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## 6 September 1965 is most important day in Pak military history: PM AJK

Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, while terming 6 September 1965 as the most important day in Pakistan's military history, has said that the historic day reminds us of the unprecedented courage and bravery shown by nation... (Details on Page 2)



## Hassan Maqsood conducted World StartUp Championship as a Judge

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### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar chaired a meeting regarding the ministry of commerce on Tuesday.



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# Nation stands united with defence forces to thwart anti-Pakistan designs: PM

### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has said that amidst Pakistan facing multiple security challenges of extremism, terrorism and external aggression, the entire nation stood united alongside the Pakistan Defence Forces to thwart evil designs against the integrity and prosperity of the country.

"The world also acknowledges the role our armed forces played in maintaining peace in various countries under the United Nations peacekeeping missions. We are committed to following the policy of peace as a hallmark of our foreign policy," the prime minister said in his message to the

nation on the Defence Day, annually observed on September 6.

He said the Defence Day was remembered as the day of vigor, bravery, courage and resilience. It stood out in history as a symbol of national pride, integrity and sovereignty, he added.

PM Kakar said that 58 years ago on September 6, Pakistan's valiant armed forces proved that they were ever vigilant and ready to safeguard the territorial integrity and geographical boundaries of their beloved homeland at all costs.

He said the glorious day, where the entire Pakistani nation stood side by side with its armed forces, called upon the nation to make a pledge to renew the spirit of loyalty and service to Pakistan and pay

tribute to the valiant sons of the soil who embraced 'Shahadat' while ensuring the security of the nation.

"On this day, the brave Pakistani nation displayed unprecedented strength with faith, unity and discipline that galvanized the armed forces—Army, Air Force and Navy," the prime minister remarked.

He said the defence of the country was not limited to September 6 alone, rather stretched upon an entire lifetime and encompassed all dimensions of physical and ideological frontiers, which needed to be guarded.

Prime Minister Kakar said the brave sons of the soil, especially the Shuhada who laid down their lives but did not let the enemy

move an inch to fulfill its nefarious designs.

He said the unresolved dispute of Jammu and Kashmir remained a big threat to regional peace and security.

"The international community must come forward and play its due role in resolving this longstanding issue. Pakistan will continue to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to our Kashmiri brothers and sisters in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir until they achieve their right to self-determination through an impartial plebiscite in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions," the prime minister urged.

Prime Minister Kakar said the

whole nation stood united with utmost discipline and unwavering faith to make Pakistan strong.

"With hard work and dedication, we will make Pakistan unassailable against security and economic challenges," he added.

He paid homage to the martyrs of September 6, 1965 and all those who sacrificed their lives for the safety of the country in the subsequent years.

"Together with the backing of our nation, we shall not let go of the sacrifices of Shuhada and Ghazis who deserve the fullest of honours in the most befitting manner," the prime minister concluded the message with the slogans of Pakistan Armed Forces Zindabad and Pakistan Paidnabad.

## COAS General Asim Munir on two-day visit to Uzbekistan



### News Desk

RAWALPINDI: General Syed Asim Munir, COAS is on a two days official visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan. The visit is aimed at enhancing Military to Military cooperation and Defence collaboration.

During the visit, COAS called on H. E Mr Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan, Defense Minister and the Chairman and Secretary of the State Security Service of Uzbekistan.

During the meetings COAS

also emphasized upon enhancing mutual training cooperation and intelligence sharing. COAS appreciated the standard of training and readiness of the Uzbekistan Military Forces and their understanding about regional security issues.

On arrival at the Ministry of Defense, COAS was given a warm welcome and was presented a Guard of Honour by a smartly turned out contingent. COAS also laid floral wreath at the Memorial Complex of Martyrs in Tashkent.

## CJCsSC, Services Chiefs & Armed Forces of Pakistan pay rich tribute to Martyrs

### News Desk

ISLAMABAD: CJCsSC, Services Chiefs & Armed Forces of Pakistan pay rich tribute to Martyrs, their families and war veterans on 58th Defence and Martyrs' Day of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

On 6th September 1965, it was yet again displayed that a smaller but righteous force overcame a numerically larger enemy with professionalism, determination and faith. Indeed this day and associated heroics and sacrifices continue to inspire our generations. The

day exudes the spirit of unity and sacrifice in the defence of our motherland.

We owe our freedom & peace to unprecedented sacrifices of our martyrs and veterans. Pakistan Armed Forces remain committed to ensuring the defence of motherland against all internal and external threats.

Hostile efforts to spoil the hard-earned peace will be met with the full might of the Armed Forces, backed with the support and resolve of the people of Pakistan, InshaAllah.

## Dr Arif Alvi, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Message On 'Defence Day'



### News Desk

ISLAMABAD: We observe 6th of September as Defence & Martyrs Day to pay tribute to our martyrs and their families who sacrificed their lives for the motherland. On this day, 58 years ago, our Armed Forces and the entire Pakistani nation displayed extraordinary courage and indomitable spirit, and thwarted the evil designs of the enemy. The 1965 War stands out in our history as a symbol of unwavering national resolve, preparedness, professionalism, patriotism and sacrifice. The sons of soil fearlessly fought against the enemy and wrote a shining chapter in history.

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On this day, we reiterate Pakistan's commitment to peace and its policy of peaceful coexistence. We are aware of our national as well as international obligations and are playing our part towards world peace under the banner of the United Nations. Our own region is awaiting the resolution of the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which needs international community's immediate attention.

This day also calls for keeping always first the sovereignty of state and integrity and honour of our motherland. Pakistan is the centre of our hopes. On this Defence & Martyrs Day, we continue to honour and respect the sons and daughters of soil, who never hesitate in giving their own life for the defence of motherland, its development and prosperity.

## Raja Pervez pays rich tribute to Pakistan's Security & Armed Forces



### News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervez Ashraf paid rich tribute to Pakistan Armed Forces for the unwavering dedication and sacrifices offered by our forces to protect Pakistan and its people in all circumstances. He underscored the significance of these sacrifices in the defence of our nation and in the global fight against terrorism.

Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf has also remarked that the entire nation takes great pride in Pakistan Army's steadfast commitment to safeguard the country's borders and to uphold its honour. He paid tribute to the valiant soldiers of the Pakistan Army who, in the face of adversity, stood resolute against those who sought to undermine our nation's dignity and integrity.

## Pakistan keen to promote cooperation with Iran in fields of media, film: Solangi

### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi said on Tuesday that Pakistan was keen to promote cooperation with Iran in the fields of media, film and drama.

During a meeting with Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghaddam, who called on him here, the minister said, "Cooperation between the two countries in the fields of media is the need of the hour."

The minister and the ambassador discussed issues of mutual interest, fraternal relations between the two countries and promotion of cooperation in the field of media.

"Cooperation between the two countries in the field of media is indispensable," Murtaza Solangi said. A memorandum of understanding had already been signed between the Associated Press of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), while many other agreements were under process to enhance cooperation between television, films, cine-



ma, literary and linguistic institutions, he maintained. These agreements, he said, would help project real culture and traditions of the two brotherly countries.

The two sides agreed to further strengthen and expand bilateral cooperation in various fields, including economic, commercial, cultural and tourism sectors, besides people-to-people contacts. The Iranian ambassador congratulated Murtaza Solangi on assuming charge as caretaker minister for information and broadcasting.

Pakistan highly valued brotherly relations with Iran, Murtaza Solangi said, adding both the countries were bound by deep religious, cultural and linguistic ties.

The governments of two countries were promoting close cooperation for the betterment of their people and socio-economic development, he said.

The minister and the Iranian envoy agreed on exchange of media and cultural delegations between the two countries.

Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghaddam said that Allama Iqbal had the status of a national poet in Iran. "Iranians hold Allama Iqbal, the great poet of the subcontinent, in great esteem."

## Rangers decide crackdown on illegal hydrants, smuggling mafia

### Bureau Report

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers decided to launch crackdown on illegal hydrants and smuggling mafia after receiving special instructions from the military high-ups

The military high-ups gave the go-ahead to the paramilitary troops, Rangers, in Sindh to launch crackdown on illegal hydrants and smuggling mafia. During the operation, actions will also be taken against the illegal Afghan citizens.

Additionally, another Rangers operation will be launched in the katcha areas of Sindh to eliminate the bandits. A strategy was also devised to curb street crimes.

It was learnt that lists have been prepared for the carrying out actions against those who are involved in land grabbing.

To curb smuggling, Rangers will adopt special measures at entrance and exit routes.

The decisions were taken by Sindh Rangers following the public complaints.



## Called on

ISLAMABAD: Country Director World Bank Mr. Najy Benhassine called on Caretaker Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, and Privatization Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, at Finance Division on Tuesday.



Photo: PID

## PM 'certain' about general elections by three to four months

### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday said that he was "certain" about the general election being held within the next three to four months.

The prime minister, asked in an interview with a private television channel, about his strategy if any future scenario demanded an extension in the caretaker setup, he said as per the legal arrangement they would move to the electoral process within three to four months. "I think within few months... few months can be translated into three, three-and-half or four...that needs to be seen...this will conclude and we will go to the electoral process," he commented.

Asked again whether he expected the general elections to be held within four months, he replied, "I am not (just) hopeful (rather) I am certain."



He said considering the limited time, his government was mulling to prioritize certain policy issues to at least lay a foundation for any future government to enable that to carry forward the journey.

To a question, the prime minister explained that even after the expiry of the term, the President of Pakistan could continue in his office till the election of his replacement. However, the Senate chairman would fill the slot, in case he voluntarily gives up the office.

Coming to the issue of electricity bills, the prime minister said the government was coming up with short and mid-term solutions

including the planning to convert the oil-based power plants to run on local coal.

Besides, the process for the privatization of one or two power Discos will also be finalised soon which would help curb power theft through the introduction of new technology, and would also attract investment. He said besides power Discos, the privatization of some important state-owned enterprises was also being processed. Regarding the sugar price hike, Prime Minister Kakar said the government had asked the provinces to activate the price control committees and that the hoarders would be cracked down.

The prime minister said through the legislation, the previous government had empowered the caretaker setup which necessitated them to act differently from the normal caretaker setup.

The prime minister told the

interviewer that the Special Investment Facilitation Council had been formed as a forum to address the concerns impeding the investment projects. He said Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar and Bahrain had sent proposals and due diligence was being done which would follow the signing of formal agreements by November or December. He said the level of commitment by civil and military leadership and bureaucratic energy would help attract the investment as in the past, the fear of NAB inquiries created an environment of indecisiveness.

To a question, the prime minister said the government and the military had a very comfortable working environment. He said that besides the army chief, he along with the finance minister had also had a detailed sitting with industrialists in Karachi and was also planning to hold a similar meeting in Lahore.

## Martyrs of PN heli incident laid to rest with full military honours

### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The martyrs of Pakistan Navy's helicopter incident were laid to rest in native towns as per military honours and tradition on Tuesday.

The funeral prayer of Shaheed Lieutenant Commander Hamza Abid was offered at H-11 graveyard, Islamabad which was attended by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muham-



mad Amjad Khan Niazi, a Pakistan Navy news release said. The funeral prayer of Shaheed Lieutenant Commander Syed Jawad Ali was offered in Karachi while Namaz-e-Janaza of Shaheed Hasnain Haider LUWT was offered in village

Tarkhan Wala, District Chiniot. A large number of senior serving, retired military and civil officials and relatives of the martyrs attended the funeral prayers.

