

Peace moot from 27th



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LAHORE - The Punjab government in collaboration with civil society organisations will hold a national level conference to discuss the implementation and impact of National Action Plan against terrorism and extremism.

Punjab Education and Youth Minister Rana Mashhood said on Sunday while addressing a press conference at Lahore Press Club. Bargad Executive Director Sabiha Shaheen and MPA Sardar Waqas Mokal were also present. Punjab government and Bargad youth development organisation would host national level "Peaceful Pakistan Conference" from May 27-29.

Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan said objective of the conference was to pay tributes to martyrs and discuss results of National Action Plan. He said that the conference would also discuss and debate NAP and would give suggestions too.

Families of terrorism victims including parents of Army Public School Peshawar children would also participate in the conference, he added. He said Punjab government has also organised essay and speech competitions among school students on counter terrorism. He said youth has a big role in promoting peace and tolerance.

Sabiha Shaheen said that the conference would also discuss role of media in curbing extremism and increasing intolerance and hate mongering on social media misuse of cyber space. She said youth of the country wants peace and their response to the restoration of international cricket in Pakistan after six years shows their desire for peace.

Waqas Mokal, who is also chairman of Punjab Youth Parliamentary Caucus, said the peace conference was a right step at right time. He said it was a timely initiative and youth can play a big role in ensuring peace, harmony and tolerance. President Mamoon Hussain would inaugurate the conference while Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, ministers, parliamentarians, intellectuals, writers, academics and students from across Pakistan would participate.