

## **Address to the officers and men of a battalion of Baloch Regiment**

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President General Pervez Musharraf has under scored the importance of intensive peacetime training for enhancing operational preparedness of the troops.

The President was addressing officers and men of a battalion of Baloch Regiment, which is leaving the station after completing three years as Guards Battalion. He said that Pakistan Armed Forces were highly disciplined and professional outfit and the country's defence was in safe hands.

General Pervez Musharraf paid rich tributes to bravery, patriotism, devotion to duty and excellent traditions set by the officers, junior commissioned officers and men of the 204 year-old battalion.

He said it was amply reflected by the fact that the unit had earned one Victoria Cross and five Military Crosses for gallantry in the pre-partition period and one Hilal-e-Jurat, five Sitara-e-Jurat, one Tamgha-e-Jurat and one Hilal-e-Imtiaz (Military) in the defence of the country during 1965 and 1971 wars. He said that the Shuhadas and Ghazis of the battalion had made the entire nation proud.

The President commended the accomplishments of the unit as Guards Battalion and said that the visiting foreign dignitaries had also appreciated the smart turn out and excellent drill standards displayed by them.

He also lauded the performance of the security of highly Sensitive areas. He wished all ranks of the unit well in their new assignment and urged them to concentrate on training, administration and sports.

The President also spoke on the prevailing geo-strategic environments in the region and other matters of professional importance.

Corps Commander Lieutenant General Salahuddin, General Officers of the Battalion, Officers, JCOs and Jawans were present on the occasion.