## Bugti lauds Pindi Police for nabbing robbers

### News Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a swift and commendable operation, the Rawalpindi Police arrested the robbers who allegedly tortured a female teacher and snatched away valuables, including gold jewellery from her. Caretaker Interior Minister, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti awarded the commendation certificates to the officers and officials of the Rawalpindi Police for their swift action in arresting the culprits.

The minister said that the incident was extremely tragic and the state would not tolerate such criminal behaviour of any kind.

He said the successful action of the Rawalpindi Police showed their unwavering commitment towards public safety.

Bugti said women are our mothers, sisters



and daughters and those who attack their life or property will be dealt with iron hands.

He said the police should continue their efforts to maintain law and order in the city. It is also a morale boost for the police, who are working hard to keep the citizens safe, he added.

## ISO warns of suspending Pakistan's membership

### City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has warned Pakistan to suspend its membership amid non-payment of the annual subscription fee.

As per details, the final warning has been issued to Pakistan after non-payment

of the annual subscription despite repeated reminders.

Pakistan was informed via the UN office and other international organizations that the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) membership will be suspended if the annual subscription of 2022 is not cleared.

After the suspension,

the PSQCA will lose their voting rights and access to free publications and documents from the organization.

In 2021, Pakistan was elected as a member of three United Nations (UN) bodies, reflecting the international community's recognition of the country's positive role at the forum.

## PM directs for early conclusion of PIA restructuring plan

### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday directed to present the detailed plan with regard to the restructuring of PIA to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) as soon as possible.

Chairing a high-level meeting regarding Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) here, the prime minister also directed to take measures to

further improve the air connection of remote areas with other cities of the country.

He said the flight timings of PIA should be fixed according to the convenience of the passengers.

PIA is an important national institution that has provided splendid air services in the past and earned a positive image across the globe, he said adding that PIA was considered one of the best airlines in the world.

He asked the aviation division and the PIA management to work day and night to regain the past glory of the airline.

The meeting was told that the recent amendment in the PIA Act 2016 had paved the way for the restructuring of PIA.

Caretaker Minister for Finance Dr Shamshad Akhtar, Advisor to PM Ahad Cheema and other officials attended the meeting.

## Voluntary Service Overseas Celebrates International Youth Day

### PPA

ISLAMABAD: Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) celebrated 'International Youth Day' on 5th September 2023 in Islamabad. The event marked the role of youth in addressing challenges faced by Pakistan today through their involvement. Government representatives, international donors, and civil society members attend the event.

Ms. Seher Afsheen, the Country Representative of VSO, spoke about the organization's objectives to formalize and improve existing Volunteer Policy. Ms. Afsheen underscored



the invaluable support provided by the UK.

She said "Education is vital for empowering youth for contributing to the nation's development prospects".

Closing the session, the

British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ms. Jane Marriott CMG OBE said "Empowering Pakistan's youth to lead the response to today's challenges, including tackling climate change, could not

be more important.

Today's celebration by the Voluntary Service Overseas celebrated all that Pakistan's dynamic youth have achieved, and was also a reminder of the importance of ensuring every child gets a good education."

Dr. Muhammad Ali Malik Deputy Secretary for Prime Minister's Youth Program, Ms Sabiha Shaheen from Bargad, also attend the event along with other development Partners. They highlighted the impact of climate change and how youth can play a positive role in climate change adaptation and Resilient education.

## ICCPO takes steps to improve security of diplomatic enclave

### PPA

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan has initiated steps to improve the security of the diplomatic enclave in Islamabad.

He ordered the construction of protective towers and barriers, and the installation of cameras to record the movement of people at the entry and

exit points of the high-security zone.



In the meeting, it was revealed that high-ranking officials from the NLC, Police, and CDA were present.

The primary agenda of this gathering was to evaluate and enhance the security measures in place within the diplomatic enclave.


Additionally, the meeting also featured discussions on ongoing construction projects within the

enclave, with a strong emphasis on promoting environmentally responsible construction practices and minimizing disruption to the natural landscape, including trees and greenery.

Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, in a bid to underscore Islamabad Capital Police's commitment to ensuring the safety of foreigners, stressed that the force is undertaking several proactive measures.





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# 6 September 1965 is most important day in Pak military history: PM AJK

**Abdul Majeed Tahir**

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, while terming 6 September 1965 as the most important day in Pakistan's military history, has said that the historic day reminds us of the unprecedented courage and bravery shown by nation and its armed forces against the India's naked aggression. "On this day, the entire Pakistani nation stood in solidarity with its brave armed forces and administered a shattering defeat to the enemy besides foiling its nefarious designs", the PM said, adding that the spirit with which the Pak army responded to foreign aggression would continue to inspire the coming generation. In his special message on the occasion of Pakistan Defense Day, the AJK premier said that during the war, the Pakistani



nation as well as the Army showed an unprecedented spirit of national unity and crushed the evil intentions of the enemy. He said that the entire Kashmiri nation salutes the Pakistan army for the supreme sacrifices it has rendered

while safeguarding the geographical frontiers of the country. He said that the Kashmiri people living on both sides of the ceasefire line consider the Pakistan army as their saviours. The PM said that the Pakistan Army

was making unprecedented sacrifices for the defense of the motherland and was fully capable of countering any aggression. He said that we have full confidence in the capabilities of the Pakistan Armed Forces. "The Pakistan Army is the best army in the world and has full capacity to defend the country's territorial integrity", he added. Referring to the abysmal situation in the Indian occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the PM said that the Indian occupation forces have unleashed a reign of terror in the region. He said that on the one hand, Indian occupation forces were killing innocent civilians in the IoK, while on the other, they were shamelessly targeting innocent civilians on this side of the ceasefire line. He said that the Indian forces can't suppress the Kashmiris Legitimate struggle for the right to self determination by resorting to such mean tactics.

## Muzaffarabad Martial Art player Asim Hussain Awan wins third position in Iran



**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: Honor of Azad Kashmir, Asim Hussain Awan from Muzaffarabad succeeded in taking the third position in "Crash Yes and Friendship" in Iran. Asim Hussain Awan has won the honor of winning the third position by participating in the 60 kg category on behalf of Pakistan in "Crash Yes and Friendship" organized in Zaydan Iran in August 2023. Asim Hussain Awan, a talented Martial Art player from Tariqabad, Muzaffarabad, who participated in the 60 kg category Martial Arts competitions held in Zaidan, Iran, with the support of the Sports Department of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and AJK Bank. By showing a good game, he got the third position bronze medal for Pakistan. In this regard, Secretary Sports, Youth and Culture Ms. Midhat Shehzad expressed and encouraged his best achievement certificate Mr Asim Awan and declared to organize a ceremony in his honor of the young player

## Presentation

ISLAMABAD: Major General (R) Dr. Ghulam Qamr presenting shield to caretaker Federal Minister Madad Ali Sindhi on his arrival at Directorate General of Religious Education.



Spokesman Photo

## DPO Lower SW distributed cash prizes to SHOs for best performance



**Adam Khan Wazir**

WANA: District Police Officer Lower South Waziristan Farman Ullah Wardag organized a prestigious ceremony in connection with the distribution of prizes in recognition of the best performance for officers in the police line.

In which all SHO, s and other responsible officers participated, The ceremony was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran.

Later, a detailed briefing was given to DPO Farman Ullah (PPM) on the performance of the district police.

On which the DPO expressed satisfaction and gave instructions to the officers to further improve their performance. Strictly instructed all SHOs regarding decisive actions against drug dealers across the district.

On the other hand, under the direction of Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Akhtar Hayat Khan Gandapur and the written order of RPO Dera Ismail Khan, a special campaign against drug dealers has been launched for one week from today.

Under which strong action will be taken against the elements associated with the illegal drug trade throughout the district this regard, an important meeting was held under the chairmanship of District Police Officer SW Lower Farman Ullah.

## PRCS achieves historic milestone with first successful delivery at BHO Baloch Kot

**Adam Khan Wazir**

WANA: In a remarkable achievement, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in collaboration with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department and the Norwegian Red Cross has made the first-ever baby birth at the Balochkot Basic Health Unit (BHU) in Upper South Waziristan.

The dedicated health staff of the Basic Health Unit (BHU) Balochkot successfully ensured a safe and healthy delivery for the proud parents. After a series of regular check-ups, the delivery was conducted, resulting in the birth of a beautiful and healthy baby. Following the birth, the trained health staff meticulously examined both the mother and the child, providing necessary instructions and medications. The mother and child were discharged in good health, with the added honor of receiving a birth certificate issued by the Pakistan Red Crescent health staff.

Mr. Salman Ali Shah, Spokesperson of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society Merged Areas, expressed his satisfaction with this landmark achievement. He stated, "We are proud of our dedicated health staff who have demonstrated their commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the community. This successful delivery is a testament to our efforts in enhancing maternal and child healthcare in the region."



## Shah concerned over worsening HR situation, fast spreading drug menace in IloJK

**Abdul Majeed Tahir**

SRINAGAR: Senior APHC leader Shahir Ahmed Shah has voiced his grave concern over the continued bloodshed and human rights violations at the hands of Indian occupation forces in the held territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In his message from Tihar jail, the illegally detained leader, while referring to the recent acts of state terrorism in which innocent youth were killed in different areas of the Kashmir valley, said that during so-called operations innocent civilians particularly youth were being deliberately targeted and martyred after being labelled as "militants".

"On the one hand Indian government has let loose its forces to kill Kashmiris while on the other NIA has been given a free hand to target and silence political activists and members of civil society



who have refused to accept the government dictates", Shah said, adding that attachment and confiscation of properties of Hurriyat leaders was part of the India's apartheid regime's clampdown campaign to silence legitimate political voices in Kashmir.

Shah said that in pursuit of the Israeli settler colonialism model the Modi regime continues to confiscate the Kashmiris' lands and prop-

erties. "Houses, lands, offices of the Kashmiri people are being seized to create a climate of fear and force them to subjugation", he said, adding that government employees were being terminated on flimsy grounds.

He, however, maintained that such mean tactics by New Delhi won't deter Kashmiris from pursuing their collective cause of

freedom. The illegally detained Hurriyat leader urged the world human rights organizations to take effective notice of the matter and help stop bloodshed and violence, persecution and victimisation of political leaders and activists in the region.

Shah also voiced grave concern over the fast spreading drug menace in the Kashmir valley and termed it as a deep rooted conspiracy against the Kashmiri nation. He said that the drug mafia working under the government patronage has turned the valley into a drug den where innocent people particularly the youth were being lured into drugs.

Shah said that after failing to suppress the Kashmiris' struggle by using its military might the Indian government was shamelessly using narcotics in Kashmir as a weapon of war against the Kashmiris.

## Former PM says September 6 is important day in history of Pakistan

**Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has said that September 6 is an important day in the history of Pakistan.

In a message on the occasion of Defense Day on September 6, he said that September 6 reminds us of the passions and sacrifices of the Ghazis, martyrs and brave Pakistani people who crushed the ambitions of the Indian enemy and the Indian Army in the darkness of the night had attacked Lahore, but the our brave armed forces of Pakistan and the martyrs showed an unprecedented display of cooperation and crushed the designs of India. The men of Pakistan Army had tied bombs on their bodies and lay down in front of the Indian tanks. This spirit of the Pakistan Army and the people thwarted the Indian plans and proved that Pakistan's defense was impregnable. Even today, the enemy expresses its evil intentions in Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, but the people can make this region a graveyard for any aggressor by working with the forces of Pakistan.

