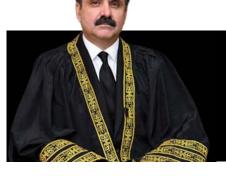


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Humanising Justice: Chief Justice unveils vision for judicial wellbeing in Pakistan

The Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi, has underscored the urgent need to humanise judicial reforms by recognising the emotional, psychological, and institutional pressures faced by judges, particularly at



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progress of PPPA on appointment of technical experts

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

on Friday chaired a high-lev-

el review meeting to assess

 $progress \, on \, the \, appointment \, of \,$ technical experts across feder-

al ministries and departments,

and to discuss measures for

enhancing foreign investment. The Public-Private Part-

nership Authority presented

a detailed briefing on current

initiatives and future plans

aimed at streamlining expert

appointments and increasing

The prime minister, high-

lighting institutional reforms

in the federal government as a

top priority, said "We are fully

committed to implementing

our agenda of economic digiti-

zation, rightsizing public insti-

tutions, and ensuring merit-

based appointments of experts

in government departments."

investor confidence.

PM reviews

will be no compromise on merit and transparency in the

During the briefing, the

meeting was informed that so

far, appointments had been made on 15 technical expert

positions whereas appoint-

ment process was underway for 47 additional technical

The prime minister was

further informed that pitch-

books for 18 economic sectors

had been prepared to allocate

projects for investment from Saudi Arabia, United Arab

Emirates, Azerbaijan, Qatar,

The meeting was attended

by Minister for Planning

Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for

Economic Affairs Ahad Khan

Cheema, Minister for Law and

Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar.

Prime Minister's Advisor on

Industries and Production

Haroon Akhtar, and other

positions.

and Kuwait.

appointment of experts.

High-level meeting

BEIJING: A view of the glimpses of visit of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of Pakistan to china



Field Marshal Asim Munir embarks on official visit to China to strengthen bilateral ties

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of Pakistan, undertook an official visit to the People's Republic of China. During the visit, the COAS held a series of high-level meetings in Beijing with senior Chinese political and military leadership, reaffirming the ironclad strategic

Excellency Han Zheng, Vice eration, and long-term regional President of the People's stability. The Chinese leader- honour, symbolizing the long-

Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON D. C: Pakistan's Depu-

ty Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

Senator Ishaq Dar held a meeting with

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington D. C., on Friday. The meet-

ing focused on strengthening bilateral

relations, enhancing economic cooper-

Republic of China and His Excellency Wang Yi, Foreign Minister of China. Discussions focused on the evolving regional and global political landscape, connectivity initiatives under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the need for coordinated responses to shared geopolitical challenges. Both sides expressed satisfaction over the depth of bilateral partnership between Pakistan engagement and reiterated their Zhai Jun, Chief of Staff of PLA shared commitment to sover-The COAS called on His eign equality, multilateral coop- Army Headquarters, the COAS

Ishaq Dar meets Marco Rubio in Washington,

holds bilateral talks

ship lauded the Pakistan Armed Forces as a cornerstone of resilience and a vital contributor to

peace in South Asia. On the military side, Field Marshal Asim Munir held meetings with General Zhang Youxia, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), General Chen Hui, Political Commissar of the PLA Army and Lieutenant General Cai Army. Upon arrival at the PLA

standing camaraderie between

the two Armed Forces. These engagements featured comprehensive exchanges on defence and security cooperation, including counterterrorism collaboration, joint training, defence modernisation, and enhanced institutional linkages. Emphasis was placed on improving operational interoperability and strategic coordination to confront hybrid and transnational threats. The

strength of the bilateral defence

partnership and acknowledged Pakistan's pivotal role in

promoting regional peace. Field Marshal Asim Munir appreciated China's consistent support and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to further expanding military-to-military

cooperation across all domains. The visit reflects the growing depth of politico-military ties between the two brotherly nations and underscores their shared resolve to advance Chinese military leadership regional security through was presented with a guard of reiterated full confidence in the sustained high-level dialogue and engagements.

PM meets Dr Aafia Siddiqui's sister, assures all possible legal, diplomatic support

He also stressed that there senior government officials.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday met with Dr. Fouzia Siddiqui, sister of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, and assured that the government would continue to provide all possible legal and diplomatic support in the matter of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.

