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Putin denies trying to be Iran-Israel mediator

Putin on Friday said he was not seeking to be a mediator between Iran and Israel, and was only suggesting ideas for how the countries could resolve the escalating crisis. The Kremlin has spent much of the week positioning Moscow as a potential peacemaker after Israel launched strikes on Iran, which retaliated with missiles and drones



European powers meet Iran in Geneva as war with Israel rages

European powers hoped to offer a "diplomatic solution" as they net with Iran in Geneva on Friday, according to French President Emmanuel Macron, as Israel again came under Iranian missile

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PM chaired a meeting

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding matters related to PNSC on Friday.



Iran missile barrage leaves 19 injured in Israel's Haifa

HAIFA: Missiles fired from Iran on Friday left at least 19 people injured in the northern Israeli port of Haifa, a local hospital said, on the second week of war between the arch foes.

Iran has been firing daily missile salvos at Israel for the past week, since a wide-ranging Israeli attack on the Islamic Republic's nuclear installations and military bases triggered war.

At least one projectile appeared to evade Israel's air defences, slamming into an area by the docks of Haifa where it damaged a building and blew out windows, littering the nearby ground with rubble, AFP images showed.

A spokesman for the city's later shared a similar message Rambam hospital said 19 people had been injured, with one in a serious condition.

Earlier, Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service reported two people had been injured by falling shrapnel after the attack but did not specify the location.

Israeli President Isaac Herzog said in a statement that Haifa's Al-Jarina mosque "was struck by an Iranian missile, injuring Muslim clerics and worshippers

at prayer". Foreign Minister Gideon Saar



on social media, adding that "the Iranian regime is targeting Muslim, Christian and Jewish civilians, as well as civilian sites. These are war

A military official said that approximately 20 missiles were launched towards Israel" in the latest Iranian salvo.

Around 20 minutes after the air raid sirens were activated, the army released a statement saying people were allowed to leave bomb

Earlier Friday, sirens rang out

in parts of the country following

another Iranian missile launch. AFP footage showed police operating in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, alongside emergency response teams and bomb disposal expert.

Security forces there inspected a crater near residential buildings, where the wreckage of charred cars lay below the mangled metal of destroyed balconies.

The Soroka Hospital in the city was struck on Thursday, injuring 40 people.

Israel, saying Iran was on

the verge of developing nuclear weapons, launched a massive wave

Residential areas in both countries have suffered, while Israel and Iran have traded accusations of targeting civilians.

immediate retaliation from Tehran.

At least 25 people have been killed in Israel by Iranian missile strikes, according to authorities.

Iran said on Sunday that Israeli strikes had killed at least 224 people, including military commanders, nuclear scientists

PM orders expansion of PNSC fleet to save \$4 bn in annual maritime trade costs

City Desk

ISLAMARAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday directed the relevant authorities to prepare a business plan for Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) and present it within two weeks, which should include a strategy to save the annual \$4 billion burden on the national exchequer.

Chairing a high-level meeting regarding matters related to PNSC here, the prime minister directed to acquire ships on lease to expand the PNSC fleet.

"Due to a reduced number of ships in the PNSC fleet, the country has to spend approximately \$4 billion annually from the national exchequer on maritime trade," he of strikes on June 13, triggering an

During a briefing on PNSC's performance, the prime minister was informed that the corporation currently possesses 10 ships of various types, with a combined cargo-carrying capacity of 724,643

The meeting was attended by Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Maritime Affairs Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, and senior officials of

Saudi Ambassador calls on Chief Justice Yahya Afridi



👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al-Malkiv called on Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Yahya Afridi on Friday at Supreme Court in Islamabad.

According to press release, the Chief Justice warmly welcomed the ambassador and expressed appreciation for the longstanding, historic, and fraternal ties between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, rooted in shared faith and mutual respect.

During the meeting, both dignitaries discussed avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of justice. Emphasis was laid on expanding judicial collabora- perspectives.

tion under the framework of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, which includes modernization and reform of the Kingdom's iudicial system.

It was noted that Pakistan holds Saudi Arabia in high esteem and values the opportunity to learn from each other's judicial systems and experiences. Both sides agreed that meaningful collaboration through exchange programs and partnerships between judicial academies can significantly enhance capacity building and promote shared learning. Joint training initiatives were also discussed to equip judicial officers and legal professionals with modern tools and comparative legal

Dar arrives in Istanbul to attend **OIC session**



Spokesman Report

ISTANBUL: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Friday arrived in Istanbul, Turkey to participate in the 51st Session of the Council of the Foreign Minister (CFM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) being held on June 21-22, 2025.

On his arrival, the deputy prime minister was received by Pakistan's Ambassador to Turkiye Dr. Yousaf Junaid, Consul General Nauman Aslam and representative of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the plenary session, DPM Dar will share Pakistan's perspective on the developments in South Asia, following the ceasefire arrangement

and the situation in the Middle East, after Israel's recent aggression against Iran and other regional states.

He will also emphasize the pressing need to establish peace in the Middle East and provide humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, besides reiterating Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the objectives and principles of the OIC and its efforts to address the issues confronting the Muslim Ummah.

On the sidelines, the deputy prime minister will hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other OIC member Prior to the CFM, DPM

Dar will participate in the award ceremony for the grant of "OIC Youth Forum Grand Youth Award" to President of between Pakistan and India Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Vice FM Sun Weidong attends China-Bangladesh-**Pakistan Meeting**

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: China-Pakistan-Bangladesh Trilateral Vice Foreign Minister/ Foreign Secretary meeting was held in Kunming, Yunnan province of China. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong, Bangladeshi Acting Foreign Secretary Ruhul Alam Siddique and Pakistani Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific) Imran Ahmed Siddiqui attended the meeting. Pakistani Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch participated in the first phase of the meeting via video link. Sun Weidong stated that the Chinese government is committed to building a community with a shared future with neighboring countries. Bangladesh and Pakistan are both good neighbors, good friends, and good partners of China, and important partners in high quality Belt and Road cooperation. As significant members of the Global South and key countries in the region, all three countries face the mission of nation-



al revitalization and modernization, and all require a peaceful and stable environment. Cooperation among China, Pakistan and Bangladesh aligns with the common interests of the three peoples, and can contribute to regional peace, stability, development and prosperity.

In Kunming, Sun Weidong also called on Mr. Haji Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi, Acting Deputy Prime Minister of the interim government of Afghan, and held bilateral meetings with Mr. Ruhul Alam Siddique and Mr. Imran Ahmed Siddiqui.

Iranian foreign minister says Israel attack 'betrayal' of diplomacy with US

GENEVA: Iran's foreign minister on Friday condemned the Israeli attacks against the Islamic republic as a "betrayal" of diplomatic efforts with the US, saying Tehran and Washington had been due to craft a "promising agreement" on the Iranian nuclear programme.

"We were attacked in the midst of an ongoing diplomatic process," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva ahead of a crunch meeting with European foreign ministers.

Araghchi, making his first trip abroad since the strikes began, denounced Israel's attack as an "outrageous act of aggression".

US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff had planned to meet Araghchi in Oman on June 15 but the meeting was cancelled after Israel began the strikes days before.



"We were supposed to meet with the Americans on 15 June to craft a very promising agreement for peaceful resolution of the issues fabricated over our peaceful nuclear programme," said Araghchi.

"It was a betrayal of diplomacy and unprecedented blow to the foundations of international law," he said.

Israel began its campaign on Friday saying the operation was aimed at halting Tehran from obtaining an atomic bomb, an ambition Iran denies having.

PM meets Maulana Fazlur Rehman

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Friday visited President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) Maulana Fazlur Rehman at his residence and inquired about well being of his younger son Asjad Mehmood.

He expressed his grave concern over the attack on Asjad Mehmood and the failed

attempt to kidnap him. The prime minister ordered

legal action against the people involved in the failed attack. The two leaders also discussed the overall political situation in

the country

Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar and Advisor to Prime Minister for Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah also accompanied the prime

23rd Senate meeting of the University of Kotli held at presidency

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The 23rd Senate meeting of the University of Kotli was held at the presidency, with President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry in the chair.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor University of Kotli Professor Dr. Zakaria Zakir, Secretary Presidential Affairs Dr. Muhammad Idrees Abbasi, Former Judge Supreme Court Justice Younis Tahir, Former Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi Professor Dr. Saima Hameed, Former Secretary Manzoor Hussain Chaudhry, Chaudhry Muhammad Mehboob Advocate, Muhammad Hanif Advocate, Secretary Higher Education Chaudhry Muhammad Tayyab, Representative Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Tariq Iqbal and other Senate members.

On this occasion, the VC University of Kotli, Prof. Dr. Zakaria Zakir, gave a detailed briefing to the President on curricular and co-curricular activities at the university.



Azad Jammu and Kashmir Universisity. He reaffirmed that all available education in Azad Kashmir."

Speaking on the occasion the Presties, directed the VC to gear up efforts resources and energies would be ident who is also the Chancellor of to streamline the affairs at the univer-utilized for the promotion of higher

Protest

LAHORE: Activists of MWM chanting slogans during a demonstration to condemn Israeli strikes on Iran, outside press



Photo: Online

US President acknowledges the Pakistan Army's significant role in war against terror: PM AJK

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Hag has said that the recent meeting between US President Donald Trump and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir was of utmost importance given the rapidly changing regional and global scenario.