## Pakistan needs 6th September spirit: Ch: Yasin



**Bureau Report**

KOTLI: President of Pakistan People's Party Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin has said that the nation caught in the whirlwind needs

the spirit of September 6 when the cowardly and insidious enemy India attacked Pakistan in the dark of night. He defeated the enemy.

Today, with the economic, political and judicial crisis, the nation, which

is suffering from terrorism, needs the unity and spirit of September 6, 1965.

He said that Pakistan is currently going through a difficult period, which is currently facing international conspiracies and these conditions are

more dangerous than the war of 1965, but as the forces of Pakistan and the people united on September 6, 1965. The enemy was decisively defeated and became a part of history.

He said that today we are facing a

test and at this time we need the unity and spirit of 65.

He said that we need to stop propaganda against Pakistan forces. He said that the enemy wants to create a gulf between the people and the forces of

Pakistan, he is facing failure and will continue to do so. said that 6th September is the day of renewal of pledge, on this occasion we pay tribute to the martyrs of 6th September and pay tribute to the Ghazis.

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# OUR MARTYRS OUR PRIDE



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On this day, we reiterate Pakistan's commitment to peace and its policy of peaceful coexistence. We are aware of our national as well as international obligations and are playing our part towards world peace under the banner of the United Nations. Our own region is awaiting the resolution of the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which needs international community's immediate attention. This dispute has to be resolved as per the UN Security Council Resolutions for ensuring peace, security, and development in the region. Today, we also remember the sacrifices of Kashmiri people, women and children, which they have rendered during the decades-long struggle for their right to self-determination. Pakistan will continue to extend its moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people's just struggle for their right to choose their own destiny.

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Armed Forces of Pakistan, Zindabad.  
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Caretaker Prime Minister  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

The 6 September is remembered as the day of vigor, bravery, courage and resilience. It stands out in history as a symbol of national pride, integrity and sovereignty. On this day, 58 years ago, our valiant Armed forces proved that they are ever vigilant and ready to safeguard the territorial integrity and geographical boundaries of our beloved homeland at all costs. This glorious day, where the entire Pakistani nation stood side by side with its Armed Forces, calls upon us to make a pledge to renew the spirit of loyalty and service to Pakistan and pay tribute to valiant sons of the soil who embraced 'Shahadat' while ensuring the security of the nation.

On this day, the brave Pakistani nation displayed unprecedented strength with faith, unity and discipline that galvanized the armed forces - Army, Air Force and Navy. The defence of the country is not limited to 6 September alone, rather stretches upon an entire lifetime and encompasses all dimensions of physical and ideological frontiers, which need to be guarded. The brave sons of soil, especially the Shuhada who laid down their lives but did not let the enemy move an inch to fulfil its nefarious designs and the entire Pakistani nation deserve salutes.

Today, when Pakistan is confronted with multiple security challenges in the shape of extremism, terrorism and external aggression, the entire nation stands united alongside Pakistan Defence Forces, to thwart evil designs against the integrity and prosperity of Pakistan. The world also acknowledges the role our armed forces played in maintaining peace in various countries under the UN Peacekeeping Missions. We are committed to following the policy of peace as a hallmark of our foreign policy.

The unresolved dispute of Jammu and Kashmir remains a big threat to regional peace and security. The international community must come forward and play its due role in resolving this longstanding issue. Pakistan will continue to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to our Kashmiri brothers and sisters in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir until they achieve their right to self-determination through an impartial plebiscite in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

Today, the whole nation stands united with utmost discipline and unwavering faith to make Pakistan strong. With hard work and dedication, we will make Pakistan unassailable against security and economic challenges. I once again pay homage to the martyrs of September 6, 1965 and all those who sacrificed their lives for the safety of the country in the subsequent years. Together with the backing of our nation, we shall not let go of the sacrifices of Shuhada and Ghazis who deserve the fullest of honors in the most befitting manner.

Armed Forces of Pakistan, Zindabad.  
Pakistan, Paindabad.



**Lt General Anwar Ali Hyder (Retd)**

Federal Minister for Defence  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

6<sup>th</sup> September is a milestone in the annals of our national history. It reminds us of the indomitable courage and unparalleled sacrifices rendered by our Armed Forces for the defence of our Motherland. We hold our SHUAHADA and GHAZIS in high esteem and are profoundly indebted to them for offering the ultimate sacrifice and thwarting nefarious designs of the enemy.

Pakistan is a responsible state with impregnable defence. Over the years, Pakistan's defence capability has evolved substantially and **Alhamdulillah**, the country has made significant strides towards self-reliance in the field of defence. The entire nation and Government of Pakistan commend the sacrifices, professionalism and grit of our Armed Forces.

I would like to reiterate on this occasion that Pakistan will continue to contribute towards promoting peace in the world. Pakistan will Insha Allah soon rise above all challenges and as always our Armed Forces, with their valor and bravery, will continue to defend every inch of our sacred land.

On this historic day, let us renew our pledge to remain united, vigilant and ready for the defence of our beloved country at all costs. May Allah give us the courage and strength to live up to the expectations of our valiant nation, Aameen!

Pakistan Armed Forces, Zindabad.  
Pakistan, Paindabad.

# عظیم شہیدوں اور غازیوں کو ہمارا سلام

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# Syed Mohammad Shaheed ‘Sitara-e-Juraat’ - I

**S**on of Azad Kashmir, Subedar Syed Muhammad who belonged to Awanabad Manota Nalian, Sindhuti, Azad Kashmir. Subedar Syed Muhammad was born to Malik Haider Khan in 1933 at Salal Body Sohnuti in Azad Kashmir. He was from AK14 regiment of our armed forces. The hero of 1971 war showed his bravery in various wars since the creation of Pakistan.

Jameel Haider, while highlighting his life, writes in the newspaper Nawa Waqt that the hero of the 1971 war has fought the enemies on many war fronts in 1947, 1965 and 1971. Subedar Syed Muhammad not only sacrificed his life for the nation and the country but also became an example for those who came. Which was acknowledged by the Pakistan Army, and the Indian Army also could not remain without acknowledging it. Subidar Syed Muhammad was naturally filled with the spirit of Jihad.

After the establishment of Pakistan, when Jihad was announced from the side of the Muslims against Maharaja Hari Singh, the conscience of Syed Muhammad was excited. Malik Muhammad Habib Awan, the son of Subedar Syed Muhammad, said in a conversation that when his grandmother stopped his father from going to Jihad in his childhood, she said that Hazrat Ali (ra) was also allowed to go to Jihad when he was a child. When this was heard, grandmother was allowed to participate in the battle, but Syed

Muhammad desire to go was thwarted when the commander of the army refused to join him due to his young age. But seeing his spirit and passion for Jihad, the leadership allowed him to join the army. During his service, he always stood bravely in front of the enemy like a leaden wall. Subedar Syed Muhammad was awarded the honor of bravery by the Government of Pakistan in 1948. He always wished for martyrdom in the way of Allah.

When on 1st December, 1971 by his unit AK14, one of the most difficult snowy peaks on the Poonch front. Located near the road connecting Srinagar and Poonch AK, the deployments took place. Leaving their comrades in their respective positions, Syed Muhammad went alone towards the enemy to lay mines.

This front of the war was very difficult because of the location of the peak of Chitti Batti which is more than 10000 feet above the sea level and the cold weather of the month of December, but despite all these difficulties his morale did not decrease. Subedar Syed Muhammad, apart from the work of OHP, installed mines to strengthen the defense and started shelling on the enemy. Seeing his superior strategy and courage, the morale of the enemy became low. The commander of the

Indian army informed his army that we cannot face Syed Muhammad and his soldiers. It is said that this resulted in the appointment of another commander by the enemy who was awarded the ‘Chakra Vartri’, the highest military honor of the Indian Army. Major Ramesh Baldani was sent to fight with his comrades and arms, which came along shouting “Jai Hind” slogan and tried to capture

him alive and told Syed Muhammad, “Put down your arms, you are in our prison.”

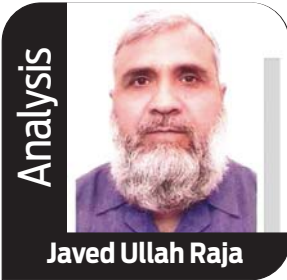
By the grace of Allah Subedar Syed Muhammad raised the slogan of “Allahu Akbar” in the air, then the help of Allah arrived, he had to open fire on the enemy and the enemy left everything and ran away, all this in the darkness of the night and freezing cold. It happened on a snowy peak in the dark night. These moments were going to be written in golden letters for Subedar Syed Muhammad forever in history.

According to the eyewitnesses, there were Major Ramesh Baldani No. 1779, Naik Christian Singh Navola No. 24346 and three others. Sardar Mohammad Ismail Basari of AK14 Regiment, Captain of Pakistan Army, said that 500 dead bodies of the Indian Army enemy were lying there. Subedar Syed Muhammad had kept the dead body of Major Ramesh Baldani in exchange for

the body of his soldiers. When Subedar Syed Muhammad and his colleagues lost contact with their unit, the commanding officer ordered to Subidar Muhammad Ashraf, who was also an eyewitness and had earlier received the medal of bravery on the same front, was sent to get the news. When he reaches the top of Chatti Batti in the dark of night, he sends signals in his own way and when he is satisfied, he moves forward. He noticed that Subedar Syed Muhammad is engaged in prostration before Allah. In the morning, when the rays of sunlight fell, it was found that hundreds of dead bodies of the enemy were piled up, which they said were close to about six hundred, and many soldiers of the Indian Army were dying.

When the information was given to the AK 14 unit, Colonel Lal Khan was overjoyed. The information was sent to the headquarters of the Pakistan Army, GHQ. From there, General Malik Akhtar Ali Khan of the Pakistan Army reached immediately by helicopter and awarded Subedar Syed Muhammad the Star of Courage “Sitara e Juraat” immediately announced to give. Subedar Syed Muhammad strongly insisted that my honor should be given to Soldier Wakil Hussain Shah belonging from Bagh of Azad Kashmir, then it was decided that the “Sitara e Juraat” to Subedar Syed Muhammad and “Tamga e Jurrat” would be given to Wakil Hussain Shah.

*To be continued*



Analysis

Javed Ullah Raja

## Our survival depends on our cooperation

The 77th session of the UN General Assembly closed on Tuesday in New York, with outgoing President Csaba Korosi underscoring that amid geopolitical rivalries, cooperation among countries was indispensable.

“Our survival depends on our cooperation,” he said, pointing to global road blocks such as accelerating climate change, biodiversity loss, education and gender inequality.

“Let us put money where our promises are,” he added, urging governments to translate actions for sustainable development into budgeting policies, national regulations and capacity building.

The 77th session, which formally commenced on September 13 last year, was distinguished by high-level events including the UN Water Conference in March that adopted a milestone action plan to protect and preserve the vital resource.

The session also saw important deliberations on disaster risk reduction, ensuring justice for all, inclusive societies, universal health coverage, and sustainable consumption and production.

The 78th session of the 193-member Assembly is scheduled to begin in a few hours, but the high-level debate, in which a galaxy of world leaders, including Pakistan’s Caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, will take part, is set to take place on September 19.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was listed to speak on September 20, but has since changed his mind.

