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## Pak-India poised to exchange lists of nuclear installations

*K J M Verma* in Islamabad

Amid growing tension between India and Pakistan, both countries are poised to exchange a list of nuclear installations under a special agreement which prohibits Islamabad and New Delhi from attacking each other's nuclear facilities.

Under the accord, both the countries annually exchange fresh lists containing locations of nuclear installations, Pakistan Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar said.

He said Pakistan would send a new list to India shortly.

"Let me say that the list is unlikely to contain any new facilities. We have not undertaken construction of any new facilities this year. They have to provide a list from that we have to see whether or not any additions were made to the old list."

Asked whether Pakistan would go for the nuclear option if the war broke out, Sattar said nuclear weapons were weapons of defence and deterrence.

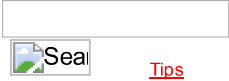
He said the use of nuclear weapons was too serious an issue to be taken lightly. "This is a grave issue and it should not be lightly discussed."

Sattar said Pakistan did not want a local or conventional war, leave alone a nuclear war with India.

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