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ISLAMABAD, Jan 19 (APP): Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Tariq Azeem Khan Friday said the media in Pakistan enjoys unprecedented freedom. "However, there are some restrictions as each nation has to safeguard its strategic assets as well as national interests," he said addressing a media workshop on 'Enhancing the role of media in security issues' here Friday.

"No country has given the media a free access to its strategic installations," he said and added, Pakistan is not singled out and therefore, criticism against Pakistan in this regard is baseless," he told the participants of the workshop, organised by South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSAI).

"Pakistan, in the post 9/11 scenario, formalised a transparent nuclear policy, developed Command and Control Organisation and established Nuclear Regularity Authority to safeguard its strategic interests.

The Minister said that nuclear weapons were introduced in South Asia by

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India in 1974 while Pakistan was still recovering from the tragedy of 1971.

"It was such a compelling situation that Pakistan, while facing an existential threat, decided to acquire the nuclear capability," he said and added that it was entirely a defensive measure.

"Pakistan has no aggressive ambitions and we will keep 'credible minimum deterrence' to safeguard our national interests. As a responsible nuclear weapons state the cornerstone of our nuclear policy rests on restraint and we desire to work in cooperative relationship with international community," he said.

Pakistan formed National Command Authority to ensure regional peace, he added.

Regarding Dr. A.Q. Khan, the Minister said Pakistan took some extremely 'unpopular' decisions and totally uprooted the network, besides fully cooperating with the IAEA.

"As per a recent IAEA report, a total of 827 incidents of illegal trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials had been reported from 1993-2005. This data includes some developed countries like USA, UK, France etc. which have stringent security mechanisms. Therefore, an unfortunate incident of past due to act of an individual must not be allowed to haunt Pakistan forever," he said.

On the US-India nuclear deal, Tariq Azeem said that India and Pakistan should be treated equally and Pakistan should also be given the same opportunity.

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