Now Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar will address the Assembly on September 26, the last day of the high-level debate. In his remarks, Assembly President Korosi recalled the three “pillars” of the United Nations – peace and security, development, and human rights – and with conflicts raging around the world, asked if the UN Charter was really being upheld worldwide. “The war in Ukraine – along with other 51 armed conflicts – must end, in line with the UN Charter and international law,” he declared, calling also for an end to nuclear proliferation and the nuclear arms race.

Korosi highlighted the need for integrated, holistic solutions that not only address current challenges but also protect against those in the future. “We know that stand-alone processes will only deliver stand-alone results,” he said, reiterating the importance of financing and international cooperation.

Korosi outlined the need for key UN bodies, including the General Assembly and the Security Council, to reform and evolve. “The world’s first passenger jet aircraft carried 36 passengers in 1952. It was a breakthrough in technological development,” he said.

“That doesn’t mean that we can use it today to take us to Mars... Times are evolving, and this Organization must evolve with them.” Following the speech of the outgoing president inside the ornate General Assembly Hall, Dennis Francis, President-Elect of the 78th session, took the oath of office of the presidency, vowing to discharge its responsibilities to the best of his ability. Thereafter, President Korosi formally handed the famous ornate wooden gavel over to his successor, and adjourned the meeting.

During the high-level week, world leaders will convene for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit, the Climate Ambitions Summit and the General Debate, among other key events. The 2023 SDG Summit will take place on September 18-19. It will mark the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals with high-level political guidance on transformative and accelerated actions leading up to 2030.

Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is scheduled to address the high-level session on the first day of the General Debate.

Russia Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will address on September 23.

## Pakistan’s 59th Defence Day: Commemorating Valor and Resilience

On September 6th, Pakistan commemorates its 59th Defence Day, a solemn occasion that marks the nation’s valor and resilience, particularly since the 1965 war with India. This day is a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Pakistani armed forces and the indomitable spirit of its people. As we reflect on this significant milestone, let us delve into the historical significance, the sacrifices made, and the enduring lessons learned since the 1965 war.

The 1965 war with India was a pivotal moment in Pakistan’s history. It tested the mettle of the Pakistani armed forces and the resolve of its people. Pakistan faced an adversary with superior numbers and resources, yet it stood its ground with remarkable courage and determination.

During this conflict, Pakistan defended its territorial integrity against formidable odds. The nation’s unity and unwavering support for its armed forces were on full display. The sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians alike left an indelible mark on the nation’s collective memory.

Defence Day pays tribute to the countless soldiers who exhibited unwavering courage in the face of adversity. Their sacrifice and resilience serve as an enduring source of inspiration for generations to come. Beyond the battlefield, Defence Day also honors the resilience of Pakistani civilians who faced hardships with fortitude. The spirit of national unity that emerged during this time remains a vital part of Pakistan’s identity. The graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice continue to be a poignant reminder of the cost of defending the nation. These heroes are remembered not just on Defence Day but throughout the year.

Defence Day is not just about commemorating the past; it is also an opportunity to draw enduring lessons from history. The 1965 war underscored the importance of national unity. Pakistan’s resilience during the conflict was a result of people from all walks of life coming together for a common cause. This unity remains crucial in facing contemporary challenges. The post-war period highlighted the significance of diplomacy and conflict resolution through peaceful means. Pakistan’s efforts to engage in dialogue and find diplomatic solutions reflect a commitment to peaceful coexistence. The war emphasized the need for self-reliance in defense matters. Pakistan embarked on a journey to enhance its indigenous defense capabilities, leading to advancements in various fields, including technology and aerospace. This day also serves as a reminder of the importance of preparedness in the face of external threats. Pakistan has since invested in modernizing its armed forces and improving its defense infrastructure.

Since the 1965 war, Pakistan has made significant strides in various fields. It has become a nuclear-armed nation, secured its borders, and made advancements in science, technology, and industry. The country’s resilience and determination have allowed it to overcome numerous challenges, contributing to its emergence as a significant regional player.

Quid e Azam once said, “With faith, discipline, and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve.” This quote by Pakistan’s founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, encapsulates the spirit of determination and self-reliance that has driven Pakistan’s progress since the 1965 war.

As Pakistan commemorates its 58th Defence Day, it pays homage to the sacrifices made in the 1965 war, a defining moment in the nation’s history. This day is not just a remembrance of the past but a reaffirmation of Pakistan’s commitment to peace, development, and unity. Pakistan has evolved since those challenging days, becoming a nation that values diplomacy, democracy, and self-reliance.

Although currently Pakistan is facing a complex and challenging economic environment, compounded by a range of internal and external factors. The nation is grappling with the persistent threat of terrorism, political polarization, and unrest, making the road to stability and progress a steep one. The menace of terrorism has been a long-standing concern, affecting both national security and economic stability. Pakistan’s resilience in the face of this menace has been commendable, with its security forces working tirelessly to combat extremism and protect the nation.

Political polarization and unrest have also posed significant challenges. Differences among political parties and varying ideologies have at times led to instability and hindered progress. However, Pakistan has a history of overcoming such divisions through dialogue and democratic processes, and there is hope that unity can prevail once more.

In these turbulent times, Pakistan’s strength lies in its ability to draw inspiration from its past, particularly the unity and resilience demonstrated during the 1965 war. Just as the nation stood together to defend its sovereignty back then, it can unite today to address its economic challenges, combat terrorism, and bridge political divides.

With a strong commitment to peace, development, and unity, Pakistan can navigate these challenges and emerge stronger, just as it did in the aftermath of the 1965 war. The spirit of 1965 serves as a beacon of hope, reminding Pakistanis that together, they can overcome any obstacle and build a brighter future for their nation.



Analysis

Naila Altaf Kayani



Cartoon by Amjad Rasmī. (Courtesy of Asharq Al-Awsat)

## Sino-Indian War 1962-I

Sidra Tahir

**W**ars between the two most populated countries are few and far between but overshadowed by the Cuban missile crisis a fierce conflict raged silently between the two Asian giants. It was a clash that reverberated through the majestic peaks of the Himalayan range yet its echoes were muffled by the grand narrative of global history.

A war that shook the foundation of the East was The Sino-Indian War of 1962. It was a one-month-long conflict between India and China. Triggered by a territorial dispute this war ended with a resounding Chinese victory and a humiliating defeat for India.

This war displayed the foreign policy objectives and military capabilities of both states.

While Pakistan and India never enjoyed good relations the same could not be said for India and China. Jawaharlal Nehru, the prime minister of India and a key figure in the non-aligned movement during the Cold War, desired excellent relations with China to forge an Asian axis that would serve as a counterweight to the American and Soviet Blocs.

Conflict, however, was unavoidable. As most postcolonial border disputes normally do this one began with the British.

The British and China’s Qing had disagreements about where exactly their dominions ended. The dispute encircled Aksai Chin and NEFA (Northeast Frontier Area).

In 1865 Johnson Line was considered the boundary in the British Survey of India 1865.

According to this survey, 1/3rd part of Aksai Chin was described as a part of Kashmir. Chinese authorities claimed that there was no prior consultation with the officials before defining the Johnson line.

In 1899 Macartney-MacDonald Line was the boundary between Tibet and China as proposed

by British officials. Both Tibet and China rejected it. In 1914 Henry McMahon, a British diplomat, suggested the McMahon Line, which Tibet endorsed in the 1914 Simla Accord.

It marked the boundary between Tibet and British India (which is now a part of Arunachal Pradesh, India).

However, China did not agree with this position and saw it as unlawful.

India and China signed the Panchsheel Agreement in 1954, which emphasized non-interference and harmonious coexistence.

Although it did not specifically address the border problem, it was an effort to enhance ties in general.

India and China reached an agreement in 1956 on trade and relations that acknowledged the persistence of long-standing traditional practices in border regions.

It did not, however, offer a thorough resolution to the boundary conflict.

China constructed a road in 1956-57 to link Tibet and Xinjiang which infuriated Nehru.

India’s providing of asylum to Dalai Lama followed by the adoption of the Forward policy further escalated tensions.

As a result, in 1962, China launched an unexpected attack on Indian outposts in the Aksai Chin area of the western Himalayas, bringing the issue to a head.

The majority of the Aksai Chin area was swiftly taken over by China after the Indian army was caught off guard and rapidly overpowered.

India then attempted to counterattack in the eastern Himalayas, but this effort also failed. Later on, China unilaterally proclaimed a cease-fire, and withdrew its troops from portions of the region it had taken, but kept control of Aksai Chin. Both nations were significantly impacted by the Sino-Indian War.

India was humiliated by its defeat, and the conflict caused a long-lasting deterioration in their relationship.

*To be continued*



# Pakistan and Turkiye reiterate resolve to strengthen bilateral cooperation

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Turkiye have reiterated their resolve to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in diverse areas for the mutual benefit of the two brotherly countries. This was discussed during a meeting between President Dr Arif Alvi and the visiting Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces, Admiral Ercument Tatlioglu, who along with his delegation called on the President, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

The meeting was also attended by Pakistan's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, Ambassador of Turkiye in Pakistan, Dr Mehmet Pacaci, and government officials of both sides.

Welcoming the Commander of Turkish Naval Forces, the President said that both countries enjoyed excellent relations which were based on common religion, historical bonds, besides having similar stance on various issues. He emphasised the need to further improve bilateral cooperation in diverse areas, including the maritime and defence cooperation.



The President recalled his visit to Turkey in August 2021 to participate in the launching ceremony of the first of the four MILGEM corvettes for Pakistan Navy. He lauded the regular participation of the navies of the two

brotherly countries in bilateral and multilateral exercises, adding that the close naval cooperation was a manifestation of strong relations between Pakistan and Turkiye.

During the meeting, the Presi-

dent highlighted the atrocities being committed by the Indian Security Forces against the Muslims in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), besides expressing concern over persecution of minorities in India. He stressed that the international community should take notice of the human rights abuses in IIOJK as well as the persecution of minorities in India. The President appreciated the Turkish support to Pakistan's principled stance on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces said that cooperation between the two countries would grow further, adding that his visit would prove beneficial in further cementing bilateral defence relations between Pakistan and Turkey.

Earlier, the President conferred the award of Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) upon the Commander of the Turkish Naval Forces in recognition of his services for promoting maritime and naval cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey.

*Dr. Gohar for fresh avenues to bolster trade relations between Italy and Pakistan*



**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Italian Ambassador to Pakistan, H E Andreas Ferrarese, called on Dr. Gohar Ejaz, the Caretaker Federal Minister for Commerce and Industries and Production.

The high-level discussion focused on exploring fresh avenues to bolster trade relations between Italy and Pakistan.

During the meeting, Minister Gohar Ejaz emphasized the need to open new avenues for business, highlighting the importance of expanding economic cooperation between the two nations.

Both sides agreed on the potential for collaboration in various sectors, with particular attention given to technology transfer, and the steel industry.

The minister discussed his vision to significantly increase the trade volume between Italy and Pakistan, aiming for mutual economic growth.

Ambassador Ferrarese expressed his appreciation for Minister Ejaz's vision and the dedication to strengthening bilateral ties.