The government is in no way negligent regarding the case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, the prime

On the instructions of PM Shehbaz Sharif, the government has previously provided the statement added.

diplomatic and legal assistance in the case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, a press statement issued by the PM Office said.

Furthermore, the prime minister not only wrote a letter to then U. S. President Joe Biden regarding this issue but also formed a committee headed by Federal Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazeer Tarar, to ensure further progress in the matter.

The committee will remain in contact with Dr. Fouzia Siddiqui and will work to provide the necessary support in this regard,

ation, and addressing regional security ture, technology, and mineral resources. the United States in strengthening bilat-Senator Dar highlighted Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister Dar appreciated The high-level talks were held at the the peace efforts by President Trump and potential as an attractive destination for Both sides reiterated their commitment US State Department. Pakistan's Ambasthe US leadership, while Secretary Rubio US businesses and expressed optimism to deepening engagement and expanding over progress in the ongoing US-Pakistan sador to the United States, Rizwan Saeed acknowledged Pakistan's sacrifices in the own company 跨 City Desk during 2020-2021. He said

fight against terrorism and lauded its Trade Dialogue. He also emphasised the

London court snubs fugitive Adil Raja for presenting false info

Agencies

LONDON: London High Court stated that Raja's evidence was based on deception and that his claims appeared to be founded on

false information. The London High Court remarked that

Brigadier Rashid Naseer and his family fugitive Adil Raja suffered the worst defeat then on what basis are you accusing this had faced threats to their lives, harassment, abuse, and serious breaches of privacy made by Adil Raja against the Pakistani

Sheikh, also accompanied the Deputy

a prior telephonic conversation between

the two leaders. Senior officials from both

sides were present during the delega-

Key areas of cooperation discussed

included trade, investment, agricul-

tion-level discussions.

This in-person engagement followed

Prime Minister during the meeting.

following online allegations made by Major (retd) Adil Farooq Raja that were baseless. Brigadier Rashid Naseer and the Pakistan team appeared fully prepared while

in a high-profile case. All the allegations appear to be fabricated. The judge criti-Sharif's JIT report does not mention ISI, lie, and truth will prevail soon.

constructive role in promoting regional

important role of the Pakistani diaspora in

The judge appeared angry when Adil government and intelligence agencies Raja's evidence was presented in a review. The court's admission clearly shows that cized Adil's sources. He asked, "If Arshad all the allegations made by Adil Raja are a

Senate told ex minister Miftah Ismail awarded illegal contract to his

ISLAMABAD: The former federal minister for Finance Miftah Ismail's alleged involvement in awarding illegal contract to his own company raised alarm in Senate when Federal Minister Tariq Fazal Ch said the then Fazal Chaudhry presented the details of Benazir Nashonuma

Programme (BNP). During Senate meeting,

under BNP Programme, Rs 2.098 billion were allocated in the financial year 2020-21 and Rs 4.870 billion were allocated in the financial year 2021-22. Federal Minister Tariq

Finance Minister Miftah Ismail awarded the contract to Ismail Industries. Presiding $\,$ Officer Irfanul Haq Siddiqui Tariq Fazal Ch presented the referred the matter to the reledetails of BNP Programme vant committee.

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Pakistan the last hope for Muslims: Pir Mazhar Saeed

Minister for Information of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government, Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, has said that Pakistan is the hope not only of Kashmiris but also of Muslims living all over the world and from Lucknow to Lakhanpur to Hyderabad and Deccan.

The Muslims who opposed the two-nation theory at the time of partition are regretting it today. No minority is safe from Hindu-based fascism. Neither Modi nor the evil ideology of Hindutva can stop India from being

India is involved in the terrorism in Pakistan. The enemy cannot confront Pakistan on the front of war, but through its policies it is massacring the unarmed citizens of Pakistan. With Rafale, India's arrogance, lies and pride have also been destroyed.

India will have to account for the blood of each and every citizen. Kashmiris are well aware of India, which has a knife in its armpit and a ram ram in its face. We salute Major Zaid Saleem and Sepoy Nazm Hussain, who were martyred during the encounter with Fitna-ul-Hindustan in Mastung district of Balochistan.

for the defense of the homeland are Indian proxy Fitna-ul-Hindustan.



views while talking to a delegation. Information Minister Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah said that India is the root of instability in South Asia.

