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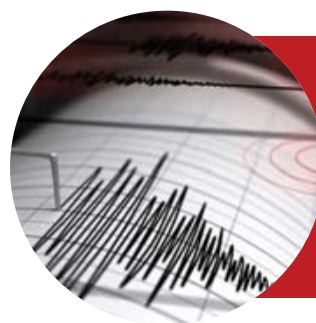
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BNP chief Akhtar Mengal stopped from going abroad

Senior politician Sardar Akhtar Mengal was stopped from travelling abroad on Saturday. He was on his way to Dubai from Quetta Airport. Akhtar Mengal, who was also the former chief minister of Balochistan, was off-loaded from a private airline flight bound for Dubai at Quetta Airport.



Earthquakes jolts Russia with 6.6 magnitude; Depth of Earthquake was 10km (6.21 miles)

After the quake in Iran, Russia was also hit by an earthquake, triggering panic among residents. According to the German Research Center for Geosciences (GFZ), a 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Kamchatka in the Russian Far East on Sunday.

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Preparations of Independence day

LAHORE: Vendors displayed decorated national flags, badges and others items attraction for costumers outside shops ahead of Independence Day on 14th August, at a local market in the Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

PM Shehbaz to open digitization of medical devices: DRAP

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: DRAP (Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan) has taken a revolutionary step in Medical devices on the instructions of Health Minister Mustafa Kamal, reported 24NewsHDTV Channel on Monday.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan will inaugurate the digitization of medical devices on Monday, according to the statement. The Ministry of Health said that from wheelchairs to MRI machines, the registration and licensing process will now be conducted online.

He expressed that citizens can now apply online for the registration and licensing of medical devices from the comfort of their homes. "This initiative will reduce a years-long process to just twenty



days," he added.

The public will now have timely access to high-quality, safe, and effective medicines and medical devices. Pakistan's pharmaceutical and medical devices sector holds immense economic potential.

The process of reforms in the health sector is progressing rapidly.

Nine Indian-sponsored terrorists killed in Malakand operation

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Security forces killed nine Indian-backed terrorists and arrested eight others in a joint intelligence-based operation in Malakand district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), a coordinated intelligence-based operation was conducted in different areas of Malakand district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from July 16 to 20.

Acting on intelligence, security forces cordoned off the area and killed nine terrorists after

an intense exchange of fire that lasted for several hours.

The operation was carried out with the cooperation of security forces, police, Levies, Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) and district administration.

The aim of the operation was to eliminate terrorists from the Indian proxy organisation "Fitna Al Khawarij".

Authorities have started interrogating the eight arrested terrorists who have been involved in several attacks.

Security forces also destroyed two terrorist hideouts and recovered a large quantity of advanced

weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

According to the Pakistan Army spokesperson, area residents appreciated the action of state institutions and assured their full cooperation.

The area people said that they stood with the forces in the fight against anti-national elements.

The ISPR said that a sanitisation operation is underway in the area to arrest or eliminate any hiding terrorists.

The Pakistani military and law enforcement agencies are actively working with the determination of the entire nation to eliminate

terrorism, it added.

PM felicitates security forces. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has paid tribute to the forces for the successful operation in Malakand and praised the forces for eliminating the Khawarij terrorists.

The prime minister said that the successful operation is a great example of coordination between different institutions.

The entire nation stands with the security forces against terrorism and is determined to eradicate all forms of terrorism from the country, he added.

Interior Minister Mohsin



Naqvi also paid tribute to the security forces for the successful operation and appreciated the

capabilities of the security forces for the successful operation.

Naqvi said that the security

forces killed nine Indian-backed terrorists and achieved a great success by arresting eight others.

Khel Das Kohistani stresses for political stability, rejects PTI's ability to stage protest

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Religious Affairs Khel Das Kohistani Sunday stated that political stability was of utmost importance and voiced his belief that PTI lacked both public backing and support from its own members to launch any protest.

In an exclusive interview with PTV News Channel, Khel Das stated that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has failed to gain substantial public backing for its agenda. He explained that the party's influence has diminished significantly, with little to no public enthusiasm for its actions.

Kohistani emphasized that this lack of support signaled a clear disconnect between PTI's leadership and the people.

Naqvi discusses bilateral ties with Afghan minister in Kabul

Spokesman Report

KABUL: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Sunday held an important meeting with his Afghan counterpart Sirajuddin Haqqani in Kabul, during which bilateral relations came under discussion.

The two sides also reviewed Pak-Afghan bilateral relations, especially counter-terrorism, border infiltration, and the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

The meeting also discussed effective management of the Pak-Afghan border, drug prevention, and measures for regulating cross-border movement. The two leaders also held discussions on the process of repatriation of Afghan nationals residing illegally in Pakistan.

The two ministers emphasised the need for peaceful coexistence, stability and cooperation between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Earlier, Mohsin Naqvi was welcomed by Afghan Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani upon his arrival at the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

Afghanistan's senior Deputy Interior Minister Ibrahim Sardar, Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanistan Muhammad Sadiq, Federal Interior Secretary Khurram Agha, senior diplomatic officials, and officials of the Afghan Ministry of Interior were also present on the occasion.



Ahsan Iqbal calls for agricultural revival, long-term planning & innovation

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal has stressed the urgent need to revitalize Pakistan's agricultural sector, pointing out that the devolution of powers under the 18th Constitutional Amendment has not been implemented in its true spirit, especially with regard to agriculture.

Talking to the media during a visit to a cotton research farm located on Defence Road Lahore on Saturday, the planning minister said that although the 18th Amendment transferred authority and resources to the provinces, agriculture has not received the attention it deserves. "After the 18th Amendment, agriculture became a provincial subject, and it was the responsibility of the provinces to uplift the sector. Unfortunately, they failed to deliver tangible progress," he said.

He was accompanied by renowned agricultural expert Engineer Javed Saleem Qureshi, who has developed a new variety of cotton seed after 25 years of extensive research and experimentation.

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Education key to positive change in society: PM Azad Kashmir

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chudhary Anwar ul Haq has said that education is the key for bringing a positive change in society. The PM said this while talking to a delegation from Muhammad Yousuf Development Foundation, which called on him here today.

The Prime Minister said that the government has undertaken significant reforms in the education sector. He said that highly qualified teachers with MA and MPhil degrees have been recruited to ensure quality education in schools. "The menace of ghost school teachers has been successfully eliminated", the PM said, adding that a biometric attendance system has been introduced in schools and other government departments to ensure cent percent attendance.

The PM said that efforts were also underway to improve the performance of middle and high schools. "We have allocated 2.5 billion rupees for the development of the education



sector and improvement of teachers' infrastructure", the PM said. He said that the literacy rate in Azad Kashmir remains comparatively higher than other parts of Pakistan.

The PM, however, stressed the need for strengthening teacher training programs. "Now IT education is being provided in schools all across Azad Kashmir with IT labs established both in schools and colleges", the PM remarked.

Assuring his government's full

support to the visiting delegation, the PM proposed establishment of Model schools in two to three divisions, while calling for a coherent and effective education program."

There are vast opportunities to work in the education sector in Azad Kashmir", the PM Haq said, noting that hundreds of schools are still required to be built. The government, he mentioned, has been able to secure 2,500 seats from the Punjab Technical Board and Hashoo Foun-

ation. The PM further highlighted Tourism as another promising sector with immense investment potential.

The PM also outlined various initiatives his government has taken to improve the region's infrastructure and public services: including announcement of a mega health package, development of road networks, and provision of subsidized wheat flour and low-cost electricity to citizens.

Speaking on the occasion Brigadier (retd) Azmat Khan and renowned national cricketer Muhammad Yousuf said that their organization was working in the health, education and sports sectors in Pakistan.

They expressed their keen interest in expanding their operations in Azad Kashmir, calling for government patronage in their initiatives.

Cricketer Muhammad Yousuf also voiced his desire in contributing to the development of the sports sector in Azad Kashmir. Colonel (R) Saeed Ahmed, Colonel (R) Muhammad Asif, Haris Zia and Faizullah Khan were also present in the delegation.

Pakistani people continue to support Kashmiris until they get their freedom: Sardar Usman Hayat



Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: A grand ceremony was held on the occasion of Pakistan's Accession Day under the auspices of the Strong Federation of Pakistan Movement, in which the commitment to national unity and solidarity with the Kashmiris was reiterated.

The ceremony was addressed by Chairman Sardar Muhammad Usman Hayat Khan Abbasi Advocate, KD Khan Tareen Advocate, Syed Salman Shah Advocate Abdul Ghafoor Abbasi, Raja Zaheer Khan, Sardar Ramzan Advocate, Sajjad Tariq Abbasi, Naseer Ahmed Mir, Muhammad Munir Abbasi, Mahfouz Khan Inqilabi, Riaz Ahmed Awan, Syed Wasif Gilani Advocate, Niaz Baig Advocate, Sajid Qureshi Kashif Qamar. Pervez Tanoli Kabir Abbasi Rashid Abbasi Khaliq Abbasi and others.