*Pak China Year of Tourism Exchanges will bring new avenues of understanding each other. Wasi Shah*



**PPA**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan should learn lessons from Chinese experiences in the field of tourism also which will help and guide to paint a Tourist destination picture of our loving home land this was stated by Sayad Wasi Ahmad Fatimi commonly known as Wasi Shah Federal Minister for State for Tourism & Special Assistant to the Prime Minister this afternoon at a Caje Cutting & Shields awarding ceremony to celebrate 2023 as Year of Pak China Tourism Exchanges organised by Pakistan China Friendship Association (PCFA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at KP House, Islamabad. Minister Wasi Shah is stressed upon to highlight the potential of this industry, which has become earing hand for the friendly country China, whereas we still need the attention of the international tourist community. The Minister appreciates the efforts of PCFA KP for organising the event and high lighting on this important occasion, which can become a source for earning precious foreign exchange for the country.

While counting World Heritage sites across the country, the Minister proposed that we should learn lessons from our Chinese friends by participating in world tourism events organised by China specially as learning opportunity, which will yield a fruitful result. Like CPEC tourism, corridor will enhance more contactivity and peoples interaction, which will alternatively develop our tourism sector. Speaking on the occasion Chinese Counsellor for Culture, Sports, Education Mr. Zhang Heqing highlights the importance of Year 2023 as Tourism Exchange among Pakistan & China with historical perspectives of century old. The tourism exchange between both nations will further improve understandings, and this will enhance more avenues of cooperation, resulting in more friendly relations.

Earlier welcoming Guests, PCFA-KP Secretary General Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani the celebration of 2023 Year of Pakistan China Tourism means to further enhance capacity building of our tourist sector and hospitality industry which will not only create job opportunities but also economic development activities will be speedup. Mr Gilani mentioned that sister cities' relationship between Pakistan and China can enhance our tourism activities, which will bring more understanding. Historically, both countries are visiting each others areas in the past, and now these both nations are exploring more avenues of learning from each other exoeriences. PCFA-KP always supports these activities for the betterment of each other. Later on Shields were distributed. Special Caje was also cut on the occasion.

## Bilateral relations

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Morocco H. E. Mr. Mohamed Karmoune called on Caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs Jalil Abbas Jilani. They noted with satisfaction the state of bilateral relations and discussed potential opportunities of trade, investment & JVs.



Spokesman Photo

*Sightsavers Calls World Leaders for Disability Inclusive Approach Towards Achieving SDGs*



**News Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Demanding a transformative and accelerated action that is inclusive of people with disabilities and in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Sightsavers calls upon political leaders to mainstream inclusion of persons with disabilities in all the initiatives towards achieving SDGs. This effort is being made before the UN 2023 SDGs Summit. They expressed their demand during a press conference held in Islamabad to highlight the key issues and urgency of the matter.

## Scat Airlines and Hashoo Group Announce Historic Partnership to Boost Pakistan-Kazakhstan Tourism

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: In a momentous partnership, SCAT Airlines, a Kazakhstan-based air carrier known for its European safety standards and a fleet of over 35 aircraft, and Hashoo Group, Pakistan's largest hospitality conglomerate, renowned for its iconic hotels and resorts including Pearl-Continental Hotels, PC Legacy, and Hotel One, have joined forces to facilitate direct flight operations between Lahore and Almaty with two weekly frequencies.

In this regard, Hashoo Group hosted an interactive and informative conference at Pearl-Continental Hotel Lahore. Present at the event were His Excellency, Mr. Yarzhan Kistafin, Ambassador of Kazakhstan, His Excellency, Mr. Noman Bashir Bhatti, Ambassador of Pakistan (via



Zoom from Kazakhstan), Mr. Haseeb Gardezi, COO, Hospitality and Education Division, Hashoo Group, Mr. Rizwan Qaiser, CEO, Nexus Global (SCAT Airlines Pakistan's JV Partner), and representatives from the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) and Kazakh Tourism.

At the press conference, Mr. Haseeb Gardezi said, "The primary goal of this groundbreaking air connectivity initiative was the promotion of tourism, cultural exchange, and business synergies between the two nations." He further added, "This event has not only showcased tourism products from Pakistan and Kazakhstan. The interactions between reputable tour operators from Kazakhstan and potential travel business partners in Pakistan have facilitated discussions on ways to amplify collaboration between the two nations."

Mr. Rizwan Qaiser expressed his gratitude to Hashoo Group for their partnership, foreseeing a fruitful journey towards mutual success and a vibrant role in advancing tourism and hospitality ventures between Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

## Mushaal apprises Abbas Jilani of plight of Kashmiri people

*Razia Sultana can't see father for over 8 years, informed FM*

**PPA**

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Human Rights and Women Empowerment Mushaal Hussein Mullick discussed the plight of people of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu (IIOJK) with Caretaker Foreign Minister of Pakistan Jalil Abbas Jilani threadbare.

SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment along with her daughter Razia Sultana called on the Caretaker Foreign Minister here on Tuesday.

Mushaal apprised the FM that Razia Sultana could not meet her father senior Hurriyat lead-

er Yasin Malik for the last over eight and half years, who was detained in fake, fabricated and politically motivated cases.

During the meeting, they discussed ways to enhance collaboration between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Human Rights, and increase global awareness about the ongoing human rights violations in IIOJK.

They agreed on making concerted efforts to promote and ensure a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri

people.

Both the leaders held discussion on highlighting the ongoing worst human rights violations in the occupied valley at the international level.

She said that the fascist Narendra Modi-led government turned the scenic valley into a world largest open prison and the largest torture cell.

SAPM on Human Rights and Women Empowerment stated that gravity of the situation could be judged from the fact that the Indian authorities incarcerated the entire Hurriyat leadership including her husband Yasin Malik, who were being subject-

ed to brutal and inhuman treatment and were denied right to fair trial for their sole crime for not accepting the Indian subjugation.

Mushaal stated that there would be no peace in South Asia until the Kashmir dispute was peacefully resolved as the UN agreed formula. Therefore, she underscored that a just and lasting solution to the Kashmir conflict was essential for durable regional peace and stability.

She asked the Foreign Minister to take up the Kashmir dispute at global stage more vociferously so as to put an end on the vicious cycle of the state terrorism and



release the incarcerated Kashmiri leadership and innocent Kashmiri youth, besides building pressure on world powers and UN bodies to ensure permanent solution to the decades-old dispute.



# Hassan Maqsood conducted World StartUp Championship as a Judge

Tahir Amin Malik

SEE Pakistan is an embodiment of the entrepreneurial dream of Pakistani youth. The Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) offers a unique platform for emerging entrepreneurs to exhibit their innovative products at SEE Pakistan. Hundreds of coaches and trainers vigilantly prepare these startups with expertise before the mega event. At SEE Pakistan, the underlying passion of aspiring entrepreneurs to do something beyond imagination finds a firm ground as innovation seeks applicability and creativity meets feasibility. Hundreds of successful startups have been showcased at SEE Pakistan, out of which numerous have brought great accolades to Pakistan by winning national and international entrepreneurial competitions.

SEE Pakistan became epitome of innovation and excellence by paving a pathway for young startups toward outstanding success. For the last five years, SEE Pakistan has played a pivotal role in the country's entrepreneurial ecosystem by making a prominent mark. The expo is all about exhibiting creative and innovative Pakistan in front of the world and providing a platform for building inclusivity among industry, investors, NGOs, influencers, and academicians.

Last week, See Pakistan 2023 was arranged in Expo Center Lahore. More than 115 startups from all over Pakistan have participated this year. Out of which 3 startups have been selected as winners in 3 different categories based upon their outstanding idea and feasibility. This event was judged by many renowned businessmen and entrepreneurs of different fields of the corporate sector. One of the judges, Mr. Hassan Maqsood (CEO of Blink Capital Management) has talked to The Daily Spokesman regard-



ing this event. Mr. Hassan has said that it is a great initiative to encourage the young minds that come up with an innovative idea of a startup and work out of the box for making it workable in a corporate world. Furthermore, this event helps to showcase the young talent of our country in the whole world. If any startup shows an excellent business model, then it is awarded with a cash prize which helps them to complete the early stage of the startup or increase its growth.

The winner of this year See Pakistan World Startups Championship 2023 are following,

Idea Stage Winner: Eco-Pulp  
Acceleration Stage Winner: Pak Bio Energy  
Growth Stage Winner: Digi-Khata

Mr. Hassan congratulated the winners and wished them luck for their future endeavors. The event was attended by many

schools, colleges and university students. Almost ten thousand people witnessed this great exhibition. Many keynote speakers were also invited to speak on the topic of the challenges to the corporate world and solutions. At the end of the exhibition The Chief Guest Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad distributed the prizes among the winners. In his remarks he quoted that Pakistan is a fertile land for new ideas and startups and these kinds of exhibitions will help to identify such talents. Then the judges of this exhibition were awarded with shields for their wonderful judgement. The Chairman of APSUP Dr. Ch Abdul Rehman congratulated the whole team of Innovation District 92 for the best management. Overall it was a very successful event which has created a wonderful impact on the corporate sector of Pakistan.



## Pakistan's strong army makes sacrifices in fight against terrorism

News Desk

MULTAN: Renowned industrialist and member of Pakistan Board of Investment Group Chairman, S. M. Food and Volka Food International Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjam, in his message on Defense Day, said that no nation in the world has sacrificed and valued Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. The Pakistani nation and armed forces have the capability to withstand any aggression. Defense Day reaffirms our determination that we are a vibrant and strong nation. September 6 is



a manifestation of the bravery and military techniques of the Pakistani army.

In the elimination of international terrorism, the sacrifices of the Pakistani armed forces and the Pakistani nation are unforgettable. It is time for the world to acknowledge the sacrifices of Pakistan's armed forces and the nation in the fight against

terrorism.

He said that between freedom and slavery, our strong and patriotic army stands. The role of the Pakistani armed forces in strengthening Pakistan and preserving freedom is unparalleled and commendable. The youth and officers of the Pakistani armed forces not only made exemplary sacrifices in the defense of the homeland in 1965 and 1971 but also bravely fought the war on terrorism. The Pakistan Army made unparalleled sacrifices to cleanse our beloved country from the enemies of Islam and humanity. He said that

we love Pakistan and take pride in our armed forces. In the September war, the nation and the Pakistani armed forces collectively defended the country.

We are proud of our martyrs and heroes.

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjam said that on September 6, we also have to reaffirm our commitment never to forget the great sacrifices of our martyrs. We will always maintain the commitment and determination for the protection, integrity, and defense of the country that the entire nation demonstrated on September 6, 1965.

## Commemorating Sacrifice and Resilience: Pakistan Defense Day



Rizwan Tahir Chohan

Pakistan Defense Day serves as a day of contemplation, remembrance, and resilience. It commemorates the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for the country and reinforces the importance of a robust defense in safeguarding the nation's future. As Pakistan continues to confront various challenges, this day serves as a continual reminder of the courage and determination that have defined the nation's history and will continue to shape its future. This day holds immense significance for Pakistanis, as it pays tribute to the sacrifices of its armed forces during the 1965 Indo-Pak War, serving as a reminder of their unwavering commitment and the resilience of the entire nation.

The historical context of Pakistan Defense Day traces back to 1965 when Pakistan and India were embroiled in a

violent conflict over the disputed territory of Kashmir. It was a testing time for Pakistan, as the nation faced tremendous pressure and aggression. Despite being outnumbered and outgunned, the Pakistani military exhibited exemplary bravery and unwavering resolve. One of the most iconic moments in Pakistan's military history is the defense of the strategic city of Lahore. The valor and sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians during this battle are indelibly etched in the collective memory of Pakistanis. This day stands as a tribute to those who laid down their lives in defense of their homeland.

