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BSF (INDIA) – PAKISTAN RANGERS (PAKISTAN) DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL BI-ANNUAL MEETING – 2015 (9TH TO 12TH September 2015) at New Delhi

1. The Director General level 'Bi-annual meeting' between the BSF (India) and Pakistan Rangers (Pakistan) is scheduled to be held at BSF HQ, New Delhi from 9th to 12th Sept'2015.
2. The last BSF – Pakistan Rangers Bi-annual meeting was held on 24 – 28 Dec'2013 at Lahore (Pakistan).
3. During the conference, 15 members high level delegation of Pakistan shall be headed by Major General Umar Farooq Burki, Director General, Pakistan Rangers (Punjab). The 23 members Indian delegation headed by Shri D K Pathak, IPS, Director General, Border Security Force will include senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Narcotics Control Bureau and Survey of India.
4. The Pakistan delegation will arrive at New Delhi (India) through Attari – Wagah border on 9th Sept'2015. The delegation will be in India for four days from September, 9th to 12th 2015.
5. During the conference, discussions will be held on important issues like Cross Border Firing, Infiltration and Smuggling etc. The talks will also endeavor to focus on positive issues like different levels of communication, more simultaneous coordinated patrolling and other confidence building measures.
6. The Concluding Session and Signing of Joint Record of Discussions between the DG BSF and DG Pakistan Rangers shall be held on 12th Sept'2015.

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CONCEPT NOTE

1. During the Home Secretary Level Talks held between Home Secretary of India and the Interior Secretary of Pakistan in Islamabad w.e.f. 20th – 24th May'1989, it was decided that officials of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers would hold Bi-Annual meetings and review the implementation of the agreed norms of cooperation between the two Border Guarding Forces.
2. It was envisaged that the top leadership of both the Border Guarding Forces will meet periodically and discuss issues of relevance to both the forces. Issues requiring coordinated efforts like dealing with Drug menace, smuggling, simultaneous coordinated patrolling, timely exchange of information etc were to form the core of discussions.
3. In accordance to the above, the first such meeting between top brass of BSF and Rangers was held at Amritsar w.e.f. 24th & 25th Nov'1993.
4. These meetings have provided an opportunity to senior officers of BSF and Pakistan Rangers to foster good working relations.
