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Pak-India moot for peace tomorrow

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NEW DELHI (APP) – A 3-day Pak-India conference for peace commences here from tomorrow (January 10) to map out a charter for peace in the region.

Representatives of civil society and opinion leaders from Pakistan including Aitzaz Ahsan, Iqbal Haider, Senator Hasil Bizenjo, Asma Jehangir, I A Rehman, Madeeha Gauhar, Malik Siraj Akbar from Quetta, and Dr Abid Suleri will also attend the conference.

This was announced in a press conference by Kuldip Nayar, an eminent columnist flanked by Salman Haider, former Foreign Secretary of India and Kamla Bhasin, a human rights and peace activist.

He said several organisations and individuals had decided to organise this conference to put pressure on governments of Pakistan and India to pursue peace as an ideology and commitment for the development of Pakistan, India and through out South Asia.

The conference, “a road map towards peace” will be attended by experts, economists, intellectuals, Kashmiri leaders and ex-diplomats from Pakistan and India to deliberate on different topics to forge links between both the countries in all spheres of life.

To a question on stalled Composite Dialogue, Kuldip Nayar said talks and channels of communication should remain open between the two neighbours.

Kashmir, trade as an instrument of peace, climate change and its impact on Indo-Pak relations and media and culture in war and peace are among the important subjects to be deliberated in the conference.

I K Gujral, former Indian Prime Minister and Kuldip Nayar, chairperson of the organiser committee of the conference will deliver their opening speeches in the conference.

Mani Shankar Aiyar, former Union Minister, eminent journalist Seema Mustafa, Admiral L Ramdas, former Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Army, Muchkund Dubey and Salman Haider, former Foreign Secretaries of India and Mahesh Bhatt, a film maker will be among the participants from Indian side.

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