In his special statement, Prime Minister Haq said that the historic meeting was a vivid reflection of Pakistan's growing influence and it's standing in a dynamic global and regional scenario.



as a strong country and a pivotal player has now started seeing Pakistan as an PM said, that the US President has

He said that Pakistan has emerged in the region. "The US administration important country in South Asia", the

acknowledged the Pakistan Army's significant role and sacrifices in the war against terror.

The prime minister expressed optimism that the meeting at the oval office would go a long way to diffuse the ongoing tension in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister said that the US President can play an important role in resolving the longstanding Kashmir issue in line with the wishes and aspirations of the Kashmiri people. He reiterated that lasting peace in the region was inescapably linked to the settlement of the lingering dispute, which he said was the root cause and consequence of bloodshed and unrest

No country can progress without education: Habib



MULTAN: Habibullah, Principal of Skans School of Accountancy, has said that we do not only admit students, but also provide them with the best training and all the ways to move forward along with their better future and higher education. We are also proud that more than 25,000 students who have graduated from here are proving their abilities in the developed countries of the world today and are playing their best role in the construction and development of Pakistan. We also want to see Pakistan in the ranks of developed countries. This is our mission. He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony held in recognition of the services of teachers and other staff at this institution. On this occasion, Professor Muhammad Kashif Adeel, an expert in the education of accounts, said that the education of accounts is increasing day by day and no country can develop without education. Other teachers of accounts Arsalan Arif, Dr. Qaiser Magbool, Muhammad Yousuf Siddiqui Khurram Khalil Hafiz Kashif and others are trying to do their best. They said that under the leadership of Principal Habibullah of the School of Accountancy, the institution is developing day and night. In the ceremony, in recognition of the services of teachers and other staff, names were also drawn for a draw for 3 Umrah, which were awarded to the lucky ones Khurram Khalil, Samina Nadeem and Qaiser Bhatti. A large number of teachers and staff attended the ceremony.

Khanzada approved up-gradation of seven schools in Hazo

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: In a major step towards improving education in the region, several schools in Tehsil Hazro have been upgraded from elementary to higher levels. This educational uplift comes as a result of special efforts by senior PML-N leader, renowned political figure, and former MPA Jahangir Khanzada, under the directive of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

According to a statement issued by the Department of Education, an official list of the upgraded schools has been released. In addition, it has been indicated that schools currently lacking basic facilities will also be provided with necessary funds, as approved by the Chief Minister.
A list of such schools is expected to be published soon.

The schools that have been upgraded include Bahbudi, Mulan, Awan Abad (Landi), Bahadur Khan, Kalu Khurd, Sirka, Mosa, and Girls Community School Bangai

The people of Hazro have expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Jahangir Khanzada for this pro-education initiative. Local residents have also praised Khanzada for his continued commitment to the development of education in the region.#

Ayub Mughal Strongly Condemned Israel and Called it Open Terrorism in Iran



👺 Δsim Tanveer

MULTAN: A delegation led by Hafiz Muhammad Aslam, President of the National Unity Council South Punjab, and Maulana Muhammad Ayub Mughal, General Secretary, condemned the Israeli attack on Iran and expressed deep sorrow over the martyrdom of army scientists and people with the in-charge of Khana Farang Iran Multan, Ms. Zahida Bukhari. They strongly condemned Israel and called it open terrorism in Iran. They said that Israel, which has caused problems and difficulties around the world, has proven its satanism by attacking Iran after Gaza. The Israeli attack on Iran led by the United States is tantamount to destroying the peace of the region. The current situation has once again sent a message to the Muslim world that mutual unity, a common position and an independent foreign policy are the only ways through which they can defend their rights. If Muslim countries continue to remain silent, tomorrow it may be the turn of another country. The delegation on this occasion included Basharat Abbas, Qureshi Muhammad Saleem Siddiqui, Allama Khalid Mahmood Farooqi, Allama Tariq Hashmi, Qari Mushtaq Farooqi, Sheikh of the Hadith Center for Rehmatul-l-Aalamin Hakim Omar Farooq Kot Kabiri, and others.

DFP seeks urgent release of its illegally detained party chairman Shabir Ahmed Shah on medical grounds

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party has sought urgent intervention from international community to help secure early release was suffering from serious of its incarcerated party chair- ailments. man Shabir Ahmed Shah who is suffering from prostate cancer

and needs an urgent surgery. In a statement issued here

gally detained party chairman, said that it was quite unfortunate that the Indian judiciary has denied bail to Shabir Ahmed Shah despite knowing that he

He said that Shah, currently jailed in Tihar, is battling Prostate Cancer but

it was ironic that at this very today, the DFP spokesman crucial time his family was not advocate Arshad Iqbal, while permitted to attend him or at

during the treatment. Terming it as a fundamental violation of the basic human rights, the spokesman appealed the world human rights organizations to raise the issue with Indian government to ensure that due compassion care is extended in this critical time and that his like the Geneva Conventions family is allowed to be by his

side at this difficult hour. Meanwhile, the DFP acting chairman Mehmood Ahmed nity", Saghar said adding that

highlighting the plight of ille- at least be present by his side Saghar has expressed his grave concern over Shah's declining health condition.

He said that denial of adequate medical treatment to prisoners constitutes a server violation of the international law.

"International treaties and human rights instruments, mandate that prisoners receive the same standard of healthcare available in the commu-

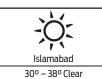


denying necessary healthcare hand Indian prison authorities the Indian judiciary has underto prisoners amounts to endangering their lives.

Saghar said that on the one

have criminally ignored dete- mined his family's repeated riorating health conditions of requests for his release on Shah while on the other hand medical grounds.





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AIOU Closes Swift Centers Across Pakistan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University(AIOU) has announced that the "Swift Center established on a trial basis under various regional setups have been completely shut down as of July 2024 due to certain technical reasons. These centers were launched temporarily to facilitate students but are no longer operational.

The students are advised not to utilize the services of any swift center as such centers are unauthorized. This is entirely false and constitutes fraud. The university has no affiliation with these fake Swift Centers. Any dealings or services obtained from such entities will be at the students' own risk

The university reserves the right to take legal action against such illegal elements and any individuals or students involved in these activities.

All students are strongly advised to seek guidance and information only from the university's main campus or the nearest regional office.

Kaspersky eSIM store empowers global travelers with easy internet access worldwide

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Kaspersky ISLAMABAD: eSIM Store is a new connectivity solution for international travel. Designed to make it easier for leisure and business travelers to stay online globally, it empowers users with easy internet access across 150+ countries and regions, with a choice of over 2,000 affordable data plans and transparent conditions without any roaming fees.

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eler, there are many flexible ways to choose and manage data plans. Kaspersky eSIM Store is

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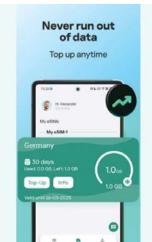
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Meeting

ISLAMABAD: H.E. Idesbald Van der Gracht, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, met with Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Federal Minister for Law and Human Rights, to review bilateral cooperation and Pakistan's recent legal and human rights reforms.

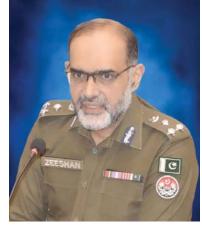


RPO Zeeshan Asghar's Vision: A Safe and Peaceful Muharram in Faisalabad

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: In light of the orders of RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar, the regional Faisalabad police has prepared a security plan to maintain peace and order during Muharram-ul-Haram. This year, there are a total of 4402 majalis across the region, including 325 in Category A, 945 in Category B, and 3132 in Category C. On the orders of RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar, 4046 officers and employees have been deployed by the district heads for the security of the majalis, while 4025 volunteers will also perform their duties.

Thus, a total of 1528 processions will be held across the region this year, of which 162 are Category A, 273 are Cate-



gory B, and 1093 are Category C. On

the orders of RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar, 10873 officers and employees have been deployed by the district heads for the security of the processions, while 4837 volunteers will also perform their

RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar, while issuing orders to the district heads, said that the routes of mosques, imambargahs, majlis and processions should be reviewed. Peace committees should be activated at the district level in particular and at the police station level in general and purposeful meetings should be held with them so that religious harmony, unity among Muslims and brotherhood are promoted. In case of sectarian differences and tension, a situation of peace should not arise.

Historic Webinar Hosted by SANA Literary Committee

B Qayoom Sarohi

WASHINGTON: The Literary Committee of the Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) organized a historic and memorable webinar, which was graced by SANA's founding president, Mr. Khalid Hashm-

ani, as the chief guest. The webinar was presided over by the chairman of the Literary Committee, Ishaq Tunio, and witnessed participation from a large number of Sindhi community members from the U.S., Canada, and other countries.

Ishaq Tunio described Khalid of the Sindhi community, a knowledge-loving intellectual,

and the founder of SANA, life, job at WAPDA, and his paying tribute to his remark- eventual journey to North able contributions. On this occasion, SANA's current president Dr. Maqbool Halepoto shared that he had first met Khalid Hashmani during his student years and had always been inspired by his knowledge,

dedication, and patriotic spirit. SANA's General Secretary Asad Shaikh remarked, "Thanks to the hard work of our seniors, SANA has now become a strong institution. We will continue to honor them loch-Pashtun Front, with assisand work to keep the commu-

nity united." During the webinar, Khalid Hashmani as a sincere leader Hashmani reminisced about his memories of Hyderabad, Dodani, Safia Muhammad Ali, detailing his childhood, student and Altaf Memon.