The day commences with special prayers for the martyrs and for the peace and prosperity of Pakistan. Mosques nationwide are adorned with green and white flags, and religious leaders emphasize the significance of unity and patriotism. The national flag is raised at key government installations and military establishments. It serves as a symbol of pride and resilience, reminding everyone of the sacrifices made for the country's freedom and security.

At military cemeteries and war memorials, senior military officials, political leaders, and ordinary citizens place wreaths at the graves of fallen soldiers. This act symbolizes respect and gratitude for the supreme sacrifice made by these heroes. Pakistan Defense Day features impressive mili-

tary parades in major cities, where soldiers showcase their skills, equipment, and discipline. These parades serve as a source of inspiration for the younger generation and a testament to the country's military capabilities.

Special programs and documentaries are aired on television to educate the public about the events of 1965 and the sacrifices of the armed forces. These programs aim to foster a sense of unity and patriotism. Many Pakistanis utilize this day to engage in charitable activities, including providing assistance to the families of martyrs and supporting veterans who have suffered injuries during their service. It's a way of giving back to those who have sacrificed for the nation.

Across the nation, people participate in rallies and processions, waving flags and chanting slogans in support of the military and the nation's defense. These public gatherings demonstrate the unity and strength of the Pakistani people. Beyond the ceremonies and parades, Pakistan Defense Day conveys a vital message to the nation. It reminds Pakistanis of their duty to protect the country's sovereignty and cherish the hard-earned freedom. It also underscores the significance of unity in the face of adversity and the necessity for a strong and capable defense.

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# ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 Trophy Embarks on a Historic Tour to Pakistan

Asim Tanveer

LAHORE: The ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 Trophy has made its grand arrival in Lahore, and commenced a three-day tour filled with iconic moments, engaging activities, and an opportunity for cricket enthusiasts to get up close with this prestigious trophy.

The ICC Men's World Cup 2023 Trophy began its tour in India, the host of the tournament, since June 27. It has

travelled to Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the USA, West Indies, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Bahrain, Italy, France and England.

The ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 Trophy, one of the most coveted prizes in the world of cricket, touched down in Lahore on 4 September and is scheduled to depart on 6 September. During this brief yet momentous visit, the trophy is being embarked on a swift journey, making stops at historical landmarks, cricket academies, and

educational institutions, providing fans from all walks of life a chance to witness the glory of cricket up close.

To allow media personnel to capture this historical moment, the trophy will be on display at the National Cricket Academy's outdoor area on 6 September at 10 am for 40 minutes.

The ICC Men's World Cup 2023 is all set to take place in India from 5 October to 19 November.

Pakistan, currently the number one side in the 50-over format, clinched



the title in 1992 under the leadership of Imran Khan when they defeated England by 22 runs in the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia. In the last edition of the ICC Men's World Cup held in England in 2019, Pakistan narrowly missed an opportunity to qualify for the semi-finals, ending with 11 points from nine games and finishing in fifth place.

Media opportunity to film and capture pictures of the trophy at NCA's outdoor on 6 September at 10 am.

## U-13 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Zone-VI Whites and Zone-VII Greens off to a flying start when they beat Zone-IV Blues and Zone-I Blues in the opening match of A. S. Natural Stone Under-13 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament on Monday at KCCA Stadium.

On this occasion the Chief Guest Abdul Sattar Proprietor A. S. Natural Stone inaugurated the Tournament in a beautiful impressive Ceremony on Monday at KCCA Stadium.

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi and Sponsors by A. S. Natural Stone. Jawed Ahmed Khan Secretary RCAF, Former International Cricketer Saeed Azad, M. Touseef Siddiqui Joint Secretary RCAF, Khalid Nafees Chairman Tournament Committee, Khalid Zia,



other RCAF and hundreds of Teenage Cricketers and also their Parents attending the Ceremony. Summarized Scores. Zone-VI Whites beat Zone-IV Blues by 182 runs in the evening match. Zone-VI 223/4 in 20 overs.

Abdullah Jawed 119 14x4. 3x6 not out, Faisal Qurban 53.

M. Hassan Raza 2/35, Muhammad Omar Khan 2/45..

Zone-IV 41/7 in 20 overs. Faraz 3/9, Muhammad Asad 2/17.

In the Morning Match Zone-VII Greens beat Zone-I Blues by 3 wickets. Zone-I 46 all out in 12.5 Overs. Omar Danish 13. S. M. Hassan (rls) 6/4.

Zone-VII 48/7 in 15 Overs. Hasan Farhan (rls) 4/8, Shaheer 2/10.

## Asia Cup 2023

Ayesha Rubab

The Asia Cup 2023 is the 16th edition of the Asia Cup with the matches to be played as One Day International and is jointly hosted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The tournament is being contested by 6 teams. It is being held from 30 August to 17 September 2023. In Which 4 matches to host Pakistan and 9 matches to Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka are the defending champions. Match between India and Pakistan was declared unfinished due to heavy rain in Colombo and also the match of India Vs Nepal was affected by rain and then it was completed by reducing overs and score through DLS Method. Now there is news that Super 4 matches are likely to be shifted from Colombo to Hambantota due to heavy rain in Colombo. The Question arises that when Pakistan has the right to host Asia Cup 2023 completely then why is the Asia cup 2023 being hosted jointly by Pakistan and Sri Lanka. PCB Chairman Najam Sethi had urged ACC to host India Vs Pakistan match in UAE. Former Pakistani cricketer Kamran Akmal had made a statement on it that PCB should decide whether to choose Cricket or Money. We should take a stand against this injustice of ACC and ICC. Asia Cup 2023 has to be hosted completely by Pakistan.

## Asia Cup 2023: PCB lodges protest as ACC backtracks on venue change

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Tuesday, lodged a strong protest after Jay Shah — president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) unilaterally changed the match venue back to Colombo despite concerns over bad weather.

The PCB has called for an emergency meeting of the ACC to develop a consensus and address the confusion created due to back-and-forth decisions by Shah which have made the tournament a laughing stock.

The development comes as earlier the ACC president had agreed to change the match venue to Hambantota following reservations raised by PCB over bad weather conditions.

However, in an unexpected turn of events, Shah has unilaterally backtracked on the agreed venue change, shifting the match back to Colombo, sources told Geo News on Tuesday.

The Pakistan cricket authorities have also refused to accept this unilateral decision taken by a regional cricket body headed by Jay Shah.

Regarding back-to-back changes in venues, the administrators are in a fix as they have logistic arrangements to move to Hambantota but now they are told that the venue would remain unchanged.

## Prime Minister Talent Hunt badminton Trials Conclude Successfully in Sargodha

Sports Desk

LAHORE: The Prime Minister Talent Hunt badminton Trials, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at identifying and nurturing exceptional talent among Pakistan's youth, concluded on Tuesday in Sargodha with resounding success.



The trials, organized separately for women and men by Kinnaird College for Women Lahore and the University of Sargodha, respectively, said Ammara Rubab, head of Sports Kinnaird college for women Sports.

These trials witnessed an overwhelming turnout of enthusiastic young girls and boys, all were enthusiastic and passionate for a chance to showcase their unique skills and talents, she said.

"We are thrilled by the incredible response we received from the youth of Sargodha," stated Ammara Rubab, the event organizer.

She said this initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's vision to empower our youth and harness their talents to drive Pakistan's progress.

Ahmad Khan Haral, representing the University of Sargodha, added, "The trials in Sargodha have laid the foundation for a brighter future for our nation. We believe that nurturing these talents will not only benefit the individuals but will also contribute significantly to the development of Pakistan as a whole."

The momentum generated by the trials in Sargodha is set to continue as the Prime Minister Talent Hunt trials to Rawalpindi. Trials at the Shahbaz Sharif Sports Complex in Rawalpindi will take place tomorrow, Wednesday. Aspiring youth from this vibrant city are encouraged to participate and seize the opportunity to shine on a national stage.

## Faheem replaces Nawaz in Pakistan's Playing XI for Bangladesh fixture



Sports Desk

LAHORE: Fast bowling all-rounder Faheem Ashraf has replaced Mohammad Nawaz in Pakistan's Playing XI for their first Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s fixture against Bangladesh on Wednesday.

According to the details, Faheem Ashraf, who made his ODI return in the recently-held ODI series between Pakistan and Afghanistan, managed to make a cut to Pakistan's Playing XI for their first Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s fixture.

The Playing XI features Pakistan captain Babar Azam, his deputy Shadab Khan, Imam-ul-Haq, Fakhar Zaman, Mohammad Rizwan, Salman Ali Agha, Iftikhar Ahmed, Faheem Ashraf, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf.

The Asia Cup 2023 group-stage clash between Pakistan and India marked the two team's first faceoff in the ODI format since the 2019 World Cup. However, cricket fans' quest to witness the much-anticipated clash got unsettled as persistent rain washed out the game.

Hosts Pakistan, who started their Asia Cup campaign with a crushing 238-run victory over Nepal in the curtain-raiser, became the first side to make it to the next round after sharing points with arch-rivals India.

Following their qualification in the Super 4s, Pakistan was poised to face either Bangladesh or Afghanistan.

But Bangladesh's 89-run victory over Afghanistan a day later put them in a strong position to advance into the Super 4s.

## Panama footballer Gilberto killed in Colon attack

Sports Desk

Panamanian international footballer Gilberto Hernandez, who played as a defender for Club Atletico Independiente, was killed by two gunmen in the city of Colon.



The Panama Football League confirmed Hernandez's untimely demise, revealing that the incident occurred during a gathering with friends near his mother's residence.

Eyewitnesses and local police reports detail that the assailants arrived in a taxi, opening fire without warning. The horrifying incident not only claimed Hernandez's life but also left seven others injured, sending shockwaves through the football community.

The Panamanian Football Federation (FEPAFUT) expressed its deep condolences to Hernandez's family and the wider football family in Panama. In a statement posted on social media, FEPAFUT lamented the tragic loss of this young talent.



## BCCI, PCB on path to mend cricket ties

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Vice President Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Rajiv Shukla has said that cricket strengthens bond between the people and brings nations together.

Speaking at the grand gala dinner by the PCB in honor of BCCI delegation and Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan cricket teams at the Governor's House the other night, he hinted at the magical power of cricket to bring people and states closer with desire to mend relations between the boards like the past.

The trio from the BCCI and PCB including Roger Binny, Rajiv Shukla and Zaka Ashraf expressed the positive intent mend relations for the fans on both sides of the border.

Reminiscing on successful tours by the Indian team

in the past despite concerns on players' security, the BCCI vice president said there were security concerns prior to the Indian team's Pakistan tour in 2004 but we went ahead with the tour through the backing of the BCCI President Jagmohan Dalmiya and it was followed by a tour in 2006.

"2004-06 was the golden era in Pakistan-India relations while cricket served as the track II diplomacy," Shukla said, adding that it helped promote people to people ties.

Shukla spoke freely of his fondness of Lahore and how he enjoyed coming back to the historic city. He reminisced of a similar day at the Governor's House when former Indian Prime Minister addressed the audience at the sprawling lawns of Governor's House.

