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PM stresses urgent need for uninterrupted humanitarian aid to Gaza

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday urged the international community to ensure consistent and timely delivery of badly needed humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza. He made these remarks during a telephone conversation with President Egypt Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi.



CM Bugti congratulates Syed Asim Munir on his promotion to Field Marshal

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif called on President Asif Ali Zardari at Aiwan-e-Sadr, on Tuesday.



Field Marshal dedicates honor to nation, Armed Forces

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Cabinet Tuesday approved the promotion of Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir (Nishan-e-Imtiaz Military) to the rank of Field Marshal, in recognition of his extraordinary military leadership during Operation Bunyanum Marsus, which resulted in a decisive victory for Pakistan during the recent conflict with India.

The decision was made during a high-level meeting of the federal cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, who also personally congratulated the nation on the successful defence of the country and the failure of the enemy's

aggressive designs during what he called the "Maarka-e-Haq."

The cabinet acknowledged that Pakistan recently passed through one of the most difficult phases in its history. On the night of May 6 and 7, 2025, India launched an unprovoked and unjustified war, blatantly violating Pakistan's sovereignty and targeting innocent civilians, including women and children.

In response, General Asim Munir led the Pakistan Army with exemplary courage and strategic brilliance, coordinating the armed forces with determination and unity of purpose. His leadership ensured not only a robust defence but also a historic

military victory for the country. Cabinet members credited his and bravery," and for safe-



high-level war strategy, national defence coordination, and battlefield command as key to defeating the enemy's objectives.

In recognition of his "brilliant military leadership, courage,

guarding Pakistan's territorial integrity, the Prime Minister proposed his promotion to Field Marshal — a proposal that was unanimously approved by the

cabinet. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also met President Asif Ali Zardari to take him into confidence regarding the decision.

In another major development, the cabinet approved the continuation of the services of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu after the completion of his current term, citing his vital role in national defence coordination during the

recent conflict. The cabinet also announced that officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Armed Forces, along with ghazis, martyrs, and civilian contributors to Operation Banyan Marsus from various fields, would be awarded high civil and military honours in recognition of their services during the war.

Maryam Nawaz Praises Field Marshal Asim Munir's Services to Pakistan



Spokesman Report

LAHAORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz said the entire nation was proud of Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir and the brave soldiers and martyrs of armed forces. Maryam Nawaz said Field Marshal Asim Munir rendered valuable services to the country and the nation. She prayed that under the leadership of General Syed Asim Munir, the Pakistan Army will reach the heights of professionalism and capa-

President felicitates Asim Munir on promotion to Field Marshal rank

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesdav felicitated Syed Asim Munir on his promotion to the rank of Field Marshal.

In a statement issued by the President House, he lauded the Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir for his role in giving a strong response to unprovoked Indian aggression and thwarting the enemy's malicious intentions.

"The rank of Field Marshal is a recognition of your services in defense of the homeland," the president said.

He highlighted that Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and the Pakistan Armed Forces deserved appreciation for their effective response to Indian attacks.

Under the leadership of Syed Asim Munir, the Pakistan Armed Forces crushed the enemy's arrogance with an excellent strategic response to Indian aggression, the president remarked.

The entire nation, he said, acknowledged Field Marshal Babar Sidhu.



Syed Asim Munir's contributions in protecting national security and sovereignty, and in the fight against terrorism.

Congratulating Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu on the extension of his term, the president said that due to the successful military strategy of the Air Chief, Pakistan gave a crushing response to the enemy.

Under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Sidhu, the Pakistan Air Force decisively defeated the Indian Air Force, the president added.

He also conveyed his best wishes to both Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed

PM congratulates Asim Munir on promotion to Field Marshal rank

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday extended his heartfelt congratulations to Cheif of Army Staff Syed Asim Munir on his promotion to the rank of Field Marshal.

During the 'Battle of Truth', the Army Chief foiled the enemy's nefarious designs through his leadership and professional capabilities in Operation Bunyan-um-Marsous, the prime minister said in a statement issued by the PM House.

He highlighted that Syed Asim Munir had been blessed by Allah Almighty with exceptional qualities and his courage and wisdom played a key role in the success of Operation Bunyan-um-Marsous.

"The Army Chief has been promoted to the rank of Field Marshal in recognition of command, and their families, his invaluable services in the



in the region through Operation Bunyan-um-Marsous," the prime minister remarked.

He said that from the Army Chief to every soldier who bravely responded to enemy aggression on the borders during the Battle of Truth, all rendered courageous services in defense of the nation.

I, along with the entire nation, take immense pride in Army Chief Syed Asim Munir, the brave warriors and martyrs of our armed forces under his he added.

CJCSC congratulates Syed Asim Munir on promotion to rank of Field Marshal

跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, NI (M), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) on Tuesday extended his heart- Haq and Bunyanum Marsoos, iest congratulations and felic-

itations to Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) on his well-deserved promotion to the prestigious rank of

Field Marshal. The CJCSC

lauded the COAS' exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication and distinguished services to the nation, especially during the recent successfully executed operations Marka e said an ISPR news release.



Cabinet approves continuation of service of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu



Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Cabinet on Tuesday in its meeting approved the continuation of the services of Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu after the completion of his current term, citing his vital role in national defence coordination during the recent conflict.

Pakistan Air Force remained at the forefront in the defence of the country and forced the enemy to its knees during the Maarka-e-Haq and Operation Bunyanum Marsoos. The exploits of the PAF were attributed to the visionary leadership of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu, who revolutionised the PAF on the modern tech-

Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed was



appointed as the Chief of Air Staff of the Pakistan Air Force on March 19, 2021.

He was granted a one-year extension to his tenure on 17 March 2024, making him the second chief in Pakistan Air Force history to receive such an extension after Anwar Shamim, who received an extension during the military government of General Zia Ul Hag in 1981.

Pakistan revised the tenure of the service chiefs of the Pakistan Armed Forces from three to five years, which consequently extended Sidhu's term as air chief until March Now the cabinet has approved the continu-

ation of his service as CAS without any retirement date given.

Pakistan's victory over India sparks hope for lasting peace in region

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Pakistan Muslim League (N) Azad Kashmir Chapter Shah Ghulam Qadir called on President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here today.

On this occasion, the duo discussed in detail the issues of mutual interest with particular focus on Pakistan's historic victory against India and its lasting impacts on the region's geopolitical landscape.

Speaking on the occasion, the President commended the exceptional professionalism and combat skills the Pakistan demonstrated during the operation Bunyan al Marsous that compelled India to seek a ceasefire. Condemning India's naked aggression, the president said that the Indian attacks have resulted in the killing of innocent civilians.

"India has attacked civilian populations across the LoC", he said, adding that targeting unarmed civilians and destroying places of worship constitute a grave violation of international law. Barrister Chaudhry welcomed the US President Donald Trump's mediation offer to help resolve the Kashmir issue.



He, however, stressed on holding miri leadership in the decision making to find out a durable solution to the tripartite talks and including Kash- process, which he said was imperative Kashmir problem.

High-level meeting

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr. Musadik Malik held a high-level meeting





👺 Bureau Report

President of All Jammu and Kashmir

Remembering Kashmir's Heroes: A Call to Continue the Struggle

while paying tribute to Shaheed-e-Millat Mirwaiz Maulvi Muhammad Farooq and Shaheed-e-Hurrivat Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone, has said that the Indian occupation administration is using brutal force and creating an atmosphere of fear and panic to weaken the spirit of freedom of the Kashmiris. The difficulties faced by the Kashmiri people and their sacrifices for the resolution of the Kashmir dispute constantly remind us that a solution to

Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, this long-standing dispute is inevitable and the feelings of the Kashmiris should be respected. He said that the reality cannot be changed through imprisonment and detention and the mission of the martyrs will be continued at all costs. The martyrs are the heroes of the Kashmiris and their mission will be fulfilled at all costs. He said that the sacrifices of Mirwaiz Maulvi Muhammad Farooq struggle. The best way to pay tribute to and Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone are a beacon of light for the Kashmiris. He said that it is the duty of all Kashmiris to costs.

continue their peaceful struggle to fulfill the mission of their martyrs and liberate Kashmir from Indian rule, Shaheed Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone was a fearless leader who fought tirelessly for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute throughout his life. He said that these great leaders rendered invaluable services in the Kashmir freedom the Kashmiri martyrs is to take their mission to its logical conclusion at all

Pakistan's people unite to support military operation against India

👺 Bureau Report

ABBASPUR: A Thanksgiving Day rally was organized by the People's Party Azad Kashmir (Abbaspur) near the Line of Control to express solidarity with the Pakistani forces and the success of Operation Banyan Al-Marsoos against India. On this occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider, President of the People's Party Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, senior leader of the People's Party Chaudhry Muhammad Riaz, former President and Prime Minister Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan, former Acting er Khan said that Operation Banyan Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Pervez Ashraf, government ministers Raja Faisal Mumtaz just as our Pakistan Army defend-Rathore, Mian Abdul Waheed, Sard-



ar Zia Al-Qamar, Special Assistant Nabila Ayub, Raja Mubashir Ijaz, former Information Minister Sardar Abid Hussain Abid, Sardar Saud Sadiq and the central leadership were also present. Addressing a public meeting, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haid-Marsus has instilled the fear of the Pakistan Army on the enemy India, ed the borders of the homeland and

Pakistan, for which the entire nation is proud. On the same occasion, former candidates for the assembly, Professor Raja Naseer, Sheikh Liaquat, Secretary Pervez, Sardar Izzat Beg, joined the PPP and vowed to play an active and dynamic role like in the past, while former Prime Minister Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi's personal ward Bahk Bala, Chaudhry Muhammad Azam. Chaudhry Muhammad Azeem,

ensured the geographical integrity of Chaudhry Waqas Ilyas Chaudhry, Tayyab Zulfiqar Chaudhry, Banaras Chaudhry, Waqar Ismail Ward Chakrali Chaudhry Sultan Chaudhry Tariq, Ward Nater, former candidates for local council, Sardar Qaseer Afaq, Sardar Osama, Union Council Battal Mandhol, Sardar Muhammad Naveed, Sardar Tajamul Hussain. Sardar Munawar Hussain, Subedar Nadeem Raja Arif, Sardar Imtiaz Abbasi. Union Council Sohar Kakuta.