In his address, Chairman Sardar Muhammad Usman Hayat Khan Abbasi Advocate said that Pakistan's Accession Day actually reminds us of the historical era of love of the Kashmiri people for Pakistan. He said that Kashmir is an integral part of Pakistan and a strong federation is the guarantee of the country's security and development.

The speakers on the occasion saluted the freedom struggle of the Kashmiri people and expressed their resolve that until Kashmir is free, Pakistan and its people will continue to support the Kashmiris at all levels.

'Muslim Conference Vows to Strengthen National Interests'

Abdul Majeed Tahir



MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the Muslim Conference determined the secure future of Kashmiris by passing the Resolution of Accession to Pakistan in 1947. Out of the five hundred and sixty-two states of India, the decision to accede to only the state of Jammu and Kashmir was taken by the far-sighted political leadership of the Muslim Conference.

He expressed these views while addressing a public meeting organized by the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference Muzaffarabad Division in the capital Muzaffarabad. Shamim Ali Malik, Raja Saqib Majeed, Sajjad Abbasi, Saleem Awan, Tsavoor Moosavi, Maimuna Kiani, Sheikh Maqsood, Yasir Naqvi addressed the meeting while Muslim Conference office bearers Ms. Abida Qureshi, Councilor Muneeb Qureshi, Iqbal Qureshi from Punjab Circle Lahore, Raja Akram Khan, Jandad Abbasi, and Saqlain Fida from Neelum also attended the meeting. Earlier, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan was brought to the meeting place in the form of a big rally. To the beat of drums, the workers of the Muslim Conference were holding the national flag of Pakistan in their hands and chanting slogans like Kashmir will become Pakistan's sky.

PTI Leader calls for convention to secure Imran Khan's release

Spokesman Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) central leader and opposition leader in AJK Assembly Khawaja Farooq Ahmed has called for a convention to finalize the preparations and consultations made by founding chairman Imran Khan regarding his final call on August 5. All party leaders, workers and officials of all organizations are expected to attend the convention without waiting for any invitation. Khawaja Farooq Ahmed has said that this is the first such convention in Muzaffarabad division, which has been called solely for the honorable release of Imran Khan from unjust imprisonment, and in this convention, the course of action regarding the protest call on August 5 will be decided through mutual consultation. He said that whoever wants Imran Khan's release, who believes that the Form 47 government has caused immense damage to the state of Pakistan, who believes that the people's mandate has been robbed through Form 47, who considers Imran Khan's imprisonment unjust and unjust, will come out on August 5 and will also give his advice on the preparations for this convention on July 26. He especially said that the workers and leaders of Constituency Three, which is the host of this Imran Khan release convention, will participate in it along with their colleagues.



Helping

ABBOTTABAD: Rescue worker busy in cleaning the road after landslide during heavy monsoon rain in the city.



Photo: Online

Minister warns of conspiracy against refugees in Azad Kashmir

Bureau Report:

BAGH: Minister for Endowments and Religious Affairs of Azad Kashmir Ahmed Raza Qadri has said that one million refugees residing in Pakistan are the main parties to the Jammu and Kashmir issue.

They cannot be deprived of their right to vote or state rights under any constitutional, legal or moral circumstances. The demand for refugee seats is an open conspiracy.

Refugees are the main component and historical identity of the Kashmir issue. We are equal heirs of the state of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. If the refugees are removed from the parties to the



Kashmir issue, then in the event of a plebiscite, these people will be deprived of their rights. The refugees left their homes for the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

The migration of refugees residing in Pakistan from occupied Kashmir was

on political and intellectual grounds. 12 seats are reserved for refugees residing in Pakistan. We are not a burden on Azad Kashmir. Azad Kashmir is our homeland.

The Muslim League-N will not be

a part of any conspiracy against the refugees under any circumstances, nor will the Azad government accept such a demand. Today, the historical background of the ongoing debate across Azad Kashmir regarding the refugees residing in Pakistan must be seen. This government is not only the representative government of Azad Kashmir but also of the independent state of Jammu and Kashmir. Azad Kashmir was liberated by our ancestors on political and intellectual grounds. We will not allow any conspiracy to divide our own system to succeed. We have to end the division created between refugees and Azad Kashmir. We have to secure our ideological foundation.

Bazil Ali Naqvi Minister Awarded Presidential Medal of Merit for Social Services

Abdul Majeed Tahir

BATRAASI /MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Social Welfare and Women Development Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi was presented with the Presidential Award Medal of Merit by the President and Chief Scout Pakistan. Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi was conferred with this award for his social services, youth welfare and patronage of the Scout Movement in Azad Kashmir.

The ceremony was attended by National Secretary National Scout Headquarters Islamabad and Secretary Finance PBSA Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti, Former Director APR and Principal PSCCB Mr. Soni Kim, Provincial Secretary Scouts AJK Tahir

Masood Chughtai, senior leadership of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Boy Scouts Association and cadets of Cadet College Barasi in large numbers.

The ceremony was presided over by Pakistan's Senior Most Leader Trainer and Secretary Finance PBSA Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti while the special guest of the ceremony was Minister for Social Welfare and Women Development Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi.

Upon the arrival of the chief guest at the Cadet College, Deputy Secretary Scouts Mr. Daniyal Muntaz welcomed him and dressed him in a scarf with the colors and symbols of the national flag of Azad Kashmir. Provincial Secretary Tahir Masood Chughtai and Commissioner Training and Youth Program

Abdul Samad Chishti presented bouquets of flowers to the distinguished guest, while the scout troop of Cadet College Batraasi presented a guard of honor.

The establishment and inauguration of Cadet College Batraasi is a historic achievement of Shaheed Democracy Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed. The chief guest visited the inaugural plaque installed by the blessed hands of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed and the memorial of Shaheed Captain Usman and also took a group photo.

The chief guest also visited the guest room of Pakistan Scout Cadet College Barasi for a while, where he had a detailed discussion with the President of the Ceremony Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti and National Secre-

tary PBSA Professor Nek Akhtar Javed regarding matters of mutual interest and the current construction and development of the college.

The special connection of the uncle of the Minister of the Government, former Deputy Speaker of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Syed Shaukat Hussain Naqvi (Advocate), Shaheed, with Scout Cadet College, Barasi was discussed. Minister of the Government, Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi, was taken to the Usman Shaheed Auditorium to be presented with the Presidential Award "Medal of Merit".

The distinguished international senior scout and former director of World Democracy was welcomed by the Principal PSCCB Batraasi Hills (Mr Sonny

Kim (LT) and 500 scout cadets and senior scout leaders, who stood up from their seats and gave a grand welcome to the special guest, Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi.

The national anthem of Pakistan was sung. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Quran. After the recitation of Naat Risalat Maab, the Program Director said that July 13, 2025 is a priceless day in the national history of the subcontinent when 22 Muslims completed the call to prayer by getting bullets in their chests during the Friday call to prayer during the protest gathering of the Toh Hain Quran in front of the Central Jail Srinagar and the history of Karbala was remembered.

He repeated. In the ceremony, on the special occasion of Muharram-ul-Haram, tributes were paid to the

martyrs of Karbala, the martyrs of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, and the martyrs of the state of Pakistan. President of the ceremony Sahibzada Sajjad Masood Chishti, special guest Syed Bazil Ali Naqvi, National Secretary Professor Nek Akhtar, District Secretary Kotli Mushtaq Hijazi, Hafiz Naveed, Irfaq Malik, Sardar Adnan Manzoor, Khurshid-ul-Hassan, in their speeches, paid tribute to the martyrs of Pakistan, Nawasa Rasool, the martyrs of Karbala, including the martyrs of Palestine and Kashmir, and paid tribute to the Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, while tributes were paid to the sacrifices, bravery, courage and victory of the officers and soldiers of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army.



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PPP has always respected the law: Syeda Zille Fatima Zaidi



Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The Pakistan People's Party has always respected the law. The acquittal of Yousuf Raza Gilani in false cases is a victory of truth. The supremacy of law, its uniformity for all citizens is a sign of a living nation. These views were expressed by General Secretary PLF Multan Division Syeda Zille Fatima Zaidi Advocate High Court in a statement. She said that the PPP has always respected the law. The honorable acquittal of Yousuf Raza Gilani in false cases is a victory of truth and justice. The honorable acquittal of Makhdoom Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in TDAP cases in the Federal Anti-Corruption Court is a victory of truth and justice. History is witness that the PPP has always respected the court and the law. Syeda Zil Fatima Zaidi Advocate said that Makhdoom Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani fought bravely against 28 false and baseless cases, totaling 14 years, made in political opposition. He respected the courts but supported democracy at all times and also respected all institutions.

CDA partners with Macter to tackle obesity and promote public health in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Experts emphasized the importance of obesity management in building a healthy society, citing the role of healthy eating and regular exercise in preventing diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and kidney-related ailments. These views were shared during the two-day Obesity Management Workshop organized by Macter International Limited at a local Islamabad hotel.

On the first day of the workshop, productive sessions and discussions focused on advancements in diabetes and endocrinology.