The entire nation is behind the Paki-The sacrifices of our security forces stani army in the operation against the

unforgettable. He expressed these Pakistan and its security forces are not weak and are fully capable of giving a befitting reply to every conspiracy of the enemy, which India has also received practical proof in May.

He said that India is moving towards its own destruction. Due to the actions of the extremist government, the entire Day of Judgment, God willing.

region is suffering from instability. He said that the only obstacle in the way of India's ambitions is Pakistan. As long as Pakistan exists, the fulfillment of India's nefarious agenda will not be possible under any circumstances. Pakistan will remain in existence till the

Protest

LAHORE: Residents of Charar Pind area hold a protest in the favor of their demands in Provincial Capital.



Nawaz Sharif: Ever Steadfast Sardar Abdul Khaliq Wasi

MUZAFFARABAD: In the political chronicles of Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif emerges not just as a recurring as a symbol of consistency, foresight, and maturity. His leadership journey defies typical political patterns dynastic entitlement, but in conviction, competence, and character.

was unconventional. From a background in industry, he transitioned Finance Adviser to the Punjab government. His grasp of economic affairs

soon propelled him to the position of a resounding two-thirds majority in rise via manipulation — it was earned through performance and vision.

His first term as Prime Minister in name in the corridors of power, but 1990 was a direct outcome of public endorsement, not backroom deals. He turned audacious ideas into tangible projects — the Lahore-Islamabad - rooted neither in feudal legacy nor Motorway, a revolutionary infrastructure feat; the Green Channel initiative for overseas Pakistanis; and the aboli-Sharif's entry into public service tion of internal tolls that impeded trade. These steps did more than modernize — they recalibrated the to public administration, beginning as pace and direction of national development.

When Nawaz Sharif returned with

Chief Minister. This was no meteoric 1997, he faced both opportunity and adversity. Most notably, his government made the historic decision to conduct nuclear tests on May 28, 1998, in direct response to Indian aggression. In the face of immense diplomatic and economic pressure, Pakistan's sovereignty was asserted with calculated defiance. It was a decision not driven by populism but by principle — a leader standing firm when the stakes were existential.

This era also brought friction with the military establishment, culminating in the Kargil conflict and, eventually, the 1999 coup that ousted him from power. Yet, exile became a

defining crucible. For over a decade, Nawaz Sharif remained remarkably restrained. He chose not to inflame or divide. He neither undermined the state nor embraced vindictiveness. His silence, marked by dignity, became a profound act of political patience.

This philosophy of democratic endurance was etched into the Charter of Democracy he signed with Benazir Bhutto in 2006. The document was more than a treaty — it was a declaration that personal rivalries must yield to national consensus. Nawaz Sharif, once a political rival of Bhutto, showed the maturity to rise above history for the sake of institutional restoration.

Delegation meets President Muslim Conference to discuss Rahmat-ul-Aalameen Conference



MUZAFFARABAD/RAWALPINDI: A delegation comprising Khalifa Majaz Raja Tariq Siddique of Astana Alia Garhi Sharif, President of Fazlia Trust Raja Imtiaz Khan, prominent social figures Sardar Basharat Abbasi, Sardar Ijaz Abbasi and Raja Saqib Abdul Salam called on President Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan at Mujahid Manzil Rawalpindi. During the meeting, the delegation formally invited Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan to attend the annual Rahmat-ul-Aalameen (Peace be upon him) Conference held in Dhirkot on the occasion delegation said that this spiritual and intellectual conference is held every year with great devotion and respect,

Meanwhile President Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has appealed to the public to participate fully in the Rahmat-ul-Aalameen (PBUH) Conference to be held in Dhirkot on Saturday, July 26 under the patronage of Sajjada Nashin Astana Alia Garhi Sharif Pir Muhammad Akram Shah. Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said in his message that this grand spiritual gathering is of great importance for popularizing the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH), enlightening the young generation with the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and providing intellectual and spiritual guidance against social corruption. He said that the role of Astana Alia Garhi Sharif has always been prominent in promoting unity of the Ummah, peace and brotherhood and spiritual training and this year's conference under the leadership of Sajjada Nashin Pir Muhammad Akram Shah Sahib will definitely be a spirited and influential gathering. Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan further said that he himself will also attend the conference and address the participants. Finally, he appreciated the efforts of Sajjada Nashin Pir Muhammad Akram Shah Sahib, the organizers and Astana Alia Garhi Sharif and expressed his best wishes.

