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My heart is deeply grieved by the loss of lives and devastation

"Billion Tree Project"

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USPA NEWS - "I appeal to the people of Pakistan to take part, with their customary zeal, in the ongoing rescue and relief efforts amidst the tragic floods engulfing the country. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf will also play its role for the flood-affected without any discrimination.

I have always endeavored to raise awareness regarding climate change and the devastation it brings. Earlier, we launched the "Billion Tree Project" in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and upon coming into the federal government, initiated the "Ten Billion Tree Project." Alongside this, we began work on several vital environmental protection initiatives, including small, medium, and large-scale dams as well as national parks, which have helped mitigate ecological destruction. Trees are the true guardians of the environment. Rapid progress on such projects must be made a national priority.

My heart is deeply grieved by the loss of lives and devastation caused by the earthquake in Afghanistan. We stand firmly with our Afghan brothers in this hour of trial. I also express profound concern and sorrow over the forced expulsion of Afghans from Pakistan.

Drone strikes and military operations against our own people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa must come to an immediate halt. Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur and the provincial government must vigorously resist such actions. Those regions are already reeling under the destruction of floods; in such circumstances, launching operations, drone attacks, or displacements is akin to rubbing salt into fresh wounds.

In light of my directions, the decision of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to boycott the by-elections is commendable. The candidates who have withdrawn their nomination papers also deserve appreciation, as do the members who have resigned from the parliamentary committees. I further instruct them that if they have any vehicles or privileges still in use, they must return them immediately. The final date of the Peshawar rally shall be decided in consultation during September, keeping in view the flood situation.

For three years, despite enduring oppression and coercion, and despite being on the side of truth, I called for dialogue in the national interest. Yet, political vengeance was taken to its extreme against me and my family. Our people were fired upon with live bullets, and even our Opposition Leader in the Parliament was disqualified. No space for dialogue remains after such actions.

They may imprison me or whomever they wish from my family but neither shall I retreat from my stance, nor will I bow before them."

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