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**USPA NEWS** - Abdul Qayyum, Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military), is a retired lieutenant general of the Pakistan army. He hails from the rural areas of Chakwal District of Punjab province of Pakistan.

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said : Senator (R) Lt GEN Abdul Qayyum while addressing a seminar in London arranged by Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

General Abdul Qayyum,

who was invited as a key note speaker, went on to say that to ensure international peace we will have to restructure and reorganise the UN body abolishing right to veto by few countries which do not represent billions of people of Muslim block, African Union and South America. Besides, we will have to stand by all oppressed and suppressed nations like Kashmiris and Palestinians who are being killed, maimed and tortured with impunity.

All nations must Religiously abide by UN charter and resolutions if we are really interested in world peace said the Senator. General Abdul Qayyum also recommended immediate recognition of present Afghan government by all countries so that their back is not pushed to the wall because that may again give rise to the terrorist activities which may then be beyond the control of Taliban government and will surely affect world peace.

UN must also facilitate repatriation of about three million Afghan refugees. The seminar had representation from many communities and countries including IRAN, India, Africa, Middle East, South Korea, Europe and South East Asia.

Mr Robin Marsh Secretary General UPF UK chapter and Mrs Margret Ali director UPF presented a shield to Senator Abdul Qayyum declaring him an ambassador for Peace of the World.

He also said that

He entered the Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul, in May 1966 as a cadet and was commissioned in the Pakistan Army in April 1968 and retired as a three-star general in January 2004. He remained the chairman of the Pakistan Ordnance Factories from September 1998 to January 2004.

After his retirement, he became chairman of the board of Pakistan Steel Mills in 2004 and remained there until September 2006.[1] He resigned from there under protest[citation needed] against a privatization attempt of Pakistan's largest integrated steel plant which was later cancelled by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. General Qayyum is also the president of Nazria Pakistan forum Islamabad chapter which was being run under the patronage of renowned journalist late Majid Nizami. He contributed a column to daily Nawa-i-Waqt every Friday under the title Fikr-o-Khayal for about 7 years from 2007 to 2014 [2] He appears frequently in television talk shows as a politico-defense analyst.

The retired general joined politics in April 2012 and is now part of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (N).[3] He has also been a member of the senate of Pakistan since March 2015. He has been chairman of Senate standing committee on Defence production for the last four years and is also member of senate Defence, Kashmir, Anti narcotics and Statistics.

As a politico-Defence analyst Senator Lt General Qayyum is known for his balanced and objective inputs in both cold and print media on important national and international issues.

The Senator was also sent to Britain in 2016 as a special envoy of the former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Kashmir where he effectively highlighted the details of human right violations and blatant atrocities being committed by a seven-hundred-thousand-strong Indian Army to suppress the voice of unarmed Kashmiris demanding their right of self determination as promised by the United Nation. The general is a keen golfer with 14 handicap.

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