Appeal

Assalamualaikum:

Today, I along with my elder sister met my father Seyad Shabbir Shah at Tihar Jail, Delhi.

I am shaken to the core. What I saw left me heartbroken. He looked pale, weak, fragile, and extremely unwell.

 $My father, a \, man \, of \, immense \, courage, strength \, and \, unshakable \, resolve$ who has withstood decades of imprisonment and injustice with grace and dignity, looked physically deteriorated today. Though he is unshakable, today his health is giving up on him.

Just days ago, PRO DG Prison Tihar Jail issued a public notice (attached) denying our concerns and claiming my father is "fit and fine."

I say with full responsibility that this is not true at all.

Yes, he was taken to Safdarjung Hospital. Yes, doctors had told him directly that he is suffering from cancer and Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah the test came out negative for cancer. But the way the whole process was undertaken is just not human. He was taken without informing us, put under general anaesthesia, kept admitted for two days and the bleeding issue for which the procedure (cystoscopy) was done still continues.

He is suffering from severe heart issues, Diabetes Mellitus Prostate infection, Bilateral Hernia needing urgent surgery, and knee problems, yet receiving no proper treatment.

I saw him. He could barely walk. His declining health is devastating. He has never been convicted, yet his court cases are endlessly delayed nd calls have been cut for over 1.5 years.

This is the most painful moment of my life. I am shattered.

All I ask is for your prayers and the basic human right Right to treatment and dignity as a human and especially in illness.

This is no longer about law. It is about humanity.

#FreeShabirShah #TiharJail #38yearsofimprisonment #HumanRights Amnesty International Human Rights Watch United Nations

Hyderabad's Preetabad College in Chaos as MPA Nasir Qureshi Pursues Illegal Occupation

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Attempt to Seize Hyderabad's Paretabad College: MQM MPA Nasir Qureshi Pushes for Public Ground and NADRA Office, Work Begins Despite Protests

Member of the Sindh Assembly from MQM, Nasir Hussain Qureshi, elected from PS-65 Hyderabad, is once again being accused of attempting to take over Government Boys Degree College Preetabad. According to sources, the MPA initially requested permission from the college principal about a year and a half ago to use classrooms as MQM's local office. When the principal denied the request, the MPA pursued a new strategy.



Later, Nasir Qureshi submitted a written request to the Director of Colleges Hyderabad seeking to use the college's classrooms for setting up a NADRA office. The request was forwarded to the Secretary of College Education, Sindh, who rejected it on April 17, 2024, stating that a college is an educational institution and cannot host a public office. The secretary advised the MPA to coordinate with district administration to find an alternative location.

All Parties Hurriyat Conference's tribute and gratitude for awarding Ms. Shamim Shaal

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A grand and special ceremony was organized by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, in which renowned Kashmiri woman leader, human rights activist and Hurriyat leader Ms. Shamim Shaal was felicitated by honor of Ms. Shamim Shawl is a source (OIC) for her valuable and continuous services in the field of human rights.

The ceremony was held under the ciated at the international level. leadership of Mr. Ghulam Muhammad leaders, media persons and people from different walks of life participated.

The participants of the event appre-

Madam Shamim Shawl for human rights, protection of women, raising the voice of the oppressed people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir to international forums and exposing Indian atrocities. Hurriyat leaders said that the the Organization of Islamic Cooperation of pride for the entire Kashmiri nation, which is a clear proof that the struggle of the Kashmiri people is being appre-

The All Parties Hurriyat Confer-Safi, Convener of the All Parties ence expressed special gratitude to the Hurriyat Conference, in which Hurriyat Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on this occasion and said that this step of the OIC not only heals the

ciated the continuous struggle of Ms. is also a positive attempt to shake the global conscience.