America. He explained that SANA was founded in July 1984 together with a group of friends.

While fondly recalling notable figures like Anwar Memon, Najma Memon, Javed Laghari, Altaf Memon, Shankar Lakhwani, and Aftab Qazi, he emphasized that these names are unforgettable.

He shared that SANA's constitution was adapted from the manifesto of the Sindhi-Batance from Khalid Laghari (brother of Javed Laghari). He also mentioned SANA's early leaders: Israr Ansari, Niranjan

Youth killed in aerial firing, two arrested after CPO notice

FAISALABAD, JUN 20 (APP): A youth was killed due to aerial firing in a Mehndi function while the Chak Jhumra police arrested two accused after the City Police Officer (CPO) took notice of the incident.

Police spokesman Tariq Jatt said here on Friday that Qasim Ali Safdar had arranged Mehndi function in connection of his marriage in Chak 186/R-B where some guests resorted to jubilant firing and a stray bullet hit a youth Muhammad Waseem in the belly and killed him on way to hospital.

Receiving information, CPO Sahibzada Bilal took serious notice and directed the SP Madina Town Division to probe into the matter and ensure immediate arrest of the culprits.

Therefore, a special team was constituted which conducted successful raid and arrested two accused Asif and Saqib along with weapons used for aerial firing. The accused were locked behind bars while further investigation was under progress, he added.

GCUF Remarkable Journey: A Testament to Collective Efforts in Education

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kanwal Amin (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Government College Women University Faisalabad has achieved a remarkable performance in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025, achieving a global position of 601-800 among 2318 universities in the world. At the national level, the university was ranked third among women's universities, eighth among government univer-



sities and sixteenth among all universities. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kanwal Amin (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz) termed this achievement as the result of collective efforts and said, "This achievement is a reflection of our joint efforts and commitment to sustainable development, quality and social impact." GCWUF secured the second position among Pakistani women's universities in quality education (SDG-4). While gradual improvement was also seen in other goals.

New Polio Case Highlights Ongoing Challenges in Vaccination in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at the National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad, has confirmed a new case of wild poliovirus in District Bannu, South Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The 33-month-old male child from Union Council Shamsikhel, District Bannu is the sixth case of polio reported from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa this year. To date in 2025, Pakistan has reported a total of 12 cases of polio, including six from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, four from Sindh, and one each from Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan.

While nationwide polio eradication efforts continue with improvements in the quality of vaccination campaigns, the southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remain areas of concern due to access constraints and challenges in conducting house-to-house vaccination. These barriers result in missed opportunities, leaving thousands of children unvaccinated and vulnerable to poliovirus.

In 2025, the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme has conducted three nationwide campaigns—in February, April, and May-reaching over 45 million children with the support of over 400,000 frontline workers, including 225,000 female vaccinators. This progress reflects the strong coordination among all partners and the trust of parents and communities across the country. However, the challenges in some areas including South KP continue to hinder full coverage.

KP Assembly opposition lawmakers meet Governor, voice concern over CM's conduct

PESHAWAR, JUN 20 (APP): A high-level delegation of opposition members from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly met with Governor Faisal Karim Kundi at the Governor House on Friday to express their concerns over the conduct of the Chief Minister and ongoing political developments in the province.

The delegation was led by Leader of the Opposition Dr. Ibadullah and included prominent lawmakers from Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), and Jamiat Ulemae-Islam (JUI), including Ahmad Karim Kundi, Sardar Shah Jehan Yousaf, Jalal Khan, Makhdoomzada Syed Aftab Haider Shah, Adnan Khan, Sobia Shahid, and Syeda Shehla.

During the meeting, the opposition law makers conveyed their dissatisfaction with the chief minister's behavior, calling it undemocratic and confrontational.

They categorically said that they would not become part of any unconstitutional or extra-parliamentary moves, reiterating their commitment to upholding democratic principles and the rule of law. The meeting also included detailed discussions on various constitu-

tional proposals in light of the current political situation. The delegation is scheduled to meet the Governor again tomorrow

for further consultation. Governor Faisal Karim Kundi acknowledged the concerns raised by the opposition members, saying, "Their concerns are valid. It is becoming evident that the affairs of the province appear to be directed

from a prison cell in Adiala Jail," in a pointed reference to the alleged

influence of incarcerated political figures on provincial governance.

The ongoing consultations between the Governor and opposition parties underscore the rising political tension in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the emerging debate over the legitimacy and transparency of the provincial administration.

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Iran-Israel war diverting attention from Gaza catastrophe

s the world turns its eyes to the explosive confrontation between Iran and Israel, another tragedy continues to unfold — largely amid international silence. Israel's war on Gaza, already one of the most destructive military campaigns in recent history, is now becoming a footnote in the global news cycle. Airstrikes, famine and mass displacement have not ended, they have merely been pushed out of the spotlight. This shift in attention is not merely coincidental — it is politically convenient. The question we must ask is: at what cost?

The Iran-Israel conflict, which has drawn in regional actors and sparked fears of a wider war, is undoubtedly significant. It has serious implications for global oil markets, international security and the delicate balance of power in the Middle East. But while diplomats scramble to contain this geopolitical wildfire, a slower, deadlier burn continues in Gaza — one that threatens the lives of millions, especially children, trapped in a war zone with no escape, no food and little hope.

Since the start of the Gaza war in October 2023, more than 55,000 Palestinians have been killed, according to local health authorities. Entire neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble, hospitals have been bombed and the Strip's already fragile infrastructure has collapsed under the weight of a sustained siege. The World Food Programme and other agencies have repeatedly warned of an impending famine, exacerbated by Israel's restrictions on humanitarian aid and targeted destruction of civilian re-

And yet, with missiles now flying between Iran and Israel, the human catastrophe in Gaza is being relegated to the margins of global diplomacy. The shift is palpable: once-vocal international condemnation has softened into diplomatic murmurs. UN debates on war crimes and humanitarian aid have slowed, while the coverage from major Western news outlets has thinned dramatically. We are witnessing, in real-time, how one conflict can serve as a smokescreen for another.

This diversion is not just a matter of journalistic bandwidth — it is a calculated political maneuver. As Israel frames itself once again as a victim under existential threat from a regional rival, it reclaims a position of moral high ground in Western narratives. The Iran confrontation allows Israel to recast its military aggression in Gaza as part of a broader defensive strategy against a hostile axis, linking Hamas, Hezbollah and Tehran under a single "terror" umbrella. In doing so, it deflects international criticism and stalls momentum for accountability, including mounting allegations of war crimes.

Israel Controls America: Ted Cruz's Revealing Confession

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Qamar Bashir

n a political interview that will be studied for years, Senator Ted Cruz—a close confidant of President Donald J. Trump and one of the most prominent Republican voices in Congress—sat down with Tucker Carlson and offered a candid window into the uncomfortable reality of U. S.-Israel relations. His words, wrapped in rationalizations and ideological talking points, confirmed what critics have long warned: the United States is no longer a sovereign actor in the Middle East, but a subordinate executing the will of Israel through lobbying networks like American Israel Pbulic Affair Committee (AIPAC) covert intelligence alignments, and religious manipulation.

Carlson's questions were pointed. His tone was incredulous. "Do they [Israel] spy domestically in the United States?" he asked. Ted Cruz replied, without hesitation, "Oh, they probably do-and we do as well... Friends and allies spy on each other." Rather than condemning the breach of national sovereignty, Ted leaned on ideological dogma: "One of the things about being a conservative is you're not naive... Every one of our friends spies on us."

But this was no ordinary espionage. Carlson pressed harder: "Including on the President?" Ted did not flinch. "They're going to anyway," he said. "I'm not mad at them." This was not a defense—it was a surrender.

Ted's framing of Israel and the United States as having "overlapping interests" reveals a dangerous doctrine: that America's enemies are whoever Israel designates. Under this logic, countries like Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and even critics within Europe are reflexively treated as adversaries—not based on threat assessments, but on Israeli

Carlson laid bare the contradiction: U. S. intelligence says Iran is years away from weaponization, yet the Israeli-driven narrative claims it's only "days." When Carlson asked if he would oppose Israeli spying or military manipulation, the senator replied flatly: "They're going to do it anyway." It was a stunning concession of powerlessness.

Driving this surrender is AIPAC—the any denial. American Israel Public Affairs Committee—a lobbying juggernaut that acts less like an interest group and more like a shadow foreign ministry. Ted admitted that AIPAC "raised a lot of money" for him, though he insisted it came from "individuals" not the organiza-

tion itself—an evasion that fails to obscure a peace-broker, but as a military enforcer the reality. AIPAC cannot legally donate directly, but its donor network ensures that candidates who tow the Israeli line are richly rewarded by ploying back USA aid, while dissenters are crushed.

In 2022 alone, pro-Israel PACs and donors spent over \$100 million in U.S. elections. The result is bipartisan paralysis-where Republicans and Democrats alike refuse to criticize Israel, even as it bombs civilian hospitals, targets nuclear scientists, or spies on the U.S. government.

