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**ANF ORGANIZED CENTRAL DRUG BURNING CEREMONY AT ISLAMABAD DESTROYED 9.487 TON DRUGS WITH APPROX PRICE IS 6.277 BILLION US \$ DURING THE CEREMONY**

Anti Narcotics Force organized Central Drug Burning Ceremony on 23 Nov 2020 at DHA Valley, Islamabad. Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati Federal Minister of Narcotics Control graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Other prominent participants included Federal Secretary Ministry of Narcotics Control, DG ANF Pakistan, Foreign Dignitaries. Officials of Law Enforcement Agencies, High Ranking Military and Civil Administration. Heads of Academic Institutions, International Partners on Drug Control NGOs Civil Society. Sports Organization, Celebrities, Sports Star, Media Persons and Students from different Educational Institutions.



While addressing the occasion, Director General ANF Major General Muhammad Arif Malik, HI(M) said that menace of narcotics is not only a curse, but is one of the most damaging and life threatening feature for humanity and highlighted that no single country or organization can fight against drugs independently, it is a shared responsibility both at global and domestic level.

He added that this region produces over 90% of the world's opiates which puts Pakistan in double jeopardy of being a victim as well as a transit country due to efforts of ANF Pakistan is enjoying status of poppy Free State since 2001 as per standards of UNODC.

This aspect has been greatly admitted at various International Forums. He added that this year ANF has launched Nation Wide “**Anti Drug Campaigns**” in various cities, with special focus on the Educational Institutions. ANF is striving for its absolute elimination to achieve the goal of “**Drug Free Society**” and vigorously executing its assigned tasks with utmost dedication and determination.

He further added, ANF is a leading Anti Narcotics Law Enforcement Agency of Pakistan through small in size, yet it executes the assigned mission with full commitment, education and conviction. ANF has been playing a leading role in mass awareness and community participation programme to educate the people against drug abuse.

Total drugs burnt during the Ceremony is 9.487 Ton with approx price is 6.277 Billion US Dollars, out of this drugs, 536.625 Kg Heroine, 5683.934 Kg Charas, 356.259 Kg Opium, 88.713 Kg Amphetamine, 17.032 Kg Methamphetamine, 5.636 Kg Xanax Tabs and 2805.340 Kg were different kinds of drugs.



While addressing the occasion, the Chief Guest, Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati Federal Minister for Narcotics Control stated that Pakistan is facing both internal and external threats and under such circumstances, drug crime is badly affecting our society. Hence it is mandatory to tackle this menace with Iron hands. He added that National Anti Narcotics Policy promulgated in Feb 2019, takes into account the global and regional narcotics drugs environments, the issue of drug smuggling and illicit diversion of precursor chemicals.

Honorable Federal Minister lauded ANF's achievements and its role as a specialized force in combating trafficking of illicit drugs at national, regional and global level. ANF is rendering extraordinary endeavors to counter drug trafficking at national and international level. He added that Law Enforcement Agencies alone, cannot effectively counter the deadly and life-threatening effects of drug abuse in our society and urge all segments of society to play their role in eradicating the menace of drugs from our society.

He added and assured his all out support to ANF for addressing the inadequacies of the force to tackle the menace more vigorously.

In the end DG ANF Major General Muhammad Arif Malik, HI(M) thanked all the distinguished guests with the determination of making the country, region, continent and the world completely free from drugs.