The leadership of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference politely appealed to the OIC and the international community to take serious note of the systematic and grave human rights violations taking place in occupied Jammu and Kashmir, including:

Madam Shamim Shawl, senior Hurriyat leaders Muhammad Farooq Rahmani, Mahmood Ahmed Saghar, Syed Yousuf Naseem, General Secretary Advocate Pervez Ahmed, Sheikh Abdul Mateen, Raja Shaheen, Chaudhry Shaheen, Syed Ijaz Rahmani, Haji Muhammad Sultan, Zahid wounds of the Kashmiri people but Safi, Engineer Mushtaq Mahmood,



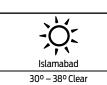
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Kashmir Journalists Forum, Jahangir mony.

Butt, Sheikh Abdul Majeed, Raees Mir, Parties Hurriyat Conference Mushtaq Maqsood Muntaz, General Secretary Ahmed Butt were present at the cere-





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UNFPA demands justice for survivors of gender-based violence in **Pakistan** 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: UNFPA Pakistan strongly condemns the recent horrific incidents of gender-based violence (GBV), including honor-related killings and sexual and domestic violence, in which precious lives continue to be lost.

marital rape that resulted in the death of young bride Shanti from Sindh, the abhorrent murder of Bano Bibi from Balochistan in the name of honour or the killing of a teenage girl for using social media in Punjab (technology-facilitated GBV) - these are grave violations of human rights which were carried out by the family members. These, and more incidents reported recently, show that women and girls are not safe even at homes and often become victims of deeply-rooted discriminatory social norms

that condone such violence. UNFPA Pakistan calls for immediate and decisive action to ensure justice for survivors and to hold all perpetrators accountable. UNFPA will continue to work with the government of Pakistan to strengthen survivor-centred support services, to inform policy making through robust data and to invest in prevention of gender-based violence

and harmful practices. Every woman and girl deserve a life free from violence and discrimination.

53rd Annual Hazrat Imam Hussain Conference Held at Nishtar Medical **Collage University**

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: The 53rd Annual Hazrat Imam Hussain Conference organized by the Imamia Students Organization at Nishtar Medical University, in which the world-renowned Hujjat-e-As-Salaam Wal-Muslimeen Allama Syed Shahanshah Hussain Naqvi addressed the conference.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani, Director Students Affairs Dr. Syed Ahmar Hussain, Principal Allied Health Sciences Dr. Abdul Sattar Anjum, Principal Nursing College Ms. Qamar-e-Nisa, Head of Gynecology Department Dr. Syeda Ali, Director Management Dr. Aamir Asad, Dr. Sajjad Raza, Dr. Altaf Baqir, Dr. Ali Ahmed Naqvi participated. Addressing the conference, Hujjat-e-As-Salaam Wal-Muslimeen Allama Syed Shahanshah Hussain Naqvi shed light on the uprising of Imam Hussain (AS) and said that if Imam Hussain (AS) had not risen, the collective form of Islam would

have been distorted. The martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS)'s Ahlul Bayt and Ansar gave a new life to Islam.

Today's Gaza is similar to Karbala, in which all Islamic countries except Iran and the resistance resistance of Lebanon and Egypt have fulfilled their responsibility. Addressing the conference, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani said that Karbala teaches us a lesson of freedom and resistance.

Karbala gives us a message that no matter how difficult the circumstances become for us, we have to raise our voice against oppression. The current situation in Gaza and their resistance would not have been possible without the lessons of Imam Hussain (RA) in Karbala.

Today, Muslims should play the role of Hussain (RA) in the issue of Gaza and do everything possible for them. A large number of students of Nishtar University participated in the conference. The students also presented Manaqib, Qaseeda and Marsha.



Enjoyment

ISLAMABAD: Children are enjoying bathing in natural spring as after massive rain the water level is resume in its older shape in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Mazhar Thathal meets Switzerland Ambassador

E Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Mazhar Thathal, Chairman and CEO of Global Trade Expo Centre (GTEC) Pakistan, held a productive and forward-looking meeting with H. E. Georg Steiner, Ambassador of Switzerland to Pakistan, at the Ambassador's residence in the Swiss Embassy, Islamabad. The meeting, held on June 23, 2025, was attended by a high-profile trade delegation from Pakistan, including key representatives from various business sectors.

