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Islamabad court issues arrest warrant for Ali Amin Gandapur

The District and Sessions Court in Islamabad on Saturday issued a bailable arrest warrant against KPK Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur in the liquor and arms case. Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Chisti, who issued the order, also asked the police to present Gandapur in court on the next date of hearing. The court rejected Ali Amin Gandapur's request for exemption from appearance and adjourned the hearing till July 21.



Spillways of Rawal Dam will be opened today

A Leading National Daily

The water level in Rawal Dam has reached 1748.40 feet. The spillways of Rawal Dam will be opened today at 6:00 AM. The gates will remain open until the water level is reduced to remain open is approximately five hours.

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Affiliation with Pakistan

LAHORE: A large number of the activists of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) are participating in the "Affiliation with Pakistan" rally in Provincial Capital



Bloomberg terms COAS Asim Munir's visit to US boost for Pakistan's economy

Monitoring Desk

According to the recent report published by Bloomberg, an American financial news company, Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir's recent visit to ment after this meeting, stating the US was pivotal for Pakistan's that "Trump lauded Pakistan's

President Donald Trump hosted robust counterterrorism coop-Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir at the White House, Washington,

to hold some crucial discussions over security matters, regional stability and bilateral ties.

They both agreed on joint counterterrorism efforts to curb regional threats.

ISPR issued a formal stateongoing efforts for regional peace Last month, on June 19, US and stability, and appreciated the

eration between the two states". "Discussions also encompassed avenues for expanding bilateral cooperation in multiple domains, including trade, economic development, mines

and minerals, artificial intelligence, energy, cryptocurrency, and emerging technologies," the statement continued. The US president also

commended Field Marshal Munir's "leadership and decisiveness during a period of complex

regional dynamics". As per the recent report by and Washington are showing

Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb is currently holding meetings in the United States to seal major

It says that, "A delegation led by Muhammad Aurangzeb held a 'productive meeting' with US Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer in

Washington". "Relations between Islamabad

Bloomberg, Pakistan's Foreign signs of improvement in recent months after a prolonged diplomatic chill. Last month, US President Donald Trump welcomed Pakistan's army chief, Asim Munir, for rare talks at the White House that were followed by Pakistan recommending Trump for a Nobel Peace Prize," states Bloomberg's report.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry had regarded the recent trade negotiations as "encouraging headway" for Pakistan's economy.

Muqam reiterates govt support for Kashmiris struggle for right of selfdetermination

跨 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engr Amir Muqam on Saturday reiterated strong support for the legitimate struggle of the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination and the historic decision to accede to Pakistan.

In a special message on the occasion of day of accession to Pakistan, Amir Muqam highlighted the significance of the day, saying that 19th July 1947 was a decisive turning point in the history of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, when a unanimous resolution was passed to accede to Pakistan, based on religious, cultural, and geographical affiliations.

He said, "despite fighting three wars with India, Pakistan has always maintained its principled stance for a peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with United Nations Security Council reso-

lutions." Amir Muqam strongly condemned the decades-long Indian military occupation of Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a blatant violation of the fundamental rights of the Kashmiri

9 Fitna Al Khawarij terrorists killed in Hangu operation



跨 Spokesman Report

PESHAWAR: At least nine terrorists of Fitna Al Khawarij were killed on Saturday in a successful operation in the Hangu district of Khyber Pakh-

This was stated by the Regional Police Officer of Kohat, Abbas Majeed Marwat.

The operation was carried out in Zargiri, Shinawari and surrounding areas under the supervision of Hangu District Police Officer (DPO) Khalid DPO Khalid Khan, the Wing

Commander of Tall Scouts and SHO Doabba were injured during the operation and were shifted to the hospital for treat-

The hospital administration maintains that the condition of DPO Khalid Khan, who

received four bullets, is satisfactory. DPO Khalid Khan was later shifted to CMH Kohat.

KP IG Zulfiqar Hameed also confirmed that the DPO's condition is out of danger. He added that he has spoken

to the DPO, his morale is high, and he is committed to his mission against terrorists. According to the KP IG, the

security forces carried out this operation on credible information in association with the local administration, in which several important foreign elements were targeted. Meanwhile, Interior Minister

Mohsin Naqvi telephoned the DPO Hangu and appreciated his bravery and determination.

Naqvi said that the nation will never forget the sacrifices of its brave sons and is determined to achieve a lasting victory in the war against terrorism.

PM meets young content creator Talha; appreciates his talent

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday met and appreciated Talha Ahmad, a young digital content creator, for his

During a meeting, the prime minister lauded Talha Ahmad for his successful content at the digital platform, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

In recognition of his talent, the prime minister awarded him with an honorary shield, besides giving away an electronic tablet.

The prime minister observed that young people, including tude to the prime minister for children, in the country were appreciation and encourageproving their mettle worldwide



and Talha Ahmad was one of such examples, possessing immense talent.

On the occasion, Talha Ahmad expressed his grati-

Mohsin Naqvi, Atta Tarar discuss law and order situation, media's positive role

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Federal Minister for Information and **Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar** held detailed talks at a meeting in Islamabad on Saturday, reported 24NewsHDTV channel.

Matters of mutual interest, overall law and order situation and positive role of media was discussed in the meeting.

Both ministers agreed to adopt a coordinated strategy to strengthen the state narrative, maintain an atmosphere of trust among the public and combat misleading information on social media. Talking on the occasion,

Federal Minister for Information said no negative propaganda against national integrity, dignity of national institutions and social harmony will be tolerated.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on the occasion that the constructive role of the media in establishing law and order and taking steps against terrorism is commendable.

The meeting also emphasized further promotion of institutional harmony in the national interest.

ECP appoints eight polling officers for KP Senate elections

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan has appointed eight polling officers to oversee the Senate elections set to take place in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday. According to the Election Commission of Pakistan, Senate elections for eleven seats from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly will be held.

Meanwhile, disgruntled leaders of PTI have vowed to contest the upcoming Senate elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) at all cost and rejected the withdrawal calls. The resolve was expressed during a meeting of disgruntled PTI leaders, which was attended by Khurram Zeeshan, Irfan Saleem, and Ayesha

Speaking during the meeting, Khurram said that this issue goes far beyond Senate elections, noting that he would not withdraw or compromise. He asked that is this what PTI was envisioned?.

Earlier, it was reported that the upcoming Senate elections in KP would be held unopposed, as PTI officially endorsed the list of candidates selected by party founder Imran Khan.

Pakistan reiterates support for Kashmiris on Accession Day: Senator Azam Tarar

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Human Rights, Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, has reiterated Pakistan's firm commitment to the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination, as the nation observes Kashmir Accession Day here on Saturday.

In his message, the minister paid glowing tribute to the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people, stating that on July 19, 1947, the people of Jammu and Kashmir had declared their decision to accede to Pakistan. "This day marks the historical and Pakistan and the Kashmiri people," he said.

Senator Tarar emphasized that despite decades of illegal occupation, repres-



rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), the Kashmiri people have shown unmatched resilience and courage in their peaceful struggle.

"Accession Day is a emotional bond between reminder of our continued solidarity with our Kashmiri brothers and sisters. Pakistan has always supported their just cause and will continue to advocate for sion, and grave human their rights at every inter-

the right of the Kashmiri people to self-determination is internationally recognized and must be upheld.

Senator Tarar concluded.

national forum," he said. Referring to the United Nations resolutions, the federal minister noted that

"Pakistan stands by the Kashmiri people in their legitimate demand for freedom and will never waver in its moral, political, and diplomatic support,"

Sunday, July 20, 2025

MLA Sardar Hassan called on President Barrister Sultan

ISLAMABAD: Jammu and Kashmir People's Party Chief and Member of the Legislative Assembly, Sardar Hassan Ibrahim Khan, called on President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry here today.

During the meeting, both leaders discussed matters of mutual interest, including the prevailing political situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and the human rights situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir.

They agreed to intensify efforts to highlight the Kashmir issue at the international level, pledging to utilize all available resources to promote the Kashmiris' just cause and expose Indian human rights violations.

The president noted that the mediation offer by U. S. President Donald Trump had brought renewed international attention to the Kashmir dispute.

In light of the evolving situation, Barrister Chaudhry emphasized the need for unity among all political parties in Azad Kashmir to collectively advocate for the cause, both domestically and globally.

Stressing the urgency of a peaceful and just resolution to the longstanding dispute, the President reminded the international community that lasting peace in South Asia is inescapably



linked to the settlement of the Kashmir

Calling the unresolved conflict a stan, the president warned that any peace.

dangerous flashpoint between two miscalculation could trigger a nuclear nuclear armed states of India and Paki- war, posing a serious threat to global

Condolence

MUZAFFARABAD: Former Prime Minister and President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan visited residence of Major Rab Nawaz Shaheed in Muzaffarabad and expressed condolences with bereaved family and offered Fateha.



Mirpur Celebrates Pakistan's Accession Day with Grand Rally

👺 Bureau Report

MIRPUR: On the occasion of Pakistan's Accession Day, a grand rally was organized by the civil society of Mirpur from Mangla Bridge to Bin Khurman under the leadership of Minister for Energy Chaudhry Arshad Hussain, Minister for Housing and Physical Planning Chaudhry Yasir Sultan and

Presidential Advisor Aslam Mughal. People from different parts of Mirpur joined the Pakistan Accession Day rally in the form of processions. The newly elected Honorary Presidential Advisor Aslam Mughal was given a grand welcome at Mangla Bridge on his first visit to Mirpur after being appointed as Honorary Presidential Advisor.