Obesity is a pressing concern in Pakistan, with the World Obesity Federation ranking the country among those with the highest rates of overweight and obese individuals, affecting half of the population.

Alarmingly, the federation predicts that 5.4 million Pakistani school-aged children will be obese by 2030.

Professor Bilal Bin Younis stressed the importance of preventing and controlling obesity to build a healthy society. He noted that most pre-diabetic individuals in Pakistan are obese and are at high risk of developing diabetes if they don't take

proper measures. Creating awareness about the negative impacts of obesity is crucial to preventing future health issues.

Dr. Ayla Khan highlighted the need for specialized obesity management setups and their global standards.

Aamir Naveed presented Macter's vision for obesity awareness and management, outlining the project's scope and suggesting ways to prevent obesity in society.

During the concluding session, Macter International Limited signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with partnering organizations, including the Capital Development Authority, OlaDoc, Marham, Sehat Kahani, and Lions Club.

These partnerships will enable Macter International to implement obesity awareness and management programs in various medical facilities and cities across Pakistan.

Aamir Naveed emphasized the importance of diagnosis in disease management, stating that proper treatment is impossible without accurate diagnosis. He highlighted the need for partnerships at all levels to promote awareness about diseases and the importance of diagnosis.



Enjoyment

ISLAMABAD: People are enjoying Sunday holiday at Lake View Park during pleasant weather, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Career Counselling Session for Postgraduate Doctors held at CDA Hospital

By UK Renowned surgeon and DIRECTOR Accademic activity Russel Hall hospital Dudly UK

ISLAMABAD: A highly informative and inspiring career counselling lecture was held at CDA Hospital, Islamabad, featuring Dr. Atiq ur Rehman, an esteemed Vascular Surgeon and Consultant from the UK, who is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS).

The session, attended by postgraduate trainees and young medical professionals, focused on the topic:

"How to Work in the UK – Pathways, Opportunities, and Exchange Programmes through CPSP."

Dr. Rehman shared valuable insights into the UK medical



training system, registration process, NHS opportunities, and highlighted the CPSP-UK

opportunities in the United Kingdom.

The lecture aimed to equip young doctors with practical guidance on preparing for exams such as PLAB, MRCS, and MRCP, and understanding the clinical and cultural expectations of working in the UK healthcare system.

The event was organized as part of CDA Hospital's continuous commitment to academic growth and professional development of its medical staff. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and acknowledgment of Dr. Rehman's dedication to mentoring the next generation of doctors.

Asma Butt's Direction Brings Folk Tale to Life MNA Shazia Farid



Under the direction of Dolphin Communication Chief Executive and Director Ms. Asma Butt, the drama based on the famous folk tale "Saif-ul-Malook" was presented at the Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad. Member of National Assembly Shazia Farid attended as the special guest. She highly appreciated the artistic services of Asma Butt. And said that artists are very sensitive, whose encouragement is very important. I am very happy to know that the quality of stage drama are still alive in Pakistan. At the end of the drama, Ms. Asma Butt said that the success of this drama is the result of teamwork. We all worked hard, which paid off. The best dramas will be presented in the future as well. A large number of people from different walks of life were present on this occasion. Among them were PNCA Director Dr. Waqar Azeem, Judge Raheel Yousafzai, social personality Sain Ijaz, Naveed Kanwal, Naeem Pasha, Shakeel Awan, Abid Abbasi and others. In the drama, renowned actors from the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad showed their artistic talents. The main roles were played by Kaleem Khan, Nirmal Ali, Arshad Khan, Shazia Adib, Jhalak Ali, Reha Yousaf, Shama Adil, Afzal Latifi, Rahil Ijaz, Shabbir Shah, Aslam Mughal, Arshad Mahmood, Mehboob Ilyas, Muhammad Ali, Mumtaz Khan, Farooq Jani, Noor, and others. The mystical poetry presented by Hazrat Mian Muhammad Bakhsh in the voice of Afzaal Latifi created magic in the hall, the excellent direction and acting captivated everyone sitting in the hall. At the end of the drama, people stood up and applauded and highly appreciated the performance of Asma Butt and others.

True Salvation Lies in Faith, Not Just Deeds – Ulama Address Rasm-e-Qul in Attock

By Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: At the Rasm-e-Qul ceremony of former Nazim Malik Hamid Safdar Khan (Rais of Sheen Bagh), religious scholars Mufti Abdul Rasheed Owaisi of Gujrat and District Khatib of Jamia Masjid Hanfia Attock, Allama Ghulam Muhammad Siddiqi (Mard-e-Qalandar), emphasized that while good deeds are commendable, true salvation lies in having a firm and correct belief (Aqeedah). They stated that Allah judges by the state of the heart and faith, and when one's beliefs are sound, their actions naturally align with righteousness.

The event was attended by Federal Minister for Railways Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, CEO of Centaurus Mall Sardar Yasir Ilyas Khan, MPA Chaudhry Sher Ali Khan, Malik Ifthikhar Ahmed, political and social figures, legal fraternity, journalists, and a large number of area notables.

The speakers reflected on the pious life of Malik Hamid Safdar Khan, describing him as a man of noble character and compassion. They reminded attendees that worldly status is temporary and that real success lies in earning Allah's pleasure. They urged people to contemplate the true purpose of life and hold firm faith in the afterlife.

Sindh in Crisis: Dr. Qadir Magsi calls for united public movement

By Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The Central Committee of the Sindh Taraqi Pasand Party (STPP) convened its meeting under the chairmanship of party leader Dr. Qadir Magsi. The session was attended by prominent central leaders including Jam Abdul Fattah Samejo, Engineer Gulzar Soomro, Haider Shahani, Nisar Kario, Hot Khan Gadhi, Dr. Abdul Hameed Memon, Qadir Channa, Dr. Ahmed Noonari, Imtiaz Samo, Dr. Somar Mangrio, Ashiq Solangi, Jam Shoukat Abro, Gautam Channa, Khuda Bux Dars, Khair Muhammad Magsi, Dr. Mazhar Memon, Athar Shah, Ijaz Samto, Sehr Rizvi, among others. The meeting held an in-depth discussion on the prevailing political, social, economic, and constitutional conditions in the

country.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Qadir Magsi declared that Sindh is currently facing multiple grave crises. He strongly criticized the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) government, stating that despite ruling the province for the last 17 years, the party has utterly failed to resolve public issues. No meaningful change has occurred in the lives of ordinary citizens.

He said that the education system in Sindh has completely collapsed. Millions of children are being deprived of education due to a shortage of teachers, lack of basic facilities in government schools, and the government's general indifference.

Speaking about the healthcare sector, Dr. Magsi stated that hospitals are either without medicines, or

without doctors, and there is no effective healthcare system in place. Meanwhile, elected chairmen and councilors at the local level are busy in corruption instead of delivering development. Misuse of budgets and embezzlement of development funds have become the norm at the Union Council level, he added, calling the current governance model a system driven by personal rather than public interest.

The meeting also denounced the land-grabbing being carried out under the pretense of "corporate farming." Dr. Magsi labeled it a conspiracy against Sindh's agrarian economy, saying that fertile lands are being handed over to foreign companies and influential state institutions, putting local farmers at great risk.

He further criticized proposed



constitutional amendments by the federal government, which aim to curtail the financial, administrative,

and political powers of provinces—calling it a direct attack on the 18th Amendment. Dr. Magsi emphasized

that the STPP outright rejects such amendments and will continue to advocate for complete provincial autonomy.

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EU Fails to Act on Israeli War Crimes in Gaza

The EU last week faced a defining test of its commitment to human rights and international law — and it failed. Presented with irrefutable evidence of Israeli war crimes in Gaza, the bloc’s foreign ministers gathered in Brussels to consider 10 possible actions: from suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement to imposing sanctions on Israeli officials and banning trade with illegal settlements. Yet, in the end, they took the politically easy path, securing a handful of humanitarian concessions from Israel in return for shelving all meaningful accountability.

Let me be clear: aid access is essential. Gaza’s suffering is beyond comprehension. And Palestinians dying from bullets and hunger will no doubt appreciate any relief. But allowing Israel to dictate the terms of food and medical relief — as if these are diplomatic chips and not legal obligations — strips humanitarianism of its moral force. EU officials may consider what they accomplished a “diplomatic success.” They will state that they used diplomatic leverage to push for aid delivery. But what the EU hails as progress is, in truth, a lowering of the bar so far that the basic survival of a besieged population becomes the summit of European diplomacy.

This is not only disappointing. It is dangerous. The EU-Israel Association Agreement explicitly states that respect for human rights is a cornerstone of bilateral relations. Yet, even after clear violations — documented by Amnesty International, the UN and dozens of credible nongovernmental organizations — the EU opted to maintain business as usual. Israel continues to enjoy access to European markets, research programs and diplomatic forums while violating the very principles the agreement is meant to uphold.

According to Amnesty International, Israel has killed women and children with no evidence of any military target nearby. Journalists, medical personnel, ambulance drivers and kitchen supply teams have been killed without accountability. Schools, hospitals, bakeries and houses have been shelled.

