

## AJK observes 60th Defense Day of Pakistan, Martyrs Day with renewed zeal and fervor;



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MIRPUR (AJK): Sept. 6: Like across the country the 60th Defense Day of Pakistan besides the

Martyrs Day was also observed in Azad Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday with great enthusiasm and

devotion 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 country as and when required.

The day dawned with special prayers, at Fajr 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 held in various parts of AJK including all the district head quarters of Mirpur, capital city of Muzaffarabad, Bagh, Rawalakot, Palandri, Hattiyan, Haveili, Kotli, Bhimbher and Neelum valley to pay glorious 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 rich tributes to the valiant 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 and later in highly successful Operation 'Banyan al Marsoos' resorting to convincing defeat to the only enemy - India in 5-day war in May this year in response to the unprovoked aggression of the enemy.

In Mirpur, AJK's lake city of expatriates, major ceremony to pay glorious tributes to the heroes of the history Indo-Pak war of 1965 was held.

Besides senior officers of the District administration a large number of people from all walks of life including the city elite, visited the graves of the martyrs of Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 in Mirpur city and its outskirt and prayed for the upholding of the status of the martyrs in heaven.

The visitors including Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Mirpur Khurram Iqbal, Mirpur ADC ( G) Raja Umar Tariq, Prof. Mirza Arshad Jiraal, father of shaheed Lt. Col. Mirza Imran Arshad Jiraal, Farooq Qureshi, father of martyred Sub Inspector of AJK Police Shaheed Adnan Farioq Qureshi and senior Pakistan Army officers and AJK police officers placed the floral wreathes on the graves of the martyrs including the martyr of operation Zerb-e-Azab (Maalim Jabba Swat), – shaheed Lt. Col. Mirza Imran Arshad Jiraal, martyred Sub Inspector of AJK Police Adnan Farioq Qureshi, 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, 5-day May 2025 war 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 Prof. Mirza Arshad Jiraal, father of the martyred soldier – Lt. Col. Imran Arshad and others 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, ‘Banyan Al Marsoos’ operations for laying down supreme sacrifices of their lives for the defense of the country besides to make the country clean of the terrorism.

Paying rich tributes to the Kashmiri martyrs who laid down their lives for the sake of the liberation of the motherland from the Indian clutches – especially during the ongoing uprising in the bleeding Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir, speakers said that Kashmiris just and principled struggle for freedom of the motherland from Indian shackles will bear fruit soon.

Speakers underlined that the entire occupied valley of Jammu & Kashmir was today being banged with slogans of “ Pakistan say Rishta Kiyaa – La e La Ha Illalah ” and “ We Want Freedom ”. They said that it was crystal clear that the continual supreme sacrifices of lives by valiant Kashmiris through their struggle for freedom was to reach their ultimate destination Pakistan .

Speakers said that September 6 – the Defense Day of Pakistan was the day of renewal of the pledge by entire nation to remain alert and vigilant to make the defense of the country in case of any threat from across the frontiers.

They vowed that people of Jammu & Kashmir living either side of LoC will make the defense of inch after inch of Pakistan in case of any of repeated Indian aggression against the boundaries of the country from across the frontiers including the Line of Control in disputed Jammu & Kashmir state.

Similar special ceremonies to observe the defense day were held under the auspices of various social, political and public representative organizations to highlight the importance of the day in other parts of the district. They offered fateha for the departed souls including the martyrs of War 1965 besides other martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of maintaining defense, sovereignty and independence of Pakistan.

Addressing a gathering hosted to mark the defense day of Pakistan, held under the auspices of Jammu and Kashmir Free Media Association at JKFMA office at Sajid Plaza here Saturday, speakers including the convener of the organization A. H Nizami, Senior Broadcaster Ali Akhter Saleem, senior academician Rao Atique ul Amin and others paid glorious tributes to the martyrs of the 1965 and 1971 and the recent 5-day May 2025 wars giving befitting reply to the enemy in

defense of the motherland.

Describing the Defense Day of Pakistan also as the Defense Day of Kashmir, speakers reiterated the determination of the Kashmiris, dwelling either side of the line of control and rest of the world, to continue the struggle for freedom of occupied Jammu Kashmir from the Indian yoke in all circumstances to translate the dream of accession of entire Jammu Kashmir state to Pakistan into reality – since Kashmiris consider Pakistan their ultimate destination in all respect and through their indigenous liberation struggle, they (Kashmiris) were bent upon to achieve the final goal to this direction – come what may, they added.

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