On this occasion, the people showered flower petals on Minister for Chaudhry Yasir Sultan and Aslam Mughal and garlanded them. On this occasion, the air resounded with slogans of Barrister Sultan Zindabad Yasir Sultan Zindabad.

The Pakistan Accession Day rally reached Chowk Shaheedan via Mangla



Bridge. From Chowk Shaheedan, the rally reached Bin Khurman. At Bin Khurman, the rally took the form of Housing and Physical Planning a public meeting. The public meeting was addressed by Minister for Energy Chaudhry Arshad Hussain, Minister for Housing and Physical Planning Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Presidential Advisor Aslam Mughal, and Mayor of Municipal Corporation Mirpur Chaudhry Usman Khalid.

for Energy Chaudhry Arshad Hussain said that today, by celebrating Pakistan Accession Day, the Kashmiri people all over the world are renewing their pledge that we will continue to play our role at every level for the success of the Kashmir freedom movement.

The newly elected Presidential Advisor, Mr. Aslam Mughal, has come to Mirpur for the first time. I congrat-

Speaking on the occasion, Minister ulate him from the bottom of my heart on becoming the Presidential Advisor.

On this day, on July 19, 1947, the real representatives of the Kashmiri people passed a resolution in Srinagar and I am honored that my grandfather Chaudhry Noor Hussain was also present at this meeting in Srinagar and among the Kashmiri leaders who signed this historic resolution was my grandfather Chaudhry Noor Hussain.

Kashmiris Reaffirm Bond with Pakistan on Accession Day

MUZAFFARABAD: On the occasion of July 19, Pakistan Accession Day, a ceremony and rally was organized by Pasban Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir at Azadi Chowk Central Press Club. On this occasion, the youth signed with their blood and expressed their determination that Pakistan Accession Day is a manifestation of the unwavering faith of Kashmiris that the future of Kashmiri Muslims is linked to Pakistan and the right of Kashmiris to self-determination is the only guarantee for the fulfillment of this bond. It is imperative for the international community to ensure a just and peaceful solution to the Kashmir issue in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations and the wishes of the Kashmiri people so that the path to lasting peace and stability can be paved in the region. The ceremony was attended by Chairman Pasban Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir Uzair Ghazali, Mushtaqul Islam, Chaudhry Ferozuddin, Chaudhry Ismail, District President Muslim Conference Syed Yasir Naqvi, Altaf Tantre, Aslam Inqilabi, Farooq Tantre, Tanveer Durrani, Imtiaz Khan, Fayyaz Jagwal, Mubashir Durrani, Gulzar Tantre, Rana Liaquat and a large number of youth. Addressing the ceremony, the speakers said that July 19, Pakistan Accession Day, is a day of ideology and renewal of commitment that the destination of the Kashmiri people has always been Pakistan. This resolution was a reflection of the collective consciousness, desire and passion of Kashmiri Muslims, under which they took the historic decision to associate their future with the state of Pakistan on the basis of their political, social, cultural and religious affiliation. The speakers $\,$ said that despite the last seven decades of Indian oppression, military siege, worst human rights violations and conspiratorial tactics, the Kashmiri nation still stands on this position. July 19 is a reminder of the undeniable fact that the relationship of Kashmiris with Pakistan is not a temporary or political necessity, but an irrevocable relationship based on faith, culture, history and sacrifices.

Attock Land Record Center: A Beacon of Hope for Land Buyers and Sellers

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: The establishment of the Attock Land Record Center has brought a wave of happiness among the local citizens. People have welcomed the government's initiative, calling it a positive step. According to local residents, the center is providing excellent facilities, and corruption and extortion have been eliminated.

They praised the administration's efforts, stating that since the establishment of the Land Record Center, there has been significant improvement in the buying and selling of land. Due to the improved behavior of the staff, people are now able to get their work done easily. Even those coming from remote areas can get their tasks completed without difficulty.

The public has expressed great satisfaction with this commendable step taken by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif. Since the establishment of the center, people have breathed a sigh of relief. Due to the respectful behavior of the staff inside the center, citizens now feel comfortable resolving their land-related issues without fear.

The Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, ADC(R), and the center staff deserve appreciation for their dedicated efforts.

Pakistan's Unwavering Support for Kashmir's Freedom Movement

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A conference was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell and the All Parties Hurriyat Conference on the occasion of Pakistan Accession Day, the topic of which was the Resolution of Accession to Pakistan and our Responsibilities

The conference was attended by Minister for Liberation Cell, Ms. Imtiaz Naseem, Minister for Rehabilitation Javed Iqbal Badhanvi, Member of National Assembly Fathullah Kakakhel, Senator Dinesh Kumar, Faizullah Firaq, Spokesperson for the Gilgit-Baltistan Government, Abdullah Gul, Muhammad Farooq Rahmani, Mahmood Ahmed Saghar, Syed Faiz Nagshbandi, Syed Yousuf Naseem, Mushtaq Butt, Abdul Hameed Lone, Ms. Shamim Shawl, Ms. Farzana Yaqoob, Director Liberation Cell Raja Khan Afsar Khan, Sardar Najeeb Ghafoor, Raja Rashid Raza, Syed Zameer Naqvi, Qari Omar Hammad, Khawaja Imran-ul-Haq and a large number of people from different walks of life. Addressing the conference, Minister for Liberation Cell, Ms. Imtiaz Naseem He said that July 19, 1947 is a day of historical importance, on the same day, Kashmiri leaders passed the resolution for accession to Pakistan at the residence of the founding president Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim Khan.

He said that on the special instructions of Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwarul Haq, seminars and conferences are being organized throughout Azad Kashmir and Pakistan under the auspices of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell and the Hurriyat Conference regarding this important day.

He said that in Banyan-e-Marsoos, our Pakistan Army defeated India, for which I pay tribute to Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir. He said that the sacrifices of Kashmiri martyrs will bear fruit and we will achieve the goal of accession to Pakistan.

Government Minister Javed Iqbal Badhanvi said that today is July 19, today the resolution for accession to Pakistan was passed at the residence of Ghazi Millat Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim Khan. He will always be alive in the history of Kashmir. It was his wisdom that he understood the coming situation. Today, the resolution of accession to Pakistan was passed at the house of founding president Sardar Ibrahim Khan, Kashmiris will continue to seek independence from India. The United Nations should end its double standards on Kashmir and resolve the Kashmir issue. Abdullah Gul said that today's conference is of great importance, he praised the government for celebrating these $\,$ days with special arrangements, the foundation of Pakistaniism and Kashmirism is La ilaha illallah. The slogan raised by Syed Ali Gilani, "We are Pakistanis, Pakistan is ours," is the voice of the hearts of all Kashmiris. Insha Allah, the freedom movement will succeed. Spokesperson Gilgit-Baltistan Faizullah Farr

Kashmiris vow to fulfill the dream of accession to Pakistan

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: A special ceremony was organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Cell in the capital city of Muzaffarabad on the occasion of "Pakistan Accession Day" at the auditorium of the Khurshid National Library, Muzaffarabad.

by Minister of the Government Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid, Nawaz Women's Wing Maryam former Minister of the Government and Leader of the Muslim tute of Kashmir Studies Dr. League Nawaz (PML-N) Ms. Sameera Shafiq, lawyers, traders Noreen Arif, Commissioner and a large number of civil of the Muzaffarabad Division society members. On this occa-Chaudhry Guftar, Hurriyat sion, Minister of State Chaudhry

and Kashmir Cultural Academy Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Director of the Liberation Cell Raja Muhammad Aslam, Media Coordinator Sardar Ali Shan, Director of the Information Department Muhammad Bashir Mirza, former President of the Anjuman Tajran Abdul Razzaq The ceremony was attended Khan, Advocate Mujahid Naqvi, President of the Muslim League Kashmiri, Director of the Insti-

of the Kashmir Liberation Cell Minister of State Nooreen Arif and other speakers addressed the gathering.

Minister of State Chaudhry Muhammad Rashid said in his address that life and death are with Pakistan. Our ancestors had determined the future with the Resolution of Accession to

On July 19, 1947, the Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir passed the Resolution of Accession to Pakistan in Srinagar and decided to link their fate with

Kashmiris around the world celebrate this day as a renewal of their resolve to liberate the leader Mushtaq Islam, Director Muhammad Rashid, former entire state of Jammu and



The relationship between Kashmiris and Pakistan is based on words. Commissioner Muzaffarabad Division Chaudhry Guftar Hussain said that making sacrifices for freedom is the Shiva of freedom fighters,

will fulfill the dream of accession to Pakistan and complete the agenda of Pakistan.

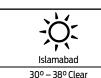
Media Coordinator Sardar Ali Shan said that we need to fix things, Kashmiris stand with Pakistan ideologically and intellectually, accession to Pakistan is the destination, they

forget the sacrifices of freedom miri freedom movement will fighters for freedom, the destithey have made significant sacrifices to clear the path and in this regard they will not hesitate to

make any sacrifice in the future. Other speakers also addressed the event and expressed their Indian war crimes and fulfill the Pakistan is our destination, we have not forgotten and will not determination that the Kash-

not hesitate to take Kashmir to nation of Kashmiris is not easy. its logical conclusion and the predecessors' idea of annexation to Pakistan to its logical conclusion.

They also demanded that the United Nations take notice of promise of a plebiscite.



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Pakistani nation stands with Kashmiris: Saad Rafique

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Leader Khawaja Saad Rafique has said Kashmiris are not alone in their struggle for freedom, and that the entire Pakistani nation stands firmly behind them.