Layered over this political machinery is a spiritual manipulation that binds millions of American Christians to Israel through theological fantasy. According to this belief—promoted by televangelists, Zionist pastors, and AIPAC-sponsored pilgrimages—supporting Israel is a divine mandate, essential for the return of Christ

and personal salvation. Ted embraced this of imperial overreach. religious overlap as a political asset, noting that American Christians see support for Israel not as a geopolitical choice, but as a spiritual obligation.

Carlson, himself a conservative Christian, rebuked this manipulation. "Is it the job of a U.S. senator to represent the interests of a foreign country?" he asked. The silence in response was louder than

> without consequence. The wars waged at Israel's behest have produced millions of refugees, destabilized entire regions, and eroded U.S. credibility around the world. From Yemen to Afghanistan, the perception is

This alliance is not

no longer of America as of Israeli policy.

At the United Nations, the United States routinely vetoes resolutions condemning Israel—even when global consensus is near-unanimous. This has alienated allies in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Meanwhile, countries like China, Russia, Turkey, and Brazil step into the diplomatic vacuum, offering an alternative order free from Israeli hegemony.

The most tragic irony is that the costsfinancial, moral, and reputational—are borne by the United States. Israel walks away stronger, more emboldened, and free of accountability. It receives billions in aid, shields itself behind American vetoes, and sends lobbyists to Washington to extract more. Meanwhile, American cities crumble, veterans are left homeless, and the middle class bears the tax burden

The Iran conflict marks a tipping point. The world watches as the U.S. prepares to bleed again-militarily, diplomatically, and economically-for a war that serves no American interest. It is not just the Middle East at stake—it is the soul of American democracy.

Senator Ted's confessions, though cloaked in conservative realism, unmask a deeper betrayal. America is not defending a friend-it is financing its manipulator. It is not acting in its interest—it is acting in fear of political reprisal. It is not leadingit is being led.

If the United States is to reclaim its sovereignty, it must reassert control over its foreign policy, disentangle itself from theological fantasies, and end the unchecked power of foreign lobbies operating on Capitol Hill. This is not antisemitism—it is patriotism. It is the duty of a republic to defend its institutions, its people, and its future from external domination—no matter how sacredly disguised.

The question now is whether America has the courage to reclaim its sovereignty, or whether it will continue to play the role of a global enforcer for a foreign master cloaked in the language of friendship.

The time has come for Americans-Democrats, Republicans, Independents—to question whether the alliance with Israel is indeed serving their interests, or whether it is merely serving the interests of a foreign state cloaked in biblical prophecy, financial influence, and political manipulation.

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

China consistently advocates for calm and diplomacy in conflict situations

more than a press briefing ever will. Somewhere above the endless Central Asian plains, a string of Chinese Boeing 747s turned off their digital trails, slipped past radar screens and, if Iranian airspace just as Israel's jets were waking the Gulf with thunder.

China says exactly what a responsible global the schoolchildren first, and for once maybe a counterargument ready:

let diplomats earn their salaries. Xi Jinping repeated it this week, and no one really gasped. Four neat points for the Middle East, a region that usually chews up such points and spits out ruins.

China wants a ceasefire. He wants civilians protected. He wants all parties, with a deliberate nod at Israel, to pause the

killing before the region topples into an abyss. He wants talks and an international chorus pushing peace instead of more F-35 sorties.

Think back to last year: Saudi Arabia and Iran, those old regional archrivals, shook hands for the cameras. Where? Beijing's elegant marble halls. Not Geneva's stiff corridors. Not Washington's leaky hotel suites. China wants everyone to remember that. The message sticks, grain by grain.

chat with Putin, as he did days ago, and they murmur that no bomb can ever solve Iran's nuclear ambitions, one should not shrug this off as hollow romance. Russia snarls at Washsolidarity, rakes in discounted Siberian gas and priceless: plausible deniability, oil security, a

ometimes, a cargo jet tells you oil, then builds its name as the calm uncle in louder voice at peace tables and just enough every other crisis.

It works, even when it shouldn't. In the Middle East, sometimes the illusion of stability is worth more than actual deals. An oil tanker moving unbothered through Hormuz can be the rumors hold water, brushed the edges of enough to keep a fragile peace while everyone pretends not to notice the cargo jets passing overhead at night.

Yes, the UK just called Russia an immeheavyweight should say: calm down, put the diate threat. They folded China's name into bombs away, protect the grandmothers and that same cautionary breath. But Beijing has

we are not the threat, we are the hand that keeps the lights

on in your refinery. We don't invade, we trade. We don't sanction, we buy. We don't topple regimes, we build them railways and let them decide how to use them.

China's proposals seem Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani acceptable to Tehran and secret flights from Beijing provide Iran with necessary support to main-

> tain resilience under pressure. Western capitals hate this narrative because it half works. Iran stays defiant but not reckless. Israel roars but does not bomb too deeply into the arteries that feed Asian energy needs. In this muddy equilibrium, China's four proposals sound reasonable enough that even Tehran

Meanwhile, if the speculation is true, So when Xi picks up the phone for a long Beijing's secret flights deliver the hardware that ensures Iran does not fold too easily when cornered.

nods along in public.

Does this make China a puppet master? Not quite. The Middle East laughs at puppet ington in Ukraine. China nods along in polite strings. But it does grant Beijing something

leverage to remind Washington that the Pacific is not the only ocean that matters.

Most telling of all, China pulls this off without sending carrier strike groups to park off the Persian Gulf. No body bags. No trillion-dollar occupation budgets. No Senate hearings every six months asking where it all

Just trade, quiet deals, and the occasional ghost plane that exits radar screens right where veryone expects and yet can't quite prove.

Xi's four points appear as diplomatic slogans, yet they signify deeper realities So yes, Xi's four points might read like a polite slogan sheet for a sleepy UN summit. But behind each word floats a cargo manifest, a tanker route, a loan contract and a discreet promise that Beijing, not Brussels or Washington, might be the only player left willing to guarantee the region's

heartbeat when the missiles pause for breath. If the West finds this unsettling, maybe they should. Power does not always roar. Sometimes it hums down a darkened flight corridor, lights off, heading west through Turkmen skies, desti-

nation Luxembourg, at least on paper. For now, the world watches, some suspicious, some grateful. In Tehran's oil ports and Shandong's refineries, Xi's four words translate simply: do not torch the bargain. And in capitals where ceasefires remain a joke, they translate too:

China will speak softly, but make no mistake, it guards its silence with steel in the cargo hold. And maybe, just maybe, that is the truest peace plan left.

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From Compliance to Conscience: A Journey Through Ethics and Education

Muhammad Rabnawaz Awan

n my earlier career at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), I was deeply engaged in corporate governance and regulatory reform. During those years, I authored a series of articles in esteemed newspapers like The News, Business Recorder, and The Express Tribune, where I consistently advocated for a balanced approach to regulation. I argued that while rules are necessary, they are never enough. Ethics, integrity, and a sense of personal accountability must accompany legal compliance for any governance structure to be truly effective.

Among those pieces were: "Reassessing the Regulatory Balance Between Ethics and Rules" (The News, March

"Time for Reforming the Architecture of Regulation" (The News, May 20, 2014) "Opportunity and Limitations of the

Enforcement" (The News, May 25, 2014) - "Pursuing Self-Serving Disputes with Vigour" (Business Recorder, July 13, 2014)

 "Corporate Governance and Accountability" (The Express Tribune, December 29, Each article centered around the same

theme: awareness, values, and inner reform must supplement external controls. Regulation alone cannot create a just system unless

the regulated also embrace a moral compass. Today, years later, I find myself in a completely different field-education. Yet

the core philosophy that once drove my work

in corporate governance continues to guide me here. As an educationist, I advocate for a model that goes beyond test scores and academic outcomes. I believe that nurturing the soul is as important as educating the mind.

Unfortunately, much of our current education system focuses on rote learning, superficial discipline, and quantifiable success. But what we need is something deeper: an education that embeds honesty, empathy, civic sense, and ethical thinking at its heart. As I often tell my colleagues, "Without character, knowledge becomes cunning; without compassion, intelligence turns cold."

In my present role, I have been actively persuading fellow educators to adopt a more holistic philosophy. Schools, I believe, should not merely produce professionals but principled citizens. We must teach our students not just how to make a living but how to live.

This continuity between my past and present is not accidental. Whether in boardrooms or classrooms, the fundamental need remains the same: an internal transformation. True progress begins not with enforcement

from above but with awareness from within. My journey from compliance to conscience is far from over. But if there is one lesson I have learned, it is this: any reform—be it corporate or educational—must begin with values. Only then can we hope to build institutions that are not just successful but truly

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Italian Navy Ship ITS ANTONIO MARCEGLIA participated in a bilateral exercise with Pakistan Navy ship

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Italian Navy Ship ITS ANTONIO MARCEGLIA participated in a bilateral exercise with Pakistan Navy ship and aircraft in the North Arabian Sea. The primary objective of the exercise was to enhance operational efficiency and foster deeper cooperation between the two navies.

The exercise featured a comprehensive series of advanced operational drills, covering key aspects of maritime warfare. These drills were designed to strengthen coordination in maritime security operations and improve the overall readiness and operational integration of both navies.