Pakistan Army Chief Promoted to Field Marshal, AJK PM **Congratulates**

跨 Bureau Report



MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has congratulated Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir on his promotion to the rank of Field Marshal. In his congratulatory note, the Prime Minister praised the Army Chief for successful planning and execution of operation Bunyan Al Marsous that compelled the enemy to lick the dust. He also appreciated the federal government's decision to

promote General Asim Munir to the rank of Field Marshal. Highlighting the army Chief's professional commitment, courage and leadership qualities, the AJK premier said that General Asim Munir truly deserved this promotion. He also praised Field Marshal General Asim Munir's commitment to the Kashmir cause and taking a courageous stand on the issue. The prime minister Choudary Anwar Haq, on behalf of the Kashmiri nation, extended his heartfelt felicitations to the army chief on his well deserved promotion

Field Marshal Asim Munir: A Pride for the Nation

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Minister for Information, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, while congratulating Army Chief General Asim Munir on becoming Field Marshal, said that Field Marshal General Asim Munir is the pride of the entire nation. General Asim Munir practically brought the spirit, faith, piety and jihad in the way of Allah of the Paki-



stani Army to the world in Operation Bayan Marsus and demonstrated excellent military capabilities. The Information Minister said in his congratulatory statement that General Asim Munir's brilliant military leadership, courage and bravery made Pakistan proud. He said that due to the strategy of Field Marshal General Asim Munir, Pakistan achieved a historic victory in Banyan Marsus. On behalf of the Kashmiri nation, we congratulate Field Marshal General Asim Munir.

ADCG visits Govt Girl Schools

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: In line with Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision to uplift the quality of education and enhance the academic environment in schools across the province, concrete steps are being taken in Toba Tek Singh district. On the special directives of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sindhu, Additional Deputy Commissioner Zeeshan Labbha Masih visited Government Girls High School 388 JB and Government Girls Elementary School 389 JB.

During the visit, the Additional Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed inspection of the available educational facilities. He reviewed classroom conditions and interacted with students to assess their academic performance through direct questioning. ADCG Zeeshan Labbha Masih expressed satisfaction over the teaching process and the performance of the students. He also held a meeting with school council members and teaching staff to discuss the steps required for academic improvement, challenges faced by teachers, and provision of essential facilities in schools. The Additional Deputy Commissioner General issued instructions to the teachers to further raise the standard of education and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to utilizing all available resources to ensure a conducive and quality learning environment in all schools across the district.

FESCO launches crackdown on defaulters

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: On the special directives of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) FESCO Engr. Muhammad Aamer, Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) has decided to launch a vigorous recovery campaign for effective recovery from defaulters in the FESCO region. FESCO officers of Chief Engineer level will oversee this special campaign, while special duties have also been assigned to the Executive Engi-

neers (XENs) of various divisions. According to details, FESCO has decided to launch a special recovery campaign against defaulters at the end of the fiscal year to take strict and effective action for recovery from FESCO defaulters. In this connection, Chief Engineer Muhammad Saeed will monitor the recovery of First Circle, Chief Engineer (P&D) Aamir Mehboob Elahi Second Circle, Faisal Raza Marth Chief Engineer (T&G) Jhang Circle, Shahbaz Mahmood Chief Engineer (TS) Sargodha Circle, Asghar Hussain Qazilbash Chief Engineer (CS) Mianwali Circle while Waqas Baig Chief Engineer Development will monitor the recovery status of Toba Tek Singh Circle. In addition, officers of XEN level will perform special duties during this campaign in various divisions.

CEO FESCO Engr. Muhammad Aamer has warned FESCO defaulters to submit their due electricity bills as soon as possible, as electricity connections will be disconnected if they fail to pay their dues. He has also directed the operations and recovery staff to make the actions against defaulters faster and more effective and also check whether the defaulters have not obtained electricity from neighbors or any other sources after the power cut, in such conditions, action should also be taken against their facilitators. He said that the campaign against FESCO defaulters will continue on a daily basis and full recovery from them should be ensured.

Sacrifices of Kashmiris not to go in vain: governor Punjab

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people will not go in vain.

Addressing a public gathering during his visit to Abbaspur Tehsil of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) along the Line of Control (LoC) on Tuesday, he said India has been remorselessly committing atrocities against the Kashmiri people.

He said that Modi cannot dent morale and spirit of the Kashmiri people, adding that Kashmiris and Pakistanis share an unbreakable

Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider said, "Kashmir is our jugular vein and now India would have realized after the defeat at the hands of the armed forces of Pakistan.' He said the Indian government launched a cowardly attack on the

Pakistani soil while India has not yet been able to provide evidence of the Pahalgam drama to the international community. Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said the Pakistan

Army gave a befitting reply to India, adding that after Pakistan's victory in the war, the morale of the Pakistan Army and the Kashmiri people has increased manifold.





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Supreme Court Lawyer gains massive support for Punjab Bar

Abdul Majid

Council seat

FAISALABAD: Renowned lawyer candidate member Punjab Bar Council Chauhri Abdul Salam Advocate Supreme Court has been assured of their full support by several lawyer groups and lawyers, including Pasban Group Jarawala, former President Bar Association Jarawala Rana Mahfouz Ahmed Khan, Rana Arif Advo cate Candidate President Rana Mahfouz Group, former Secretary Bar Association Jarawala Umar Shahid Patti, Advocate Rana Rashid Ali Advo cate High Court Chaudhry Naveed Ahmed Gujar Advocate Chauhri Naveed Ahmed Wahid Advocate High Court and Chaudhry Owais Hanjra Advocate High Court, Madam Sehrish Rana Advocate Faisalabad, Bedar Bakht Advocate High Court Khalid Advocate High Court Muhammad Shiraz Jat Advocate High Court Ali Dogar Medokat High Court Chaudhry Zulfiqar Gujar Advocate High Court, while Malik Azim Aslam Awan Developers for Al Habib City have also assured full support and cooperation to Chaudhry Abdul Salam. Various lawyer groups have declared Chaudhry Abdul Salam Advocate as the most likely candidate for the seat of Puniab Bar Council and said that Allah By the grace of Allah, Chaudhry Abdul Salam

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif herself approves beautification projects in 17 districts across Punjab

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif presided over 3rd session of the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners marathon meeting lasting for 4 hours. The meeting was informed about the ongoing anti-encroachment operation and beautification plan in 17 districts. She comprehensively reviewed ongoing development projects of various districts. She approved beautification projects in 17 districts and directed the district administrations to take steps to provide funds for the beautification and improvement projects. She was given a briefing about the annual development program of the

The Chief Minister announced to give honorarium to the Deputy Commissioners of Hafizabad, Rawalpindi and Narowal. She directed to establish charging stations for the electric buses will be provided to all major cities across the province. She directed to ensure

imposing a ban on displaying posters, banners and penaflex under any circumstance and further directed to ensure lane marking on the roads of all cities across Punjab. She directed to establish grain markets, fruit and vegetable markets according to standard designs across the province and further directed to ensure the sale of 'Roti' at uniform official rates across Punjab.

She also directed to ensure the construction of buildings according to building bylaws across the province and further directed to ensure strict implementation of the ban on spreading building materials of under-construction buildings on roads. She also directed to carry out remodeling of the furniture market in Chiniot. She asserted that projects in all districts should be completed within the stipulated period adding that Deputy Commissioners should regularly visit hospitals and review the current situand disclosed that 1100 electric buses ation. She directed to carry out inspection of school vans should for the safety



Solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces

ISLAMABAD: Prominent businessman Dr. Shahid Rashid Butt and President of Pakistan Business Network Umar Shahid Butt are cutting the cake with former Federal Minister Dr. GG Jamal, Justice (retd) Mudassar Khalid Abbasi, Asad Aziz, Shahzad Shabbir Abbasi, Khurshid Qureshi, Malik Nadeem, Sardar Zaheer Ahmed, Basir Dawood, Tahir Satti, Jamil Abbasi, Azhar Jatoi, Malik Manzoor at a ceremony organized by them to mark the Thanksgiving Day with the Armed Forces of Pakistan.



Sectarian provocation at shrine of Bibi Maahim (S. A.) strongly condemned

Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Tensions escalated at the holy shrine of Masooma-e-Sindh Khadiia Bibi Maham (S. A.), the revered daughter of Imam Musa Kazim (A. S.), following an incident of sectarian provocation and desecration allegedly led by Ghulam Rasool Qureshi and members of a religious group. According to reports, the group staged a protest at the shrine, chanted inflammatory slogans, and disrespected sacred relics preserved at the holy site — an act that has drawn widespread

strongly condemned the incident and called for strict legal action against those responsible. The statement was Jafri – Provincial Vice President, TNFJ Sindh, Makhdoom Qadir Karbalai - Provincial Deputy General Secretary, Mir Asim Talpur - President, Qureshi - Senior Vice Presi-Babar Lashari - President, District Hyderabad, Syed Safdar Ali Shah Lakiyari -President, District Dadu, Bilal Jamali – President, Mukhtar Organization Sindh.

The patience and peace-In a joint press statement, loving nature of our commuleaders of Tehreek-e-Nafaz-e- nity should not be mistaken for Fiqh-e-Jafariya (TNFJ) Sindh weakness," the leaders empha-

sized. "We will not tolerate insults to our sacred personalities or the desecration of holy relics." The incident is believed issued by: Zawar Saeem Ali to be connected to efforts to obstruct officially sanctioned development work at the shrine. Following a verdict by the Sindh High Court Circuit Bench in Hyderabad, Hyderabad Division, Ali Raza the Sindh Auqaf Department had commenced construction dent, Hyderabad Division, at the shrine of Bibi Maham (S. A.). However, Ghulam Rasool Qureshi and his associates allegedly tried to halt the project and provoke sectarian unrest. "This is not the first attempt by these elements to stir discord in the region," the statement noted.

