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## Bugti Vows to Crush Militant Threats in Balochistan

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Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti pledges to uphold state authority, declaring that no armed militant group will impose its ideology on Pakistan's 250 million citizens.

On August 9, 2025, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti delivered a resolute message at the Jashn-e-Azadi (Independence Day) celebrations and the Marka-e-Haq conference in Quetta, asserting that no armed militant group can impose its ideology on Pakistan's 250 million citizens. Speaking to a gathering of tribal elders and community leaders, Bugti emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to restoring peace in

Balochistan, a province long plagued by insurgency. He described Balochistan as the “heart of Pakistan,” underscoring its integral role in the nation’s identity, as reported by *UrduPoint*.

Bugti condemned anti-state narratives propagated by separatist groups, alleging they are funded and directed from abroad to incite violence and division. He cited the province’s recent security challenges, noting that 62 percent of Pakistan’s terrorist incidents in February 2025 occurred in Balochistan, according to *Dawn*. The Chief Minister praised the Pakistan Armed Forces for their decisive actions against militants, particularly in the Marka-e-Haq operation, where they overcame significant odds. “Those who shed innocent blood cannot claim to represent the Baloch people,” he stated, as quoted by *UrduPoint*, emphasizing that such elements are terrorists, not nationalists.

The Chief Minister highlighted Balochistan’s interfaith harmony as a model for Pakistan, citing the contributions of minority communities and leaders like Senator Danesh Kumar. He also addressed the misuse of social media, which he called a “fitna” (mischief), for spreading misinformation and fueling unrest. Bugti urged community leaders to counter these narratives and promote unity, referencing a recent football tournament in Balochistan that drew 30,000 spectators as a positive example of community engagement, per *UrduPoint*. He reiterated the state’s openness to dialogue with those willing to renounce violence but vowed that those who persist in armed rebellion will face the full force of the law.

Bugti’s remarks reflect a broader strategy to strengthen governance and security in Balochistan. He called for collective action to thwart external conspiracies aiming to destabilize the province, emphasizing that peace and development are inseparable. The government’s outreach through jirgas and public gatherings aims to reconnect youth with the state, ensuring Balochistan’s stability and prosperity, as noted by *The Express Tribune*.