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Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir Signals Strategic Shift, Threatens Multi-Front Conflict with India

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Pakistan’s Chief of Army Staff, Field Marshal Asim Munir, has indicated a major shift in the country’s military strategy, suggesting the possibility of opening new fronts against India from the eastern side, rather than the traditional Kashmir-focused approach.

The remarks came through Pakistan military spokesperson Major General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, who said, “We’ll start from the east.” The statement has raised alarms in Indian defense circles, pointing to a potentially coordinated effort to activate sleeper cells and proxy forces from Bangladesh and India’s northeastern states.

Asim Munir, who assumed the title of Field Marshal in May 2025, is considered to have consolidated significant control over both Pakistan’s military and political affairs. His leadership is seen as more aggressive, with emphasis on strategic depth and covert warfare methods.

According to defense analysts, the Pakistani military’s revised doctrine under Munir is now focused on asymmetric warfare. It reportedly includes the use of cyber operations, disinformation campaigns, and proxy conflicts. This approach aims to challenge India not only along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir but also by opening pressure points in India’s eastern corridor.

The development comes amid Pakistan’s renewed engagement with the United States and its continued close military ties with China. Munir has recently been seen participating in high-level international meetings, boosting his profile and signaling confidence in taking bolder strategic steps.

India has responded by increasing military preparedness along its northeastern front, including enhanced border surveillance in Assam, Tripura, and other states. The Indian Army has also intensified training exercises and intelligence gathering in sensitive regions.

The shift in Pakistan’s approach raises concerns about increased regional instability and the possibility of low-intensity conflicts expanding across a broader geographic area. Indian defense strategists are now focusing on countermeasures that include diplomacy, counterintelligence, and narrative management to preempt destabilization attempts.