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YOUTH SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PROMOTING PEACE: RANA MASHOOD

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Monday, May 25, 2015 - Lahore—Punjab government in collaboration with non-government sector is holding national level conference to discuss the implementation and [impact of](#) National Action Plan against terrorism and extremism, Punjab Education and Youth Minister Rana Mashood said on Sunday. Punjab government and Bargad youth development organisation would host national level "Peaceful Pakistan Conference" from May 27-29.

Punjab Minister [for education](#) and youth affairs Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan [announced](#) about the conference while addressing a joint press briefing along with Bargad executive director Sabiha Shaheen, Sardar Waqas Mokal MPA at Lahore Press Club. The minister said objective of the conference, is to pay tribute to martyrs of terrorists in incidents and discuss National Action Plan implementation to tackle terrorism.

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 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 of Bargad 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](#) very cleaner and openly. She said youth were going to match cricket matches and that was a very positive step which government made.

MPA Waqas Mokal, who is also chairman of Punjab Punjab Youth Parliamentary Caucus, said this 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.