Addressing a big rally organized by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Jammu

and Kashmir to mark 'Youm-e-Ilhaq-e-Pakistan' (Accession to Pakistan Day) here on Saturday,

he said that the day is not far when Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (HOJ&K) will rightfully become a part of Pakistan.

He said: "On this historic day, we are sending a clear message to the world through the platform of the Hurriyat Conference, Kashmiris are not alone. The nation stands united with them until their dream of freedom is realized."

He recalled that on July 19, 1947, the leaders of the Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference had unanimously decided that Kashmir should accede to Pakistan. "That decision will be honored, no matter the

cost," he asserted. Highlighting the resilience and spirit of the Kashmiri people, Saad Rafique said that India had failed to suppress their passion for freedom, despite deploying over 700,000 troops and committing countless atrocities. "As long as the right to self-determination is denied to the Kashmiri people, the region will remain a dangerous flashpoint in

South Asia," he warned. "Lahore, the historic center of political movements, stands today in full solidarity with the oppressed people of Kashmir," he said.

Governor Sindh Tessori inspects rain-affected areas in Hyderabad

Maria Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori conducted a detailed visit of various parts of Hyderabad, including Cloth Market and Electronics Market, to assess the damage caused by recent torrential rains that severely affected residents and traders. Speaking to the media at a local hotel following the visit, the Governor said this was his first opportunity to closely witness the city's neighborhoods and directly hear the grievances of its people.

Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori emphasized that he had come to Hyderabad in his capacity as the representative of the federal government, with the aim of reviewing the situation and expressing solidarity with the affected citizens. He assured that the traders and residents of Hyderabad would not be left alone in this difficult time. He urged those impacted to submit details of their losses to the federal government through their elected Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) to facilitate compensation and financial relief.

The Governor Sindh proposed tively address civic issues. the formation of a joint committee

comprising provincial MPAs and federal MNAs to assess the damages and ensure either tax relief or suitable compensation for the affected. He added that the federal government would contribute its share and he would make every effort to secure the waiver of federal taxes.

He further stated that the federal government had announced a Rs.10 billion development package for Hyderabad, of which Rs. 5 billion had already been disbursed. Implementation of the package will be carried out through the Pakistan Infrastructure development Company (PIDCL), under his direct supervision. He claimed that the development work under this package would bring visible improvements across Hyderabad.

Governor Kamran Khan Tessori also announced that an IT campus will soon be established in Hyderabad, which is expected to benefit over 50,000 students. He revealed that IT courses would commence within the next two months, and an additional secretary would be appointed to facilitate coordination between the trader community and the federal government to effec-

In his concluding remakes, the would be developed on the model of wherever people or traders have suffered conducted to ensure full compensation.



Governor pledged that Hyderabad Islamabad and Lahore. He assured that losses, a comprehensive survey would be

Chess Tournament

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan Frederico Silva playing a chess with kid during Portugal-Pakistan Chess Tournament to celebrate 75 Years of Diplomatic Relation at local hotel in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

'Jamaat-e-Islami Protests Against Sugar Mafia and Expensive Electricity'

Majid Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami workers, following Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman's call for nationwide protests against expensive electricity, drastic increase in petroleum product prices and sugar mafia, held peaceful protests outside central mosques across the city after Friday prayers in Faisalabad. The demonstration in front of Jamia Masjid Mujahid Hospital was led by District Ameer Professor Mehboob-uz-Zaman Butt, while the demonstration in front of the railway station was led by Mian Tahir Ayub, Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, and Mian Asif Islam. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that even the lion has started eating sugar. The fake government imposed since Form 47



people to live, the alliance of the corrupt system and the the PML-N and the PPP and their complete patronage of for seven decades, there is no the sugar mafia is proving to be disastrous for the country and the outdated system and its the nation, the Jamaat-e-Isla- watchmen. He said that the mi has resumed an organized various mafias in the country

group that has been imposed way out without getting rid of

has made it impossible for the and peaceful struggle against have the full patronage of the rulers and all these classes are together squeezing the blood of the people, the rulers are burying the people under the burden of taxes, they are not ready to give up their privileges and luxuries.

Punjab CM's Vision of Quality Healthcare Realized at Children's Hospital

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Dean of Children's Complex Hospital Multan Dr. Kashif Chishti said that Children's Hospital Multan, with its doctors, staff nurses and paramedical staff, has been providing the best treatment facilities to older children since day 1 as per the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif. Dr. Kashif Chishti further said that free and timely treatment facilities are available to children from South Punjab, Sindh,



Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces in Children's Complex Hospital

ment of children in Children's Complex Hospital Dean Children's Hospital

Multan. There are medicines in abundance for the treat-

Multan Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kashif Chishti chaired the Ethics Committee meeting at Children Complex Hospital Multan.

The meeting was attended by committee members Prof. Dr. Sohail Arshad, Prof. Dr. Wagas Imran, Prof. Dr. Aamir Hanif, Dr. Mehreen Zahra, Dr. Sadia Khan, Dr. Mehwish Zahra and Dr. Saqlain Abbas.

Senior Dr Professor Ahmed Raza Ready to Work in Reclaim Nishtar Glory Projects



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Another Distinguished Nishtar Hospital Multan. Senior Dr Professor Ahmed Raza Ready to Work in Reclaim Nishtar Glory Projects. We heartily welcome another talented and committed son of Nishtar. Dr. Ahmed Raza, who is joining us to play an active role in "Reclaim Nishtar Glory Projects".

Dr. Ahmed Raza (MD, MHA) A 1999 graduate of Nishtar Medical College Multan (Batch: N42). He is currently serving as a Staff Physician in the Medical Oncology Department at the Cancer Institute of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. He is also the Chairperson of the Medical Oncology Department and Program Director of the Hematology Oncology Fellowship Program at the said institution.

Dr. Ahmed Raza has completed his fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology from the renowned University of Minnesota, USA. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology and Hema-

His full-time practice includes the treatment of Solid Tumors, Malignant Hematology and complex cancers of the liver, gallbladder, pancreas and stomach.

District Emergency Response Committee on dengue prevention held



TOBA TEK SINGH: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, a meeting of the District Emergency Response Committee on dengue prevention was held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Zeeshan Labbha Masih.

During the meeting, the ADCG stressed the need for all departments to continue dengue surveillance activities consistently and ensure achievement of targets set under the Punjab government's guidelines. He directed strict monitoring of dengue hotspots across the district. Show cause $notices \ were \ is sued \ to \ officials \ failing \ to \ meet \ assigned \ surveillance \ targets.$ The ADCG warned that no negligence in anti-dengue efforts would be

The committee was also briefed on measures taken to curb dengue and on the facilities available in public hospitals for treatment of dengue

Substandard and Unhealthy Meat was Destroyed

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Acting on Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's "Safe Food" vision, a large quantity of substandard and unwholesome meat was seized and destroyed in Toba Tek Singh. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu in coordination with the Punjab Food Authority, district administration and the Livestock Department. Superintendent Slaughter-house Dr. Usman Safdar examined the meat and declared it "unfit for human consumption."

The Punjab Food Authority has submitted a formal complaint against those responsible. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that ensuring the provision of safe and hygienic food to citizens remains a top priority of the district administration. He affirmed that there would be zero tolerance for those compromising public health, and strict legal action will be taken against the culprits.

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UAE celebrates journey from federation to global leadership

s the UAE marks the first anniversary of the "Union Pledge Day" on 18th July, the nation reflects on the pivotal moments that led to its unification, recalling the enduring legacy of the founding father, the late Sheikh Zaved bin Sultan Al Nahvan and his brothers, the Rulers, whose historic declaration in 1971 laid the foundations for the federation.

The day is one of the most important days in the history of the UAE, as the declaration of the Union and the UAE Constitution were signed, and its name was announced, with the solid foundation for its establishment laid on 2nd December.

Union Pledge Day was designated as a national occasion by President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to reaffirm loyalty to the homeland and celebrate the country's continued development. The day aims to strengthen national identity and raise public awareness of the foundational steps that propelled the UAE to its current status as a regional and global leader.

The occasion highlights the vision and sacrifices of the founding fathers, whose legacy continues to shape the UAE's trajectory.

In his first address to the nation as President, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed said, "Today, we see our nation ranked among the most advanced nations globally, as well as being one of the best places to live and work. This was the vision of the late Sheikh Zayed and our founding fathers, and we thank God for this blessing. We will continue to follow their wise approach, drawing inspiration from their unfaltering leadership. Our history, identity, and cultural heritage will form an essential part of our plans for the future."

Union Pledge Day also serves to honour the UAE's achievements in state-building and unity, forged amid complex regional dynamics. The founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed, led the country through the formation of the Arab world's first federal state and launched one of the region's largest development drives.

Following Sheikh Zayed's leadership, the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan led the empowerment phase (2004–2022), strengthening institutions, promoting education, and advancing citizen participation in national development. Under his leadership, the UAE achieved record growth across economic, service, humanitarian, infrastructure, renewable energy and space exploration sectors. The country became the second-largest economy in the Arab world and the first Arab and Muslim nation to reach Mars.

Israel's Syria Strike: Killing Spree Continues

as Israeli missiles struck the heart of Damascus on July 16, targeting the Ministry of Defense and other critical infrastructure. The timing, scale, and intent of the attack raised urgent questions. Officially, Israeli leaders claimed the strikes were a protective measure for the Druze community in southern Syria amid intensifying clashes with Bedouin tribes. But the broader picture tells a story not just of protection, but of preemptive aggression, regional dominance, and a disturbing disregard for international sovereignty.

