
AJK Police always stands allert, vigilant to fight against terrorism and extremism: IGP AJK Yasin Qureshi:



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MIRPUR (AJK), Feb. 13 — Inspector General of Police (IGP) Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muhammad Yasin Qureshi has reaffirmed that the AJK Police remains fully alert and vigilant in fulfilling its responsibilities to combat terrorism, extremism, and crime across the state.

Addressing the 61st Passing Out Parade at the Police Training School in Mirpur, the IGP said that over the past several years, the AJK Police, in coordination with national security and law enforcement institutions, has effectively discharged its duties in maintaining peace and stability in the region.

He paid rich tribute to police personnel who embraced martyrdom in the line of duty, stating that their sacrifices would always be remembered with honor. The injured and permanently disabled officers, he added, are a source of pride for the force. “The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Police has ensured peace by sacrificing precious lives and continues to serve as a frontline force for law and order, eradication of crime, and protection of life, property, and honor of the people,” he said.

Highlighting the unique challenges faced by the force, the IGP noted that unlike other provinces, the AJK Police operates without the support of paramilitary forces and must respond to a wide range of responsibilities. These include crime prevention, security during general and local government elections, management of major sports events, traffic regulation, protection of dignitaries and foreign guests, and acting as first responders during natural disasters such as

earthquakes, floods, snowfall, and landslides.

Qureshi emphasized that timely promotions, incentives, and improved compensation packages for martyrs would enhance morale and performance within the force. He reiterated that the police are the custodians of the legacy of their fallen colleagues who made supreme sacrifices for the rule of law.

Paying tribute to officers martyred in recent years, as well as those who suffered permanent disabilities in anti-terror operations, the IGP assured that their sacrifices would never go in vain. He specifically acknowledged the courage of officers injured in counterterrorism efforts and reaffirmed institutional support for their families.

The IGP stressed the need for modernization, noting that the evolving nature of crime demands a well-trained, organized, and technologically equipped force. He pointed out existing challenges, including inadequate facilities at the Police Training School, shortage of barracks for women personnel, limited training budgets, insufficient operational resources, and the deteriorating condition of some police station buildings.

While acknowledging improvements in transport fleets and anti-riot equipment through government support, he said manpower and infrastructure needs still require urgent attention.

Congratulating the passing-out recruits, Qureshi appreciated the dedication of their families and

instructors. He concluded by reaffirming that maintaining high morale within the force remains a top priority and that the AJK Police will continue to discharge its duties with professionalism and commitment to public service.