The religious leaders further revealed that the same individ-

uals were allegedly involved in a previous attack on the shrine during Eid-ul-Fitr, where they caused vandalism. A First Information Report (FIR) of that incident is already on record at Gulab Leghari Police

The joint statement urged the Government of Sindh, the district administration of Badin, and all relevant security agencies to take immediate notice of these sectarian provocations and initiate strict legal action against those responsible for inciting unrest.

Additionally, the leaders appealed to Shia organizations and mourning groups across Pakistan to raise their voices in unison and stand firm in defense of their sacred sites.

Pakistan Showcases Digital Justice Reforms at 34th Session of the UN Commission

Spokesman Report

VIENNA: Pakistan's delegation to the 34th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), held in Vienna, was led by Mr. Raja Naeem Akbar (H. I), Federal Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice. The delegation also included Mr. Ehsan Sadiq, National Focal Person on the UNTOC Review Mechanism, and Mr. Khalid Mahmood Chauhan, National Coordinator of NACTA, among other senior officials. On the sidelines of the session, Pakistan organized two side events highlighting the country's efforts in judicial reform and the prevention of violent extremism (PVE).

In addition to CAMS, the Secretary Law highlighted other notable digital initiatives such as The Pakistan Code, a searchable, online repository of all updated federal legislation, and the Document Retrieval System, which provides digitized access to gazetted enactments and statutory instruments.

Commending the CCPCJ for its dedication to global justice reform, the Secretary Law reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to multilateral cooperation and innovation in justice delivery. He also expressed gratitude to the Embassy of Pakistan in Vienna for its instrumental role in organizing Pakistan's engagements at the session.

Pakistan is currently serving as a member of the CCPCJ for the 2025-2027 term and remains an active contributor to international efforts in promoting justice, accountability, and rule of law.

Pakistani forces have created new history by giving befitting enemy. Ch. Kamran

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Patron-in-Chief of Kamalia Tajers Itehad Chaudhry Kamran Ahmad Nusrat has said that Pakistani forces have created new history by giving a befitting reply to Indian aggression, which makes the entire nation proud the heads. He expressed these views during an exclusive conversation with Our Correspondent



in his office. Chaudhry Kamran Ahmad Nusrat further said that, the Pakistan Forces has crushed the arrogance and pride of Indian Prime Minister Narender Modi and has proven to the world that Pakistan's forces are invincible. He said that the enemy has suffered a setback on every front and this is only the result of the professionalism, determination and national spirit of the Pakistan forces. The entire nation stands by the armed forces of Pakistan and is ready for any kind of sacrifice. Chaudhry Kamran Ahmad Nusrat said that our brave forces have made the country's defense invincible in every era and strengthened the confidence of the nation.

APP congrats Pakistan Army Chief on being conferred the title of Field Marshal

Spokesman Report

Islamabad: The leadership of the Awam Pakistan Party congratulates Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir on being conferred the title of Field Marshal. He is a living example of courage and bravery. We salute all forces for their selfless service to the beloved homeland.

Awam Pakistan Party leader Chaudhry Inam Zafar said in his important statement that we congratulate Army Chief General Asim Munir from the bottom of our hearts on being conferred the title of Field Marshal. Undoubtedly, the credit for the success of Operation Banyan Marsus goes to General Asim Munir. Due to whose wise decisions, excellent strategy and understanding, Paki-



stan has risen high in the world today. He is an excellent commander and a person with a noble personality. The entire nation is with him. The Awam Pakistan Party pays tribute to its Army Chief General Asim Munir. We stand with him in every decision he makes. Chaudhry Inam Zafar said that we salute the bravery of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar Sidhu. Whose excellent strategy not only repelled the enemy by attacking him in a timely manner, but also defeated him. The Awam Pakistan Party stands shoulder to shoulder with the soldiers of all its forces. The brilliant success achieved through their courage and bravery has created a new history in Pakistan.

CM meets British High Commissioner, agrees to expand bilateral ties

LAHORE: British High Commissioner H. E Jane Marriott called on Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, here on Tuesday.

will be able to win this seat

with a huge majority.

A luncheon was also hosted in the honour of outgoing Political Advisor to the British High Commission Zoe Ware on the occasion.

During the meeting, the CM appreciated the United Kingdom's balanced and constructive role during the recent period of strained Pakistan-India relations. A wide range of topics were discussed, including matters of mutual interest, bilateral cooperation, education, investment, environmental protection, and governance reform.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz paid diplomatic service and her efforts to strengthen Pakistan-UK relations. She commended Zoe Ware's professionalism, integrity, and dedication, noting her instrumental role in fostering longterm collaboration between the two



The CM especially acknowledged glowing tribute to Zoe Ware for her Zoe Ware's contributions to global environmental initiatives such as the Earthshot Prize, calling her involvement "highly commendable." She remarked that Zoe Ware will always be remembered as a valued friend of Punjab. Speaking about High Commis-

sioner Jane Marriott, the CM said, "The Punjab government holds in high regard Jane Marriott's diplomatic service. Her global experience has helped elevate Pakistan-UK relations to a new level."

CM Maryam Nawaz reaffirmed Punjab's commitment to expanding cooperation with the UK in education,

trade, investment, climate action, and governance. She also highlighted the deep-rooted connection between the two nations, underscored by the presence of over 1.7 million British-Pakistanis, most of whom trace their heritage to Punjab, an enduring testament to the strength of the bilateral relationship.

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Baku hosts 10th UN GlobE Network Steering Committee Meeting

o-organized by Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General's Office and the United Nations Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network), the 10th Steering Committee Meeting of the GlobE Network, commenced on Monday in Baku.

Attending the opening ceremony, Kamran Aliyev, Azerbaijan's Prosecutor General, highlighted the significant achievements made in the fight against corruption in Azerbaijan under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev.

The Prosecutor General provided insight into the "ASAN Xidmet" model, which combines innovative approaches in public services delivery by minimizing risks in this field, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Chief Anti-Corruption Office under the Prosecutor General, as well as updating them on other institutional, legal and practical approaches put in place in Azerbaijan.

In their remarks, Brigitte Strobel-Shaw, Chief of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Nasser Abaalkhail, Chair of the GlobE Network Steering Committee, and Boni de Moraes Soares, Vice-Chair, expressed gratitude for the excellent organization of the meeting in Baku. They also referred to the efforts undertaken by the Network in the past period, as well as touching upon the issues discussed at the current meeting. The meeting also featured discussions on the admission of new members, the expansion of communication services and other relevant issues.

Kamran Aliyev, Prosecutor General, also met with Mazin Bin Ibrahim Al-Kahmous, President of the Saudi Arabian Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority (NAZAHA).

During the meeting, discussions revolved around the development of existing relations between Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia, as well as the law enforcement cooperation. Kamran Aliyev underscored the importance of exchange of experience and interaction in combatting corruption.

The delegation also visited an exhibition at the History Museum of the Prosecutor General's Office, dedicated to the legacy of National Leader Heydar Aliyev and the evolution of Azerbaijan's Prosecutor's Office.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Azerbaijan Essam bin Saleh Al-Jutaili was also present at the meeting.

How the Gulf's Economic Leverage May Liberate Palestine

Trump's recent visit to the Middle East, one major theme emerged with clarity and significance: the transformative use of money, investment, and trade as strategic instruments of diplomacy. The Gulf states, particularly Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar, throughs such as the have recognized that in the current global order—where hard power has its limits—economic might can achieve of U. S.-Iran nuclear what missiles and tanks cannot. They applied this new doctrine with precision, targeting none other than the lifting sanctions on most powerful man on earth-President Donald Trump himself.

Trump, a successful businessman known globally for his admiration of wealth and commerce, has consistently prioritized economic gain over military entanglements. Recognizing this, the Gulf states unveiled a diplomatic strategy rooted not in coercion but in commerce—offering billions in trade deals, unprecedented investment pledges, and economic opportunities tailored to revitalize the U.S. economy under Trump's leadership.

One of the most telling decisions during this Gulf tour was President Trump's deliberate omission of Israel from his itinerary. Unlike past U.S. administrations that prioritized visits to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, Trump focused solely on Saudi Arabia, the ÛAE, and Qatar. Analysts believe this move signaled a subtle but significant sidelining of Israel. While not a break in relations, it underscored Trump's recalibration of U. S. foreign policy toward economic pragmatism and away from ideological commitments. The Trump investments become more appealing to are now aligning with this economic

aware that its core interests—regional Israeli lobby, Washington's strategic and global appeal. stability, economic growth, and diplo- calculus could tilt in favor of a Palestinian

chained to Israel's hardline policies.

Moreover, diplomatic ceasefire with the Houthis, the initiation talks in Muscat, and even discussions on

Syria, were achieved without Israeli involvement. The release of an Israeli-American hostage by Hamas also occurred without Israeli mediation, indicating a shift in the U. S.'s diplomatic channels. Trump's administration, thus, seems to recognize that Israel is no longer the sole or even central conduit to Middle Eastern peace. Instead, the Gulf monarchies have emerged as credible, effective interlocutors.

The brilliance of this strategy lies in its dual-edged nature. If Trump aligns with the Gulf and distances the United States from Israel's unrelenting war on Gaza, the economic windfall will flow freely into America. If he refuses, the Gulf states now hold the power to stall or withdraw these investments, undermining Trump's economic narrative and denting public optimism, investor confidence, and stock market momentum. For a president who thrives on optics, numbers, and headlines, this risk is substantial.

Moreover, the Gulf's economic leverage has created a rare window of

matic influence—can no longer be peace settlement. Israel, long dependent

on unwavering American support, may then be forced to reconsider its policy of occupation, siege, and indiscriminate violence in Gaza.