The UN’s Independent International Commission of Inquiry further concluded that Israel’s total blockade on Gaza — cutting off food, water, electricity and fuel — amounts to collective punishment and may constitute a crime against humanity or genocide.

Despite this, the EU, which has implemented harsh sanctions against the Russian occupiers of Ukraine, chose not to sanction complicit officials and not to halt trade with illegal settlements. This inaction occurred even after its own diplomats, along with church leaders, saw with their own eyes the destruction caused to Palestinians and churches in the West Bank town of Al-Taybeh.

‘The Social Role of the Mosque: Past, Present, and Future’

Islam is a comprehensive, universal, and natural religion that not only nurtures the individual’s spiritual development but also provides a complete system for societal construction, ethical uplift, and collective welfare. The first institution established by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to translate this divine message into practical reality was the mosque. The mosque was never intended to be merely a place of ritual worship; it functioned as a dynamic social hub, a center for intellectual discourse, an educational institution, a political council, a hub for charitable activities, and a sanctuary for spiritual development.

When the Prophet ﷺ laid the foundation of Masjid al-Nabawi in Madinah, it quickly became the nucleus of the Islamic state. This mosque was the venue where military strategies were discussed, public funds were managed, traveling caravans were welcomed, and the needy orphans, widows, and travelers found shelter. It served as a holistic institution where justice, knowledge, spirituality, social service, and leadership converged. The same model was continued during the eras of the Rightly Guided Caliphs, and throughout Islamic history, mosques remained the epicenters of both state affairs and community life.

Looking ahead, we must ask: what role should the mosque play in the future? And what practical steps must we take to restore its central role in Muslim life? Several critical strategies demand attention:

First, we must re-envision the mosque not merely as a place of worship but as a comprehensive community center. It should house educational initiatives, youth leadership

programs, career guidance, technology workshops, health awareness sessions, and platforms for civic engagement. This transformation will make the mosque more relevant, especially to the youth, who seek both spiritual guidance and practical support.

Women’s participation in mosque activities must also be prioritized. During the Prophet’s time, women attended the mosque, asked questions, and acquired knowledge directly. In today’s context, dedicated spaces and programs for women including educational sessions, social service initiatives, and leadership training are vital for societal empowerment and balanced development.

Religious scholars must also evolve with the times. Limiting their discourse to ritualistic or legalistic topics will not suffice in addressing the complexities of the modern world. Scholars need to be equipped with knowledge of psychology, social work, politics, media, and technology. Only then can they guide communities through current challenges with wisdom and relevance.

Another pressing task is to use the mosque as a vehicle for promoting unity and eliminating sectarianism. It must become a space where members of all Islamic schools of thought feel respected and included. Constructive dialogue, tolerance, and intellectual engagement must be nurtured. Furthermore, the mosque can serve as a bridge for interfaith dialogue introducing non-Muslims to Islam’s message of peace, justice, and mercy.

In our digital age, it is equally important for mosques to establish a presence on social media. YouTube, apps, and other digital platforms. Friday sermons, educational videos,

Q&A sessions, and motivational content should be made widely accessible to ensure that the mosque’s influence transcends physical boundaries and reaches hearts across the globe.

In a world afflicted by moral crises, spiritual emptiness, social alienation, and mental unrest, the mosque is uniquely positioned to offer peace, purpose, and community. It is a sacred space where hearts are humbled, minds are enlightened, souls are refined, and social bonds are strengthened.

Reviving the mosque’s vibrant role is not just the responsibility of governments or religious institutions; it is the duty of every Muslim. Teachers, parents, youth, entrepreneurs, scholars, and community leaders must work collectively to make the mosque an active, purposeful, and holistic institution. The doors of the mosque should always be open for knowledge, justice, compassion, service, and unity. The light that radiates from its walls must not remain confined within its walls; it must reach the farthest corners of society.

If we succeed in reviving the mosque in its original spirit, it will once again become a source of enlightenment, progress, and salvation for the Muslim Ummah. The mosque is that luminous lantern which simultaneously illuminates hearts, minds, and communities. Today, we must reignite this lantern and restore its lost brilliance. The light that once warmed hearts, illuminated minds, and united societies must be rekindled.

Where the mosque awakens, the Ummah awakens. Where the mosque falls silent, nations decay. In today’s world, the mosque’s social role is not just relevant; it is urgently needed. If we fail to act, tomorrow’s historians may mourn our indifference. But if we rise to the challenge and restore the mosque as the beating heart of our community, the future generations will honor our foresight and dedication.

Accession to Pakistan: The Ultimate Goal of Kashmiris

In the heart of every Kashmiri, the map of their homeland ends not with borders drawn by war but with the unity of people, faith, and purpose. In that vision, there is no hesitation—only one path, one desire, one truth: the ultimate goal of Kashmiris is accession to Pakistan. The desire of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to accede to Pakistan is not a temporary sentiment swayed by political events; it is a deeply ingrained conviction rooted in shared history, culture, religion, and the very identity of the Kashmiri people. Since the illegal and forceful occupation by Indian forces in 1947, the people of Kashmir have continuously voiced their demand to join Pakistan, defying bullets, repression, and relentless campaigns of suppression. Their unwavering struggle, decades-long sacrifices, and undying love for Pakistan are a testament to the fact that accession to Pakistan remains the ultimate goal of the Kashmiri people. Despite every form of Indian coercion—from military aggression to psychological operations—the bond between the people of Kashmir and Pakistan has remained unshakable. In the face of overwhelming brutality, it is Pakistan that has stood firmly beside them, not only in words but in actions, consistently proving itself to be the only sincere supporter of their right to self-determination.

The events of Operation Bunyan Maroos are a living testimony to Pakistan’s commitment and strategic capabilities in defending its territory, its ideology, and its allies. This military operation demonstrated not only Pakistan’s military strength but also its political and moral clarity. Pakistan showed the world that it is not a country that bows before pressure, nor one that compromises on prin-

ciples. During the operation, Pakistani forces exhibited professionalism, resolve, and tactical superiority, which sent a clear message to adversaries that Pakistan is not to be underestimated. This strength and resilience instill confidence in the people of Kashmir that accession to Pakistan is not a leap into the unknown, but a step into the arms of a nation that can and will protect their lives, rights, and aspirations.

Pakistan’s strategic foresight, combined with its defense capabilities and diplomatic resilience, makes it the most logical and secure choice for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It is a country that has stood its ground against a much larger adversary and has maintained the ideological and territorial integrity of its borders even in the face of immense pressure. From 1947 to the present day, Pakistan has never deviated from its stance on Kashmir. It has raised the issue at the United Nations, at OIC summits, and in every possible international forum, often at great political cost. While global powers have pursued their own interests and remained silent or complicit, Pakistan has kept the voice of the Kashmiris alive on the world stage.

This is not merely an issue of diplomatic support. Pakistan has opened its heart and borders to Kashmiris in need. Azad Jammu and Kashmir today stands as a symbol of what a free and peaceful Kashmir can look like—a region under Pakistani administration where Kashmiris govern their own affairs, practice their religion freely, and live without the constant fear of being jailed or gunned down. Educational institutions, infra-

structure development, healthcare, and social welfare in Azad Kashmir are far more advanced and accessible than in the Indian-occupied region, where even basic rights have been denied. The difference is stark and undeniable, further reinforcing why Kashmiris, by both instinct and experience, view Pakistan as their rightful homeland.

The emotional and cultural ties that bind the people of Kashmir to Pakistan cannot be manufactured or erased. These ties are deeply spiritual, historical, and familial. The slogans of “Kashmir Banega Pakistan” are not born out of propaganda but from the heartbeat of people who see their future, their freedom, and their dignity in the green flag of Pakistan. Whether it is the celebra-

tions of Pakistan’s Independence Day in the valley, the chanting of pro-Pakistan slogans during funerals of martyred youth, or the carrying of Pakistani flags even in the face of brutal retaliation, these are not acts of rebellion—they are acts of loyalty and love. The Indian state, despite all its propaganda and repressive tactics, has failed to dilute or destroy this natural inclination toward Pakistan.

Even from a geopolitical standpoint, accession to Pakistan offers a stable and secure future for the Kashmiri people. Pakistan’s growing international partnerships, its strategic alliances, and its robust defense structure provide a protective shield that an independent and isolated Kashmir would never have. Pakistan has also shown its resilience through decades of internal and external challenges, proving that it can endure, evolve, and

emerge stronger. This strength is not only military but also institutional and ideological. Pakistan’s Constitution, its Islamic identity, and its foundational commitment to Muslim brotherhood make it the most compatible and welcoming home for the Kashmiri people, whose culture, religion, and values are aligned with those of Pakistan.