ITS ANTONIO MARCEGLIA'S visit follows the visit of the Italian Carrier Strike Group, which included ITS CAVOUR and ITS ALPINO to Karachi in October 2024. This visit further solidified the bond between Italian Navy and Pakistan Navy. The ongoing series of engagements demonstrates the growing strategic relationship between the two countries, particularly between their navies.



importance of naval cooperation, reaf-promoting peace and stability in the collaboration and explore new avenues The joint exercise between Pakistan firming both nations' commitment region. The exercise concluded with of mutual cooperation between the Navy and Italian Navy underscores the to strengthening bilateral ties and a shared aim to expand the scope of navies of both countries.

Pakistani Student Selected for International Olympiad

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ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani student Muhammad Ayan Abdullah has been selected to represent the country at the prestigious International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI), which will be held in Beijing, China from August 2 to 9, 2025.

As the nation cheers for this bright young mind, Viper Technology, Pakistan's leading IT hardware manufacturer, has extended full support to enable his participation. In collaboration with the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), Viper has proudly provided its flagship "PLUTO Al PC"-a locally assembled, high-per formance computer designed specifically for Al and machine learning

and promote 'Made In Pakistan'in- Pakistan, built for performance, and Technology (Pvt) Ltd., said,"We are



This initiative is part of Viper Technovation in global competitions. The now headed to Beijing. nology's mission to empower Paki- PLUTO Al PC provided to Ayan is part stani youth with cutting-edge tools of Viper's newest Al PC line-built in Sheikh, Co-Founder & COO, Viper

Speaking on the occasion, Faisal

honored to support Muhammad Ayan Abdullah. Pakistan has immense talent, and it's our responsibility to back the next generation of tech

This gesture reflects a powerful partnership between local industry, government support organizations, and national pride-coming together to uplift the future of Al in Pakistan.

Viper Group-through its hardware wing Viper Technology and its software, automation, and skill training arm Viper Technology-has been serving Pakistan for over 30 years. From assembling desktops, laptops, Al PCs, and tablets to offering software solutions and digital upskilling via Viper Academy, the group is committed to building a tech-powered, self-reliant Pakistan. With manufacturing roots in Karachi and expansion plans in Punjab, Viper stands firmly behind the "Made in

ISSI and NIDM sign Letter of Agreement (LOA) establishing collaborative partnership

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) signed a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), a think-tank operating as part of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The LOA represents the commencement of a long-term, meaningful partnership between the two institutions, with a shared commitment to advancing academic research and policy dialogue on issues of high national importance including disaster management, climate change, emerging response, and regional collaboration.

On behalf of ISSI, the LOA was signed by Dr. Talat Shabbir, Director Mahmood, Director General, ISSI and



Administration/China Pakistan Study Centre (CPSC), while Mr. Tanveer Paracha, Executive Director, signed on behalf NIDM. The LOA signing was witnessed by Ambassador Sohail

Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik, Chairman, NDMA, Senior members of staff from NDMA and ISSI were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik emphasized the importance of establishing clear bench-

marks and deliverables to ensure meaningful progress under the new partnership. He encouraged collaboration that builds up on prior research, promotes the sharing of best practices, and leads to effective policy interventions.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood termed the signing of the LOA as the beginning of a close collaborative partnership between ISSI and NDMA. He stressed the importance of ensuring optimal implementation of the LOA with a well-defined roadmap and agreed

Earlier, in his introductory remarks, Mr. Tanveer Paracha introduced the scope and mandate of the NIDM and its growing profile and national and international outreach.

Momin Saqib becomes first TikTok content creator to represent Pakistan at Cannes *Lions 2025*



ISLAMABAD: TikTok has announced that popular content creator, actor and entrepreneur, Momin Saqib will become the first Pakistani to represent Pakistan's TikTok creator community at Cannes Lions 2025. Momin will become a part of TikTok's global delegation of content creators, marking the first-ever participation of a Pakistani TikTok creator at the world's premier festival of creativity.

As part of TikTok's official creator delegation, Momin will participate and gain access to exclusive programming, VIP networking events, brand engagements, and panel discussions hosted by TikTok. He will also have the opportunity to interact with TikTok leadership and global industry stakeholders throughout the week.

Momin, while commenting on the opportunity to represent Pakistan's TikTok community, said, "From capturing moments in Lahore to celebrating stories on the red carpet at Cannes-I'm honoured to represent the diversity and creative energy of Pakistan and its creator community! From entertainers to storytellers and educators, TikTok encourages different forms of creative expression, giving every creator a platform to showcase their thoughts and talent to the world. And me being here, this is for all of them!

Umais Naveed, Content Operations Lead, South Asia at TikTok, "We are excited to see Momin represent Pakistan's vibrant TikTok community at a global stage. Our mission is to celebrate and amplify voices from all backgrounds, and this is a testament to how TikTok creators from Pakistan are shaping conversations around the world."

Institutions like House of Commons are not just academies—they are nationbuilding platforms, says Secretary WWF



ISLAMABAD: In a moment of great pride and distinction, House of Commons (HOC)—Islamabad's premier CSS & PMS preparatory academy—welcomed the Secretary, Workers Welfare Fund (WWF) as the Guest of Honor at a special event held on campus in G-11/3. The occasion was further dignified by the presence of Mr. Ihsan Ghani, former DG Intelligence Bureau and National Coordinator NACTA, who accompanied the Secretary WWF.

The event marked a significant milestone in the academy's journey, reflecting its growing recognition as a center of academic excellence and civil service grooming in Pakistan.

The Secretary was received with great respect and enthusiasm by Ms. Kainat Riaz, CEO and Founder of House of Commons. During his visit, he was thoroughly briefed on HOC's academic model, vision, and its transformative mission.

"Institutions like House of Commons play a vital role in shaping the intellectual and professional foundations of our youth," said the Secretary. "I am deeply impressed by the leadership's passion, the faculty's commitment, and the aspirants' discipline." He lauded the academy's mission to prepare Pakistan's next generation of civil servants through a culture of academic rigor, personal discipline, and national responsibility.

"We don't just train students—we train leaders," said Ms. Kainat Riaz, CEO and founder of House of Commons. "At HOC, we prepare aspirants not only to pass the exam, but to transform into policy-shapers and nation-builders."

Addressing the audience, Mr. Ihsan Ghani emphasized the transformational power of the CSS examination, stating that it is not just an academic competition but a gateway to lifelong service, influence,

Passing CSS changes your life—but more importantly, it gives you the power to change the lives of others," he noted. He stated that in today's shrinking job market, civil service remains one of the few viable career paths offering job security, privileges, and purpose. It opens doors not just professionally, but intellectually and globally. Life is not about finding yourself; it's about creating yourself—and Kainat and her team at HOC have given you that opportunity, he added.

NUML and Korean Tongwon University Sign Letter of Interest for **Academic Collaboration**

ISLAMABAD: A high-profile delegation from Tongwon University, Republic of Korea, led by Vice President Professor Dr. Choi Jongin, visited the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) today to ic collaboration and cultural exchange.

Major General Shahid Mahmood university officials. During the meeting, both sides discussed eration, including student tion and transform their aspira-

excellence, research opportunities, and institutional partner-Following the meeting with

the Rector, the delegation interacted with faculty members and students of the Department of Korean Language, where a explore avenues of academ- vibrant question-and-answer session took place.

Vice President Tongwon The delegation was warmly University, Dr. Choi, in his welcomed by Rector NUML, address, appreciated the academic environment at Kayani HI(M), along with senior NUML and expressed gratitude for the hospitality extended. He encouraged the students to various areas for mutual coop- pursue their goals with dedica-

exchange programs, academic tions into achievements. The Director of the Interna-

tional Department of Tongwon University provided a comprehensive presentation on the university's academic strengths, modern facilities, and unique opportunities available for Pakistani students, particularly those from NUML. He also highlighted the Korean government's new pilot program, which enables Pakistani students to enrol in two-year diploma programs with the added benefit of parttime employment, offering both

academic and financial support. The event concluded with remarks from Dr. Safeer Awan, Pro-Rector (Research and Strategic Initiatives), who expressed gratitude to the Korean delegation for their keen interest in partnering with NUML and fostering international academic relations.

A Letter of Interest (LOI) was formally signed between the two institutions by Rector NUML, Maj Gen Shahid Mahmood Kayani HI(M) (retd), and Vice President Dr. Choi Jongin of Tongwon University.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in NUML's efforts to strengthen its global academic partnerships and enhance international learning opportunities for its students and faculty.