This dynamic does not mean that Israel's influence in Washington has vanished. Far from it. The Israeli

lobby-anchored by powerful individuals, corporations, and media empiresstill wields considerable power in U.S. politics. Through campaign donations, think tanks, and lobbying groups, it shapes congressional behavior and White House policies. But what the Gulf nations are now offering is not influence—it is impact.

They are not seeking to match Israel's political muscle dollar for dollar. Instead, they are offering a vision of partnership rooted in mutual benefit: American economic gain in return for geopolitical fairness. In this vision, Palestine is not a bargaining chip—it is a litmus test of justice and moral leadership.

This shift in strategy should not be underestimated. The Muslim world, long accused of being reactive, fragmented, and militarily ineffective, is now demonstrating strategic maturity. It is using its comparative advantage-wealth, markets, and investment capital-to shape global events in its favor. Even Turkey and Iran, who historically opportunity for the Palestinians. If Arab adopted more confrontational stances,

uring President Donald administration appears increasingly the United States than the traditional approach, recognizing its effectiveness

This is not appeasement—it is adaptation. It is the realization that military conflict with Israel, backed by a nuclear-armed superpower, is futile. It is the acknowledgment that winning hearts, markets, and boardrooms in Washington may prove more transformative than battlefield victories.

At a time when Gaza lies in ruins, thousands of innocent Palestinians are dead, and the global conscience remains disturbed, this new approach offers hope-real, actionable hope. It offers a way forward not just for Palestinians, but for all Muslims who have long desired a peaceful and dignified resolution to one of the most enduring injustices in modern history.

If President Trump truly wishes to be remembered not just as a builder of hotels but as a maker of history, he must embrace this opportunity. He must realize that aligning with the economic powerhouses of the Muslim world may not only secure American prosperity but also secure his own legacy as a peacemaker.

And for the Muslim world, the message is clear: the era of kinetic power and military posturing is fading, giving way to an age where economic influence and financial diplomacy reign supreme. Now is the time to construct, invest, and shape outcomes through prosperitynot to destroy, fragment, or surrender

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

Operation Bunyān um-Mursuş: A Nightmare for India

um-Mursus will be remembered not only in the context of Pakistan-India conflicts but also in the annals of modern military history. For instance, after Indian attacks its immediate implementation. Prime on Pakistani air bases, our forces retali- Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed grati-

that the enemy had no opportunity to recover. Pakistani missiles swiftly destroyed Indian airbases and oil fields at Adampur, Udhampur, Bathinda, Mamun, Suratgarh, Jammu, Akhnoor, Barnala, and Sirsa-demonstrating superior skill and technology. According to security offi-

cials, these bases were targeted because India had used them to strike Pakistani civilian areas and mosques. Meanwhile, the JF-Thunder aircrafts destroyed Indian defense systems worth \$1.5 billion using hypersonic missiles. Pakistan also targeted the Indian intelligence training center in Rajouri and disrupted the enemy's satellite

Indian military spokespersons admitted before the media that Pakistan carried out "incursions" at 26 locations. Indian officials also had to concede that Pakistan used highspeed missiles to achieve its objectives. Additionally, Pakistan effectively silenced India's artillery on the Line of Control.

These were the underlying reasons why India was forced to urgently appeal to the U. S. President to mediate a ceasefire and help New Delhi out of the crisis. It is on record that Pakistan had consistently warned India that

adoubtedly, the success continued aggression would be met with a Minister took a positive step by requesting a Operation Bunyān strong and decisive response. India's humiliation was evident when its forces collapsed within hours before Pakistan's security forces.

Pakistan not only accepted President Trump's offer for mediation but also ensured

> Iran, the UAE, and all other countries that maintained communicaworked to prevent a fullscale conflict between the two nations.

It is encouraging that the international community, including the U.S.,

acknowledged the legitimacy of Pakistan's stance. For example, Pakistan repeatedly proposed the formation of a neutral international investigative commission to determine the elements responsible for the Pulwama attack—so the truth could come to light. However, the Modi government did not even consider responding to this reasonable diplomatic and legal proposal. Instead, it adopted a policy of "teaching Pakistan a lesson," which backfired and resulted in disgrace both domestically and internationally.

Now that Pakistan has accepted Amer-Trump will play a constructive role not only for peace in South Asia but for global stability. The U. S. President has already suggested that talks between Pakistan and India be

held in a neutral country. One perspective is that the Indian Prime

ceasefire. As the famous saying goes, "Starting a war may be within a country's power, but ending it is not." The events have proven that by attacking Pakistan, Narendra Modi put his political future at great risk. Today, opposition leader Rahul Gandhi is not only demanding a joint session of parliament but ated with such a barrage of Fatah-1 missiles tude to the United States, Türkiye, Saudi is also repeatedly asking the BJP government Arabia, China, Qatar, to clarify under what conditions the ceasefire with Pakistan was agreed upon-and what was gained or lost.

On the surface, it appears the BJP governtion during the crisis and ment underestimated Pakistan's military capabilities. Nevertheless, India's request for a ceasefire should not be condemned. It must be understood that war never brings development or progress to any nation. The neighboring country Afghanistan is a stark example. Despite the U.S. withdrawal, most Afghans still lack access to basic necessities. The Taliban, who now rule, are unwilling to grant equal rights to women in education and employment. The seriousness of the situation is evident in the fact that in today's interconnected world, hardly any country has recognized the Taliban regime. From a specific viewpoint, the Taliban are a product of war. It would not be incorrect to say that had the Soviet Union not invaded Kabul in the past, Afghanistan today might have been far more peaceful and developed.

Against this backdrop, the current governinitiating war, Shehbaz Sharif has proven himself-both domestically and internationally—as a leader who prefers dialogue

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From Plastic to Poison: The Freshwater Crisis We Can't See

Laiba Noor

very time we discard a plastic bottle or carelessly drop a snack wrapper on the street, we rarely pause to consider its journey beyond the bin—or lack thereof. Yet, an unsettling truth is beginning to surface: plastic waste doesn't simply disappear. Instead, it breaks down into microscopic fragments and finds its way into our rivers, lakes, and even the water we consume.

These fragments, known as microplastics, are emerging as a silent but significant threat to our environment, freshwater ecosystems, and public health. Though they may be nearly invisible to the naked eye, their impact is anything but small.

Microplastics are plastic particles less than 5 millimeters in size. Some are deliberately manufactured to be tiny, like the microbeads once commonly used in facial scrubs and cosmetics. Others result from the gradual breakdown of larger plastic items through exposure to sunlight, water, and natural wear.

These particles travel through stormwater, sewage systems, and industrial runoff, ultimately contaminating rivers, canals, and other freshwater bodies. Along the way, they encounter aquatic organisms-fish, amphibians, crustaceansthat often mistake them for food. Once ingested, microplastics can cause internal injury, digestive blockages, impaired reproduction, and in many cases, death.

The danger does not end there. Microplastics have a notorious ability to absorb toxic chemicals from their surroundings, including heavy metals

and persistent organic pollutants. These toxicladen particles can then move up the food chain, eventually reaching the dinner plates of unsuspecting humans.

Even more concerning, microplastics have now been detected in tap water, bottled water, and even in remote glaciers. Although scientists are still uncovering the full extent of their effects on human health, early research links them to inflammation, hormonal disruption, and cellular stress. The longterm implications remain largely unknown—but they are unlikely to be benign.

Yet, amidst the growing concern lies an opportunity for meaningful change. As individuals and communities, we hold the power to reduce our plastic footprint. Simple acts—using cloth bags, avoiding single-use plastics, properly disposing of waste-can collectively make a profound difference. Governments and industries must also step up by enforcing stricter environmental regulations, investing in advanced waste treatment, and

supporting alternatives to conventional plastic. Most importantly, we must raise awareness. The problem of microplastic pollution is not just an environmental issue; it is a human one. It threatens our water, our food, our health, and our future.

Microplastics may be minute, but their consequences are monumental. Now is the time to actbecause clean water is not merely a resource. It is a right. It is life.

So the question remains: have you taken a step today to protect your water?

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These are our people, our Pakistani, still suffering

Forgotten Pakistanis in Bangladesh

opinion that, one cannot move forward without knowing his origins. Today I on both sides, abduction of rights and

am writing this article to remind us of our forgotten past, one of the darkest ever, unknown & silent topic of forgotten history, the vulnerable, the unjust, the forgotten indeed... ."The Forgotten Pakistanis in Bangladesh".

Am sure my reader must have time and for no wrong but for being knowledge of East Pakistan, now loyal. Loyal to one's country. Bangladesh reasoning our own failure.

to unfold. I'm of an side, if not now then maybe never in the future.

When there is war, there is death unjust, there is the loss of humanity, economy,

infrastructure and everything. In-short, there's victory for no one but the defeat and loss for everyone. Imagine what if the

fate prolonged the

miseries and make Munaza Kazmi one suffer for a life-

Such is the condition of 250,000 Fall of Dakha is a never-ending debate Urdu-speaking Pakistanis who

istory offers quite and we should take responsibility of it, took refuge in the camps and other fascinating pages since it is something unjust from our surrounding areas of Bangladesh, on charge of siding with their country back in 1971. They are leading forcefully a vulnerable and unimaginable life of half-naked, starving bellies, unsheltered, without identity, a miserable life, a life of Refugee.

> The antidote of Beharis is one of the miserable and bad fortune of all the times. Today world knows them as mere Refugees, who were once leading a prosperous and dignified life in their land, they were educated and cultured people, having all the knowledge, wealth and respect.

> These Beharis came to this delta region of Bay of Bengal or better to say became Refugees due to lack of unity within states. As, back in the year 1971, again a war broke down between India

and Pakistan, however with Indian selling their bodies conspiracy the land of East Pakistan had to be separated from West Pakistan and it laid the foundation of what today called Bangladesh.

These unfortunate Beharis decided to side with Pakistani Government against the Bangladesh Forces backed by Indian politician & troops, however in the end left unsheltered.

