Pakistan Defence Minister warns India over military action

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif. Photo: collected

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has warned that any future military action by India against Pakistan could lead to severe consequences. He claimed that such a situation could even alter India's geographical and political position.

He made the remarks during a talk show on Geo News, responding to recent statements by Indian Army Chief Upendra Dwivedi.

Khawaja Asif claimed that India's position weakened during a recent 19-day conflict and that it is now trying to cover up that setback. According to him, the confrontation had a negative impact on India's internal prestige and confidence.

He further stated that during the military escalation, Pakistan carried out counterattacks on several Indian military targets and claimed to have shot down fighter jets. He added that the conflict, which lasted for around three days, eventually ended in a ceasefire through international mediation.

The Pakistani defence minister also claimed that India's influence in regional politics is no longer the same and that its relations with neighbouring countries have changed. He added that Pakistan is now in a relatively stronger position in the region, which India is finding difficult to accept.

Responding to questions about a possible India–Israel alignment, Khawaja Asif said the two countries may share strategic interests and suggested that Israel does not want the rise of any other power in the region.