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Caravan leaves for Cholistan Jeep Rally



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LAHORE: A caravan of jeeps left from the National Hockey Stadium to participate in the Cholistan Jeep Rally, on Thursday.

Punjab Youth Minister Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan, Punjab Youth Secretary Khan Khichi, Punjab Sports Board DG Usman Anwar, Punjab Higher Education Commission Chairman Dr Nizamuddin, and Bargad Youth Development executive director Sabiha Shaheen were present to see off the peace jeep rally. The jeep rally was jointly organized by Individualand NGO, Umeed Jawan Coordination Unit, Islamabad Jeep Club in collaboration with Punjab Youth Department.

A total of 10 jeeps, provided by Islamabad Jeep Club, painted with peace slogans and pictures of innocents victims of terrorism and militancy. The four-wheelers were also painted with pictures of Army Public School victim children, Aitzaz Ahsan, student who was killed while saving a school from suicide bomber, and Malala Yousafzai. The jeeps also carried Pakistani flag. Rana Mashood, addressing the participants, said the youngsters were joining this peace rally with a cause. He said youth have a great role in making Pakistan a peaceful country through their positive engagement.

The rally with titles "Drive for Peace" would also move also round in Multan and Bahawalpur on return and interact with youth there to spread message of peace. He said this government has also made road infrastructure on the jeep rally route. He said hundreds of thousands are participating and watching this Cholistan Jeep Rally. He said the message of peace was vital in this rally to show the resolve for peace and tolerance.

The jeeps, driven by youth and Islamabad Jeep Club members, would join the Cholistan Jeep Rally on Saturday, Gulmina Bilal, executive director of Individual Land NGO said. She said the objective of the rally was to send a message of peace in public on this mega event which is largely attended by public. She said this is first time in 10 years history of Cholistan Jeep Rally that a group is also joining with the message of peace along with tourism.