
**PAKISTAN REITERATES 'UNWAVERING' COMMITMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA'S PROTECTION
UNDER MAKKAH DEFENSE PACT**

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Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday characterized the Makkah Defense Alliance as a historic" milestone for peace, unity and stability in the region as he reaffirmed Islamabad's unwavering commitment to the protection of Saudi Arabias sovereignty, territorial integrity and security.

Sharif made the remarks during a meeting with the newly appointed Makkah Defense Alliance Secretary General, retired Lt. Gen. Nauman Mahmood, who briefed him on the strategy to promote defense and strategic cooperation under the pact, according to a statement from the prime ministers office.

Mahmood was appointed as the first secretary general of the defense alliance between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye in August.

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