This attack came on the heels of quiet diplomatic efforts between Israel and Syria—efforts that had sparked cautious optimism for a historic nonaggression pact. Yet, the Israeli strikes shattered that momentum. According to Israeli historian Itamar Rabinovich, who once led peace talks with Syria, the move reflects a bizarre blend of post-October 7 paranoia and newfound confidence following Israel's military actions in Lebanon and against Iran.

The Druze, an offshoot Islamic sect with a population of about one million, are spread across Svria, Israel, and Lebanon. In Israel, nearly 150,000 Druze live under its governance, including 20,000 in the Golan Heights, annexed by Israel in 1981. Unlike other Arab groups in Israel, the Druze serve in the Israeli military, often reaching high ranks. Their loyalty has forged a unique bond with the Jewish majority—one that Prime Minister Netanyahu could not afford to alienate.

This week, when disturbing footage of Druze men being humiliated by Islamist fighters circulated online, Israeli Druze reacted with fury. Protests erupted, roads

he world watched in shock 🛮 were blocked, and around 1,000 Druze 🔝 Hikmat al-Hijri, rejected it outright and 🔻 under increasing global scrutiny. Counmen reportedly crossed into Syria to defend their kin. Netanyahu, aware of the domestic political pressure, invoked a dual doctrine: "Demilitarization of the region south of Damascus" and "protection of the brothers of our brothers, the Druze."

But while the justification was rooted in the protection of a minority, the execution was far from localized. Israel did not limit condemned by the U.S. and its allies, are its action to Suwayda or the tribal conflict often carried out with tacit approval or

zone. Instead, it struck deep into Damascusfar from the scene of the clashes-leveling key government buildings including the Ministry of Defense. Footage aired live showed Syrian news anchors diving for cover as missiles hit the capital. At least three people were killed in these strikes.

Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, who rose to power after the fall of Bashar al-Assad in an Islamist-led insurgency, faced a fateful choice: escalate into fullblown war or prioritize national unity and civilian protection. He chose the latter, declaring a ceasefire and ordering the military's withdrawal from Suwayda. In a national address, he condemned Israel's actions as a bid to "sow chaos" and "divide the Syrian people."

A temporary truce was brokered with U. S. involvement. Secretary of State Marco Rubio described the Syria-Israel tensions as a "misunderstanding" and said Washington had mediated an agreement among all parties. The ceasefire terms included a halt to all military operations and the creation of a monitoring committee led by Druze leaders. Yet, the truce remains fragile. One prominent Druze cleric,

called for continued resistance.

From a regional perspective, Israel's strike is not isolated. It mirrors a pattern: attacks on Iran, Lebanon, and Syria—often justified on national security grounds, yet executed with overwhelming force and scant regard for sovereignty. All of these assaults, while publicly

> coordination with American security and political leadership. Netanyahu's close ties with Washington remain unshaken, bolstered by shared intelligence, joint military exercises, and mutual rhetoric.

During a recent meeting between Netan-

yahu and Rubio and Hegseth, both sides praised the strength of Israeli-American military cooperation. This alliance was vividly demonstrated during the joint Israeli-American strikes on Iran's Fordow nuclear site earlier this year and the subsequent neutralization of Iranian missile defenses. These attacks, though illegal under international law, were framed as preemptive defense.

Qamar Bashir

Syria, like Iran and Lebanon before it, opted not to retaliate militarily. Instead, it chose diplomacy, prioritizing civilian safety and national integrity. The restraint shown by Damascus highlights a troubling contrast: while Israel behaves with unchecked aggression, often shielded by U.S. support, its neighbors—no matter how bruised-seek de-escalation over escalation.

But this asymmetry cannot last forever. Israeli belligerence, once tolerated, is now

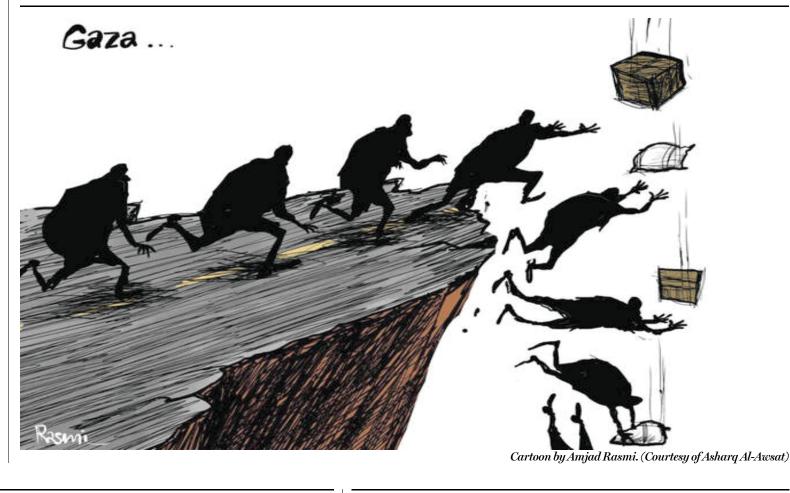
tries that had normalized relations with Israel are beginning to reconsider. The international community, long silent, is finding its voice. From European capitals to U. N. chambers, criticism of Israel's policies is mounting. Human rights organizations, media outlets, and civic movements have begun imposing informal sanctions-boycotts, divestments, and calls to isolate Israel diplomatically and economically.

Public opinion in the West, especially in the U.S. and Europe, has shifted dramatically. No longer is support for Israel unconditional. The atrocities in Gaza, the disregard for Syrian sovereignty, and the documented humiliation of civilians have eroded Israel's moral standing. As these trends accelerate, it is increasingly ordinary Jewish citizens—not the political architects of war-who face the backlash.

That, perhaps, is the greatest tragedy of Netanyahu's militaristic adventurism. In seeking to project power and assert dominance, his government has isolated Israel and endangered its people. A state that once sought peace and legitimacy is now seen by many as a pariah—a state that tears down rather than builds up.

Whether this path changes depends not only on Israel's leadership but also on whether Washington continues to provide political and military cover. Until then, the region remains caught in a cycle of provocation, restraint, and unhealed wounds each new strike a blow not just to buildings, but to the fragile hope of peace.

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July 19 Is Not Just a Date—It Is a Defining Commitment to Pakistan

Srinagar in favor of accession to Pakistan remains a shining testament to the national consciousness, sight of the Kashmiri people.

Speaking at a commemorative event on the occasion of Youm-e-Ilhaq Pakistan pied Kashmir, Wasi lamented the brutal-(Accession to Pakistan Day), he remarked ities inflicted by Indian forces but praised

that this resolution was not a product of emotional reaction or political haste, but rather a natural, ideological, and geographical necessity. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir announced their allegiance to Pakistan even before Pakistan appeared on the world map. That decision continues to define the core of our present struggle," he said.

entertaining illusions of independence or neutrality to prolong Maharaja Hari Singh's rule. "While the state elite hesitated, the people's voice was clear: 'We don't want autonomy, we want Pakistan," Wasi asserted. He paid tribute to the political activists, ex-servicemen, and leaders from Poonch, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Kotli, Rajouri, and other areas who took to the streets representing the will of the people, even as a few self-interested actors attempted to delay history.

Wasi emphasized that the historic resolution was passed at the Srinagar residence of Sardar Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, then a member of the Praja Sabha. It was supported unanimously by the Muslim representatives—numbering around 21-while the public sentiment was

even stronger and more enthusiastic. He argued that Kashmir's geography, leaders who fought for Kashmir's freedom

all, religious bond, clearly align it with Pakistan. "The July 19 resolution acknowledged these irrefutable ties and laid the foundation Islamic affinity, and historic fore- for the freedom movements in Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan," he added.

Referring to present-day Indian-occu-

the unwavering spirit of the youth. "Even today, Kashmiri martyrs are buried wrapped in the Pakistani flag. This is not just symbolism—it is living proof of a generational

commitment to Pakistan." Wasi voiced grave concern over the growing marginalization of Muslims in India. "The socio-economic and

religious discrimination has He criticized the then princely elite for reached a point where even the right to live with dignity is denied. A recent case in Uttar Pradesh, where a Muslim street vendor was publicly humiliated, reflects the grim reality." He added that such events reaffirm the legitimacy and foresight of the 1947 decision to accede to Pakistan.

False Promises of Secularism and Autonomy Rejected in 1947—and Again Today

Commenting on the re-emergence of slogans promoting autonomy, neutrality, or secularism, he warned that these are ideological traps laid by the enemy. "The same deceptive slogans were raised in 1947 but were decisively rejected by the people of Kashmirand they deserve to be rejected again today."

He declared that the Kashmir freedom movement is essentially a continuation of the accession to Pakistan movement. "The

uly 19, 1947 resolution passed in culture, language, water resources, and above were the foot soldiers of the Pakistan Movement. Therefore, any attempt to link Kashmir's future to an alternative ideology or a so-called neutral status would be a betrayal

Sardar Wasi called upon the people and government of Pakistan to recommit to the ideals of July 19 with unity, faith, and determination. He urged Islamabad to make the Accession to Pakistan resolution a centerpiece of its diplomatic and state policy, and to raise it assertively on international platforms, including the United Nations.

"This resolution is not just a historic date; it is an unshakable decision—a dream of generations, sanctified by the blood of martyrs, and rooted in our ideological identity," he said.