Till date they are living unsheltered in small cells, with no food, no education or a proper livelihood, and are forced to live on scraps, women

for less than half a

dollar for the sake of buying a piece of our hand, our Bangladeshi Pakistanis. bread, children dying before reaching the age of five due to malnutrition and filth, permanent starving and vulnerability had housed in these camps, a fall of humanity on which Pakistan is still blind eyed.

I condemn people forcing government for some far away Arabic country or housing the Un-thankful Afghan and Kashmiri Refugees but have forgotten the ones who really deserve

After the War of 1971

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Roundtable Discussion

'Pakistan-India Conflict: A Delicate Dance of Power and Diplomacy'

👺 Anjum Gul

ISLAMABAD: The Department of International Relations, MY University Islamabad in collaboration with the Research Circle and SOIR, organized a roundtable discussion titled "Pakistan-India Conflict: Lessons Learnt." Against the backdrop of the evolving relationship between nuclear-armed Pakistan and India in South Asian region, the discussion delved into various security and international relations concepts, including the new normal, limited intervention, debate over deterrence capabilities, balance of power, alliance politics, the role and impact of AI & technology, information warfare, challenges and options for Pakistan.

The guest speaker, Professor Dr. Noman Sattar, offered his expert opinion on the developments of the conflict. While highlighting the role of social media, he clearly stated that the media's tilt remained in favor of Pakistan. Professor Noman added that an and deliberations. He advised the abrupt ceasefire after cross-border targeting from both sides was continue their strive for research unprecedented. He termed the intense military confrontation



The Vice Chancellor of MYU, Professor Dr. Saeed-ul-Hasan Chishti, appreciated the IR department and HOD Dr. Waseem Khokhar for organizing a very important event on the Pakistan-India Conflict, facilitating thorough understanding faculty members and students to and innovation.

gural remarks highlighted the Kashmir issue between Pakistan and India. The concept for the discussion was proposed by Assistant Professor Dr. Mujahid Sargana, while Assistant Professor Dr. Raziq Hussain provided an elaboration on the theoretical perspectives of the conflict. Assistant Professor Dr. Muhammad Karim contributed insights into the strategic dynamics of the Pakistan-India Earlier, the speakers, Prof. rivalry. They highlighted that underscoring the need to blend

complex and involves multiple dimensions such as historical. political, strategic, and theoretical that requires a nuanced understanding. An emphasis was placed on analyzing previous conflicts and diplomatic efforts to extract valuable lessons that can inform future approaches to peace and conflict resolution. The roundtable integrated both conceptual frameworks and practical strategic considerations,

geopolitical dynamics.

The roundtable aimed at analyzing the multifaceted aspects of the longstanding conflict between Pakistan and India nuclear-armed states, focusing on lessons learned from past engagements and exploring theoretical and strategic viewpoints to better understand the rivalry. The involvement of multiple academic experts ensured a comprehensive discourse covering conceptual frameworks as well as pracbetween India and Pakistan as a Dr. M. Munir in his inau- the Pakistan-India conflict is academic theory with real-world tical strategic considerations. The rivalry and explore avenues for IR.

event reflects ongoing scholarly efforts to deepen understanding and promote dialogue regarding the complex Pakistan-India

The event demonstrated the critical role of academic collaboration and dialogue in fostering deeper insights and promoting informed discussions on sensitive international issues. The discussion encouraged ongoing scholarly efforts and policy-oriented research to better understand the Khokhar, Head of Department,

conflict mitigation. These takeaways collectively suggest that addressing the Pakistan-India conflict requires a comprehensive, informed, and multi-disciplinary approach grounded in lessons from history and stra-

It is pertinent to mention that the event was moderated by Dr. Asia Karim, Assistant Professor. The discussion concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Waseem



Hazara Culture Day

Hazara Community Remembers Decades of Terror and Marginalization

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Provincial Convener Awam Pakistan Balochistan, prominent tribal figure "Syed Aman Shah" has said that the Hazara community, mainly often referred to as the Hazara residing in Quetta, Balochistan, Genocide, left the Hazara is one of the most oppressed community in a state of fear ethnic groups in Pakistan. and marginalization. For many Over the past two and a half

faced continuous terrorist news headlines reporting daily attacks resulting in the tragic loss of countless lives.

He said this while addressing Hazara Culture Day in Islamabad. He said that this period, years, the Hazara commudecades, the community has nity was known only through

deaths. Sved Aman Shah added that

Hazara Culture Day on May 19 not only pays tribute to a resilient community Rather, it is also a global call for cultural identity, peace and justice. It transforms Syed Aman Shah further said

that in response to this horrific tory (ICT). Their efforts laid the Culture Day founder Fatima officially celebrated May 19 as which are as follows:

and sit-ins following a major terrorist attack on Alamdar Road in 2013, a group of volunteers led by Ms. Fatima Atif took the initiative to change the narrative.

They started promoting the narrative of pain into one of Hazara identity through the pride, solidarity and celebration. celebration of Hazara culture Lok Virsa Museum. in the Islamabad Capital Terri-

A major milestone was achieved when the group collaborated with Lok Virsa, the national institution for folk and traditional heritage. They added that

situation, in addition to protests foundation for cultural revival. Atif said that its inauguration Hazara Culture Day. on May 19, 2017 marks the firstever installation of a Hazaragi diorama in any museum worldwide, which is serving as a said that as of May 19, 2025, historic moment for cultural Hazara Culture Day has been under the leadership of Fatima preservation. Fatima Atif said celebrated in 23 countries, Atif, the Hazargi Diorama was that to commemorate this making it a symbol of cultural conceived and created in the achievement, Hazara Culture, resilience and identity, Fatima Day launched a successful Atif outlined the objectives of Addressing the event, Hazara campaign in April 2018, which Hazara Culture Day, some of

The campaign has grown into a global cultural movement over the past seven years. Fatima Atif

Remembering on anniversary of Kashmiri Martyrs

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{he blood of the spared until the goal is achieved.} \quad \mbox{nation. Which will be written}$ martyrs is the blood of the martyrs for the oppressed, subjugated, forced and enslaved people of the state to break the chain of freedom occasion of the and slavery of the state of Jammu martyrdom of and Kashmir, the Kashmiris have the great leaders made immense sacrifices of life, property, honor and dignity, which is unparalleled in the history of the world.

Whenever a difficult time Millat Mirwaiz came for the Kashmiris in every part of the state, the Kashmiris sacrificed their lives and kept the Kashmir Freedom Movement alive with their blood. In the armed struggle that began in 1988, the Kashmiris sacrificed more than one lakh lives. including youth, elders, women and children, against the usurping occupation of India. This movement for the right to self-determination is ongoing. The Indian forces are breaking mountains of oppression and oppression on the Kashmiris. It is the norm of Indian forces to commit serious human rights massacring Kashmiris and have set by looking at it. failed to suppress the Kashmiri freedom movement through the struggle will continue until

army has martyred millions of Mujahideen, political, religious,

of the Kashmir freedom movement,

Shaheed-e-Kashmir Maulvi Muhammad Farooq (martyr)

and Shaheed-e-Hurriyat Alhaj Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone, Chairman People's Conference Jammu and Kashmir, I would like to write a few lines to the readers to salute the martyrdom of these great leaders.

Mehrul-Nisa Nisa

Dear readers, great people are not born every day, history has to wait for such people for a long time. Life circumambulates the sacred place for years, then somewhere such a person comes into existence. Which does not meet the standard of greatness alone, violations. Indian forces are but the standard of greatness is

Readers! These great leaders and great martyrs of the Kashmir force. Kashmiris have vowed that Freedom Movement need no introduction, their movement the Kashmir freedom movement services and martyrdom are is successful, no sacrifice will be great for the entire Kashmiri

Dear readers! The Indian in golden letters in the Kashmir Movement. Your martyrdom Kashmiris in Kashmir, including gave a new lease of life to the Kashmir Freedom Movement. social figures, students, women Your martyrdom created a of Jammu and Kashmir. In order and children. Today, on the new enthusiasm and passion in the Kashmir Freedom Move-

> ment. Readers! from Apart Kashmir the Freedom Movement. Mirwaiz family also plays

important role in the Pakistan Completion Movement, which is a part of the movement. Mirwaiz Muhammad Farooq Shaheed preached Islam and awakened the spirit of freedom among the Kashmiris and united and organized the movement. India was concerned about the movement and propaganda activities of Jamia Masjid Srinagar and had serious differences with the Mirwaiz family, Mirwaiz Maulyi

Jamia Masjid Srinagar holds the same important place in the Kashmir Freedom Movement as the Aligarh Movement had in the Pakistan Completion Movement. The brave, fearless, and fearless

Muhammad Farooq was arrested

by the Indian government many

times. He had to endure the

hardships of imprisonment.



Movement, Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference, Alhaji Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone Shaheed, always pursued politics based on truth and honesty. He spoke with eyes fixed on India. There was no equal in his courage, bravery, frankness, and speaking the truth. He organized the Free Kashmir Movement in every corner of occupied Kashmir. He patronized the Mujahideen. He encouraged the Mujahideen and Kashmiris in the most critical and critical situations of the movement. He used to visit the houses of the martyrs of Kashmir and console the heirs of the martyrs. He highlighted the Kashmir Freedom Movement at the international level. He visited the United States in 2002 and raised the Kashmir Freedom Movement in various forums. He highlighted the

human rights violations by India before international organizations, the United Nations, and human rights organizations and exposed the real face of India to the world. The Indian governthe voices of these leaders, the movement would be suppressed, but their martyrdom intensified the Kashmir freedom movement and the freedom movement is moving towards its destination with a new determination and courage.

Brothers! Mirwaiz Kashmir Maulyi Faroog was martyred by Indian forces on May 21, 1990. Thousands of the sons of Tauhid participated in his funeral. Seeing such a large procession, the Indian forces were shocked and opened indiscriminate fire on his funeral procession, as a result of which more than sixty Kashmiris were martyred and



funeral (dead body) of the martyr was hit by 7 bullets, which is the worst example of the cruelty and history of the Indian army.

