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Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir to Visit US for Key Military Talks

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Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir will travel to the United States this week for high-level military talks and to attend the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) chief's retirement ceremony, marking his second visit in two months.

On August 7, 2025, foreign media reported that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir is set to visit the United States for the second time in less than two months, signaling strengthened military ties between Islamabad and Washington. The primary purpose of the visit, according to Dawn, is to attend the retirement ceremony of General Michael Erik Kurilla, commander of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), who was recently honored with Pakistan's Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) award by President Asif Ali Zardari on July 26. No official statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR), the Pakistan military's media wing, has confirmed additional engagements during the trip.

Munir's previous visit in June 2025 included a notable two-hour meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House, alongside Secretary of State Marco Rubio and other officials, as reported by The Express Tribune. The discussions covered counter-terrorism, trade, and emerging sectors like energy and minerals. The meeting, attended by Pakistan's national security adviser and Director General of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Lieutenant General Muhammad Asim Malik, led to a significant trade agreement, finalized during Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb's talks with U.S. commerce officials, per Geo.tv. This agreement underscores Pakistan's strategic pivot to deepen economic and military cooperation with the U.S.

The timing of Munir's visit coincides with heightened regional tensions, particularly after recent India-Pakistan skirmishes following the April 22 Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir, which killed 26 people. The Express Tribune noted that Munir's discussions with U.S. officials may focus on counter-terrorism and regional stability, building on General Kurilla's praise of Pakistan as a "key partner" in July. However, the visit has drawn criticism from Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supporters in the U.S., who protested Munir's June trip, accusing him of human rights violations, according to Firstpost.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has endorsed the strengthening of U.S.-Pakistan ties, emphasizing the need for robust military and economic partnerships. Munir's visit reflects Pakistan's commitment to maintaining strategic dialogue with the U.S., despite domestic and regional challenges, as the nation navigates its role in global security dynamics.