Lauds Pakistan's Leadership for Defending Kashmir Cause

He praised the recent response of Pakistan's civil and military leadership to Indian provocations. "The resolute stance of President of Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N Quaid Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir has crushed Indian ambitions and sent a loud and clear message to the world: Pakistan is a peace-loving nation, but it remains ever vigilant in defending its territorial and ideological frontiers."

He added that, as a result, the Kashmir issue has re-emerged on the global stage as a flashpoint—and with God's will, Kashmir will one day become an inseparable part of Pakistan. "Pakistan's progress and stability are intertwined with the freedom of Kashmir, and the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination will triumph, Insha'Allah."

Senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League (N), former member of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council

From Campus to Unemployment; The Harsh Reality for Today's Graduates

n recent years, the world has witnessed a automated, reducing opportunities for those only to find themselves trapped in a frustration and disillusionment. job market that offers them little or no employment opportunities. This growing crisis of uate unemployment cannot be overlooked. graduate unemployment is not confined to a Years of hard work and financial investment single country but has become a global concern, in education often lead to dead ends, leaving

omies. The consequences are far-reaching, impacting not just individuals but entire societies, economies, and future gener-

One of the primary reasons for this unemployment crisis is the mismatch between education and industry requirements. Many universities continue to follow outdated curricula that

fail to equip students with the skills demanded by today's rapidly evolving job market. While eted approach. Governments must work with theoretical knowledge remains important, employers increasingly seek candidates with practical skills, adaptability, and technological proficiency. Unfortunately, traditional education systems have been slow to adapt, leaving graduates unprepared for the realities of modern workplaces.

Another contributing factor is the sheer volume of graduates entering the job market each year. With higher education becoming more surged, but the number of available jobs has

not kept pace. The rise of automation and artificial intelligence has further exacerbated the problem.

Many entry-level jobs that once served as step-

troubling paradox: millions of students who lack specialized skills. This shift has created graduate from universities each year, a scenario where even well-educated individuals armed with degrees and aspirations, struggle to find stable employment, leading to The psychological and social impact of grad-

affecting both developed and developing econ- many young people feeling hopeless. This sense

of despair can fuel social unrest, increase mental health issues, and even lead to a brain drain as talented individuals migrate to countries with better prospects. Moreover, when a significant portion of the youth remains unemployed, it stifles economic growth, as their potential contributions to innovation and productivity go untapped.

Addressing this crisis requires a multi-faceducational institutions to reform curricula, emphasizing skill-based learning, internships, and industry partnerships. Vocational training and apprenticeships should be promoted alongside traditional degrees to provide diverse pathways to employment. Businesses, too, must play a role by offering more entry-level opportunities and investing in training programs for fresh graduates.

Ultimately, solving graduate unemployment is accessible, the number of degree holders has not just about creating jobs but about reshaping education and economic systems to align with the demands of the future. Without urgent action, the dreams of millions of young graduates will continue to fade, and societies will bear the long-term costs of wasted potential. The time ping stones for fresh graduates are now being to act is now before the crisis deepens further.

PAF triumphs at RIAT-2025, winning two prestigious awards and global acclaim



Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: Pakistan Air Force has once again upheld its proud tradition of bringing glory to the nation on the international stage. At the world-renowned Royal International Air Tattoo-2025, held in the United Kingdom, PAF achieved an extraordinary feat by securing two coveted trophies among

During the Air Chiefs' Conference at RIAT-2025, PAF's professional excellence and the exquisite paint schemes of its aircraft were widely appreciated by global air force leaders. Numerous dignitaries praised PAF contingent for its high standards of discipline, operational readiness and impressive representation of Pakistan on an international forum.



Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, extended his heartfelt congratulations to PAF contingent stating that keeping the nation's flag high has always been the hallmark of Pakistan Air Force. Winning these prestigious awards is a testament to our professionalism, technical expertise and relentless pursuit of excellence. He also commended the entire team for showcasing Pakistan's true potential with pride and dignity.

PAF's state of the art JF-17 Thunder Block-III, making its maiden appearance at this prestigious airshow, was awarded the "Spirit of the Meet" Trophy, the world's leading air forces. On this remarkable achievement, a rare honor conferred upon the theme of Eyes in the Skies, secured

aircraft that best embodies the the distinguished "Concours d'Elethos, spirit and excitement of RIAT. Following the recent Pakistan-India conflict, a heightened sense of anticipation prevailed across the United Kingdom, with aviation enthusiasts and defence experts eagerly awaiting the debut of Pakistan Air Force's 4.5 generation JF-17 Thunder Block-III. The award signifies the technological brilliance and operational capability of the JF-17 program, while also showcasing Pakistan's growing aerospace excellence on global stage. Adding to this moment of national pride, PAF C-130H Hercules, adorned in a striking and artistically crafted special livery reflecting this year's

egance" Trophy for the best-maintained and most aesthetically presented aircraft at RIAT-2025. The meticulous craftsmanship and impeccable presentation of the iconic aircraft reflected the outstanding proficiency and unwavering commitment of PAF's personnel. JF-17 Thunder Block-III, with its cutting-edge capabilities and striking aesthetics, emerged as a centerpiece of the display line while the distinctively painted C-130 garnered significant attention, earning widespread acclaim from spectators and international delegations alike.

Pakistan Air Force has a rich





in 2006, 2016 and 2018, further cements its standing among reinforcing its reputation as a leading global air forces but also world-class air arm consistently demonstrating excellence in aviahistory of success at RIAT, having tion. PAF's outstanding perfor-

serves as a source of immense

A delegation from South Korea visited the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A delegation from South Korea visited the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. On the instructions of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, they met with the Deans and Directors of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization and discussed ment of AJOU Motor College, ture and food security. Director of the International Cooperation Office, Kim Tae-hong, Chairman of OAKS, Seo Young-ok, CEO Punjab, while various research Lee Jae-ho, and Company Secretary Dr. Abdul Ghaffar. Highlighting the reputation of the University of Agriculture, Director of OAKS, Professor Dr. Muhammad Imran Arshad said that this institution is one of the lead- Korea will provide opportunities Dr. Abdul Ghaffar said that interna- the meeting.



areas of mutual interest. The delega- ing agricultural universities in Asia, tion included Professor Dr. Kwanse known for its effective research and Kim, Dean of the International strong ties with the community. He research. Professor Dr. Kwanse Kim Cooperation Center and Depart- stressed on cooperation in agricul-

> He said that the sub-campuses of the university are established across centers and specialized departments are playing a role in multifaceted education and development. Director External Linkages Dr. Tehseen Azhar said that the partnership with South

for students and faculty members increasing efficiency and increasing to benefit from joint education and said that AJOU Motor College is equipping students with practical education and technological innovation. He said that we provide our students with practical experience in the automotive sector. He expressed keen interest in establishing educational linkages with the University of Agriculture Faisalabad and proposed a mutual student exchange program.

tional education and research opportunities will be provided to students through exchange programs and scholarships. Dean Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology Prof. Dr. Anjum Munir said that the progress made in agricultural machinery and energy systems in the university is playing an important role in promoting agriculture production. Chairman Department of Computer Science Dr. Saqib Ali said that the University of Agriculture is providing advisory services to farmers through the "Kisan App". Professor Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed stressed the need to further strengthen the relationship between the two institutions so that they can benefit from each other's experiences. Dr. Allah Rakha, Dr. Zubair Aslam and Dr. Shazia also attended

Jinnah Iqbal South Asian Forum Launches Relief Efforts for Katchi Abadi Residents

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RAWALPINDI: Chairman of the Jinnah Iqbal Christian community. South Asian Forum, Rana Abdul Baqi, stated in a the Forum will distribute Nasir. press release that residents 30 kg dry ration bags to of katchi abadis (informal the most severely affected Naseem Sehar and other settlements) in Rawalpindi individuals on Wednesday, and Islamabad — particularly in E-11 Islamabad, Katarian, surrounding areas of Holy Family Hospital, Arya Mohalla, Nadeem Colony, Dhoke Elahi Bakhsh, and both sides of the Nullah Lai — have been severely affected by the recent heavy rains. The flooding has caused exten-

impacting many fami- free medical camp will be lies including white-collar organized. workers and members of the

Former Federal Minister affected individuals.

Muhammad Habib Malik will be the chief guest of the event, while former Federal Secretary Muzaffar Mehmood Qureshi will preside over the ceremony.

In continuation of these will be held on August 3 in

The camp will be inaugurated by former Provincial To support the victims, Health Minister Dr. Jamal

> notable personalities will welcome and support the Senior allopathic and homeopathic doctors will be

> available for medical consultations, and free blood tests will also be provided. These initiatives are being undertaken as a human-

relief efforts, another event itarian gesture to provide timely and effective assissive damage to homes, the Katarian area, where a tance to those in need.

AIOU Hosts Young Scientists' Camp



ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has launched a five-day Young Scientists' Camp with the aim of promoting scientific thinking, research skills, and creativity among the new generation.

Another key objective of the camp is to enhance students' observation, analytical and problem-solving abilities through hands-on scientific experiments-preparing them to become confident, skilled, and independent contributors to society.

The camp is organized by the Department of Science Education(Faculty of Education) in collaboration with the Pakistan Science Club and the ECO Science

The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Muhammad Tanveer Afzal, Head of the Department of Science Education; Ghulam Abbas from the ECO Science Foundation; Abdul Rauf, Founder and CEO of the Pakistan Science Club; along with teachers, parents, and a large number of enthusiastic children.