Martyr Hurriyat Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone visited Saudi Tahir: Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi ment thought that by eliminating Arabia, Iran and other countries and highlighted the violations of Indian human rights in occupied Kashmir and the struggle of Kashmiris for the right to self-determination. He visited Pakistan and Azad Kashmir and met with the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, political, social, religious, lawyers and addressed bar associations and informed the people of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir about the not be allowed to go in vain and Kashmir Freedom Movement. He played an important role in the formation of the All Parties Allah, one day Kashmir will defi-Hurriyat Conference. After nitely be free due to the sacrifices attending the death anniversary of Mirwaiz Kashmir Maulvi hundreds were injured. Even the Muhammad Farooq, he was



leaving the meeting place when Indian agents opened fire on him, resulting in the martyrdom of Lone Sahib. Anna

[20/05, 13:15] Abdul Majeed

The martyrdom of more than one lakh Kashmiris and the blood of the leaders of the Kashmir Freedom Movement Mirwaiz Maulvi Muhammad Farooq Shaheed and Shaheed Hurriyat-ul-Haq Khawaja Abdul Ghani Lone Shaheed will never go in vain. On this occasion, we salute the sacrifices of these martyrs and resolve today that the sacrifices of the martyrs will the mission of the martyrs will be completed at all costs. Insha

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of the martyrs.

Bull & Bears

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Canadian Dollar	203.10	205.50		
China Yuan	37.59	37.99		
Danish Krone	42.25	42.65		
Euro	315.85	318.65		
Hong Kong Dollar	35.94	36.29		
Indian Rupee	3.19	3.28		
Japanese Yen	1.95	2.01		
Kuwaiti Dinar	912.55	922.05		
Malaysian Ringgit	64.95	65.55		
NewZealand \$	164.62	166.62		
Norwegians Krone	26.89	27.19		
Omani Riyal	732.65	741.15		
Qatari Riyal	76.68	77.38		
Saudi Riyal	75.15	75.70		
Singapore Dollar	214.73	216.73		
Swedish Korona	28.65	28.95		
Swiss Franc	336.16	338.96		
Thai Bhat	8.4	8.55		
U.A.E Dirham	76.80	77.45		
UK Pound Sterling	375.30	378.8		
US Dollar	282.30	283.80		

Pakistan Association of Auto Parts Manufacturers Warns of Industry Collapse Under New Tariff Policy



LAHORE: The Pakistan Association of Auto Parts Manufacturers (PAAPAM) has raised serious concerns over the government's newly announced National Tariff Policy 2025-30, warning that its implementation as currently envisioned could lead to the closure of a majority of local auto parts manufacturing firms. The policy, which sets a 15% peak tariff threatens to destabilize Pakistan's industrial sector by exposing domestic manufacturers to an influx of lower-cost imports.

PAAPAM Chairman Usman Aslam Malik emphasized that the auto parts industry has been a cornerstone of Pakistan's industrial development, supporting thousands of skilled workers and contributing significantly to economic stability. However, the abrupt tariff rationalization could result in the loss of up to 500,000 jobs, severely impacting livelihoods and weakening the country's manufacturing base. The restrictive 0%-15% tariff spread leaves no room for a structured $cascading\ tariff\ system,\ which\ is\ essential$ for balanced industrial growth. Additionally, high energy tariffs, inefficient labor markets, and complex taxation structures already make local production difficult, and the new policy could further hinder competitiveness.

PAAPAM also highlights the unfair global comparison, noting that China previously offered a 13% export rebate on certain products while Pakistan's duty drawback rate is 2%. This disparity places local manufacturers at a significant disadvantage in international markets, making it harder for them to compete globally.

Mobilink Bank becomes the first in the banking industry to bag Top Employer in Pakistan for 2025

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leading digital microfinance bank, Mobilink Bank, has been certified as a Top Employer in Pakistan for 2025 by the prestigious Top Employers Institute, a global authority recognizing excellence in people practices. Mobilink Bank is Pakistan's first and only bank to receive this prestigious certification, affirming its standing as one of the country's most inclusive and diverse

The certification places Mobilink Bank among the most enterprising organizations that provide a thriving work culture and prioritize employee well-being and professional growth. The milestone elevates the bank as only the second OpCo within the VEON Group (after Beeline Uzbekistan) and among the top ten organizations across Pakistan to have achieved this distinction.

Aleena Tanvir, Chief People Officer at Mobilink Bank, said, "At Mobilink Bank, our people are at the heart of everything we do. We are deeply committed to building a workplace rooted in inclusivity, growth, and continuous learning. Being recognized by the prestigious Top Employers Institute is a powerful affir-



and reinforces our position as an employer

The Top Employers Institute Certificamation of our efforts to cultivate and nurture tion Program assesses companies through a culture that inspires talent, drives innovation, a detailed Best Practices Survey that looks

hiring practices, diversity and inclusion efforts, and employee well-being. In 2025, the Top izations across 125 countries/regions, positively inclusive growth.

at their people strategy, work environment, impacting more than 13 million employees globally. By securing the prestigious certification, Mobilink Bank has raised the industry Employers Institute certified over 2,400 organ- benchmark for people-centric leadership and

Protest

LAHORE: Residence of a private society holds protest in the favor of their demands outside Press



Karandaaz and GrowTech Partner to Empower Smallholder Farmers

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a strategic move to reshape Pakistan's agricultural ecosystem, Karandaaz Pakistan, an impact investment platform dedicated to driving sustainable economic growth and strengthening financial and social protection systems for inclusion, has partnered with GrowTech, an AgriTech innovator, to expand digital and financial access for smallholder farmers. This collaboration will accelerate the adoption of smart agriculture practices and digital financial tools across underserved regions of Punjab.

GrowTech, recognized for its tech-driven approach to farming, will leverage its digital platform to extend agriculture practice advisory, and access to agri-markets and input suppliers in new geographic areas. The initiative will support farmers in boosting productivity and profitability in an increasingly competitive market.

'This partnership with GrowTech reflects our commitment to harnessing technology and finance to uplift Pakistan's agriculture sector. By reaching farmers where they are - digitally and physically - we're enabling a more inclusive, productive, and climate-resilient agri-economy," said Waqas ul Hasan, CEO, Karandaaz Pakistan.

"Through its partnership with Karandaaz, Growtech is digitally transforming agriculture by empowering farmers, especially



smallholders and women, expanding rural market access, and building Pakistan's leading platform for inclusive, sustainable, and technology-driven farming growth," said Faisal Bilal, CEO, Growtech.

"Karandaaz is committed to driving financial inclusion, and agriculture remains one of the most financially underserved sectors in Pakistan while being the cornerstone of Pakistan's economy. As part of this mission, Karandaaz is actively partnering with agritech firms, financial institutions (FIs), and fintech companies to ensure

inclusion at the last mile. With our support and GrowTech's proven expertise, we aim to deliver a comprehensive and commercially sustainable suite of financial services and agriculture advisory solutions to cater to the specific needs of the smallholder farmers across Pakistan." said Sharjeel Murtaza, Chief Digital Officer (CDO), Karandaaz

The project is expected to impact tens of thousands of farmers, creating a replicable model for future AgriTech and financial inclusion partnerships in Pakistan.

Rehan Naseem Bharara congratulates General Asim Munir on assuming Field Marshal position



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: President Asim Munir on assuming the prestigious position of Field Marshal.

This honor is not only a recognition of his unparalleled military leadership, tireless struggle for national security and professional expertise, always

but it is also a manifestation of the trust of the entire nation. He has further said that this Chamber of Commerce historic moment marks the and Industry (FCCI) Rehan addition of a new chapter in Naseem Bharara has said the military history of Pakithat we extend our heartfelt—stan, and we are confident congratulations to General that under the leadership of General Asim Munir, the armed forces will become stronger, united and in tune with modern requirements. We pray that Allah Almighty grants him more successes and keeps Pakistan safe

Standard Chartered: 'Global Islamic Finance Assets to Surpass USD 7.5 Trillion by 2028'

KARACHI, PAKISTAN: Standard Chartered today released its comprehensive report "Islamic Banking for Financial Institutions: Unlocking Growth Amidst Global Shifts." The report projects global Islamic finance assets will reach USD7.5 trillion by 2028, up from USD5.5 trillion in 2024, reflecting the expanding relevance of Shariah-compliant finance globally.

In 2024, the Islamic finance industry surpassed USD5 trillion in global assets - a 12% rise from 2023 and 43% increase from 2020. Islamic banking accounts for over 70% of total Islamic finance assets, and assets

projected to grow from USD4 trillion in 2024 to USD5.2 trillion by 2028. The Sukuk market is expected to expand from USD971 billion to USD1.5 trillion during this

period. Khurram Hilal, CEO of Group Islamic Banking at Standard Chartered, said: "Islamic finance is entering a new era defined by scale, sustainability and strategic integration. The projected 36% increase in assets reflects strong fundamentals and global appetite for ethical and inclusive finance." Khurram concluded: "Fostering innovation, strengthened market connectivity, and sustainability will unlock the greatest opportunities in the future of Islamic finance."

Pakistan's Army Chief Elevated to Field Marshal: Iftikhar Malik Congratulates Asim Munir

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, former President Iftikhar Ali Malik, Wednesday extended heartfelt congratulations to Chief of Army Staff General Asim Munir on his historic elevation to the prestigious rank of Field Marshal.

In a statement here today

he lauded Asim Munir's exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to defending the motherland. He said the elevation is a well-deserved recognition of his strategic acumen, valor, and successful efforts in inflicting decisive defeat on the enemy while upholding the country's security, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

Malik said that Chief of Army Staff has played a pivotal role in safeguarding national interests, ensuring peace and stability across the region, and demonstrating extraordinary resolve against internal and external threats. He noted that under his command, the Pakistan Army has not only maintained operational excellence but has also won the confidence of the



people through professionalism and patriotic dedication.

