

India – Pakistan: The Military Balance-Sheet

INDIA

Population: 557,000,000
Voluntary military service
Total armed forces: 980,000
Estimated GNP 1970: US\$49,000 million
Defence Budget 1971–72: 12,420 million rupees
(\$1,656 million) (7.5 rupees = \$1)

Army: 860,000

1 armoured division
2 independent armoured brigades
13 infantry divisions
10 mountain divisions
6 independent infantry brigades
2 parachute brigades
About 20 AA artillery units
Tanks: 200 Centurian Mk 5/7, 250 Sherman, 450 T-54
and T-55, 300 Vijayanta Medium – 150 PT-76,
100 AMX-13 Light – CT-62, Mk 2/4
Artillery: about 3,000 pieces, mostly 25-pounders but
including about 350 100-mm and 140 130-mm
Guns: SS-11, Entac ATGW

Navy: 40,000

1 16,000-ton aircraft carrier
4 submarines (ex-Soviet F-class)
2 cruisers
3 destroyers
9 destroyer escorts (including 5 ex-Soviet Petya
class)
1 general purpose frigate
5 anti-submarine frigates
3 anti-aircraft frigates
4 coastal minesweepers
4 inshore minesweepers
1 landing ship
2 landing craft
10 patrol boats (4 less than 100 tons)
9 seaward defence boats (6 less than 100 tons)
The naval airforce includes 35 Sea Hawks attack
aircraft, 12 Alize maritime patrollers, 2 Sea King
and 10 Alouette III helicopters. 10 Sea Hawks,
4 Alizes and 2 Alouettes can be carried on the
aircraft carrier at any one time.

Airforce: 80,000; 625 combat aircraft

3 light bomber squadrons (Canberra B [1])
5 fighter-bomber squadrons (Su-7)
2 fighter-bomber squadrons (HF-24 Marut I A)
6 fighter-bomber squadrons (Hunter F-56)
2 fighter-bomber squadrons (Mystere-IV)
7 interceptor squadrons (Mig-21)
8 interceptor squadrons (Gnat)
1 reconnaissance squadron (Canberra PR-57)
1 maritime reconnaissance squadron (L-1049 Super
Constellation)
(A combat squadron = 8 to aircraft)
Transports: include about 55 C-47, 60 C-119, 20 Il-14,
30 An-12, 25 Otter, 12-HS-748 and 15 Caribou
Helicopters: include about 80 Mi-4, 150 Alouette III,
10 Bell-47 and a few Mi-8. About 50 SA-2, SAM
complexes
Paramilitary forces: about 100,000 in Border Security
Forces.

PAKISTAN

Population 126,300,000
2 years' selective military service.
Total armed forces: 392,000
Estimated GNP 1970: US\$38,400 million
Defence Budget 1971–72: 3,400 million rupees
(\$714,000,000). (4.76 rupees = \$1)

Army: 365,000 (including 25,000 Azad Kashmir troops).

2 armoured divisions
1 independent armoured brigade
12 infantry divisions (2 more being raised)
1 air defence brigade.
Tanks: 100 M-47, 100 M-48, 100 T-54, 225 T-59.
Medium – 200 M-24, 75 M-41, 20 PT-76
Light – 300 M-113
Artillery: about 900 25-pounders, 105 mm, 155 mm
howitzers; 200 130-mm, Cobra ATGW
Helicopters: 20 H-13

Navy: 10,000

4 submarines
1 light cruiser/training ship
2 destroyers
3 destroyer escorts
2 fast frigates
4 patrol boats
8 coastal minesweepers
2 small patrol boats (less than 100 tons)
2 UH-19 air-sea rescue helicopters.

Airforce: 17,000; 285 combat aircraft

1 light bomber squadron (Il = 28)
2 light bomber squadrons (B-57 B)
2 fighter-bomber squadrons (Mirage IIIIE)
8 fighter-bomber and interceptor squadrons (F-86)
4 interceptor squadrons (Mig-19)
1 interceptor squadron (8F-104-A)
1 reconnaissance squadron (4 RT-33A and 2 RB-57)
(A combat squadron generally = 16 aircraft)
Transports: include 8 C-130B and 1 F-27
Helicopters: 40 Sioux, Huskie, Alouette III and Mi-8
Paramilitary forces: 280,000 – 30,000 frontier corps:
250,000 militia. A new force is being raised: the
East Pakistan Civil Armed Force.

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