In his address, Dr. Muhammad Tanveer Afzal stated that educational initiatives like the Summer Science Camp ignite scientific curiosity and foster creative thinking in children. He credited Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood for providing a constructive, engaging, and learning-rich environment during the summer break. He noted that Dr. Mahmood's visionary leadership has transformed AIOU into a dynamic research-oriented institution. Ghulam Abbas of the ECO Science

Foundation reaffirmed his organization's commitment to advancing science so that today's children can become tomorrow's scientists. Abdul Rauf, CEO of the Pakistan Science Club, described the camp as a "nursery for young scientists," saying their approach nurtures children's natural desire to learn through scientific exploration.

Children have been grouped into two age categories-7 to 9 years and 10 to 15 yearsto ensure developmentally appropriate learning experiences. They are enthusiastically participating in various scientific experiments, model building, research projects, and creative activities.

Commissioner Multan Pushes for Swift, **Transparent Completion of Development** Projects Across the Division

MULTAN: Commissioner Amir Kareem Khan has taken firm steps to accelerate the pace of development across the division, under the direct guidance of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. Chairing a high-level meeting of the Divisional Development Working Party DDWP, the Commissioner issued clear directives to all relevant departments to ensure timely completion of ongoing and new development schemes without compromising on quality or transparency.

Commissioner Khan emphasized that he will personally $inspect \, development \, schemes \, to \,$ monitor progress, quality, and transparency. He warned that any contractor found involved in substandard or incomplete work would be blacklisted. Deputy

Commissioners across the division were instructed to take ownership of projects in their respective districts and ensure on-ground monitoring. The Commissioner noted that the

Government of Punjab is releasing development funds on time to strengthen infrastructure, and all departments must improve interdepartmental coordination before initiating any roadworks. He made it clear that no department will be allowed to dig roads after their

construction is completed. Engineering drawings for new roads must incorporate proper drainage systems and water storage solutions

to address climate change challenges. All new roads, he said, must be climate-resilient. Modern signboards will be installed along major roads, encroachments will be completely removed, and trees will be planted on a large scale along road corridors. Additionally, under-construction roads along canals must include cattle ghats to facilitate local

livestock movement.

According to the Director Development, 79 schemes worth Rs 120.684 million are currently in progress across the Multan Division, while 120 new schemes worth Rs 30,892 million have been included in the Annual Development Programme. Mubashir Rehman informed the meeting that 35 schemes will be approved by the DDC, 18 by the DDWP, 59 by DDSC, and 8 under PDWP format.

The meeting approved 24 new

road schemes, including rehabilitation, upgradation, and expansion works. Notable projects include the Rs 400 million restoration of the Makhdoom Rasheed drainage and sewerage system, Rs 391 million for the 1.10 km reconstruction of Multan Avenue from Sidanwala to Model Town, Rs 390 million for 1.24 km road upgradation from Honda Showroom to WAPDA Town Phase-II, and Rs 393 million for the 1.40 km stretch from Honda Showroom

to Bakhtawar Amin Hospital. Other approved projects include Rs 303 million for a 1 km upgradation from Multan Avenue to Bakhtawar Amin (near Arazi Center), Rs 248 million for 0.95 km from Arazi Center to Sahu Chowk, Rs 171 million for the 9 km stretch from Chungi Umarpur to

Jalalpur Pirwala, and Rs 210 million for the rehabilitation and expansion of the DC Office Complex.

Further road projects include Rs 396 million for Model Town Chowk to WAPDA Chowk (1.10 km), Rs 392 million for MAPCO Office to Nagana Chowk (1.10 km), and Rs 392 million for the upgradation of Nagana Chowk to WAPDA Town Phase II (1.10 km). A major urban sewerage extension project worth Rs 150 million in Jahanian, District Khanewal, was also approved.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
138,597.36	138,665.49 Day's Low		
Day's High			
140,585.38	138,343.72		
Index Value	Change		
22,661,583,391	-68.13		
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-0.05%	18 Jul, 2025 4:30 pm		
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Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.9	190.9
Bahrain Dinar	762.9	772.9
Canadian Dollar	210.40	215.40
China Yuan	39.18	39.58
Danish Krone	44.17	44.57
Euro	334.40	338.40
Hong Kong Dollar	35.81	36.16
Indian Rupee	3.22	3.31
Japanese Yen	1.9150	2.0150
Kuwaiti Dinar	931.7	943.70
Malaysian Ringgit	66.4	67
NewZealand \$	167.36	169.36
Norwegians Krone	27.53	27.83
Omani Riyal	747.70	757.70
Qatari Riyal	77.43	78.13
Saudi Riyal	76.75	77.4
Singapore Dollar	221.9	226.9
Swedish Korona	29	29.30
Swiss Franc	352.88	355.63
Thai Bhat	8.57	8.72
U.A.E Dirham	78.50	79.4
UK Pound Sterling	386.4	390.4
US Dollar	288.2	288.5

CDA Vows Swift Resolution of Business **Community** Issues in Line with Chairman's Vision: **DGBuilding Control**

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ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) is fully committed to addressing the concerns of the business community and residents on a priority basis, in line with the vision of its Chairman, Chaudhry Muhammad Ali Randhawa. This assurance was given by Faisal Naeem, Director General Building Control of CDA, during an interactive session held at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) with a delegation of the Builders Association Sector H-13, led by its President, Sardar Khurshid Ahmed Khan.

The session was graced by President ICCI Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, Senior Vice President Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Vice President Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry, and a number of ICCI Executive Members.

Addressing the participants, Faisal Naeem urged the Builders Association to submit their development plans at the earliest to facilitate their timely regularization, enabling smoother processes for the builders. He acknowledged the pivotal role played by ICCI in resolving business community issues in coordination with CDA and appreciated the Chamber's consistent support.

Builders Association President Sardar Khurshid Ahmed Khan highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by builders and thanked the CDA leadership and ICCI for their continued cooperation and proactive efforts in addressing their concerns.

The session was also attended by former ICCI President Mian Mohammad Akram Farid, Executive Members Chaudhry Aftab Ahmed Gujjar, Mohammad Ishaq Sial, and Builders Association office bearers Malik Changeez, Malik Shahbaz, Yousuf Khattak, Basharat Gujjar and Wahab Butt among others.

Revenue target up 40 pc but fraud prevention weak, says Mian Zahid Hussain

KARACHI: The Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan, the President of the Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum, the President of All Karachi Industrial Alliance, the Chairman of the FPCCI Advisory Board, and the President and former provincial minister, Mian Zahid Hussain, said on Friday that the increasing incidents of tax fraud in Pakistan have become a significant threat to the economy.

Quoting the FBR Chairman, he revealed a shocking truth-the annual tax fraud in Pakistan surpasses 700 billion rupees, with the use of fake invoices being a major contributor.

Mian Zahid Hussain underscored the urgent need for digitalization in the fight against tax fraud. He pointed out that the level of sales tax fraud in Pakistan is dangerously higher compared to regional countries, and the use of fake receipts and invoices, despite system reforms, remains a persistent issue that can only be effectively tackled with complete digi-



Speaking to the business community, the veteran business leader said that tax fraud is a disease that resurfaces even after complete treatment. He mentioned that 200 billion rupees were recovered during the last fiscal year as a result of court decisions. However, recent investigations revealed that several major companies have committed tax fraud worth Rs 3.4 trillion.

Mian Zahid Hussain stated that, according to the IME, offshore tax havens result in a loss of \$ 500 to \$ 600 billion annually in corporate tax revenue worldwide. In comparison, individual-level tax evasion causes an additional loss of approximately \$ 200 billion. According to some estimates, more than 30 percent of tax revenue is lost annually due to fraud in the SAARC region. Pakistan's underground economy accounts for approximately 60 percent. In comparison, around 43 percent of registered taxpayers report zero income, highlighting flaws in the tax system.

Nationwide shutdown

strike successful

in Hyderabad, all business centers

remained closed

Strike

KARACHI: Market, closed due to nationwide strike called by trade unions as protest against tax provisions in the country's new Finance Act 2025 on Saturday.



held on Saturday, 19th July,

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against the excessive powers granted to the FBR and its harassment-oriented policies toward the business community, proved to be a complete success in Hyderabad as well. Anjuman Tajiran Hyderabad, Cloth Market, Bangles Industries, Saddar Bazaar, Resham

Chamber of Small Traders

& Small Industry (HCST-

SI), the nationwide protest

All major commercial Bazaar, Anaj Mandi, Market Associations, Chotki Ghitti, Advani Gali, Qazi Qayoom movement.

Road, Latifabad, Qasimabad, Tando Jam and other market HYDERABAD: In response areas, remained completely to the call by the Hyderabad shut in solidarity.

President of HCSTSI Saleem Memon, extended his heartfelt thanks to the entire trader community, unions, associations, and chambers of Hyderabad for making this peaceful and exemplary protest a resounding success He particularly expressed his gratitude to Jamshoro Chamber of Commerce & areas of the city, including Industry, Shaheed Benazirabad Chamber of Commerce, Dadu Chamber of Commerce, Larkana Chamber of Commerce, Tower, all Mobile Market Kotri Association of Trade & Industry, Nooriabad Exec-Tilak Chari, Faujdari Road, utive Club and Hyderabad Station Road, Lajpat Road, SITE Association of Trade & Phuleli Bazaar, Sarafa Bazaar, Industry for their unwavering Nusrat Bazaar, Fageer Ka Par. support and solidarity in this

Uzbekistan is one of the world's leading apricot exporters

Spokesman Report

TASHKENT: Uzbekistan boasts a rich experience and significant scientific potential in various agricultural sectors, including horticulture, vegetable production, and melon cultivation.