The business community, Malik added, stands firmly behind the armed forces and expresses deep gratitude for their tireless sacrifices. He hoped that his promotion would further strengthen the morale of the forces and reinforce Pakistan's resolve to confront all challenges with unity and strength.

Pakistan Super League X Playoffs begin on 21 May: PCB Official







Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: The action of the HBL PSL X resumes at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium as it is set to host playoffs of the league commencing from Wednesday,

The top-placed Quetta Gladiators will take on second placed Islamabad United in the Qualifier. The first ball will be bowled at 7.30pm, with toss taking place at 7pm.

The Eliminator 1 will be played between Lahore Qalandars and Karachi Kings on Thursday, 22 May, with the match starting at 7.30pm. Eliminator 2 will be played between the losing side of the Qualifier and winning side of the Eliminator 1, scheduled on Friday, 23 May, followed by the final of the marquee event on Sunday,

Defending champions Islamabad United's Sahibzada Farhan is leading the batting charts and currently holds the Hanif Mohammad Cap, with 394 runs from 10 matches, including one century and two half-centuries.

Kings' James Vince occupies second spot, having accumulated 374 runs from 10 outings, including one century and three half-centuries. Qalandars' southpaw Fakhar Zaman has scored 369 runs, including four half-centuries.



Mohammad Abbas Afridi has tors' Abrar Ahmed, United's Tickets update: bagged 17 wickets and holds the Jason Holder, and Kings' Hasan

In the bowling charts, Kings' Fazal Mahmood Cap. Gladia- Ali have taken 15 wickets each.

The fans who have bought the new announced dates of the from TCS Express Centres.

tickets for Eliminators 1, 2 and respective matches, while fans the Final can use them as per can purchase Qualifier tickets

Islamabad United seal Qualifier Berth with Thumping Win Over Karachi Kings

Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad United rode on blistering performances of Alex Hales, Sahibzada Farhan and Shadab Khan as they beat Karachi Kings by 79 runs to finish second on the points table sealing the all-important Qualifier berth here at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Monday night in the last league fixture of the HBL PSL X.

Shadab's United became only the third team in HBL PSL history to breach the 250-run mark besides Quetta Gladiators (2023 & 2025) and Multan Sultans (2023) as they defended their 251-run total restricting the Kings to 172 all out in 18.2 overs. This was also United's 10th consecutive triumph against

Hales (88, 35b, 6x4s, 8x6s) and Sahibzada (73, 41b, 9x4s, 3x6s) set the tone for the victory with 153-run opening stand in just 11.3 overs before United's spin trio

of Shadab (4-45), Imad Wasim (2-22) Dussen and Salman Ali Agha for single- No.10 batter Mohammad Abbas Afriand Salman Ali Agha (1-9) accounted for combined figures of 7-76 in nine overs.

After United were invited to bat first in the 30th HBL PSL X match, which was also observed as breast cancer awareness day, Hales and Sahibzada hit the ground running by collecting 76 runs in the Powerplay with the help of 12 fours and three sixes.

The destructive duo further underlined their dominance with the bat when Sahibzada brought up his half-century off 28 balls, while Hales brought up his seventh HBL PSL half-century off just

At the halfway mark, the defending champions had racked up 130 runs as Aamir Jamal was consigned for the most expensive over (24 runs) of the innings.

Mir Hamza provided Karachi the much-needed breakthrough as he removed Sahibzada, which followed the guick wickets of Rassie van der

digit scores. Hales', who also broke into the list of top-five foreign batters with three sixes wasn't enough as he fell to most HBL PSL runs - 1268, fell prey to

Khushdil Shah in the 17th over. That Islamabad were able to ransack 71 runs off the last five overs was largely due to Shadab's three sixes and as many fours in a magnificent 19-ball 42, while Haider Ali (19 not out, 9b, 1x4, 1x6) and Ben Dwarshuis (10 not out 4b, 1x6) also chipped in with the bat.

In turn, David Warner (43, 28b, 4x4s, 2x6s) and Tim Seifert (26, 17b, 5x4s) provided the Kings with 56-run start in 5.2 overs before Salman Irshad castled the latter. With James Vince's departure at 80-1 in 8.1 overs, Kings batting 2-22) faltered as they lost 34-7 in the next 5.3

Warner's outfit needed to score at least 204 to finish second on the table but they could only manage 172 all out after slipping to 114-8 in 13.4 overs.

di's 13-ball 34 including two fours and Salman Irshad, who returned figures of 3.2-0-28-3.

Scores in brief

Match 30: Islamabad United beat Karachi Kings by 79 runs at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium

Islamabad United 251-5, 20 overs (Alex Hales 88, Sahibzada Farhan 73, Shadab Khan 42, Haider Ali 19 not out: Mir Hamza 1-41)

Karachi Kings 172 all out, 18.2 overs (David Warner 43, Mohammad Abbas Afridi 34, Tim Seifert 26; Shadab Khan 4-45, Salman Irshad 3-28, Imad Wasim

Player of the match - Alex Hales (Islamabad United)

Qualifier on Next fixture Wednesday, 21 May: Quetta Gladiators v Islamabad United at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore; 7.30pm PKT

Kamila Memorial Pairs Bridge concludes



LAHORE: The pairs of Ghalib Ali Bandesha & Nauman Khalid Butt (East-West) and Rashid Nabi & Sajid Nabi Malik (North-South) emerged winners in Kamila Alamgir Memorial Pairs Bridge Tournament that concluded at Lahore Gymkhana Club

The largely attended tournament was organised by Lahore Bridge Association (LBA) and was co-sponsored by Zia Hyder Naqi, CEO SPEL and Farooq Alvi. This tournament was conducted in the memory of Kamila Alamgir, who breathed her last on April 28, 2025.

Fehmina Shauq, the daughter of the deceased, was the chief guest at the occasion. She distributed the prizes amongst the winners. Mian Misbah ur Rehman and Viqar ud Din Vicky (Convener Card Room) also distributed prizes amongst few special prize winners.

As usual, Ihsan Qadir conducted the proceedings in a very professional manner. Overall, 19 pairs participated in the event but the prizes were given to top three pairs in East-West (Ghalib Ali Bandesha-Nauman Khalid Butt, Ghias-Ahsan Qureshi and Yousef-Akbar) and North-South (Rashid-Sajid Nabi Malik, Tanveer-Sikander Butt and Hamayun-Arfa) positions.

Rizwan Ullah and Zubair Ali Shine in PCB Inter District Under-19 One Day Cricket Tournament



Sports Desk

KARACHI: RCAK Zone-V Zone-VI and Zone-VII won their matches after beating their opponents in the PCB Inter District Under-19 One Day Cricket Tournament at various Grounds of

The highlights of the days play was deadly bowling by Zone-V Medium Pacer Rizwan Ullah Capturing 5 wickets for 61, Zunair Ali Khan of Zone-III also bowled well as off Spinner got 4 wickets for 28 runs and the he batted well to score 44.

The Tournament is being Organized by Pakistan Cricket

Board.

Zone-V beat Zone-IV by 5 wickets at Gulberg Gymkhana Ground. Zone-IV 167 all-out in 35.2 overs. Amanullah 50 7x4 3x6, Aun Abbas 31, Arshad Khan 30. Rizwan ullah (mf) 5/61,

Zone-V 168/5 in 32.4 overs. Sufvan Usmani 56 2x4, Majid Ali 29, Muhammad Shahzaib 22 not out, Rizwan ullah 19 not out. In the 2nd Match Zone-VI beat Zone-II by 9 Wickets at KCCA Stadium. Zone-II 114 all-out in 43.2 overs. Abdullah Waheed 31, Abdul Rauf 18. Asad Umer (mf) 3/37, Zaryab Shah 2/19,

Saad Sakhawat 2/26. Zone-VI 120/1 in 23 overs. Hasan Ali 49 5x4 1x6, Hamza Qureshi 49 4x41x6 both not out.

In the 3rd Match of the day Zone-VII beat Zone-III by $33\,$ runs at Agha Khan Gymkhana Ground. Zone-VII 212 all-out in 50 overs. Talah Irfan 68 6x4 5x6, Rohail Nisar 48 2x4 2x6, Ali Sher 41. Zunair Ali Khan (ob) 4/28. Talah Khan (mf) 3/35, Abdul Hadi 2/18

Zone-III 179 all-out in 47.5 overs. Zunair Ali Khan 44 3x4, Noor ul Irfan 38, Aman Ahmed 24, Ahmed Mohiuddin 24. Rohail Nisar (mf) 3/30, Zaid Hasan 2/29.

In these matches, Murtaza Mahmood, Asghar Shah, Danish Husain, Aqil Adil, Imran Javed and SM Babar acted as umpires, while Mustajab Alam, Muhammad Ahsan and Imran Ali performed the scorer duties.

Fixture For Wednesday 21st May: Zone-I vs Zone-IV at Agha Khan Gymkhana Ground, Zone-II vs Zone-III at Gulberg Gymkhana Ground, Zone-VI vs Zone-VII at KCCA Stadium.

Understanding rank of Field Marshal in Pak Army: History, significance, and legacy

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The Significance Of The Rank

The conferment of the Field Marshal rank carries deep national symbolism. It is not merely a military title, but a national accolade, honouring an individual's role in preserving the sovereignty, integrity, and honor of the state during critical historical moments. It reflects the state's utmost trust in the individual's leadership, strategic foresight, and service to the country.

In Pakistan, the rank of Field Marshal is not routine or institutionalised — there is no auto-

matic promotion mechanism for it. It is purely a political and ceremonial elevation, decided at the highest level of government, typically in recognition of extraordinary wartime leadership.

How Is The Rank Bestowed In

Pakistan? In Pakistan, the title of Field Marshal is bestowed by the federal government — a joint decision involving the Prime Minister, President, and the federal cabinet. It is conferred upon a sitting or retired Chief of Army Staff (COAS) based on exceptional military success or national service during times of

war or existential threats.

