

Operation Zarb-e-Azb

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Launched: June 15, 2014
Status: Officially Concluded
Purpose: Counter-terrorism Operation
Location: North Waziristan, Pakistan
Conducted by: Pakistan Armed Forces

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Operation Zarb-e-Azb was a major military offensive launched by the Pakistan Armed Forces in June 2014 against various militant groups in North Waziristan, including the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), al-Qaeda, and foreign militants. The operation aimed to eliminate terrorist hideouts, dismantle their networks, and restore peace in the region after a series of devastating terrorist attacks across the country.

Background

The need for a decisive operation grew after the failure of peace talks with the Taliban and increased attacks on civilians and security forces. The 2014 Jinnah International Airport attack in Karachi became the final trigger. The government and military leadership agreed to launch a full-scale operation in one of the most dangerous and unstable regions of Pakistan.

Military Strategy and Success

The operation included airstrikes, ground assaults, and intelligence-based operations. Thousands of terrorists were eliminated, their infrastructure destroyed, and a massive number of weapons

areas. The operation was considered highly successful in breaking the backbone of terrorism in Pakistan.

Humanitarian and National Impact

The offensive received widespread national support. Special efforts were made to ensure minimal civilian casualties and to provide relief to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The operation also improved Pakistan's global image in the fight against terrorism and strengthened internal security across provinces.

Legacy and Recognition

Operation Zarb-e-Azb became a symbol of national unity and military capability. It was later followed by Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad to target remaining sleeper cells. The bravery and sacrifice of Pakistani soldiers were widely honored and commemorated throughout the country.

Famous Quotes

"Zarb-e-Azb is not just a military operation — it's a battle for the soul of Pakistan."

"We will not allow our soil to be used against our people."

"Peace has a price, and our soldiers have paid it with blood."

"This is a war to protect the future generations of Pakistan."