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In celebration of the memory of those who laid their lives so that we may live, this special day is a tribute to the indomitable will, stoic courage and an overwhelming love of the nation
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that resonates in their heart which leads to a secure and peaceful Pakistan for us to dwell in. Deriving their military virtue from the true spirit of an Islamic ideology,
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the Pakistan armed forces have always sacrificed their best of men in keeping intact the sovereignty of the Motherland as its soil contains as an unforgettable

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and primary constituent the blood of its martyrs who have fearlessly confronted the enemy and crushed their nefarious designs while guarding their land with their most precious possessions, their lives.

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History has seen how the soldiers of the Pakistan army have risen to their towering heights to defend their borders,

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their land, their deserts, their fertile and rich plains, their water and resources against severe enemy aggression as our heroes succeeded to stop the opponents not allowing them to touch and advance on even an inch of the country,

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a duty that, the world witnesses, they perform with a complete unwavering faith and courage while attaining immortality

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as it is stated in the Qur'an "And do not call those who die in the way of Allah as "Dead", no they are living, only you do not see them. (2:154).

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The arrival of coffins of our 'shuhadas' received by solemn faced colleagues , despite being wrapped in green and white stirring a sentiment of pride and honor,

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shows the lifeless form of those who had once been the source of utter joy for their loved ones and the vivacious presence of whom was for some, the only reason to be.

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The immense sorrow displayed by the funeral prayers in muted silence, wreaths of eternally fragrant flowers that accompany them as the comrades and fellow officers bid them the final farewell.

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Life, unaffected by its grotesque and brutal realms goes on as the people progressively become engrossed in the mundane, day to day rituals.

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Other sacrifices, however, are equally important while less dramatic do not have a long term and such drastic after effects on the lives of those involved.

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No one can, in their pursuits stop and consider the anguish and mental torment endured by the wives, children and parents of those who have been martyred or even the hundreds and thousands of others who wonder if their dear ones would be the next?

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and are still, suffering while fighting a never ending battle at the home front as the smooth sailing life boat loses balance and becomes retarded.

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Millions of such episodes have been witnessed and been forgotten as we move forward.

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Therefore, to salute the soldiers of Pakistan Army who fought showing bravery and courage and gave their lives for our great country have been awarded the highest military honor

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the Nishan-i-Haider to those who embraced shahadat in the most heroic manner while inflicting heavy damage to the adversary in times of war and battles fought on borders.

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At the age of 38, soon after the birth of Pakistan, during the Kashmir operations in 1948, as Company Commander in the 2nd Battalion of the Punjab Regiment,

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Captain Sarwar became a worthy recipient of this military award after he launched an attack causing heavy casualties against a strongly fortified enemy position in the Uri Sector under heavy machine-gun, grenade and mortar fire,

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while moving forward with six of his men to cut their way through barbed wires and barriers, he died when his chest was riddled by a burst of automatic fire.

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