The award is not tied to tenure or age and carries lifetime prestige. The Field Marshal typically remains above the military establishment in terms of ceremonial status and is often granted special

Field Marshals In Pakistan Army

Pakistan has had only one Field Marshal in its history — Field Marshal Ayub Khan until the recent promotion of General Sved Asim Munir in

Field Marshal Muhammad Ayub

Appointed: 1959

Circumstances: Ayub Khan was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army and later became the President of Pakistan after a military coup

His elevation to Field Marshal was more political than operational, as it came after he assumed civilian control as President and head of the military regime.

Critics often debate the merit of this appointment, as it was not linked to a significant military victory but rather seen as self-promotion during his rule. Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir

(2025)**Appointed: May 2025**

Circumstances: General Asim Munir was promoted to Field Marshal by the federal cabinet led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif following the Markae-Hag and Operation Bunyanum Marsus — a defensive military campaign against Indian aggression in May 2025.

His leadership during the conflict was recognized as decisive and historic, with the cabinet crediting him for leading the Pakistan Army with strategic brilliance, unity of command, and exemplary courage, resulting in different circumstances.

a national victory.

His promotion was widely celebrated and marked the first time in Pakistan's history that the rank of Field Marshal was wartime leadership and military success, earning it greater historical legitimacy.

The rank of Field Marshal is more than a title — it is a national honour, symbolising the highest military and strategic trust placed in an individual by the state. In Pakistan's military history, only two officers have held this prestigious designation, each under very

While Ayub Khan's elevation remains a controversial footnote tied to power consolidation, Field Marshal Asim Munir's promotion is seen as a rare recognition bestowed in direct response to of genuine military excellence, national defence, and wartime victory — a reaffirmation of the spirit, valour, and resilience of Pakistan's armed forces.

With this latest appointment, the rank of Field Marshal in Pakistan has regained its original essence — a title reserved for those who rise not only through the ranks but in moments when the fate of a nation hangs in the

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Jiang Zaidong called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber



Chinese Ambassador calls on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, amidst the prevailing regional H. E. Mr. Jiang Zaidong called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, during his visit to Air Headquarters, Islamabad. Both dignitaries engaged in a comprehensive

taining peak operational readiness and swift coordination

security dynamics. The Air Chief extended distinguished guest, reittrust, strategic convergence and in-depth discussion on and shared aspirations for firmed their pledge to instia range of matters including regional peace & stability. corporate-level engagements, He described the two nations exchanges through expanded defence cooperation and the as "Iron Brothers," empha- joint operational exercises evolving geostrategic envi-sizing that their bond has and exploration of multilat-indigenous solutions and resolve of Pakistan and China ronment in the region. They only strengthened over the eral frameworks that bolster advanced systems to safeunderscored the importance decades and will continue to collective response mecha- guard national interests and strategic partnership through of cohesive & collaborative deepen through future coop- nisms to emerging threats. approaches in responding to eration and partnership. Chief emerging challenges, empha- of the Air Staff expressed his lauded the unmatched oper- firming China's enduring ration.

for its continued support strated by PAF personnel and unwavering friendship. He also commended China's role in assisting Pakistan's defence modernization and a gracious welcome to the technological advancement ment to national defence. He especially in areas of human erating that Pakistan and resource development, tech-China enjoy historic and time- nology transfer and collaboratested ties rooted in mutual tive research & development. Both the dignitaries reaftutionalize regular high-level

profound gratitude to China ational excellence demonduring the recent standoff on the eastern front, terming it a reflection of PAF's high standards and unwavering commitpraised Pakistan Air Force for its exemplary professionalism and commendable utilization of Chinese-origin equipment & technology to thwart enemy aggression. The dignitary also acknowledged PAF's operational effectiveness and strategic acumen in employing a testament to the shared deter potential threats under deepened cooperation and The Chinese Ambassador the current leadership. Reaf- innovation-driven collabo-

assured full technical assistance to PAF in order to bolster its aerial defence capabilities. He also lauded Pakistan's commitment to self-reliance and emphasized that PAF's investment in indigenous processes had begun to yield promising results. He stressed that continued focus on homegrown technological development would further elevate the country's defence capabilities.

This meeting stands as to advance their time-tested

Pakistan, Indian DGMOs agree on further de-escalation at borders

Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: The high tensions between two nuclear-armed neighbours, Pakistan and India, have de-escalated significantly as the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) from both countries reached a pivotal agreement to return troops to their previous positions along the Line of Control (LoC) and international

According to sources, the military leadership of both nations agreed in a direct communication to replace the end of May, a senior Pakiarmy deployments on the international borders with their respective paramilitary and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

This move marks a major following heightened tensions media.

stemming from the Pahalgam

incident.

The DGMOs also discussed and agreed upon several key steps aimed at maintaining the current ceasefire and ensuring sustained de-escalation across volatile border regions.

It was decided that the aggressive forward deployments by both sides would be pulled back to pre-crisis posi-

Pakistan and India have agreed to withdraw troop reintheir peacetime positions by stani security official told AFP on Tuesday.

"Troops will be withdrawn rity official told AFP on condition of anonymity as he was shift towards normalisation not authorised to speak to the and forward areas".



tries agreed a phased withforcements deployed during drawal of the additional troops their recent conflict back to and weaponry deployed, mostly on the already heavily militarised de facto border in Kashmir, known as the Line of Control (LoC).

forces—Pakistan Rangers to pre-conflict positions by the army last week said both end of May," the senior secu- sides agreed to take "immediate measures to ensure troop reduction from the borders

"All of these steps were its side would be open to the military skirmishes.

The official said both coun- initially planned to be completed within 10 days, but minor issues caused delays,"

the Pakistani official added.

India said Tuesday it would resume a daily border ceremony with neighbouring Pakistan which it briefly halted It comes after the Indian earlier this month following the most serious conflict between the nuclear armed arch-rivals for decades.

India's Border Security force

media on Tuesday and to the general public on Wednesday at the Attari-Wagah land border in the northern state of Punjab.

Pakistan said it never stopped the ceremony, with its troops marching on its side of the border alone.

The ceremony however is expected to be a low-key affair with diplomatic measures against Pakistan still in place, including the closure of

ne land border. For years, the ceremony at the Attari-Wagah border has been a popular tourist attraction. Visitors from both sides come to cheer on soldiers goose-stepping in a chestpuffing theatrical show of pageantry.

The daily border ritual has largely endured over the decades, surviving innumersaid the sunset ceremony on able diplomatic flare-ups and

Understanding rank of Field Marshal in Pak Army: History, significance, and legacy



B Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The rank of Field Marshal stands as the highest military rank in many armies around the world, including Pakistan.

It is rarely awarded, typically reserved for extraordinary military leadership during times of national crisis or war. In Pakistan's context, the rank is not part of the routine hierarchy of military promotions but is bestowed as a symbolic recognition of unparalleled service, leadership,

What is a field marshal? The title of Field Marshal is traditionally the apex of military hierarchy — a five-star rank, higher than a full defense structures of the country. four-star General.

While most generals command armies and corps, a Field Marshal often represents military command at the national or strategic level, sometimes assuming symbolic command over all armed forces in recognition of having led the nation through pivotal or victorious military

campaigns. Unlike the conventional ranks of Lieutenant General or General that come with operational commands, the position of Field Marshal is largely honorary in modern times, conferred for lifetime achievement, though in certain military cultures, it may come with active authority depending on the political and

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Abdul Aleem Khan congratulates General Asim Munir



E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications and President istehkam-e-Pakistan Abdul Aleem Khan has congratulated Chief of the Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir on assuming the post of Field Marshal.

In his congratulatory tweet, Abdul Aleem Khan said that General Hafiz Syed Asim Munir, the winner of Operation Banyan Marsus is the only one who is worthy to hold this position and who has created a new story of bravery and valor in the recent always be written in golden letters Pakistan-India war.

Federal Minister for Communications and President IPP Abdul Aleem Khan further said in his tweet that the entire nation is proud of its military leadership.

He said that even the enemy recognizes the unparalleled leadership of Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir. President IPP and Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan further said that the entire nation stands with its soldiers and the victory achieved by the Pakistani Armed Forces on May 10 will in the history.

Interior Minister Naqvi felicitates General Asim **Munir on promotion**



👺 City Desk

Minister Mohsin Naqvi has congratulated General Syed Asim Munir on his promotion to the rank of Field Marshal.

rior Minister Naqvi expressed best wishes for Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir. He said Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir has achieved this position through hard work, talent and professional skills.

Naqvi said after the glorious victory in the Battle of Haq, General

promoted to the rank of Field Marshal. He said under the leader-ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior ship of General Syed Asim Munir, the armed forces faught the enemy a befitting lesson.

The nation stood by the side of the armed forces as a leaden wall against In his special message, Inte- the enemy, and the credit for this goes to General Syed Asim Munir. Interior Minister said the courage, bravery, prudence, wisdom and knowledge that General Syed Asim Munir demonstrated was unparalleled in history. Mohsin Naqvi hoped that under the leadership of General Asim Munir, Pakistan Army Syed Asim Munir was rightfully will touch new height of glory.

Foreign Minister (DPM/FM), Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Tuesday Partnership and ironclad friendship held in-depth consultations here with between Pakistan and China during the the Foreign Minister of China, Wang Yi. meeting, a DPM's Office news release The DPM/FM Dar and Chinese said. Drones

BEIJING: Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister Wang Yi hailed All-Weather Strategic Cooperative

DPM Dar, Chinese FM hails all-weather strategic cooperative partnership

During the meeting both the leaders and stability. expressed satisfaction at the commontion for regional peace, development 2.0.

Moreover, amid the meeting both ality of views on all issues of mutual sides exchanged views on evolving situinterest and expressed their firm ation in South Asia, future trajectory of resolve to continue bilateral coopera- Pakistan-China friendship, and CPEC

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