He also made a special

mention of the warmth and hospitality extended to him every time he had visited Lahore, adding he was enamoured by the personal care he received every time he was here in Lahore.

Shukla promised enviable hospitality to the visiting Pakistan team during the ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 in India from October 5, adding he looked forward to welcome all the team there.

The BCCI vice president congratulated PCB on the successful conduct of the Asia Cup 2023.

Chairman Management Committee PCB Zaka Ashraf urged the need to revive love and develop brotherly relations among the cricketing nations of the world.

Welcoming the BCCI President Roger Binny, Vice President Rajiv Shukla, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka cricket teams,

office-bearers and officials to Lahore, he underlined the need of unity among the cricketing nations as cricket brings countries and nations together. He expressed the hope that the Asia Cup will promote brotherly ties.

Referring to the recent Pak-India tie in the Asia Cup 2023 in Kandy, Sri Lanka, Zaka Ashraf said it was great sight cricket from both the teams hugging each other at the end of the match, adding that cricket is a binding force.

BCCI President Roger Binny also reiterated his desire to strengthen the ties between the cricket boards and promote cricket.

Later, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman and Chairman PCB Management Committee Zaka Ashraf presented mementoes to the visiting cricket teams and office bearers of other boards.

## Sri Lanka avoid Afghanistan scare to reach Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s

A Sports

LAHORE: Sri Lankan bowlers held their nerves calm to deny Afghanistan a miraculous run chase and stormed into the Asia Cup 2023 Super 4s.

Afghanistan had to chase down 292 in 37.1 overs to make it to the next round and they came within touching distance to pull off a sensational feat, courtesy of quickfire knocks by their middle-order.

Afghanistan needed three off one delivery to secure the Super 4s berth but Mujeeb Ur Rahman fired the ball off Dhananjaya de Silva straight to Sadeera Samarawickrama at long-on.

However, Afghanistan still had a chance to make it to the Super 4s if they got to 295 in 37.4 overs but Fazalhaq Farooqi, the number 11, seemed unaware of

the equation as he blocked the next two deliveries off de Silva before falling on the third.

With two wickets in four deliveries, Dhananjaya de Silva snatched a narrow two-run victory from Afghanistan.

Afghanistan got off to a dismal start to their pursuit as they were two down for 27 in five overs after both openers Rahmanullah Gurbaz (4) and Ibrahim Zadran (7) failed to score big.

Gulbadin Naib put on a brief partnership with Rahmat Shah before perishing in the ninth over to leave Afghanistan reeling at 50/3.

Rahmat was then joined by skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi and the pair knitted an anchoring 71-run partnership to stop the flow of wickets.

Rahmat and Shahidi had anchored the run chase but the

required run rate surged drastically in the process.

The dire need to score big got the better of Shah, who misread the slower bowl from Kasun Rajitha and ended up spooning to Pathirana, who took a low well-judged catch.

Rahmat scored 45 off 40 deliveries, laced with five boundaries and a six.

Coming out to bat at number six with Afghanistan at 121/4 in 18.4 overs, Mohammad Nabi turned the game on its head with belligerent hitting.

The experienced all-rounded thrashed Sri Lankan bowlers all around the ground to score the fastest half-century for Afghanistan in ODI cricket, taking just 24 deliveries.

His fifth-wicket partnership with Shahidi had pushed Sri Lanka to the backfoot but

Maheesh Theekshana claimed the prized wicket of Nabi in the 27th over to draw a much-needed breakthrough for Sri Lanka.

Nabi remained the top-scorer for Afghanistan in the all-important Asia Cup 2023 fixture with a 32-ball 65 which featured six boundaries and five sixes.

Spirited Afghanistan seemed unhurt by Nabi's dismissal as Karim Janat (22) and Hashmatullah Shahidi kept scoring rapidly before Dunith Wellalage removed both batters in the same over.

Shahidi scored an anchoring 59 off 66 balls, hitting three boundaries and a six.

Following back-to-back blows, Najibullah Zadran and Rashid Khan took the reigns of Afghanistan's run chase and kept their side in the hunt with crucial cameos.



The pair added 39 runs at a rapid pace for the eighth wicket before Kasun Rajitha removed Zadran to pose a major dent to Afghanistan's onslaught. Zadran scored 23 off 15 balls.



**Bull & Bears**  
PSX 100-Share  
Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
45,491.48	45,707.42
Day's High	Day's Low:
45,950.68	45,416.99
Index Value	Change
3,047,252,533	-215.94
Percentage	Time
-0.47%	5 Sept, 2023 5:00 pm

Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
7,437.93	-14.83
Percentage	Time
-0.20%	5 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
34,713.75	-123.96
Percentage	Time
-0.36%	Sept, 1:08 pm GMT-4

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
33,036.76	+97.58
Percentage	Time
+0.30%	5 Sept, 3:15 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	210	212
Bahrain Dinar	814.77	822.77
Canadian Dollar	240	242.4
China Yuan	42.14	42.54
Danish Krone	44.39	44.79
Euro	345	348
Hong Kong Dollar	39.1	39.45
Indian Rupee	3.69	3.8
Japanese Yen	2.36	2.44
Kuwaiti Dinar	993.41	1002.41
Malaysian Ringgit	65.66	66.26
New Zealand \$	181.93	183.93
Norwegians Krone	28.83	29.13
Omani Riyal	795.74	803.74
Qatari Riyal	83.71	84.41
Saudi Riyal	85.65	86.5
Singapore Dollar	228	230.3
Swedish Korona	28.16	28.46
Swiss Franc	346.46	348.96
Thai Bhat	8.69	8.84
U.A.E Dirham	89.6	90.5
UK Pound Sterling	407	411
US Dollar	320.8	324

# ICCI demands a healthy ecosystem for women entrepreneurs to jump-start the revival of economy

**Tariq Khattak**

Islamabad: Pakistan needs to promote women entrepreneurs to jump-start the revival of its economy and put it on the path of sustainable growth. This was said by Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry while addressing a US Speakers Series event organized by ICCI in collaboration with Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IWCCI) under the title "Challenges and Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs in venture capital industry".

Ahsan Bakhtawari said that women are 51 percent of Pakistan's total population and their increased participation in economic activity is important to spur the growth of the economy. He said that when women get economic power, they reinvest it in their families, their communities and bring prosperity to the country. He said evidence shows that women-owned SMEs make a significant contribution to the development of economy as they generate employment, create wealth and improve the social



wellbeing of society.

Ms. Courtney Powell, COO, 500 Global and Google Business Leader of 2015 of USA, speaking on the occasion said that Pakistani women have incredible talent and they need a healthy ecosystem for entrepreneurship to excel in the business field. She said that women entrepreneurs should be facilitated in generating funds from the stock markets for business ventures. She lauded the role of women chambers of commerce and industry for promoting women entrepreneurs in Pakistan and said that women need better financing models to flourish their business enterprises.

Rizwana Asif, President, Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry said that women need easy access to capital and stressed that the government should come up with tailor-made financial solutions for them. She said that 25 women chambers of commerce and industry in Pakistan are working hard to promote women entrepreneurs in order to increase their role in the economic development of the country.

## Press conference

ISLAMABAD: President Markazi Tanzeem-e-Tajran Pakistan Muhammad Kashif Chaudhary talking to media persons along with others at his office in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Raja Farid

## PSA expresses concern at media reports on change in net metering policy

**Commerce Desk**

LAHORE: Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) has made a resounding call to action, urging authorities and stakeholders to continue supporting net metering as a crucial pillar of the nation's sustainable energy future. Net metering has been recognized as a cornerstone in the transition to clean and affordable energy, aligning Pakistan with the global shift towards solar power adoption.

The PSA noted that the government is contemplating a change in Net Metering policy, citing capacity charges of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) as the reason. The PSA has termed it as an erroneous and misleading approach, which will aggravate the electricity prices in the country.

Speaking at a press event, PSA Chairman, Mr. Amir Chaudhry said, "The real issue lies in rampant energy theft, which results in a significant shortfall in the revenue collection of Distribution Companies (DISCOs), resulting in a continuous increase in circular debt. In February this year, Power Division Secretary Rashid Mehmood Langrial, in a briefing to the National Assembly Standing Committee said that electricity worth Rs. 380 billion is stolen every year in the country. In the same



briefing, he said that the impact of Rs. 520 billion in stolen electricity is to be passed on to consumers in bills from the next fiscal [i.e. now the current fiscal year]."

The Chairman PSA said, "The solar energy sector in Pakistan has enormous potential, not only to provide clean and sustainable energy but also to create job opportunities and boost economic growth. However, we are facing resistance from those who are reluctant to embrace this change."

The PSA stated that the net metering is a sustainable energy solution that allows consumers to generate their own electricity through solar panels and feed excess power

back into the grid. This process not only reduces electricity bills but also contributes surplus energy to the national grid, creating a win-win situation for both consumers and the environment. By promoting net metering, the PSA underscores its commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly energy practices.

He added, "We believe in a future where Pakistan's energy landscape is more sustainable and eco-friendly. To achieve this vision, it is imperative that the government stands by the solar energy sector and ensures a fair and conducive environment for all stakeholders."

## Changan Auto expands its National Footprint



**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: Changan Auto, the leading disruptor in the Pakistani automotive industry, announced the inauguration of its first dealership in the city of Rahim Yar Khan on the occasion of the nation's 76th Independence Day. The new dealership, located on Shabbazpur Road near Punjnad Cotton Industries, is a 3S facility that will provide customers with a one-stop solution for all their needs, including the purchase of Changan vehicles, spare-part and accessories, vehicle maintenance

and repair services. With the addition of the new dealership, the Master Changan dealer network has now reached 28 dealerships and increased the geographical presence to 18 cities.

"After establishing our presence in key metropolitan markets of Pakistan, we are now becoming closer to important regional hubs like Rahimyar Khan", Syed ShabbirUddin - Director Sales & Marketing remarked, highlighting the brand's vision and its commitment to providing quality customer services across the nation.

## Irfan Wahid and Farooq Ghaffar inaugurated the CT Scan Unit at Shed Foundation



**Bureau Report**

KARACHI: Chief Executive of GFS Builders and Developers, Irfan Wahid and Chairman of Chase Value, Farooq Ghaffar, inaugurated the CT Scan Unit at Shed Foundation, North Karachi. They also visited the different wards of the hospital.

While talking to the media representatives on the occasion, Irfan Wahid said that the Shed Hospital is providing the cost-free best medical facilities to poor people in this era of high inflation. Experienced doctors and healthcare experts of every disease are available here. I want this institution to grow and flourish so that more and more patients can avail of the medical facilities in a better way.

He pointed out that GFS Builders is cooperating with Shed Management in every possible way and we will continue to do so. It is our practice as a nation to blame the government. We and other persons from the corporate sector should come forward and play their role for the betterment of our society. If every one of us performs his duties honestly, not only in health but in every field of life, we can grow and prosper leading Pakistan toward success.

Speaking on the occasion, Farooq Ghaffar said that it is a matter of pride that so many people are being provided with free medical facilities at Shed Foundation in the most effective way which is a big deal indeed in today's era. The philanthropists who cooperate in such divine causes deserve appreciation. The world is secured because of the virtuous and good people. All our support is with the Shade Foundation.

On this occasion, Executive Member of Shade Foundation, Arif Saeed, and other officials presented shields to the guests and thanked them for attending the event.

