

**If needed, we can use nuclear weapons: Pak minister**

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**Islamabad:** If we need to use nuclear weapons for "our survival, we will", said Pakistan defence minister Khawaja Asif.

Asif told Saleem Safi on Geo News programme 'Jirga' that use of nuclear weapons was an option as they were not kept merely for show but as deterrents.

"We should pray that such an option never arises, but if we need to use them (nuclear weapons) for our survival, we will," he said on Monday.

He also said that "fuelling terrorism directly or indirectly is India's proxy war in Pakistan".

He said that Pakistan's defence capability was strong.

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