

PRIME MINISTER SYED YUSUF RAZA GILANI'S MESSAGE
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Islamabad: September 5, 2010

September 6th is a red letter day in the history of Pakistan when our armed forces with the solid support of the people exhibited unprecedented valor in thwarting grave threats to the country. On this day, we pay homage to our valiant martyred and courage of our ancestors who defended their country heroically.

Pakistan is facing gigantic and myriad challenges and is passing through a critical period of history. Our security is challenged by multi-dimensional and multi-directional threats. Our adversaries taking full advantage of the situation on the one hand are adding to the difficulties of Pakistan and on the other extremists and terrorists are threatening the basic values and character of our society. Recent devastating floods have further compounded our difficulties.

It is not the first time that our Nation is confronted with serious challenges. Pakistani Nation has always braced formidable challenges with unity and courage. With the proverbial resilience of our people, we are destined to overcome the present challenges and will soon emerge as a stronger country. Our people are committed to eliminate terror from the fabric of our society. Our security agencies have successfully wiped out the sanctuaries of terrorists and now these inimical elements have entered into cities and towns and targeting innocent people. But that time is not far when our security agencies with the support of the people will completely banish them and restore peace in every nook and corner of the country.

The federal and provincial governments are making every possible effort to mitigate the sufferings of flood victims. Our armed forces, other state institutions and the entire Nation have come forth to help the peoples affected by the devastating floods. We are determined to rehabilitate our brethren in their homes without any waste of time. This challenge is not bigger than the challenge we faced at the birth of our Country. On this occasion, let us renew our pledge to make Pakistan a strong and invincible country by inculcating Unity, Faith and Discipline in our lives.