The time-tested friendship between Pakistan and the Kashmiris is unlike any other in the world. It is a relationship built on sacrifice, shared suffering, and mutual respect. Unlike India, which seeks to dominate and assimilate, Pakistan has always offered partnership and protection. Unlike the idea of an independent state, which is fraught with uncertainty and risk, accession to Pakistan offers both emotional fulfillment and practical security. It is not only a dream rooted in the soil and spirit of Kashmir but also the most rational and strategic path forward.

The future of Kashmir is tied to its past, and in that past lies the undeniable truth that Pakistan is the natural, spiritual, and strategic homeland for the Kashmiri people. Independence may sound appealing in theory, but in the shadow of a hostile and expansionist neighbor like India, it is a fragile illusion. Accession to Pakistan, on the other hand, is the realization of a long-held dream, the culmination of generations of struggle, and the only path that ensures survival with dignity. Pakistan has proven again and again, whether in diplomacy, on the battlefield, or through humanitarian solidarity, that it is the only true well-wisher of the Kashmiri people. The choice is clear, the vision is defined, and the goal remains firm in the hearts of millions: the ultimate destiny of the Kashmiri people is accession to Pakistan.



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

Failed DC, Ashamed Multan: When “Last Place” Becomes a Stain on a City’s Honor! - I

Today, as a resident of Multan, I along with countless educated, dignified, and conscientious citizens hung my head in shame when I read this line in the Punjab government’s performance report on Deputy Commissioners: “Gujranwala ranks first, Multan comes last!” According to government sources, this report has been compiled based on cleanliness, revenue recovery, redressal of public complaints, and other administrative matters. Its purpose is to improve the performance of districts and accelerate public service delivery.

This isn’t just a ranking—it’s a wound for the people of Multan. It is a painful stamp of confirmation on the city’s ongoing decline. Every month, the government allocates millions of rupees in salaries and development funds to the district administration so that they may provide public services, address complaints, and serve the people. Sadly, the district machinery—especially the Deputy Commissioner’s office—has utterly failed in fulfilling these fundamental responsibilities.

The Deputy Commissioner remains distant from the public, avoids meeting citizens in his office, is often absent, or is engrossed in irrelevant meetings. This has made resolving public issues nearly impossible. Most alarming is that complaints filed in this office—like complaint number 460/PA to DC, lodged on June 2—have gone completely unanswered. Despite numerous such complaints piling up, months pass without a single response. Citizens are not heard, their concerns are ignored, and their trust is repeatedly shattered.

This raises a fundamental question: when an institution loses its reason for existence, isn’t

its continued operation just a waste of public resources? What the people need is a system that ensures accountability, transparency, and prompt response—not closed doors and bureaucratic coldness.

Daily reports in newspapers and on social media highlight serious issues like cleanliness, land grabbing, fake housing schemes, illegal fuel stations, and blackmailing through counterfeit newspapers. Yet, the Deputy Commissioner remains oblivious. One major reason is his Public Relations Officer (PRO), who hides the ground realities and keeps the DC confined to the world of files. When the top official is unaware of the truth, no reform is possible.

Serious scandals—like unregistered newspapers and fake journalist unions—get buried. This not only breeds public distrust but paralyzes the entire district administration. This policy of negligence, apathy, and denial of truth has dragged Multan a historic city to the bottom of the performance list.

So, it was no surprise when the Punjab government’s report placed Multan’s DC last. It simply reflects the daily suffering and deprivation felt by the people.

The office of a Deputy Commissioner is not just an administrative role—it’s a moral commitment to listen to the people, solve their problems, and uphold the rule of law. But sadly, this commitment has been trampled in Multan. Is the DC even aware of the flood of fake newspapers in the district? Bogus printers are being issued declarations. These elements are tarnishing the sacred profession of journalism, using it for personal gain, blackmail, and fraud.

To be continued

21st National Children’s Mountain Conservation meet concludes in Islamabad



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Italian Ambassador Marilina Armellini states that cooperation between Pakistan and Italy for the preservation of mountains and glaciers has been ongoing since 1909.

Islamabad, 20 July, 2025: The 21st National Children’s Mountain Conservation Meet which was organized by Adventure Foundation Pakistan from 11th to 20th July 2025 concluded in Islamabad today. One hundred children and staff members participated in this year’s camp was held in the beautiful Siran Valley of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

On this occasion a Children Mountain Forum was held at Margala Hotel Islamabad in which young participants of the moot made presentations on the theme “Climate Change and its Impact on the Mountain Environment”. Her Excellency Marilina Armellini, Ambassador of the Italian Republic to Paki-

stan, was chief guest of this event.

Ali Hasan Habib, President of Adventure Foundation Pakistan welcomed all the participants and guests and congratulated the young participants and staff on successful completion of this year project.

Aftab Rana, National Coordinator of NCMC Meet Project informed that this flagship programme of AFP was launched on the occasion of International Year of Mountains-2002 with a view to create awareness among young people about the mountain ecosystems and involve them in meaningful activities using mountains’ environment as an open classroom. Under this programme each year around one hundred children are selected from all parts of Pakistan to attend a 10 day environment education camp in one of the mountain areas of Pakistan.

He further informed that this educational programme involves young chil-

dren in an action-oriented form of learning about the natural environment and its related problems. Participation in this meet makes them conscious enough to do something practical for the conservation and preservation of natural environment by undertaking micro level projects in their communities and schools. The children who attend this Meet are given the title of “Eco-Guards” which gives them confidence to play an active role in their day to day life to create awareness about protection of natural environment and its important role in our daily life.

Based on the first hand exposure, the young speakers in their presentations highlighted issues faced by the natural environment in mountains areas and shared their personal observations with the audience. They also made recommendations to the concerned government departments to address the environmental issues of mountain areas



especially issue related with climate change. At the end of the forum a joint petition was presented by the young representative of NCMC Meet 2025.

The Italian Ambassador H. E. Marilina Armellini, in her closing comments appreciated the efforts of Adventure Foundation Pakistan to create awareness among the young people about the conservation of natural environment. She said, “In today’s world of digital technologies and over consumption, it has become more important that we should make an effort to keep young people in touch with Mother Earth”.

Italian Ambassador emphasized the long-standing cooperation between Italy and Pakistan in the fields of mountain and glacier conservation

and research, which has been ongoing for over a century. She shared that the very first Italian expedition arrived in the region in 1909, with the objective of mapping a land route to K2.

In 1954, K2 was successfully summited for the first time by two Italian climbers, Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni.

The Italian Ambassador further noted that the most commonly used route to K2 today is known as the “Abruzzi Spur,” discovered by Italian mountaineer Prince Luigi Amedeo, Duke of the Abruzzi, during the 1909 expedition.

She vowed that the points highlighted in the petition made by the children and hoped that government will take necessary steps to implement

the recommendations proposed by the young people in the forum.

So far 21 National Children Mountain Conservation Meets have been organized by Adventure Foundation Pakistan and more than 2500 young participants and 500 staff members have participated in this programme.

Adventure Foundation of Pakistan (AFP) is the only non-commercial organization in Pakistan dedicated to the promotion of outdoor adventure and nature educational / environmental awareness activities since its establishment in 1980. AFP promotes resilience through exposure to the outdoors and organizes outdoor activities for all age groups across the gender divide.

Photos by Ramzan Mughal

Young Student’s Mysterious Death Rocks Jhang



Bureau Report

JHANG: A heartbreaking incident has come to light when the body of a young student was found near the Decent Mill on Faisalabad Road within the limits of Satellite Town police station. The deceased girl has been identified as Kanza, who was studying at the University of Agriculture Rawalpindi. According to initial reports, she was returning home from the university but could not reach home and her body

was found on the roadside. As soon as the incident was reported, DPO Jhang Captain (retd) Bilal Iftikhar Kiani along with SP Investigation Abid Hussain Zafar reached the spot. The police immediately shifted the body to the hospital for postmortem. DPO Bilal Iftikhar Kiani expressed his sympathy to the family and assured a complete and transparent investigation into the incident. Police are conducting a thorough investigation from every angle so that the real facts can be brought

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AIOU condemns fake recruitment advertisement by “Join OTS”

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has issued a strong clarification and disassociated itself completely from a fake recruitment advertisement recently circulating on social media. The university has warned the public that an unauthorized entity, operating under the name “Join OTS,” is misleading people by issuing fraudulent advertisements in AIOU’s name. The university has made it explicitly clear that this organization has no affiliation with AIOU, nor has it been authorized in any capacity to represent or conduct recruitment on the university’s behalf. AIOU stressed that it has not posted any job or recruitment advertisements on social media. All recruitment by the university is conducted solely through official channels, including the university’s official website, credible newspapers, and formal notifications.

AIOU expressed serious concerns over the misuse of its name and reputation by “Join OTS” and announced that legal action has already been initiated in this matter. The public is strongly urged to exercise

caution and avoid dealing with such fraudulent entities. Individuals are advised to rely only on the university’s official sources before submitting any information or applications.

It is important to note that AIOU publishes all announcements regarding admissions, examinations, results, and other academic activities exclusively through its official website and verified communication channels. Unfortunately, some unauthorized individuals and organizations are exploiting students on social media for minor financial gain. Some claim to be experts in writing assignments, while others falsely promise to resolve academic issues, thereby deceiving students.