## Today's Market analysis on behalf of Samer Hasn Market Analyst

**Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: The pound sterling against the US dollar (GBP/USD) continued its negative performance today, reaching its lowest levels since mid-June, at the level of 1.25285 at around 8:00 am GMT. While the weakness in the pound was not due to the strength of the dollar, we have seen it decline against a basket of major currencies as well. Also at the same time, the pound sterling recorded its lowest level against the euro, with the euro against the pound (EUR/GBP) reaching its highest levels since last Thursday, at 0.85769, while the pound was able later during the day to recover some

of its gains, with it reaching the level of 0.85553, near 10 am. Besides, the British Pound Sterling Currency Index (BXY) continues to trade near its lowest levels since a week, near the level of 125.85 points.

This weakness in the Sterling today came with more negative data coming out of China. Today, we witnessed the services PMI figures for the month of August, as we saw the slowest pace of growth in service activities in China since December last year, with a reading of 51.8, which was below expectations of 53.6. While the services sector figures came after the manufacturing PMI numbers we saw last week, which came at the highest levels since last February and

outperformed expectations that were predicting a continued contraction in manufacturing activities.

In the UK, today we saw a less than expected contraction in services activities with the S&P Global Services PMI reading at 49.5 vs. 48.7 expected. This figure followed the manufacturing PMI we saw on Friday which pointed to a further contraction in manufacturing activities to the lowest levels since May of 2020.

In the bond markets, UK gilt yields continue to rise. At today's highs, the two-year gilts yield recorded a level of 5.241%, the highest since last Thursday, and is just around the corner from the highest levels since last July at 5.322%. British 10-year gilt yields

continue to recover today, reaching 4.500%, the highest in nearly ten days. Also, the gap between long-term and short-term gilts continues to narrow for the sixth day in a row, reaching -0.7330%, but it's still just off the highest levels since 2004 at -1.117%.

While the rise in yields comes amid a general decline in the British gilt markets. The iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF (IGLT), which tracks the performance of British government gilts, fell to its lowest level in about ten days, amid a decline in trading volumes during the past week to the lowest levels since last May.

I believe that the economic data and the performance of the gilt

markets reflect further declining sentiment towards the UK economy. Despite the decline in economic activity, we still see more expectations about the possibility of the Bank of England raising interest rates at least once this year to combat high inflation, which may put more pressure on the British economy. This was actually reflected in the divergent performance in long- and short-term gilt yields, with the sudden widening of the gap, which came with the decline in ten-year gilt yields, reflecting the weak expectations about the future growth of the British economy in light of the continuous rise in interest rates, which were priced through the rise in two-years gilt yields.



# OUR MARTYRS OUR PRIDE



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6<sup>th</sup> September reminds us of the enemy's aggression which was successfully thwarted by our resilient nation and military. This day signifies the unflinching resolve, unity and sense of sacrifice to defend our motherland at all cost. It is also a day to pay homage to those sons of the soil, who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom and sovereignty. Their actions continue to resonate, urging us to strive for a better tomorrow.

Following the legacy of our Great Heroes of 1965 war, Armed Forces in unison with people of Pakistan remain ever ready and fully determined to squarely meet all external and internal challenges to protect our ideological and geographical frontiers. Today we as a Nation must renew our resolve to block and prevent the sinister efforts of enemy's of Pakistan trying to create a wedge between Defence Forces and people of Pakistan – we were, we are, and will remain United as One Nation. Insha Allah.

On this day, we must remember the utmost sacrifices of the people of Kashmir, who are suffering under the yoke of Indian tyranny and oppression for the past seven decades. The Kashmir dispute is an unfinished agenda of partition and the world should know that without resolving this issue, there can be no lasting peace in South Asia. Therefore, it is time that the UN fulfills its promise to Kashmiris and gives them their right to self-determination under the umbrella of relevant UNSC Resolutions.

Today, we bow our heads in reverence and gratitude for the martyrs, who have engraved their legacy in the annals of history, reminding us of the freedom that we cherish. Let's renew our pledge that following the footsteps of the Shaheed and Ghazi of 1965 war, we will leave no stone unturned in the defence of our motherland and we will always work towards making Pakistan a great country.

May Allah Almighty be with us all.

**Armed Forces of Pakistan, Zindabad.**  
Pakistan, Paindabad.

The Defence & Martyrs Day of Pakistan stands as an important milestone in our national and military history, serving as a reminder of the enduring sacrifices borne by our valiant Armed Forces in the unwavering defense of our Motherland. In the 1965 War, the dauntless courage and unwavering professionalism exhibited by the sons of this soil were nothing short of unprecedented. It was through their indomitable spirit and unyielding dedication that the Pakistan Armed Forces successfully repelled the aggressions of our adversaries on all fronts. The charisma of that moment, characterized by a unified national spirit and solidarity, continues to resonate as a source of profound pride and honor, not only for our Armed Forces but also for the generations yet to come. Even today, we stand resolute in the 'spirit of September', steadfastly safeguarding our frontiers.

The Pakistan Army holds a distinctive position among the contemporary armies, distinguished by its exceptional professional standards and discipline. Our guiding ethos, encapsulated by the motto, "The unflinching faith, devotion, and resolve to fight in the way of Allah," remains our most formidable asset in confronting the vicissitudes of time, surmounting the hurdles and trials, and thwarting the nefarious designs of those who would seek harm to Pakistan. Armed with state-of-the-art weaponry, rigorously honed combat skills, and a commitment to professionalism, the Pakistan Army stands prepared to respond fittingly to any challenge or aggression.

The hallmark of Pakistan Army is a constant commitment to prioritize the defense of the Motherland above all else, even at the cost of one's own life. The sacrifices made by the Shuhada and the feats of our ghazis serve as guiding beacons for all of us. In the discharge of their duties, the shining standards of valor, courage, and fearlessness set forth by our soldiers and officers continue to steer our collective dedication towards our mission accomplishment. We must always bear in mind that the torch of freedom has been ignited by the blood of these martyrs, and their sanctity and reverence stands paramount. The capacity of our nation and Armed Forces to unite in times of trial is an invaluable quality and, for us, an essential facet of our national defense and security.

Recently, certain misguided elements attempted to sow discord and erode the trust that binds the Pakistani nation to its Armed Forces. These nefarious endeavors, however, were thwarted through the restraint demonstrated by our Armed Forces. Above all linguistic, regional, and sectarian prejudices, the Pakistan Army has consistently embodied the ideals of Unity, Faith, and Discipline. Guided by these enduring principles, the Pakistan Army has set new benchmarks in its unrelenting fight against the scourge of terrorism. This noble feat stands as a glorious testament to the unflinching resolve of our gallant sons, who have never hesitated to offer the ultimate sacrifice for defense of our Motherland. In the face of ever-mounting challenges and a volatile security environment, the Pakistan Army reaffirms its commitment to remain steadfast.

We must bear in mind that the Pakistan Army represents the linchpin of the hopes and aspirations of the people of Pakistan. We pledge to uphold this relationship of mutual trust above all else. Besides the defence of motherland, the way Pakistan Army has been playing its role in national building, it will also support recently launched economic recovery plan by the Government focusing corporate farming (agriculture and livestock), mines & minerals and Information technology. We are cognizant of the fact that strong economy is vital for the strong defence. With the blessings of Allah and through mutual cooperation, Pakistan is poised to realize the aspiration of self-reliance through the path of economic progress.

The Defence & Martyrs Day serves as a moment of recruitment. As we pay tribute to the martyrs for their supreme sacrifices, let us rededicate ourselves to selflessly serve the cause of Pakistan's security, safety, and prosperity, all while keeping the spirit of September alive. Our unity stands as our paramount strength. Let us join hands in unison, forging ourselves into a formidable force, such that no earthly power would dare to imperil our security and sovereignty.

**Pakistan Army, Zindabad. Pakistan, Paindabad.**

6<sup>th</sup> September is a special day in our nation's history when the valiant Armed Forces with the support of our people, repulsed blatant aggression of the enemy and foiled its nefarious designs. The day exudes the spirit of unity and sacrifice in the defence of our motherland and glorifies the indomitable bond of our Nation and the Armed Forces to stand together in the face of adversity and belligerence.

The daring 'Operation SOMNATH' by Pakistan Navy Ships knocked out Indian radar station and shore installations at Dwarka, on the Gujrat Coast thus blinding the enemy's maritime picture and attaining psychological ascendancy. Pakistan Navy Submarine Ghazi acted as an impregnable shield at sea, effectively confining the Indian Fleet within the harbour. Today, we owe special tributes to the daring acts and sacrifices of our war heroes who dwell and thrive in our hearts.

Pakistan Navy, entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding maritime frontiers of the motherland, vigilantly undertakes round the clock operations to defend our waters and ensures that maritime domain is not exploited for illicit activities. In today's changing maritime environment, Pakistan Navy is ensuring safety and security of international waters through a variety of collaborative and independent initiatives and arrangements.

In the present era, only a strong economy can ensure credible defence. Our maritime sector has tremendous potential to contribute towards the national economy, provided it is facilitated and appropriately developed. In this regard, Pakistan Navy continuously strives to promote Blue Economy which will open new vistas of opportunities for our national progress.

Pakistan Navy maintains perpetual readiness to deter war, ensure maritime defence and proactively contributes to nation building initiatives.

Today we acknowledge the sacrifices made by our Shuhadas and Ghazis who have displayed unflinching resolve against a much larger adversary. All the Officers, CPOs/ Sailors and Navy Civilians reaffirm their resolve to defend our maritime frontiers with absolute faith and unremitting perseverance.

May Allah be our Guide and Protector (Ameen).

**Pakistan Navy, Zindabad.**  
Pakistan, Paindabad.

Defence Day of Pakistan symbolises the exemplary courage, consummate professionalism and matchless spirit of sacrifice of the Armed Forces of Pakistan. The day holds a special significance in our history, as it revives the memory of our nation's resolve in the face of aggression. On this historic occasion, the aggressor challenged the very existence of a peaceful country, little knowing about our indomitable will to fight. Alhamdulillah, in a remarkable show of unity, the people of Pakistan and its Armed Forces took up the gauntlet and routed the enemy. Undoubtedly, Pakistan Air Force, in unison with sister services, delivered a knock-out punch to the enemy and set a legacy of fighting outnumbered.

While commemorating this great day of national pride, we salute and pay homage to all those who laid down their lives for motherland. Certainly, they added a new chapter to history through glorious deeds of heroism and set a supreme example of sacrifice for posterity to emulate. Indeed, we owe our heroes an eternal debt of gratitude for what they have done for us. We also salute those veterans who returned home to tell their sagas of courage from which we continue to draw strength and inspiration.

**My Dear Countrymen!** Our glorious history is witness to the fact that, as a nation, we have always displayed great solidarity, especially in times of crises and as such always emerged triumphant. I am sure that on the strength of our national cohesion, we can surmount every challenge, however daunting. On this occasion, let us solemnly pledge that we will make every effort for the progress and development of our country. I assure you that Pakistan Air Force is fully capable to defend the aerial frontiers of our sacred motherland.

On this special day, we must not forget our Kashmiri brethren who have been fighting against occupation for over seven decades. We renew our resolve to support their just struggle for self-determination.

May Allah Almighty give us the strength, courage and vision to prove equal to our nation's expectations (Aameen).

**Pakistan Air Force, Zindabad.**  
Pakistan, Paindabad.

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