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+0.20%	20 Jun, 1:11 pm GMT-4	

isia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
38,403.23	-85.11	
Percentage	Time	
-0.22%	20 Jun, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	180.75	184
Bahrain Dinar	746.7	753.70
Canadian Dollar	201.75	206.75
China Yuan	39.02	39.42
Danish Krone	43.36	43.76
Euro	326	329
Hong Kong Dollar	35.75	36.10
Indian Rupee	3.18	3.27
Japanese Yen	1.955	2.055
Kuwaiti Dinar	916.5	925.50
Malaysian Ringgit	66.07	66.67
NewZealand \$	169.3	171.30
Norwegians Krone	28.15	28.45
Omani Riyal	728.35	736.35
Qatari Riyal	77.15	77.85
Saudi Riyal	75.5	76.3
Singapore Dollar	218.76	220.76
Swedish Korona	29.22	29.52
Swiss Franc	343.94	346.69
Thai Bhat	8.54	8.69
U.A.E Dirham	77.15	78.05
UK Pound Sterling	382	386
US Dollar	283.5	285.75

Imran Raza Jaffry Publishes *Influential* Insurance Guide

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KARACHI: Imran Raza Jaffry, a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in risk management and underwriting, is making waves

in Pakistan's insurance sector through his insightful publications. Following the success of his first book,

'Navigating the Insurance Spectrum: An Overview Analysis of Types," Jaffry is now set to release his second title, "Blueprint of General Insurance: Concepts, Practice, and Global Perspectives." His first book, published via Lulu.com

(United States), is available through major global platforms including Amazon, Kobo, Apple Books(United States), Booktopia (Australia), Gandhi (Mexico), Rakuten (Japan), PCHome (Taiwan), Everand, Exlibris (Switzerland), FNAC (France), and Books2Read.

The book has received praise from professionals in the legal, banking, engineering, and Islamic finance sectors for its clarity and comprehensive exploration of over 100 types of insurance.

CARE Pakistan and the PepsiCo Foundation Mark Transformative Impact of 'She Feeds the World'

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: CARE Pakistan, with support from PepsiCo Pakistan and in partnership with the PepsiCo Foundation's longterm commitment to driving social impact, marked the successful conclusion of its flagship She Feeds the World (SFtW) program with a national event titled She Nourishes Change. The event brought together policymakers, donors, researchers, civil society members, and community leaders to honor the women leading efforts to redefine agriculture, nutrition, and rural resilience in Pakistan

Delivering the keynote address, Hatim Khan, Senior Director, International Programs at the PepsiCo Foundation, shared World is not just improved farming – it's a lasting impact that will continue to help transform the food system in communities across Pakistan. At the PepsiCo Foundation, help build a stronger food future." we're focused on building more inclusive and



"What we've seen through She Feeds the resilient farming communities and know that when women are trusted with resources, respected for their knowledge, and supported to lead, they don't just grow crops - they can

The She Nourishes Change event featured scaling gender-responsive food systems sustainable agricultural future for Pakistan.

group mentor. The event featured a high-

powerful community stories—like that of in Pakistan, with distinguished panelists Nageena, a poultry entrepreneur and savings including Haseeb Malik, Senior Director Supply Chain-Foods, PepsiCo Pakistan, who level panel discussion on inclusive agricul- shared insights on PepsiCo's vision and deditural value chains and policy pathways for cation to advancing a more inclusive and

Discusses on social protection

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Seyed Imran Ahmad Shah and BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid discussing social protection programs during a meeting held on Friday.



Private sector is key to economic revival: **ICCI President Nasir Mansoor Qureshi**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, has emphasized the critical role of the private sector in driving Pakistan's economic revival, job creation, industrial expansion, and innovation. Speaking to trade and industry leaders at the Chamber House on Friday, he called for bold structural reforms and a consistent policy environment to attract both local and foreign investment.

Qureshi underscored that Pakistan's economic stability hinges on empowering the private sector and creating for the business community an enabling environment and contributing to national for businesses, particularly economic progress.

in the manufacturing sector. He welcomed the government's recently announced five-vear tariff reform plan, terming it a "transformative initiative" that could boost Pakistan's exports by several billion dollars—provided it is implemented with transparency and aligned with market realities.

Nasir Mansoor Qureshi also spoke about ICCI's ongoing efforts to strengthen public-private partnerships, enhance industrial infrastructure, and ensure effective representation of business interests in policymaking forums. He reiterated ICCI's commitment to serving as a strong voice

SDPI, Air University to undertake joint research, knowledge exchange

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ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Air University (AU) Islamabad have formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance collaboration in areas of mutual interest including sustainability, policy research, knowledge exchange, and institutional development.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Shafqat Munir Ahmad, Deputy Executive (Policy) SDPI and Air Commodore (R) Fawad Zahir, Director ORIC AU. The SDPI delegation to the ceremony held at the Air University included Moazzam Sharif Bhatti, Director Advocacy & Campaigns; Ahad Nazir, Associate Research Fellow; and Romila Qamar, Associate Managing Editor (Research) while the AU delegation comorised Dr. Salman Hassan Khan, Director QEC; Dr. Sohail Iqbal, Chair Dept DMAE, Dr. Usama Qazi, Chair Dept GS, Lt. Col (R) Amir Toor, Deputy Director Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Mehreen Ishtiaq, Assistant Director QEC and Kinza Ayaz.

The ceremony began with a screening of Air University's documentary that



and research contributions. Dr. Salman Hassan Khan emphasized the university's commitment to academic excellence and impactful collaboration. Dr. Shafqat Munir, expressed SDPI's enthusiasm in joining hands with Air University to co-create initiatives that promote evidence-based policymaking and sustainhighlighted the institution's academic able development practices across Paki-

The MoU outlines areas of cooperation such as joint research, training programs, student and faculty placement and engagement, policy dialogues, and capacity-building initiatives. Both institutions aimed to bridge the gap between academia and policymaking through mutual exchange of expertise and resources.

Pakistan HVACR Expo 2025 begin at Expo Center, Lahore

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The Pakicommenced at the Expo Center Lahore, with the successful conclusion of its first day marked by remarkable participation, cutting-edge displays, and a strong commitment to advancing the HVACR sector in Pakistan and beyond.

formal inauguration ceredignitaries, senior government officials, industry experts, and international guests. The exhibition halls witnessed an exceptional turnout, with a large number of national and international exhibitors showcasing the latest innovations, technologies, and sustainable solutions in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

Technical expert panel discussions. and knowledge-sharing stan HVACR Expo 2025 forums were conducted alongside the exhibition, providing a valuable platform for professional dialogue, learning, and collaboration.

As Convener of the Expo, I express my sincere appreciation to all exhibitors, sponsors, participants, and visitors for The day began with a their enthusiastic engagement and for contributing mony, graced by distin- to a successful first day. The response from the industry has been overwhelmingly positive and reflects the continued growth and importance of this sector.

We look forward to welcoming even greater participation over the next two days as we continue to facilitate meaningful connections and highlight the latest advancements in HVACR.

LONGi unveils world's first 700W HIBC Solar Module at SNEC 2025, Ushering in the "25%+ Era"

Example 2 Commerce Desk

SHANGHAI: ONGi, the world's leading solar technology company, has officially launched its duces the era-defining concept Interdigitated Back Contact) technology and industry-first 700W PV module at the SNEC PV Power Expo 2025, setting a transformative benchmark for the global solar industry.

module efficiency of 25.9% and a power density of 259W/m², LONGi's latest innovation introgroundbreaking HIBC (Hybrid of "power density", a new metric that redefines how module performance is measured. The company's 700W HIBC module represents the next frontier in off the "25%+ Era" for mass-pro-

With a record-breaking duced solar modules. "We're proud to bring the

world's first 700W back-contact module to the market," said Dennis She, Vice President of LONGi. "This achievement is not just about higher wattage-it's about fundamentally changing how the industry thinks about solar module photovoltaic technology, kicking performance, integration, and

LONGi's launch is not an isolated milestone but part of a broader evolution of its Back Contact (BC) technology ecosystem. Through strategic partnerships with leading research institutes and solar solution providers, the company is building a robust, scalable infrastructure to accelerate global adoption of ultra-high efficiency solar solutions.



As nations worldwide move ecosystem serves as a platform of advanced technologies while towards sustainable energy for collaborative innovation— maintaining commercial scalatransitions, LONGi's BC enabling seamless integration bility and cost efficiency.

Pakistan defeat France in penalty thriller in Nations Hockey Cup semi-final

Sports Desk

KUALA LUMPUR: The Pakistan team defeated France on a penalty shootout in the semi-final of the FIH Hockey Nations Cup here at the National Stadium on Friday.

The thrilling match ended in a 3-2 victory for the Green Shirts, as France missed out on three chances to score in the shootout.

For Pakistan, Rana Waheed Ashraf, Hannan Shahid and Afraz scored goals to clinch a memorable win.

In the first quarter of the match, neither team managed to score a goal, despite putting in a strong effort to get the ball into the net. France had their chances, with numerous penalty corners in the beginning and towards the end of the

The second quarter featured a similar situation with France and Pakistan looking to open their account in France drew the first blood with Smenjaud Xavier giving his team the lead,



deflecting the ball into the post.

As France entered the third quarter, the hopes for the Green Shirts qualifying looked grim. Charlet Victor pierced the the all-important semi-final. However, nets with a flick, giving the French team a significant lead.

However, Afraz gave Pakistan a sigh

of relief after scoring the first goal. In the crucial last minutes of the quarter, the Green Shirts scored back-to-back goals, taking the lead with a score of 3-2. Sufyan

Khan and Hammadudin Muhammad

both scored two crucial goals in the span

For the unversed, the Pakistan hockey team qualified for the semi-finals of the FIH Nations Hockey Cup due to a superior goal difference compared to the host nation, Malaysia.

Malaysia secured a 2-1 victory over Japan on Wednesday; however, they were eliminated because Pakistan scored nine goals in their three matches, while Malaysia scored eight.

