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Pervez Musharraf warns India against military operation inside Pakistan

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Karachi: Former Pakistani dictator Pervez Musharraf on Monday warned India against attempting a military operation inside Pakistan, saying India "dare not" treat his country like Myanmar.

Musharraf, who ruled from 1999 to 2008, hit out at the Indian leadership over its stand on army operation in Myanmar, saying, "Pakistan is not Myanmar, and India dare not treat Pakistan as Myanmar."

The former Pakistan president and army chief cautioned India against what he called "similar adventurism".

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore had said in the wake of India's military action in Myanmar that it was a message to other countries which was interpreted as a warning to Pakistan.

Criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Musharraf in an interview to an Indian TV channel claimed that India has changed its conduct after he became the Prime Minister.

Slamming Prime Minister Modi's comments in Dhaka, Musharraf said, "After 50 years you are trying to whip up anti-Pakistan feelings in Bangladesh...is this a very peaceful attitude...without any whatsoever rhyme or reason."

"What the Prime Minister of India did was certainly not acceptable to Pakistan or any Pakistani," 71-year-old Musharraf said.

Asked about the Indo-Pak relationship, Musharraf said under the present conditions of "belligerence by the Prime Minister, I really don't think this is the way to move forward and I don't think it augurs well for the future."

Last week, Musharraf had accused India of destabilising Pakistan, saying nuclear weapons are for the defence of the country and not for "celebratory" occasion.