Due to the special attention paid to the development of the agro-industrial complex, the volume of fruit and vegetable products grown is increasing annually, which not only allows for the satisfaction of domestic demand but also enables an increase in export volumes.

It is worth noting that, in a relatively short period, Uzbekistan has secured one of the leading positions in global exports of apricots, plums, cherries, grapes, walnuts, cabbage, and other fruits and vegetables.

In 2024, 527 thousand tons of apricots were grown in Uzbekistan. Thus, Uzbekistan still ranks second in the world in apricot cultivation.



Uzbekistan's largest export markets. In reform, with modern scientific and technical 2016, China imported fruits worth \$5.8 billion. It is predicted that by 2030, the volume of imports of cherries, plums, grapes, and apricots will grow to \$1.8 billion. According to experts, Uzbekistan's

achievements being introduced and intensive agricultural technologies implemented. The activities of farmers and gardeners are being comprehensively encouraged, which contributes to the sustainable development According to the data, China is one of agricultural sector is undergoing radical

Harassment in the Name of Anti-Encroachment Drive is Intolerable: Haji Ghulam Ali

Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: It is deeply concerning that under the guise of anti-encroachment operations, the business community in Peshawar is being subjected to economic persecution and undue harassment. I strongly condemn such actions and make it clear that no one has the right to sabotage peace in the city or target the livelihoods of hardworking traders.

The recent incident Siddiqui, Provincial Spokes-

tunkhwa Traders Association, who was wrongfully arrested and detained for hours without cause, is shameful and unacceptable. I demand an immediate public apology from the authorities, disciplinary action against those responsible, and a firm assurance that future actions will only be carried out after proper consultation with trader leadership. During my tenure as Nazim-e-Ala Peshawar, I personally oversaw several anti-encroachment initiainvolving Shehzad Ahmad tives—but always with the cooperation and dignity of person of the Khyber Pakh- the trader community intact.

A Game-Changing HR Software to Empower Pakistan's Workforce, Anytime, Anywhere

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: CrecenTech Systems, one of Pakistan's most visionary technology companies, has officially launched StaffViz, an advanced HR software solution built to reshape how organizations across the country train, manage, and engage their workforce.

Unveiled at a high-profile launch event in Lahore, StaffViz addresses a growing need in Pakistan's corporate and institutional sectors: delivering scalable, efficient, and inclusive training and HR operations in a digital-first era. The software enables organizations to deploy mobile-based, AI-assisted training modules, monitor performance in real time, connectivity. and streamline HR processes with greater accuracy and efficiency —

Hamid Mahmood, CEO CrecenTech Systems,

possible for everyone, everywhere. across Pakistan." We're empowering businesses to

to making professional growth classrooms, and remote towns reliable. It enables businesses to launch tailored learning, monitor Muddasir Naeem, CTO of growth in real time, and deliver all while remaining accessible shared StaffViz is more than a support their people, not just in the company, added We built meaningful upskilling — without even in areas with limited internet platform — it's a commitment offices, but in factories, clinics, StaffViz to be fast, intuitive, and needing complex infrastructure."

Pakistan stun Iran to win U-16 Asian Volleyball Championship title



Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan have defeated defending champions Iran in a dramatic five-set final and claimed the U-16 Asian Volleyball Championship title on Saturday.

stan overcame a two-set deficit to register a memorable 3-2 victory and etch their name into the tournament's history books.

This win not only dethroned the reigning champions but also capped off a flawless run by Pakistan's young In a high-octane showdown, Paki- volleyball team, which remained unde-

feated throughout the tournament. The final scoreline stood at 22–25,

21-25, 30-28, 25-21, 15-10 in favour of Pakistan, who mounted a spirited comeback after Iran took an early lead. Iran, the defending champions, had dominated the opening two sets but

failed to maintain momentum as Paki-

stan rallied with determination.

Junaid led the scoring for Pakistan with 28 points, while Faizan added 22. Talha contributed nine points and Muhammad Irfan chipped in with

Earlier in the day, India defeated Japan 3-2 to win the bronze medal.

The Championship was the second edition of the Asian Men's U16 Volleyball Championship, a biennial international volleyball tournament organized by Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) with Thailand Volleyball Asso-

ciation (TVA). The tournament was held in Nakhon as the top four teams.

Pathom, Thailand from July 12 to 19. This tournament also served as a qualification tournament for the FIVB

Volleyball Boys' U17 World Champi-

onship. Iran, Pakistan, Japan, and India qualified for the world championship



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan Frederico Silva is posing for a group photo graph along with all the partic-



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Pakistan-Bangladesh to Contest Three-Match T-20 Series From Sunday 20 July

Asim Tanveer

DHAKA: Pakistan and Bangladesh will lock horns in a threeremaining two games to be

ladesh for the first time since last week. December 2021 as they arrived in the country on Wednesday, between Pakistan and Bang-16 July after taking part in ladesh depicts the former's 12 T20Is, will marshal the side in September 2007 in Nairobi. Khushdil Shah, Mohammad in fourth T20I series.

Pakistan's squad and will be in tions is going to be the key. If line to make their international the conditions allow us to play

debuts during the series. Earlier, Pakistan had match T20I series beginning white-washed Bangladesh we'll go accordingly. In our on Sunday, 20 May with the in a home three-match T20I series bagging 37-run, 57-run staged on 22 and 24 May at the and seven-wicket wins at the like situations in order to get Sher-e-Bangla National Stadi- Gaddafi Stadium in May and um in Dhaka. All matches are June. Litton Das-led Bangset to begin at 5pm PKT with ladesh will take the field on the toss to take place at 4.30pm. the back of an away 2-1 T20I Pakistan are visiting Bang- series triumph over Sri Lanka

The overall T20I record an extensive training camp domination as they have won in Karachi. Salman Ali Agha, 19 out of 22 T20Is since the who has so far led Pakistan in first clash between both sides

Pace duo of Ahmed Daniyal Salman Ali Agha "We have

aggressively then we'll surely play that way and in other case training we have tried to make sure that we experience matchgame ready".

Bangladesh are a tough opposition especially in their home conditions. We know what the challenges are going to be thrown at us and we are very excited to play here."

Pakistan T20I squad "Salman Ali Agha (captain), Abrar Ahmed, Ahmed Daniyal, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Hassan Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Pakistan T20I captain, Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Haris (wk), Mohammad Nawaz,



Bangladesh T20I squad Litton Das (captain), Jaker Ali Anik, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Mohammad Naim are the two uncapped players in play but knowing the condi- Ayub, Salman Mirza and Sufyan Mustafizur Rahman, Nasum Towhid Hridoy

Rishad Hossain, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Shamim Hossain Patwari, Shoriful Islam, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Tanzim Hasan and Mohammad Salman Mirza changed the way we want to Sahibzada Farhan (wk), Saim Sheikh, Mohammad Saifuddin, Sakib, Taskin Ahmed and

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif Congratulates Pakistani Cueist Muhammad Asif on Winning World Snooker Championship Master Category Title

Sports Desk

LAHORE:"Muhammad Asif defeated his Indian opponent with hard work, skill and determination and brought Pakistan's name to the world stage,* said Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif while congratulating Pakistani cueist Muhammad Asif on winning World Snooker Championship Master Category title.

Local climber dies in K2 avalanche, body airlifted to Skardu

Sports Desk

avalanche struck Camp 1 on K2, the world's second-highest peak on Friday (July 18) at approximately 2:30 PM, resulting in the tragic death of a local climber and minor injuries to a foreign mountaineer, the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) said on Satur-

Local climber dies in K2 avalanche, body

airlifted to Skardu avalanche occurred around 500 meters above the base camp, catching four climbers in its path. Two managed

to return safely to the Advance Base Camp, while one foreign climber suffered minor injuries.

Local climber Iftikhar Hussain, a resident of Sadpara, Skardu, lost his life in the incident. His body was recovered and brought down to the base camp.

Following the incident, the expedition outfitter submitted a formal request to Major General Irfan Arshad President of the Alpine Club of Pakistan and Askari Aviation for a mercy helicopter operation to repatriate the deceased. The request was approved on humanitarian grounds and the climber's body was airlifted to Skardu.

Irfan Arshad extended his condolences to the bereaved family, friends and the mountaineering community, assuring them of full support in this time of sorrow.

Senior Vice President of the Alpine Club of Pakistan, Karrar Haidri also expressed grief over the loss and paid tribute to Iftikhar Hussain's commitment and contributions to the sport of mountaineering.

PCB Regional Inter District Senior (Karachi Region), Zone-IV, Zone-I and Zone-II won their Matches

Sports Desk

the 2nd days of the 4th round of three day matches of PCB Regional Inter District Senior (Karachi 7/48 and in the Match 9/80, Medium Pacer Muhammad Raza 5/26 and All-round Performance by Asad Akhtar got 5 for 49 and scored breezy 65 with the help of (sla) 7/48

6 boundaries and 5 sixes. Zone-IV, Zone-I and Zone-II Captur-KARACHI: The highlights of ing 9 Points each after the above Victories.