On the same day, the New Zealand hockey team came from behind in a thrilling encounter to defeat Pakistan 4-3, sealing a semi-final spot.

Pakistan held a 3-1 lead for most of the third quarter, but New Zealand's Scott Cosslett scored two goals to level the match.

The tension escalated in the final quarter as both teams aimed to secure a victory. In a decisive moment, Scott Cosslett found the back of the net again. delivering a thrilling win for New Zealand.

It's worth noting that Pakistan began their Nations Hockey Cup campaign with a 3-3 draw against Malaysia, followed by a convincing victory over Japan.

Mohsen Gilani meets Global Football Leaders at FIFA Executive Summit

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: President of the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) Mohsen Gilani was present at the FIFA Executive Summit 2025 held in Miami, engaging with top global football leadership to discuss development oppor-

During the summit, the PFF President held a productive meeting with FIFA Secretary General Mattias Grafström who assured full support for the development of football in Pakistan, said a press release.

He reaffirmed FIFA's commitment to working closely with the PFF to promote both on-field and off-field football infrastructure and capacity building.

PFF President also met FIFA Global Chief of Football Arsene Wenger.

The president had a meeting with Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, President of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA Senior Vice President to discuss regional collabfor grassroots and youth development in Pakistan.



regional football leaders including tary of the Bhutan Football Federa- opment in Pakistan and international Jaswar Umar, President of the Foot-tion (BFF). On the sidelines of the summit, ball Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL)

The high-level engagements signal a and Executive Committee of PFF.

oration and AFC's technical support Mohsen Gilani also connected with and Ugyen Wangchuk, General Secre-renewed momentum for football develsupport for newly elected President

Pakistan CC and Alamgir Gymkhana move into final of the first Nighat Omar T-20 Cricket Tournament

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket Club and Alamgir Gymkhana move into the final of the first Nighat Omar T-20 Cricket

The tournament is Being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi

In the first semi final played at Young Fighter Ground. Alamgir Gymkhana



beat Metropolitan Cricket Club by 36 runs, Alamgir Gymkhana batted scored

73 with the help of 11 boundaries and 2 sixes, Ashir Ahmed 57, Hamza Sohail

In reply Metropolitan Cricket Club 147-10 in 19.5 overs, Mehmood Ali 50, Hamza Sohail 37, Hurair Shahid 28, 20 overs, Haider Abbas 40, Muhammad Ashiq Ali (OB) 4-21, Abdul Hayee 2-24, Kashif Ali 2-9.

Second Semi final played at KCCA Stadium, Pakistan Cricket Club beat Declared players of the match. Northern Gymkhana by 50 runs, Paki-

183-5 in 20 overs, Muhammad Taha stan Cricket Club scored 189-6 in 20 overs, Danish Aziz 77 with 8 boundaries and 4 sixes, Haroon Arshad 37*, Jahanzaib Sultan 38 batted well, Maaz Khurram 2-34, Nehal Rasheed 2-43,

In reply Northern Gymkhana 139-7 in Asad 37, Saim Sohail 29, Waleed Azeem

Danish Aziz and Muhammad Taha

Gill, Jaiswal's tons toil England as India dominate opening day

Shubman Gill marked his first innings as India captain with a sparkling hundred after fellow young gun Yashasvi Jaiswal also scored a fine century against England at Headingley on Friday.

India — sent into bat by England captain Ben Stokes — were in the commanding position of 359-3 at stumps on the first day of the five-Test series.

Shubman Gill was 127 not out after sharing a stand of 129 for the third wicket with opener Jaiswal, dismissed for 101 shortly after tea.

The aggressive Rishabh Pant was 65 not out, including an extraordinary swiped six off Chris Woakes in the last

over of a day. Pant ensured India continued to pile on the agony for England during an unbroken stand of 138 with his new

Concerns had been expressed before the series about how India would cope in England without Rohit Sharma, Gill's predecessor as captain, and Virat Kohli

after the two star batsmen retired from Test duty within days of each other last

But such is the depth of talent in cricket-obsessed India, quality replacements were always likely to be available.

And an England attack without retired greats James Anderson and Stuart Broad and missing injured express quicks Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, rarely threatened on a good batting pitch under increasingly sunny skies.

Jaiswal and opening partner KL Rahul ensured India made a fine start to their quest for just a fourth Test series win in England after triumphs in 1971, 1986

England, however, enjoyed a double strike shortly before lunch as India's 91-0

was transformed into 92-2. Rahul, on 42, drove loosely at a wide ball from Brydon Carse and edged to Joe

Root at first slip Moments later, Sai Sudharsan made a duck on Test debut when Stokes had him

wicketkeeper Jamie Smith.

the initiative with sublime stroke-play. The 25-year-old Gill was especially severe on Woakes, whose 19 wicketless

overs cost 89 runs. Stokes brought on Shoaib Bashir to add variety but the off-spinner's first Jaiswal, who went to 99 with two superb

boundaries off Carse. A quick single took an elated Jaiswal to a 144-ball hundred, including 16 fours, as he completed his fifth century in 20

Tests and third against England. It also meant the 23-year-old had scored hundreds on his Test debut, his first Test in Australia and first in against Australia at Ahmedabad in 2023,

The hosts' wicketless session was summed up when Smith fumbled the ball onto a nearby unused helmet to concede

five penalty runs Jaiswal, however, was out shortly after

well caught down the legside by diving tea for 101 when Stokes, from around the wicket, bowled him with a fine delivery But India's third-wicket duo regained that angled in and held its line.

India, however, were still well-placed on 221-3, and the dynamic Pant set the tone by thumping Stokes back over his head for four off just his second ball.

Shubman Gill completed his century with a superb cover-driven four off fast ball was cuffed for four by left-hander bowler Josh Tongue, his 14th boundary in 140 balls faced.

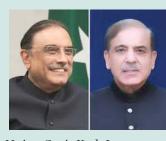
As he admired the shot, a joyful Gill ripped off his helmet in celebration of his sixth hundred in 33 Tests and third against England.

Gill later pulled Tongue over the head of Bashir at fine leg for six and was just shy of his highest Test score of 128,

Before the play India and England, the match officials observed a minute's silence in memory of the victims of an Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad that killed all but one of 242 people on board.

President, PM laud Pakistan Hockey Team's victory over France in FIH Nations Cup Semi-Final

Sports Dwesk



ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday extended heartfelt congratulations and national praise to the Pakistan hockey team for their thrilling victory against France in the semi-final of the FIH

Nations Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

The president, in a statement, commended the national team's "exceptional performance, passion, and teamwork," stating that the victory had elevated Pakistan's stature on the international stage. This triumph is a moment of pride and joy for the nation," he

said, adding that he is confident the team will maintain the same Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in his statement, lauded the

players and team management for their remarkable performance throughout the tournament. Congratulating the entire nation on reaching the final, he said, "The national team has made the entire country proud and won our hearts."

He expressed hope that Pakistan would soon reclaim its past glory in the world of hockey and prayed for the team's success in the upcoming final match.

DG Sports Punjab awards appreciation certificates to 73 doctors and physiotherapists



LAHORE: Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry awarded appreciation certificates to 73 doctors and physiotherapists, who served at the recently-concluded Chief Minister Punjab Summer Games, at a meeting held at National Hockey Stadium on Friday.

The meeting was attended by Director Admin Dr M Kaleem, Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum and other officials.

Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the doctors and physiotherapists headed by Dr Ammar Hameed rendered valuable services during the Chief Minister Punjab Summer Games. "All the physiotherapists have done excellent work during the Chief Minister Punjab Summer Games. They provided immediate relief to players during the mega event".

Expressing his gratitude to the physiotherapists' team, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the physiotherapists have played a crucial role in tackling the injury situation and keeping the players fit during the Chie Minister Punjab Summer Games.

Omani biker delegation arrives in Islamabad, promoting adventure tourism in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: A 15-member delegation from the Bousher Bikers Club from Oman, arrived in Islamabad on Friday, marking another significant step towards promoting adventure tourism in Pakistan.

The Omani bikers were warmly welcomed at the Islamabad International Airport, where they were greeted with bouquets and words of welcome. Upon arrival, the bikers expressed their happiness and enthusiasm, eager to embark on their campaign in the northern areas of Pakistan, said a statement issued here.

This visit marks the strong friendly relations between Pakistan and Oman. The Omani bikers are determined to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Pakistan's northern areas, showcasing the country's potential for adventure tourism.

Later today, Adviser to the Prime Minister who also holds the portfolio of Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Rana Sanaullah, will meet the bikers. The arrival of the Omani bikers is a significant development in Pakistan's efforts to promote tourism and showcase its natural beauty to the world.

Summer Sports Camps of 14 games to commence from June 24: Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry has said that the Summer Sports Camps of 14 games will get underway at different venues of Nishtar Park Sports Complex (NPSC) from June 24, 2025. He shared this information while presiding over an important meeting at the National Hockey Stadium on Friday.

Director Admin Dr M Kaleem, Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, all coaches of Punjab Sports Department and other officials attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the upcoming Summer Sports Camps will help a lot in the promotion of sports culture among the younger generation. "A large number of male and female athletes have already completed their registration

process for Summer Sports Camps".

