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Former ISI chief Hamid Gul passes away: Reports

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Islamabad: Former chief of the Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) General (Retd) Hamid Gul died of a brain haemorrhage in Murree late Saturday, DawnNews reported.

According to TV reports, the former ISI chief suffered a brain haemorrhage and was shifted to the Combined Military Hospital in Murree where doctors pronounced him brought dead.

Born in Sargodha on November 20, 1936, Gul joined the army in 1954 and was commissioned in the army in 1956. During the 1965 war he was a tank commander and was awarded Sitara-i-Jurat for bravery.

He was also awared Hilal e Imtiaz (Military) and Sitarah e Basalat for his services.

Gen Gul remained ISI chief between 1987 and 1989 when the US-backed Afghan Jihad against the then Soviet Union was at the last stages. He continued working in the spy agency in the post-stages of the Afghan war.

He retired in 1992.

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