Scores in Brief:

At KCCA Stadium Zone-IV Region) was deadly bowling by beat Zone-VII by 6 wickets left arm leg spinner Afnan Khan and got 9 Points in the Match. Zone-VII 125 and 200 all-out in 55.1 overs. Ashir Mehmood 37, Huzaifa Munir 32, Zafar Ali Ali Khan 26 not out, Fawad Khan 26. in the Match 7/80, and then he Ghani Subhan 23. Afnan Khan

73.4 overs. M. Afzal 87 14 x4 1x6 Yasir Mushtaq 59 4x4, Adil Ali 47 8x4, Imran Shah 31, Arsalan Farzand 29. Fawad Khan (sla) 4/29, Zafar Ali Khan (ob) 3/55, 30. Najibur Rehman 2/30.

Zone-IV 2nd innings 26/4 in

In the 2nd Match at UBL Sports Complex Zone-I beat Zone-VI by Cricket Ground Zone-II beat Khan 4/84, Sahil Iqbal 2/44. 135 runs. Zone-I won 2nd match in a row. Zone-I 201/9 and 162 all out in 58.2 overs. Ammar Igbal 41 and 214 all out in 47.3 overs. 5x6 not out.

Tayyab Hussain 4/39, Saifullah 3/53, Muhammad Usman 2/32.

In reply Zone-VI 121 and 107 Rehman Ghani (sla) 4/37.

Zone-V by 7 wickets and got 9 Points in the Match. Zone-V 179 9.2 overs. Asad Akhtar 65 6x4

In reply Zone-IV 300 all-out. in 5x4 1x6, Farman Ahmed 34, Fazal Muhammad Hassan Iqbal 87 Subhan 29, Zubair Dilawar 22. 14x4, Muhammad Ali Butt. 42, Shoaib Khan 35, Syed Shah Raza 30. Asad Akhtar (mf) 5/49.

In reply Zone-II 1st Innings all-out in 39.1 overs. Habibullah 304 allout in 69.3 overs. 41 6x4 1x6. Muhammad Usman Muhammad Sohail Khan 71 22. Ahmed Khan (mf) 4/30, 5x4 4x6. Ali Hasan 56 6x4 2x6, Hassan Jaffri 51, Wahaj Riaz 44 In the 3rd Match at Baqai Omar Farooq 43 5x4. Saifullah

Zone-II 2nd innings 94/3 in



The Spokesman

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, Senator Ishaq Dar chaired the meeting of the Cabinet Committee



DPM/FM Dar to visit US to attend UNSC event

er: Deputy Prime Minister/ High-level Signature Events of Pakistan's Security Council Presidency

Deputy Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, will visit the United States level signature events of Pakistan's UN Security Council (UNSC) Presidency in New will preside over the Quarterly

In New York, as part of ISLAMABAD: Curtain Rais- Pakistan's Security Council Palestinian Question". signature events, the DPM/ Foreign Minister's Visit to FM will chair a high-level International Peace and Security through Multilateralism and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes". The high-level and at enhancing diplomacy settlement of disputes.

the Middle East including the

The DPM/FM will also chair a high-level briefing the United States to attend Open Debate on "Promoting of the UN Security Council that will focus on enhancing cooperation between the UN and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Minister/Foreign Minister, debate aims at exploring ways The meeting is being held to strengthen multilateralism, as part of Pakistan's efforts to strengthen collaboration next week to attend the high- and mediation for peaceful between the OIC and the UN for maintenance of interna-In addition, the DPM/FM tional peace and security.

York, as well as for certain Open Debate of the Security strong commitment, and Mohammad Ishaq Dar's visit

right to self-determination of the Palestinian people, the DPM/FM will also attend the high-level Conference on the "Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the implementation of Two-State

During his stay in New York, the DPM/FM is expected to also have several bilateral engagements with his counterparts, as well as senior UN officials.

Solution".

Deputy Prime Minister/ To express Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Senator

engagements in Washington. Council on the "Situation in unwavering support for the to New York and Washington exemplifies Pakistan's growing role and importance in the multilateral arena as well as its expanding multifaceted relations with the US. Pakistan's high-level participation in the UN Security Council's Quarterly Debate on the Middle East as well as the International Conference on the "Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of Two-State Solution," is also a testimony to Pakistan's unwavering

commitment to and support

for the Palestinian cause.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif reaches Chakwal to inspect flood-hit areas

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif herself reached Chakwal to conduct a comprehensive aerial survey of the flood-affected areas of Takiya Shah Murad, Amirpur Mangan Lallani and Dhidwal. She also conducted aerial survey of Dhamman Bridge connecting Chakwal to Jhelum, and directed the relevant authorities to complete the construction and rehabilitation of the Bridge soon. She visited flood-affected houses. roads and bridges, and inspected the construction and rehabilitation of affected roads in

Deputy Commissioner Office people who died due to land- and the Deputy Commis- Nawaz Sharif directed to fully



financial assistance of Rs. 5 will be given financial assis-Madam Chief Minister million for those who died due tance of Rs. 1 million each. observed the drainage process to roof collapse during rains, On her directions, members of flood water. She visited and the next of kin of the four of Punjab assembly (MPAs)

Chakwal, and announced slides in Chakwal during rains sioner will go to the houses of the affected people and immediately give them cheques of

the financial aid announced. Chief Minister Maryam

reactivate Civil Defense Force across the province, besides ensuring their latest training to increase the capacity of Civil Defense Force volunteers. She directed the authorities concerned to get mud houses vacated before the start of next spell of rain. She also directed them to provide relief camps or government buildings to families living in mud houses. She directed to open Dohman Bridge for traffic as soon as possible, besides taking necessary measures to repair and restore the bridge linking Chakwal to Jhelum at the earliest. The relevant authorities vowed,"On the direction of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Dohman Bridge will be opened for small vehicles with a steel bridge within 2 days."

Foreign Ministry calls for an international awakening of conscience and morals to protect Palestinian civilians

News Desk

GAZA: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates-State of Palestine condemns in the strongest terms the mass killings at aid distribution centers, the latest of which was the heinous crime on al-Tina Street in Khan Yunis. It considers this a link in the cycle of deliberate killing that is perpetrated against more than two million citizens in the Gaza Strip in various forms, including bombing, starvation, deprivation of treatment and medication, and the forced displacement of them.

The Ministry continues its engagement with countries and components of the international community to stop these crimes. It holds them accountable for their failure and inaction in protecting and rescuing our people. It calls for an awakening of conscience and morals to enforce an immediate halt to the genocide, displacement, and annex-

Weakened monsoon wreaks havoc in Punjab, death toll reaches 193

LAHORE: While the monsoon system weakened temporarily in Punjab, its impact has been devastating across multiple districts, leaving a trail of destruction and death in its wake. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), 15 more lives were lost in the past 24 hours, bringing the nationwide death toll from monsoon-related incidents to 193 — with 114 fatalities reported from Punjab alone. The city of Chakwal witnessed a record-

breaking 423 mm of rainfall, submerging entire villages. Raging floodwaters swept away roads and bridges, paralyzing traffic and cutting Pattoki, Raiwind, and Minchinabad. off access to remote areas. Residents in several locations

a woman and injured a father and his two children. In allowing rainwater to flood inmate barracks, while in Bhawana, another individual lost his life. Meanwhile, Malakwal Railway Colony, numerous quarters' walls 14 people were injured in rain-related accidents across caved in.



Tragedy also struck in Dunyapur, Ferozewala, and found themselves trapped as the deluge left no dry ground Hafizabad, where three individuals were electrocuted. A 10-year-old boy drowned after falling into a drainage In Renala Khurd, a roof collapse claimed the life of channel. In Mandi Bahauddin, a prison wall collapsed,

PM congratulates Pakistan Air Force for winning awards at UK air show



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Saturday congratulated Pakistan Air Force on winning awards at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) air show held in the United Kingdom.

He praised the professional skills of the leadership, pilots and technicians of the Pakistan Air Force for the excellent performance of the JF-17 Thunder Block C and C-130 of the

stan Air Force and the professional he added.

skills of the pilots and technicians are making Pakistan's name shine all over the world."

The Pakistan Air Force practically proved its mettle by shooting down six enemy aircraft in May 2025, he recalled.

He said the successes of the Pakistan Air Force were a reflection of the fact that the defence of Pakistan's airspace was in strong hands.

The professionalism of the Pakistan Air Force will be exemplified for the world because of its excel-He said, "By the grace of Allah, the lent performance in the largest and vision of the leadership of the Paki- longest air war of the 21st century,

Ishaq Dar, Azeri FM reaffirm strategic partnership



跨 City Desk

Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Jeyhun a press release. Bayramov, on Saturday, reaffirmed the strategic partnership between the strengthen the close and fraternal UN and OIC.

During a telephone conversa-ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime tion, they discussed areas of mutual Minister/Foreign Minister Senator interest and bilateral cooperation, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in

The two leaders also expressed satisfaction at the active cooperatwo countries and expressed satisfaction between the two countries at tion with the joint efforts to further multilateral for aparticularly at the

FFC team visits Islamia University of **Bahawalpur**



👺 Abdul Majeed

BAHAWALPUR: A delegation from Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited visited the Department of Soil Science at The Islamia University of Bahawalpur to explore institutional collaboration and research partnerships.

The visiting team, including Muhammad Tahir Naeem, head of Farm Advisory Centre Multan, and Wassim Abbas, head of Agriculture Territory Bahawalpur, was briefed on the department's ongoing research and facilities by Dr. Azhar Hussain and Dr. Fakhar uz Zaman. Prof. Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Chairman of the Department, highlighted academic achievements and discussed internship opportunities for students.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi appreciated the Vice Chancellor's vision of strengthening academia-industry linkage. Both parties expressed strong interest in future collaboration for sustainable agricultural practices and capacity building. The delegation lauded the role of the IUB in imparting education and capacity building of youths.