Flags of the Pakistan Army

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With reference to the corps flags, please note the Commander's and vehicle and Corps HQ fly the ones represented here. The flags as depicted on vehicles use the Islamic round shield as opposed to the Indian Army, which uses the inherited-from-the-British Crusader shield.

In both the Indian and Pakistan Armies, corps insignia uses the red-white-red background, also inherited from the British.



Flag of Joint Staff, Pakistan Armed Forces. They provide the HQ and Secretariat for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Supposed to coordinate joint defense operations but in reality the 3 Services still function independently and separately.



Pakistan Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee



Pakistan Chief of Army Staff flag.



Pakistan Army flag flown at GHQ



Lieutenant General at GHQ



Commander Pakistan I Corps



Commander Pakistan II Corps



Commander Pakistan IV Corps

Not really suitable for a holding corps as it connotes an armor strike formation, but perhaps at the time the corps was raised the Pakistan Army intended it for an offensive role.



Commander Pakistan V Corps

This is Pakistan's desert corps. Note the palm tree reminding one of Rommel's Deutsch Afrika Korps.



Commander Pakistan X Corps



Commander Pakistan XI Corps



Commander Pakistan XXX Corps



Flag and insignia of Command and Staff College, Quetta. The terminology is in line with the US jargon. Actually all Commonwealth Staff Colleges do prepare officers for command of units rather than just Grade II staff appointments.

Pakistan has dropped the Owl because of in South Asia the bird symbolizes stupidity.