

We won't bow to pressure: Zardari

Stressing that Pakistan would not 'bow down' to any pressure, President Asif Ali Zardari said that if India wants to build up world pressure on Pakistan, it is a 'mistake', a media report Sunday said.

'If India wants to build world pressure on Pakistan, it is a mistake,' Zardari said during a dinner reception hosted Saturday for Islamabad-based foreign ambassadors at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Zardari separately met Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan Satyabrata Pal and discussed the regional situation with him.

During the dinner meet with ambassadors, the president said Pakistan had sincerely and unconditionally offered cooperation into the [Mumbai](#) terror attack probe but India had not responded to the call. 'Pak-India tension could sabotage the peace process in the region,' The Nation newspaper quoted Zardari as saying.

Zardari Saturday asked the world powers to play their role through effective diplomacy to defuse tension between Pakistan and India.

'Pakistan will take strict action against anyone or any group found guilty in the terror attacks on Mumbai. We want the issue to be resolved peacefully through bilateral dialogue,' he said.

'The international community should take into account the challenges which Pakistan is facing at its eastern and western borders and help reduce tension in the region,' Zardari said.

Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Information Minister Sherry Rehman, Advisor on Interior Rehman Malik and a large number of ambassadors from across the world attended the dinner.

Pakistan would never allow terrorists to use its soil for their nefarious designs, the president said and added that Islamabad would not compromise with the terrorists.

He also apprised the envoys of measures Pakistan had taken for peace in the region and on the crackdown against leaders and workers of certain organisations banned by the UN.

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