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry further said that the Summer Sports Camps will continue in all districts of the province till August 7. "Expert coaches will train the participants of Summer Sports Camps and in this regard, the coaches have been given key responsibilities for various sports

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the Summer Sports Camps will be conducted in swimming, tennis, table tennis, badminton, football, hockey, taekwondo, boxing, wushu, athletics, archery, cricket, squash and yoga.

The Spokesman

Meeting with American think tanks

Field Marshal Asim Munir is meeting with leading American think tanks, analysts, policy experts, and international media representatives in Washington, DC.



Solution Official visit to USA

Field Marshal reaffirms Pakistan's commitment to regional peace, counter terrorism

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, has emphasized Pakistan's firm stance on promoting regional peace, national media in Washington, stability, and counter terrorism efforts.

In the Public Relations (ISPR) press release, Field Marshall "highlighted Pakistan's unwavering commitment to regional peace and stability, and its constructive role in fostering a rules-

During his official visit a tool of hybrid warfare," it said. to the United States, Field tanks, analysts, policy experts, and representatives from inter-

"The Field Marshal eluded secure world." Inter-Services to the details and analysis of the Maarka e Haq, Operation Field Marshal spoke about Bunyanum Marsoos and elab- Pakistan's significant untapped orated on Pakistan's perspec- potential, especially in the law. tive on terrorism, noting the malign influence of certain nology, agriculture, and the regional actors in sponsoring country's largely unexploited

"The COAS emphasized Marshal Asim Munir met that Pakistan has been on

with leading American think the front lines of the global war against terrorism, having rendered immense sacrifices both human and economic in pursuit of a safer and more

During his engagements, fields of information tech-

He encouraged international stakeholders to consider collaborative ventures in these sectors, emphasizing the mutual benefits such partnerships could bring.

He also elaborated on Pakistan's balanced and principled stance on regional and global conflicts, stressing the importance of dialogue, diplomacy, and adherence to international

Also, he reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to playing a constructive and proactive role

and advancing cooperative security arrangements.

In addition, he reflected on the longstanding Pakistan-U.S. relationship, highlighting historical points of convergence, particularly in counter-terrorism, regional stability, and economic cooperation.

Field Marshal noted the potential for a more expansive and multidimensional partnership based on mutual respect, common strategic interests, and economic inter-

based international order." and perpetuating terrorism as mining and mineral resources. in reducing regional tensions dependence. Senate continues debate on Finance Bill 2025, takes up key legislative business

ISLAMABAD: The Senate of Pakistan, under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairman Sardar Syedal Khan, continued discussions on the Finance Bill 2025 on Friday while addressing a range of legislative matters.

The Upper House also approved multiple motions granting extensions to various standing committees for the submission of reports on the review of five significant of Article 140A and amendconstitutional and legislative

representing Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, moved motions seeking 60-day extensions for ment) Bill, 2024 (Substitution by Senator Aon Abbas.



bills. These included:

The Constitution (Amend-Senator Shahadat Awan, ment) Bill, 2024 (Amendment Ateeb. of Article 51), introduced by

ment of Article 160), introduced by Senator Khalida

The Constitution (Amend-Senators Manzoor Ahmed and ment) Bill, 2024 (Amendment of Articles 1, 51, 59, 106, 154, The Constitution (Amend-175A, 198 and 218), introduced

The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Amendment of Article 62), introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri.

The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024, also introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri.

The Senate also granted a 60-day extension to Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Railways, for presenting a report on a starred question related to the outsourcing of luggage vans by Pakistan Rail-

Similarly, Syed Masroor Ahsan, on behalf of Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti, the University of Business, Chairman of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations

and Coordination, received an extension for the report on the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz. An additional 60-day extension was approved for Senator Syed Waqar Mahdi, representing Senator Sherry Rehman, for the report on the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

The House also approved an extension for the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, chaired by Senator Bushra Anjum Butt, regarding Sciences and Technology Bill, 2025, tabled by Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan.

Pakistan Participates in the 6th China-South Asia Cooperation Forum in Kunming

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Imran Ahmed Siddiqui, Additional Secretary (Asia-Pacific) addressed the 6th China-South Asia Cooperation Forum (CSACF) in Kunming today. Speaking at the Forum under the theme "Join Hands for Open and Inclusive Development," the Additional Secretary underscored Pakistan's unwavering commitment to multilateralism guided by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and reaffirmed that peace and development are mutually reinforcing pillars for building a stable and prosperous region.

hosting the Forum, Ambassador Siddiqui noted that high-quality development under Belt and Road Initiaproject of China-Pakistan Economic sustainable use of marine resources, the socio-economic landscape of the innovation.



Lauding China's leadership in region. Highlighting the critical need for inclusive and sustainable development, the Additional Secretary outlined Pakistan's development vision anchored tive (BRI), exemplified by its flagship in enhanced regional connectivity, Corridor (CPEC), has transformed climate resilience and technological

The Additional Secretary emphasized that lasting regional peace in the region cannot be achieved without addressing and resolving long-standing disputes, particularly in territories under foreign occupation. He called for adherence to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence centered on opment in the region.

respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression, non-interference, equality and peaceful resolution of disputes, as the cornerstone for regional cooperation. Emphasizing the role of emerging

technologies in shaping South Asia's future, Ambassador Siddiqui urged greater collaboration in digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence and innovation-led growth. He underscored the imperative of undertaking coordinated regional efforts in combating climate change, disaster preparedness and joint management of shared water resources, warning against any unilateral attempts to weaponize water.

The Additional Secretary also proposed the establishment of China-South Asia Development Forum (CSADF) which can serve as a highlevel mechanism to advance practical cooperation in priority areas driving shared prosperity and inclusive devel-

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Communication Minister called on **Deputy Chairman** Senate



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan called on Deputy Chairman Senate, Syedal Khan Nasir at the Parliament House, here today.

During the meeting matters of mutual interest and discussions that NHA is paying special attenrelated to the ongoing budget session tion to the province's development. were held. The two dignitaries also exchanged views on various political issues, the current regional situation, Pakistan's role and other relevant matters.

While discussing various devel-Balochistan, Federal Minister for standards of quality.

Communications Abdul Aleem Khan stated that swift progress is being made on the National Highway N-25, which connects Quetta to Karachi. He emphasized that Balochistan's Communications infrastructure holds significant geographical importance and Deputy Chairman Senate Syedal Khan Nasir extended an invitation to the Federal Minister to visit Quetta and lauded the Ministry of Communications for its commendable performance. He expressed hope that the opment projects of the National ongoing projects in Balochistan will Highway Authority (NHA) in be completed promptly and with high

Sindh Minister Slams Federal Govt over gas, education inequality

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Labour, Shahid Abdul Salam Thahim, lashed out at the federal government for "discriminatory policies" in resource distribution, stating that "Sindh produces natural gas but its people are deprived

He also criticized the unequal education system, highlighting Federal authorities have yet to teacher shortages in rural Sindh respond.

while urban schools are "overstaffed."

Thaheem demanded a fair gas supply for Sindh's villages. Rural area schools lack teachers, while

cities have excess appointments. He called for Provincial Autonomy, urging greater control over Sindh's resources. The remarks have sparked debate, with Sindh's ruling party backing the minister.

PIA's special flight brings 121 stranded Pakistanis from Baku to Islamabad

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan International Airlines' (PIA) special flight carrying 121 stranded Pakistanis from Iran make the repatriation possible. arrived in Islamabad from Baku, Azerbaijan, on Friday afternoon.

of Iranian airspace.

These Pakistani nationals in Iran were transported overland to the lighted the airline's dedication to Azerbaijani capital, Baku. From there, they were airlifted to Lahore cult circumstances, reaffirming its on a specially arranged PIA flight. role as a key pillar of Pakistan's

Pakistani embassies in both Iran infrastructure.

and Azerbaijan played a pivotal role in facilitating the safe movement of citizens across the border and coordinating with local authorities to

This special operation was conducted on the instructions of These Pakistan nationals were the federal government, emphastranded in Iran due to ongoing sizing the state's commitment to regional tensions and the closure protecting its citizens in times of

In a statement, PIA officials highnational interest, even during diffi-According to official sources, the international emergency response

Court extends physical remand of **TikToker Sana Yousaf** murder suspect

ISLAMABAD: The District & Sessions Court of Islamabad on Friday extended the physical remand of a man accused of killing TikToker Sana Yousaf, after prosecutors said the suspect is deliberately hiding key

evidence. The suspect, Umar Hayat, was produced before Judicial Magistrate Hafeez Ahmed on completion of his four-day physical remand. Police requested an extension, saying the investigation is incomplete and a mobile phone believed to be important to the case is still missing.

Prosecutor Raja Naveed, along with Adnan Ali and Mazhar Bashir, appeared on behalf of the state. Naveed told the court that the vehicle used by the suspect had already been related to the incident.

recovered, but the mobile phone remained unaccounted for.

According to the prosecution, the suspect understands the gravity of the crime and is deliberately avoiding the recovery of the device.

The prosecution requested a seven-day extension in remand for further investigation and recovery of the mobile phone. However, the court approved a three-day extension instead. The suspect will now remain in police custody and is scheduled to be presented in court

again on June 23. The case was registered at Sumbal Police Station against Umar Hayat, who is accused of murdering Sana Yousaf, a TikTok content creator. Investigators believe the mobile phone may contain crucial evidence