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Pakistan lost \$35bn in 3 years in war on terror: Hina Rabbani

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's direct and indirect cost in the war on terror has been around \$35 billion over the last three years, Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar said on Friday. She expressed these views during a meeting with Giuseppe Vegas, Italian deputy minister for economy and finance, who called on her in Islamabad. She said the public sector development programme allocation for the next financial year might have to be curtailed due to this rising cost of war on terror. She said Pakistan had lost the most in the war, as Pakistani casualties were more than the total number of casualties of all the NATO forces combined. Vegas said his government would encourage Italian businessmen and entrepreneurs to invest in Pakistan to take benefit from its growing market. He also showed interest in initiating various development projects in Gilgit-Baltistan, particularly in the tourism sector. staff report

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