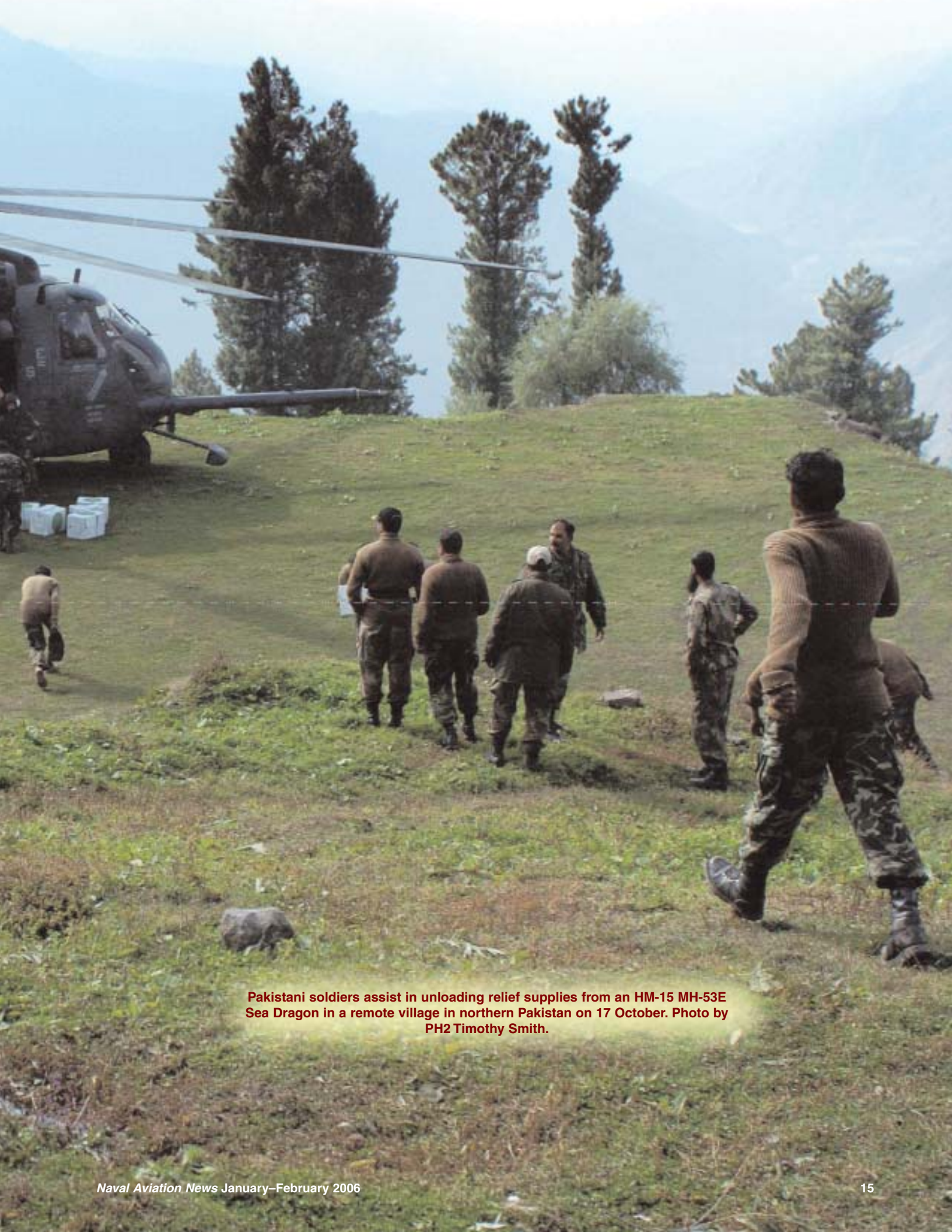




# Naval Aviation Answers The Call in Pakistan

**A**s relief efforts continued in the U.S. Gulf Coast region following hurricanes Katrina and Rita in August and September 2005, Naval Aviation assets were again called to action to provide humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of a natural disaster overseas. On 8 October an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale struck Pakistan, causing nearly 75,000 deaths, injuring tens of thousands, and leaving countless people homeless. Naval Aviation personnel from fixed- and rotary wing squadrons answered the call to action, providing supplies and transporting injured civilians for medical treatment.





**Pakistani soldiers assist in unloading relief supplies from an HM-15 MH-53E Sea Dragon in a remote village in northern Pakistan on 17 October. Photo by PH2 Timothy Smith.**





Above, an HM-15 aircrewman and a Pakistani soldier unload medical supplies from a squadron MH-53E Sea Dragon. Two helos from the squadron's Bahrain detachment made the 3-day flight to northern Pakistan to assist in the relief efforts. Photo by PH2 Timothy Smith. Right, an HSC-26 MH-60 Seahawk, Army CH-47 Chinook, and a Pakistani Mi-17 on the ramp at Chaklala Airfield reflect the joint nature of the relief effort. Photo by TSgt. Mike Buytas. Below, VR-64 flew numerous missions delivering supplies to Pakistan in the C-130T Hercules. Photo by PH2 Carolla Bennett.







**Above, Pakistani soldiers assist injured civilians who were transported to Chaklala on an HM-15 MH-53E for medical treatment. Right, AT2 John Wilkins comforts a Pakistani baby on board an HM-15 Sea Dragon. Photos by PH2 Timothy Smith.**

