



*Jehlum Post News Network / Irfan Haider/ Islamabad/ June 10, 2015/ Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan Wednesday said, India should not mistake Pakistan for Myanmar, adding "our armed forces are fully capable of responding to any foreign aggression and Indian leaders should stop daydreaming". The statement was issued by interior ministry, while reacting to recent statements by Indian politicians including that of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Nisar stressed that India's notorious designs might have succeeded in the past, but they will not do so in the future. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, speaking to Dawn News outside Parliament House on Wednesday, said the Indian prime minister's statement was picking on old wounds. He said Modi's statement had soured the atmosphere of dialogue between the two countries. Asif said the government would defend the nation and that if India spoke about teaching Pakistan a lesson, then Pakistan was capable of teaching India a lesson as well.*

*He said if India tried to do so, Pakistan would provide a befitting reply. He added that Pakistan does not want to ruin regional peace. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz while briefing Senate on Wednesday said that Pakistan will do what it can to expose India's role in the separation of East Pakistan in 1971, and in destabilising Pakistan through terrorism. Aziz said the government had taken notice of Modi's acknowledgement of India's role in East Pakistan in 1971.*

*He said it was regrettable Modi chose Bangladesh to issue a statement used to fan hatred against Pakistan in Bangladesh and that attempts at sowing the seeds of hatred for Pakistanis in Bangladesh would not succeed as the people of Pakistan and Bangladesh shared a common bond of religion and had endured a joint struggle for independence against colonial rule. He urged the United Nations and the international community to take note of India's admission of participating in activities that destabilised Pakistan. Aziz said it was ironic that Modi chose to present a case for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council in Bangladesh, adding that India would not qualify for the seat because of recent admissions of interference in East*

*Pakistan and for violation of UN resolutions regarding the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. He also expressed regret over the Indian defence minister's statement to combat terrorism with terrorism. Modi's tirade against Pakistan is the latest in an increasingly spiteful exchange of accusations between the two countries. Pakistan Army had last month accused Indian intelligence agency of "whipping up terrorism" in the country. The allegation was followed by Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar's "terrorists have to be neutralised only through terrorists" remarks. Foreign Office spokesman Qazi Khalilullah on Tuesday described Modi's "characterisation of bilateral ties" as "unfortunate". Pakistan, he said, "believes in peaceful co-existence and maintaining good neighbourly relations with India". Pakistan-Bangladesh ties that have already been soured because of the execution of opposition leaders, whom Dhaka had accused of "war crimes" during the 1971 separation from Pakistan, are likely to further deteriorate because of Modi's remarks that could re-open the old wounds. Dawn*