

AJK observes 59th Defense Day of Pakistan with renewed zeal and fervor;

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Defense Day in AJK:

MIRPUR (AJK): Sept. 6: Like across the country the 59th Defense Day of Pakistan was also observed in Azad Jammu & Kashmir on Friday with great enthusiasm and devotion coupled with renewal of the pledge to be prepared, every moment, to give all kind of sacrifices for the defense of inch after inch of the ideological and geographical frontiers of the country as and when required.

Our Special Jammu Kashmir state Correspondent Altaf Hamid Rao reports from Mirpur that the day dawned with special prayers, at Fajer in the mosques across the liberated territory of AJK for the stability, defense, progress and prosperity of Pakistan, the early success of the Kashmir

freedom movement for liberation of the bleeding state of Jammu and Kashmir from Indian illegal and forced occupation.

Special ceremonies to observe the defense day of Pakistan were managed in various parts of AJK including all ten district head quarters of Mirpur, capital city of Muzaffarabad, Bagh, Rawalakot, Palandri, Hattian, Haveili, Kotli, Bhimbher and Neelum valley, besides tehsil headquarters, to pay rich tributes to the martyrs of the 1965 Indo-Pak war for giving the sacrifices of their valuable lives to safeguard the geographical and ideological frontiers of the country.

Besides, speakers paid glorious tributes to the brave armed forces of Pakistan and ghazis who responded to a crushing reply and rebuffed the enemy's attack on Pakistan – who (India) resorted to undeclared war against our motherland in the darkness of the night of this day in 1965.

In Mirpur, AJK's lake city of expatriates, various ceremonies to pay glorious tributes to the heroes of the historic Indo-Pak war of 1965 was held under the auspices of various social organizations besides the state functionaries including the district administration.

Deputy Commissioner (G) Mirpur Ch. Yasir Riaz, SSP Mirpur Khawar Ali Shoukat, Tehsildar Imran Yousaf Chaudhry, Nairobi Tehsildar Islamgarh, District Head PID Javeid Mallick, Prof. Mirza Arshad Jiraal and other city elite attended central national flag hoisting ceremony, besides

large number of people from all walks of life who visited the graves of the martyrs of Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 in Mirpur city and its outskirts and prayed for the upholding of the status of the martyrs in heaven.

Besides large number of visitors, Prof. Arshad Jiraal, father of shaheed Lt. Col. Mirza Imran Arshad Jiraal and senior Pakistan Army officers placed the floral wreaths on the graves of the martyrs including the martyr of operation Zerb-e-Azab (Maalim Jabba Swat), – shaheed Lt. Col. Mirza Imran Arshad Jiraal, shaheed Naib Subedar Muneer Hussain and others at the local graveyards.

The simple but impressive ceremonies were largely attended by the people belonging to all walks of the local civil society including journalists, retired and serving civil and military officials, lawyers, doctors and social and political activists.

Participants of the special 'duayaa' (prayer) meetings to mark the defense day of Pakistan, offered dua / fateha for the raising of the status of the martyrs of the – 1965 war besides other martyrs who laid down their lives for the defense of inch-after-inch the country in the wars of 1948, 1965, 1971 and Kargal fight with the chronic enemy India.

They also prayed for the security, stability, progress, prosperity and defense of the country and for the early success of the Kashmir freedom struggle for liberation of the occupied part of the State from the Indian subjugation.

Sharing their views to the media on this occasion the visitors paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Indo-Pak wars besides the martyrs of Jammu & Kashmir besides the martyrs of the Radul Fasaad and Zerb-a-Azab operations for laying down supreme sacrifices of their lives for the defense of the country besides to make the country clean of the terrorism.

People from various parts of AJK also visited the mausoleums of the martyrs of 1965 and 1971 wars at the places close to their respective home stations including in Jhelum, Gujrat, Rawalpindi districts and offered fateha.