest.

Pakistan to expose India's false narrative built during recent conflict: Sherry

STAFF REPORT, PPP's Senator Sherry Rehman said on Monday that India built a false narrative during the recent conflict with Pakistan, and now Islamabad will have stay active on the diplomatic front to expose the Indian propaganda.

On the instructions of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan will high-level diplomatic delegation to important world capitals to expose Indian propaganda in the aftermath of the recent military escalation with India. PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has been entrusted to lead the delegation comprising Senator Sherry

Rehman, Dr Musadik Malik, Engineer Khurram Dastgir, Hina Rabbani Khar, Faisal Subzwari, Tehmina Janjua, and Jalil Abbas Jilani. The delegation will visit London, Washington, Paris, and Brussels to highlight India's disinformation campaign and its attempts to destabilise regional peace. Speaking to Geo News today, Sherry said apart from the military front, diplomacy during conflict is an important front, as India built a false narrative using "fake news". She said Bilawal has emerged as leader to expose India's narrative. She said India is sending seven delegations to different capitals

after Pakistan made the announcement. She mentioned there is a rift there as Congress leader Shashi Tharoor had been replaced by his own party for the delegation to Europe. "Apart from the military victory, Pakistan diplomacy is winning as it remained with the facts and did not allow a strategic drift," she said.

She said unlike Pakistan, questions are now being raised within India. "A BJP-backed journalist R. Jagannathan has written an article that India is fight on 2.5 fronts — against Pakistan and China, and half front against its own people."

Security forces kill three terrorists in two separate engagements in Balochistan

APP- RAWALPINDI: The security forces killed three terrorists belonging to Indian proxy, so-called Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) in two separate engagements in Balochistan on May 17 & 18. According to an ISPR news release, an intelligence based operation was conducted by the Security Forces in general area Gishkur, Awaran District, on reported presence of Indian-sponsored terrorists. During the conduct of operation, the troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location and after an intense fire exchange, Indian-sponsored terrorist Younas was killed, while two Indian sponsored terrorists got injured. In another engagement in Turbat City, Kech District,

security forces successfully neutralized two Indian-sponsored terrorists; terrorist ring leader Sabr Ullah and terrorist Amjad @ Bichoo. Weapons, ammunition and explosives were also recovered from the killed Indian-sponsored terrorists, who remained actively involved in multiple terrorists activities against the Law Enforcement Agencies as well as target killing of innocent civilians.

Sanitization operations are being conducted to eliminate any terrorist present in the area, as security forces of Pakistan, in step with the nation, remain determined to thwart attempts by Indian proxies at sabotaging peace, stability and progress of Balochistan.

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The Faisalabad Development Authority (FDA) administration has decided to auction v FDA-owned commercial plots and public utility sites of different measurements in the second phase, for which the auction will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 11 am at the FDA Complex. All arrangements have been completed in this regard. Director General FDA Muhammad Asif Chaudhry reviewed the matters of auctioning the plots during a meeting in which Additional Director General Kaiser Abbas Rind, Director Estate Management One Junaid Hassan Manj, Director IT Yasir Ijaz Chatha and other officers were present.

While reviewing the details of the plots offered for bidding in the auction, the DG FDA directed that the entire auction process should be transparent and organized. He added that the best environment and facilities should be provided to the bidders in this regard. He said that the interested parties should be informed in advance about the terms and conditions of the auction and special attention should be focused on providing them with necessary information and guidance. He said that the purpose of selling commercial and public utility sites through public auction is to provide financial stability to the FDA so that funds can be available for urban development and public welfare projects. Therefore, efforts should be made to sell plots with attractive status and excellent locations at the highest possible price. He emphasized that the details of the plots and the terms and conditions set for bidding should be clearly displayed at the auction

venue. Director Estate Management One Junaid Hassan Manj said that the auction will include shops in the commercial center of Ahmed Nagar and Millat Town, flat in Medina Town, public utility sites of various areas allocated for education and health facilities in 40 private housing schemes, lease of shops on the first, second floors and open space on roof top of Gulistan Plaza on Millat Road, 4.65 kanal plot of land near the hockey stadium in Medina Town for a 25-year lease, an 8.16 kanal area for a school in Gulistan Colony, public utility sites of different areas specified for banks at Iron Market D-type Colony, Truck Stand Jhang Road, Ahmed Nagar and Millat Town would be given on 25-year lease through auction. He said that flexes pertaining to the details of these plots have been displayed at important intersections and other public places in the city while further information can be obtained from the FDA office.



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