The university has issued a strict warning to students to stay away from such individuals and place their trust only in verified and official sources. According to the university spokesperson, disciplinary actions are underway against those damaging public trust and the institution’s reputation. These individuals and organizations will be held accountable under the law.

When Green Meets Grief: A Campaign Turning Mourning into Meaning

Sabahat Sarwar

In a time when the world grapples with climate change, environmental neglect, and social disconnect, one campaign in Karachi is planting more than just trees—it is sowing a legacy of compassion, sacrifice, and collective responsibility. Titled “ایک درخت، ایک نئے گم” (A Tree in the Name of Hussain), this annual plantation drive by Who is Hussain – Pakistan serves as a living tribute to Imam Hussain ibn Ali (AS)—a figure revered not just for his stand against tyranny, but for his unwavering commitment to justice, humanity, and moral courage. Rooted in these

values, the campaign transforms the act of planting into a form of remembrance, where each sapling symbolizes hope, resilience, and a pledge to nurture life, just as Hussain (AS) nurtured the spirit of truth in the face of oppression. Launched in 2020, the initiative was born from a desire to connect Hussain’s timeless message with modern-day action—encouraging citizens to heal their environment while honoring a legacy that continues to inspire hearts across generations.

Running from the 1st to the 8th of Muharram each year since 2020, this initiative continues to blend spiritual values with civic responsibility and environmental awareness. This year, the

campaign reached a significant milestone with the distribution of 6,000 saplings across seven key locations in Karachi: Soldier Bazaar, Jafar Tayyar, New Rizvia Society, IRC, Dow Medical College, Nishtar Park, and Amroha Society. The selection of trees—including Neem, Jamun, Moringa, and Gul Mohar—was made with a focus on sustainability and adaptability to Karachi’s climate, ensuring long-term ecological benefits.

Speaking about the journey of the initiative, Syed Kazim Mehdi, Media Coordinator for Who is Hussain – Pakistan, reflected on its origins and evolution:

“When we first launched this campaign in 2020, we were

unsure how it would be received by the people of Karachi. To our surprise, the public response was not only positive but also deeply encouraging. Citizens embraced the campaign’s message and purpose, which has motivated us to continue and grow this initiative each year.”

Kazim emphasized the symbolic nature of connecting the campaign to the memory of Imam Hussain (AS), noting:

“Imam Hussain (AS) sacrificed everything for the betterment of humanity. This campaign is our humble attempt to reflect that spirit by promoting actions that benefit future generations. Tree plantation is not just an act of environmental preservation—it is Sadaqah Jariyah, a

form of continuous charity that contributes to the well-being of the planet and its people.”

Beyond the annual plantation drive, Who is Hussain – Pakistan (Karachi Chapter) remains active throughout the year with a diverse range of welfare campaigns. The organization regularly holds environmental awareness drives to educate the public on the importance of a clean and green environment. During the holy month of Ramadan, it organizes special events such as the “Salon for Stars,” which offers grooming services and care for street children. Through its Education Support Program (ESP), it extends academic assistance to deserving students

from underprivileged communities. The organization also carries out blood donation drives, particularly supporting patients suffering from thalassemia. Another notable initiative is the “Mall of Happiness,” a one-day event arranged for orphan children, where they are given the opportunity to choose and receive items of their liking, giving them a joyful and empowering experience.

These ongoing efforts reflect the organization’s commitment not only to environmental sustainability but also to social upliftment and compassionate community service. The plantation drive itself serves as a powerful reminder of the essential role trees play in maintaining

ecological balance—purifying the air, reducing greenhouse gases, preventing soil erosion, conserving water, and preserving biodiversity. Through “ایک درخت، ایک نئے گم”, the organization hopes to inspire a broader understanding of these environmental concerns while honoring a legacy rooted in sacrifice, compassion, and service to humanity.

As each sapling takes root and grows, it becomes a living tribute to Imam Hussain (AS)—a lasting symbol of resilience, growth, and hope for future generations. Through such meaningful initiatives, Who is Hussain – Pakistan continues to plant not only trees, but also seeds of awareness, unity, and positive change in society.

Bull & Bears

PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
138,597.36	138,665.49
Day's High	Day's Low
140,585.38	138,343.72
Index Value	Change
22,661,583,391	−68.13
Percentage	Time
−0.05%	18 Jul, 2025 4:30 pm
Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
8,992.12	+ 19.48
Percentage	Time
+ 0.22%	18 Jul, 4:35 pm GMT + 1
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
44,286.08	− 198.41
Percentage	Time
−0.45%	18 Jul, 1:36 pm GMT-4
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
39,819.11	− 82.08
Percentage	Time
−0.21%	18 Jul, 3:45 pm GMT+9
Open Market Forex Rates	

FPCCI has become the government's B-Team instead of representing the business community: Faisal Moiz Khan



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: President of the North Karachi Association of Trade and Industry (NKATI), Faisal Moiz Khan, expressed his gratitude to the leadership of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) for organizing a highly successful strike on the appeal of KCCI President Muhammad Javed Bilwani. He said this peaceful protest was a powerful way to make the government hear the voice of the business community. The unanimous protest was against the oppressive, unrealistic, and business-unfriendly tax measures imposed through the Finance Act 2025-26. He paid heartfelt tribute to the KCCI leadership for the historic success of the strike held on Saturday, July 19. Faisal Moiz Khan stated that the business community had repeatedly conveyed its concerns to the government and also submitted positive suggestions through the Karachi Chamber. Unfortunately, those suggestions were not taken seriously. He particularly criticized sections 37A and 37B of the Income Tax Ordinance, which give authorities the power to arrest taxpayers and initiate cases without due legal process—an act he described as completely unjust and a means of creating a climate of fear. Additionally, he condemned the harsh penalties on cash transactions under Section 21(s), which remain a common business practice in Pakistan.

NPO launches productivity enhancement initiative for Sialkot's gloves manufacturing sector

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The National Productivity Organization (NPO), under the Ministry of Industries and Production, has launched a significant productivity enhancement initiative for the gloves manufacturing sector in Sialkot. Titled "Enhancing Operational Efficiency Through Lean Manufacturing Techniques," the project aims to strengthen Pakistan's industrial competitiveness and support key export-oriented sectors. The initiative is being implemented in collaboration with the Pakistan Gloves Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PGMEA) and with technical support from the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan. As part of this project, an international productivity expert, Mr. George Wong from Singapore, has arrived in Sialkot to conduct on-site assessments and tailored consultancy sessions for selected beneficiary companies recommended by PGMEA. The project adopts a phased approach, comprising face-to-face site visits, customized workshops, and follow-up technical sessions to ensure sustained improvements



in operational efficiency. The NPO official highlighted that this intervention is specifically designed to introduce advanced Lean Manufacturing concepts to the local industry,

aiming to reduce waste, optimize processes, and bolster global competitiveness. During a meeting with Mr. Waseem Shahbaz Lodhi, Senior Vice President of the

Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and another meeting with Mr. Annas Raheel, Chairman PGMEA, both leaders expressed their appreciation for the collaborative efforts of NPO and APO in bringing international expertise to Pakistan's doorstep. They emphasized that such initiatives are vital for sustaining export growth and reinforcing Pakistan's reputation as a reliable supplier in the global gloves market. The National Productivity Organization continues to work closely with sectoral associations, chambers, and international partners like APO to build a more resilient and competitive industrial landscape in Pakistan. This project reflects the government's commitment to fostering productivity-led growth and supporting key export-oriented sectors. The launch of this initiative is a significant step towards enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of Pakistan's gloves manufacturing sector. With the support of international experts and collaboration with local industry stakeholders, the project is expected to have a lasting impact on the sector's growth and development.

Spillway

ISLAMABAD: Rawal Dam authorities open spillway of the reservoir after dam water level rose to alarming level due to heavy rain, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Pakistan's current account surplus a welcome sign: Ayub Mariani

Commerce Desk

QUETTA: Ayub Mariani, President of the Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has welcomed Pakistan's current account turning into a surplus for the first time in 14 years. While the business community has expressed happiness over this development, concerns about its sustainability remain. He stated that foreign exchange reserves reaching \$19 billion and achieving a surplus are positive indicators for the economy. President Ayub Mariani emphasized the need to focus on increasing productivity to

boost exports, which requires improving the investment environment and reforming the production sector instead of imposing import restrictions. He highlighted that the current surplus was achieved due to import restrictions, which is not encouraging for the industry. Mariani explained that 60 to 70 percent of Pakistan's exports rely on imported raw materials, and these restrictions have slowed down industrial activities. "Our demand is that the government's priority should be to maintain this positive trend while simultaneously restoring industrial activities," he added.

RCCI expresses serious concerns over 16% Sales Tax

Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has expressed strong reservations over recent policy measures announced by the Punjab government, including the imposition of a 16% sales tax on commercial property rent and the introduction of arrest powers for non-compliance with the newly mandated minimum wage. RCCI President Usman Shaukat, in an official statement, criticized the Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) for imposing a 16% General Sales Tax (GST) on the rent of commercial properties. "This new tax regime will significantly raise the cost of doing business for tenants, particularly retailers, across Punjab," he said. "It will discourage investment, push legitimate businesses into the informal sector, and further strain an already struggling retail and real estate market." Shaukat added that the new tax would exacerbate



the ongoing slowdown in the property and retail sectors, both of which are still reeling from post-pandemic economic challenges. "Such measures are counterproductive and will undermine business confidence in the province." In addition, the RCCI president voiced strong opposition to a clause in the recently passed Punjab budget that allows for the arrest of business owners failing to implement the new minimum wage of Rs. 40,000. "This coercive approach is deeply concerning and must be withdrawn immediately," he said. "It opens the door to potential misuse by enforcement authorities and will only lead to harassment of legitimate businesses."

Three Days Solar Pakistan Exhibition Successfully Concluded in Multan

Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: The three-day Solar Pakistan 2025 exhibition successfully concluded today at the Railway Officer Club, Multan, marking a significant milestone in accelerating Pakistan's transition to alternative energy. Organized by Fakt Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd., the event attracted more than 50 leading companies, energy experts, policymakers, and received an overwhelming response. The closing ceremony was graced by Fuad Hashim Rabbani, Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab, as the Chief Guest. Commending the initiative, he said, "Solar Pakistan is an essential initiative in unlocking the alternative energy potential of regions like South Punjab. With abundant sunlight and growing awareness, this region is well-positioned to lead in sustainable energy solutions. The government remains committed to facilitating and



supporting innovation in the alternative energy sector." Speaking on the success of the exhibition, Saleem Khan Tanoli, CEO of Fakt Exhibitions, stated: "We are pleased to see the enthusiastic participation and

engagement from both national and international stakeholders. Solar Pakistan continues to serve as a catalyst for innovation and collaboration, shaping the future of Pakistan's energy landscape."

"Legal Education Crucial for Strengthening Civil Society, Says Mian Kashif

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Chief Executive officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said legal education plays a crucial role in strengthening civil society by promoting awareness of rights, responsibilities, and the rule of law. Speaking here today as chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony of "Allay College of Law" he said it empowers individuals to understand the legal system, seek justice, and hold institutions accountable. When people from cross section

of the society are educated about their constitutional rights, and fully equipped to challenge injustices, resist exploitation demand transparent governance, he added. President Lahore High Court bar association Malik Asif Nissoana briefly addressing said legal education also cultivates critical thinking and ethical values, fostering a culture of respect for the law. Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood Pro Vice Chancellor Punjab University on this occasion said law education becomes even more vital for the promotion of true spirits of democracy and

rule of law and fresh law graduates are welcomed in legal fraternity. By producing well educated, principled, and socially responsible graduates, legal education can transform civil society into a more empowered, just, and democratic space. Ms Rabia Shabeeb Principal Alley Law College in her welcome address said we are imparting best education to students of all four campuses of Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha and Gujranwala. Earlier gold medals and merit certificates with cash prizes were distributed among all position holders.



Pakistan VS Bangladesh T-20 Match Series

Pakistan Cricket Team poor performance: Bangladesh defeat Pakistan by seven wickets



Asim Tanveer



DHAKA: Pakistan also lost in Bangladesh outside the country without the Stars. Cricket breaking news is that Pakistan has lost the first T20 match in Bangladesh. In the first match of the three-match series, the host team gave it a humiliating defeat by 7 wickets. The visiting team lost the toss and was invited to bat first. Salman Mirza was proudly donned the T20 International cap. Fakhar Zaman hit a four

but gave a catch. He took advantage of the catch drop but everyone failed at the other end.

Saim Ayub 6, Muhammad Haris 4 Captain Salman Ali Agha 3, Hassan Nawaz zero, Muhammad Nawaz 3 When Pakistan's five wickets fell at 46. The sixth wicket fell at 70. Fakhar Zaman lost courage after scoring 44 runs. Khushdil Shah and Abbas Afridi saved Pakistan from a big defeat and took the score to 103. It was too late for both of them to be out. Pakistan's

last three wickets went to the pavilion without adding any score. This team hat-trick was such that there was one run out in it. Thus, Bangladesh dismissed Pakistan for 110 and Anas still had three balls to spare. This was the first time that Pakistan had been all out in any innings against Bangladesh in a bilateral match. Khushdil Shah scored 17 and Abbas Afridi scored 22 runs. To say that Taskin Ahmed took the most wickets by giving away 3 runs, but don't forget Mustafizur Rahman,

who bowled four overs and gave away only 6 runs and showed the way to the pavilion by showing 3 players.

In reply, the start of Bangladesh's innings was also disastrous. Salman Mirza, who made his debut for Pakistan, sent opener Tanzeed Hasan to the pavilion for one in his first and then third overs and then captain Liton Das also created a sensation by sending him to the pavilion for one, but what happened next?

Tohid Hussain and Pervez took

charge and neutralized the Pakistani bowlers.

When Tohid fell to Abbas Afridi for 36, Bangladesh were out of danger. The third wicket for 80 was useless for Pakistan. Pervez Hussain finished the job by playing a 50-plus innings. He remained not out on 56.

Bangladesh completed the target in 15.3 overs for three wickets, winning by seven wickets and taking a one-nil lead

in the three-match series.

The Pakistani team, which played abroad without stars like Babar Azam, Rizwan and Shaheen, has now lost in a country like Bangladesh after New Zealand.

Daily The Spokesman has written that it would be a loose-scoring pitch. The average score would be 125. Despite this, Pakistan did not bat with this in mind.

Pakistan coach Mike Hesson slams Mirpur pitch after crushing defeat

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan head coach Mike Hesson didn't hold back after his team's 7-wicket drubbing by Bangladesh in the first T20I at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, lashing out at the pitch conditions and calling them "not up to international standard."

In the wake of Pakistan's dismal batting collapse — dismissed for just 110 runs, their lowest total against Bangladesh in T20Is — Hesson pointed the finger at the playing surface, suggesting it does more harm than good for the development of quality cricket.

"This type of wicket is not of international standard," Hesson said bluntly after the match. "Playing on such pitches won't help you improve. You have the Asia Cup ahead, and playing on surfaces like this won't help you succeed on the big stage."

Hesson acknowledged that Bangladesh might continue to dominate at home on such tracks but questioned the long-term merit of this strategy.

"Bangladesh may find success on these kinds of pitches, but this is by no means an ideal wicket," he said, suggesting the approach favors short-term wins over sustainable growth.

The coach also highlighted the stark contrast between pitches used for international fixtures and those prepared for the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL)



at the same venue.

"In the BPL, good wickets are usually prepared here. But in international matches, Bangladesh keeps producing these slow and low surfaces to gain a home advantage. That's not right," he added.

Hesson made it clear that while fixing Bangladesh's cricket system isn't his concern, he believes in upholding

global standards.

"I haven't come here to fix Bangladesh cricket—that's not my job. But when we talk about the global standard of the game, such wickets are not the way forward."

Interestingly, Hesson's critique echoed the frustration of Bangladesh captain Liton Das, who just a day earlier had slammed the same pitch,

remarking, "Many players' careers have gone downhill playing here."

As the series progresses, all eyes will be on how the pitch conditions evolve — and whether teams can adapt ahead of bigger challenges like the Asia Cup. For now, though, the Sher-e-Bangla surface has become the center of an escalating debate over fairness, player development, and cricketing integrity.

Congratulations to Noman Hanif on Win Gold Medal

Zafar Chisht

TOBA TEK SINGH: Muhammad Noman Hanif, son of Mukhtar Palace Kamalia Accountant Muhammad Hanif Gujjar, won a gold medal in the Army Inter-Center Boxing Championship in Abbottabad. On this success, former Chairman Union Council 58 Rizwan Ahmad Chaudhry, Patron-in-Chief Kamalia Tajer Ittehad Chaudhry Kamran Ahmad Nusrat awarded Muhammad Noman Hanif reward and presented a bouquet and expressed his best wishes for further successes. Muhammad Noman Hanif will now go to play at the international level in boxing. Waqas Saleem Chaudhry, Muhammad iqbal, Anjum Agha and Raja Imran were also present on this Occasion.

Women players undergo intense skills, fitness training

Sports Desk

KARACH: The women players are currently attending a skills and fitness camp here as part of preparations for the tour of Ireland and the World Cup.

On 13th day of the camp on Sunday, the women cricketers underwent an intense three hour training session held at the Hanif Muhammad High Performance Centre.

The players participated in batting, bowling and fielding drills. Practical exercises were conducted to further refine their skills. The women cricketers were also given focused training in fielding and catching.



WCL's Pakistan vs India Fiasco: A Case Study in Amateurism

Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

The World Cricket League's (WCL) disgraceful mishandling of the highly anticipated Pakistan vs India match in Birmingham has exposed a staggering level of incompetence within its ranks.

What was meant to be a celebration of sport and unity has turned into a global embarrassment and WCL has no one to blame but itself. This wasn't just another friendly match. A Pakistan-India cricket fixture is an emotional, political, and cultural phenomenon. For decades, such encounters have been shaped by history, diplomacy, and enormous responsibility. WCL, either through arrogance or sheer ignorance, believed it could casually insert itself into that narrative without facing consequences. The result? A last-minute cancellation, public outrage, betrayed fans, embarrassed sponsors, and offended legends of the game. Let's be clear this fiasco is not the result of unfortunate timing or external pressure. It's the product of poor planning, zero stakeholder engagement, and a complete lack of understanding of cricket's deeper cultural significance in South Asia. The hasty and vague apology issued by WCL, in which it admits to "hurting sentiments" and "unintentionally causing discomfort" falls laughably short of the accountability this moment demands. If you can organise a match of this magnitude without consulting your host country's sporting icons or ensuring your sponsors are aligned, then you're not running a cricket league you're running a circus. The thousands who bought tickets, made travel plans, and waited eagerly for a sporting spectacle have been let down without warning or explanation. Brands that aligned with WCL in good faith now find themselves tangled in controversy they never signed up for. This was a case of ambition unchecked by wisdom. WCL wanted headlines, but it wasn't prepared for the responsibility that came with them. Sporting diplomacy is delicate, especially between Pakistan and India. It requires vision, tact, consultation, and the kind of leadership that respects both history and sentiment. WCL has shown none of these. Moving forward, WCL must do far more than apologise. It must issue full refunds, compensate sponsors, answer to fans, and most importantly — clean house. The current leadership has failed spectacularly, and the league needs a complete overhaul if it ever hopes to be taken seriously again on the international stage. Cricket deserves better. The fans deserve better. And if WCL cannot rise to the occasion, it should step aside and make way for those who can.





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Inspection

JHELUM: State Minister for Finance and Railways Bilal Azhar Kayani is inspecting flood-affected areas on Sunday.



Photo: Online

Gaza civil defence says Israeli fire kills 93 aid seekers

AFP

Gaza's civil defence agency said Israeli forces opened fire on crowds of Palestinians trying to collect humanitarian aid in the war-torn Palestinian territory on Sunday, killing 93 people and wounding dozens more.

Eighty were killed as truckloads of aid arrived in the north, while nine others were reported shot near an aid point close to Rafah in the south, where dozens of people lost their lives just 24 hours earlier.

Four were killed near another aid site in Khan Yunis, also in the south, agency spokesman Mahmud Basal told AFP.



and cleared checkpoints.

Israel's military disputed the death toll and said soldiers had fired warning shots "to remove an immediate threat posed to them" as thousands gathered near Gaza City.

Deaths of civilians seeking

aid have become a regular occurrence in Gaza, with the authorities blaming Israeli fire as crowds facing chronic shortages of food and other essentials flock in huge numbers to aid centres.

The UN said earlier this

month that nearly 800 aid-seekers had been killed since late May, including on the routes of aid convoys.

In Gaza City, Qasem Abu Khater, 36, told AFP he had rushed to try to get a bag of flour but instead found a

desperate crowd of thousands and "deadly overcrowding and pushing".

"The tanks were firing shells randomly at us and Israeli sniper soldiers were shooting as if they were hunting animals in a forest," he added.

"Dozens of people were martyred right before my eyes and no one could save anyone."

The WFP condemned violence against civilians seeking aid as "completely unacceptable".

Media restrictions in Gaza and difficulties accessing many areas mean AFP is unable to independently verify tolls and details provided by the agency and other parties.

The army has maintained that it works to avoid harm to civilians, saying this month that it issued new instructions to its troops on the ground "following lessons learned" from a spate of similar incidents.

European powers plan fresh nuclear talks with Iran

AFP

European powers plan fresh talks with Iran on its nuclear programme in the coming days, the first since the US attacked Iranian nuclear facilities a month ago, a German diplomatic source told AFP on Sunday.

Britain, France and Germany, known as the E3, "are in contact with Iran to schedule further talks for the coming week", the source said.

The trio had recently warned that international sanctions against Iran could be reactivated if Tehran does not return to the negotiating table.



citing an unnamed source. Consultations are ongoing regarding a date and location

for the talks, the report said. "Iran must never be allowed to acquire a nuclear weapon,"

the German source said. "That is why Germany, France and the United

Kingdom are continuing to work intensively in the E3 format to find a sustainable and verifiable diplomatic solution to the Iranian nuclear programme," the source added.

Israel and Western nations have long accused Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran has consistently denied.

On June 13, Israel launched a wave of surprise strikes on its regional nemesis, targeting key military and nuclear facilities.

The United States launched its own set of strikes against Iran's nuclear programme on June 22, hitting the uranium enrichment facility at Fordo, in Qom province south of Tehran, as well as nuclear sites in Isfahan and Natanz.

Noor Mukadam case: Medical board sought for convict Zahir Jaffer

Court Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Preparations are underway to constitute a medical board on the clemency appeal of Zahir Jaffer, the convict in the Noor Mukadam murder case.

The Superintendent of Adiala Jail has written a letter to the PIMS administration requesting the formation of the medical board, while PIMS officials have also confirmed the recommendation to establish the board.

According to sources, the decision to form a medical board has been made in response to Zahir Jaffer's appeal for clemency to the president of Pakistan, following his death sentence in the Noor Mukadam murder case.

The superintendent of Adiala Jail, in his letter to the PIMS administration, requested the formation of a medical board to assess Zahir Jaffer's mental



condition.

The letter recommends that the board include psychiatrists.

The sources said that action is being

taken after questions were raised about Zahir Jaffer's mental state.

The letter bears the signatures of the superintendent, the medical officer,

and a psychiatrist.

Meanwhile, PIMS officials have also confirmed the recommendation to form a board comprising psychiatrists.

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Four Indian-sponsored terrorists killed in separate Pehrud operation



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development in the fight against terrorism, security forces killed four terrorists belonging to Fitna Al Hindustan in a successful operation in Kalat district of Balochistan.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations, the operation was carried out in Kalat district after receiving information on the presence of terrorists belonging to Indian-proxy Fitna Al Hindustan.

According to the ISPR, security forces effectively targeted the terrorist hideout during the operation, killing four Indian-sponsored terrorists during the intense exchange of fire.

Weapons, bullets and explosives were also recovered from the possession of the slain terrorists. The slain

terrorists were involved in several terrorist acts in the area.

The Pakistan Army spokesperson said that a sanitisation operation was conducted in the area to eliminate any potential terrorists.

The security forces are determined to eliminate the menace of Indian-sponsored terrorism from the country and will bring the perpetrators of terrorism to justice, the spokesperson added.

Earlier, according to the ISPR, security forces conducted an operation in the Pehrud area of Balochistan on the night between July 19 and 20 on information about the movement of terrorists.

According to the ISPR, four terrorists were killed during this operation. The security forces also recovered a flag of Fitna Al Hindustan and weapons from their possession.

President, PM pay tribute to security forces for killing terrorists in Kalat



City Desk

ISLAMABAD, JUL 20 (APP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif Sunday paid tribute to security forces for killing four Khawarij terrorists during successful operation against Fitna-tul-Hindustan in Kalat district.

The President said, "Security forces are always determined to eradicate terrorism."

"Terrorism will be defeated at all

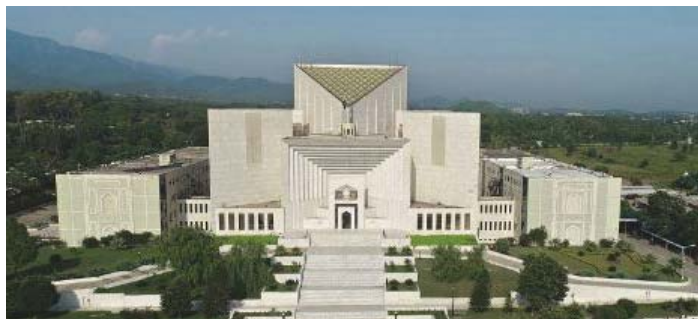
costs with the unity of the nation," he said adding, "The state will continue to take action against terrorism with full force."

He said the terrorists of Fitna-tul-Hindustan will be pursued till the end.

While praising the security forces, the prime minister said, "The entire nation stands with security forces in the war against terrorism"

The government was firm in its drive to eradicate all forms of terrorism from the country, he added.

Supreme Court technical team departs for Turkey to study judicial tech innovations



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A technical delegation comprising officers from the Federal Judicial Academy and the Law and Justice Commission has departed for Ankara on a week-long official visit to Turkey, according to an official announcement.

The visit is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional reforms and enhance international judicial cooperation. It also builds

upon the recent visit of the Chief Justice of Pakistan to Turkey.

During their stay, the Pakistani delegation will receive comprehensive briefings on the digital infrastructure and technological advancements implemented by the Turkish Constitutional Court. The visit aims to explore innovative judicial practices that could potentially be adapted to improve Pakistan's legal and judicial systems.