Ambassador Steiner welcomed the delegation warmly and appreciated the initiatives taken by Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan to promote international trade and build stronger economic linkages between Pakistan and European markets. He acknowledged GTEC's continued efforts in advancing business develop-



for Pakistani entrepreneurs in

and Relations at GTEC, also briefed the Ambassador on Mr. Liaqat Ali Thathal, upcoming initiatives aimed at

ment and opening new avenues Director of International Trade fostering closer trade relations and creating platforms that support business-to-business

Hepatitis in Children: A public health challenge that demands action

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan grapples with one of the world's highest hepatitis burdens, ChildLife Foundation is reinforcing its commitment to protecting the country's most vulnerable, its children. On this year's World Hepatitis Day, themed "Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down," ChildLife calls for urgent collective action to tackle the growing epidemic of viral hepatitis through treatment,

awareness, and prevention. Hepatitis poses a serious threat to Pakistan's future. The country bears the second-



highest global burden of Hepanational prevalence rate of titis C, with an estimated 9.7 hepatitis C stands at 4.3%, million people infected. The nearly ten times the global

average, with even higher rates in rural and underserved areas. Unsafe medical practices, reuse of syringes, unregulated blood transfusions, and poor sanitation are major contributors to the spread.

Children are at particular risk. Hepatitis A (HAV) spread through contaminated food and water affects 90% of children before the age of 10, with nearly all testing positive for HAV antibodies by adolescence. Hepatitis E (HEV) also remains common, particularly among older children and young adults.

Since 2010, ChildLife Foundation has been on the frontlines of pediatric healthcare in Pakistan, offering free, 24/7 emergency treatment in over 300 government hospitals across the country. In the last 12 months alone, more than 5,000 children with hepatitis-related illnesses were treated in ChildLife's Emergency Rooms (ERs).

Every hepatitis case in a child is a call to strengthen our public health systems and preventive efforts," said Dr. Ahson Rabbani, CEO of Child-Life Foundation. "At Child-Life, we are not only saving lives through emergency care but also building awareness to prevent future infections."



RAWALPINDI: GM National Bank Imran gulwth REOperationAnjum Naseer and Regional Head Majid Chaudhary inaugurating tow ATM machines installed at Muree Road Rawalpin-

Protest on Anti-Trader Policies $of the \, District \, Administration \\ of \, Peshawar$

Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: Today, Peshawar witnessed a grand and historic protest when President of Tanzeem Tajiran Malik Mehar Elahi and President of Peshawar Traders Ghulam Bilal Javid led thousands of traders onto the streets against the cruelty and oppression of the district administration

The protest was triggered by the unjust demolition of shops under the guise of an anti-encroachment operation, police high-handedness, and attempts to economically crush the trader community. It began from Masgaran Bazaar (Masjid Qasim Ali Khan) and peacefully moved towards Qissa Khwani Bazaar, where a protest gathering was held.

Participants carried banners, placards, and black flags, chanting powerful slogans against the economic murder of traders. Speaking to the protestors, the trader leaders said "Shops that were

built with years of hard work were turned into rubble in moments by the administration. We protested peacefully but were met with threats, intimidation, and bullying." "This is not just an anti-encroachment operation — it's a planned

conspiracy to bury the trader community economically. We will not let it succeed at any cost."

"If this injustice is not stopped immediately, we will shut down the entire city — and the district administration will bear full responsibility."

GCWUF's Global Recognition for Innovation by Securing 164th Spot Among the World's Top 400 Universities

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Under the visionary leadership of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (T. I.), Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) has secured the 164th position among the top 400 innovative universities worldwide in the World University Rankings for $Innovation \, (WURI) \, 2025, marking \, a \, significant \, leap \, of \, 20 \, positions$ from the previous year. This achievement reflects the university's growing global stature in innovation-driven education and research.

GCWUF stands 5th among all Pakistani universities and 3rd among women's universities. In the "Crisis Management" category, it ranks 52nd globally, 3rd nationally, and 1st among women's universities. In the category of "SDG-Focused Institutional Response to Global Challenges," the university ranks 36th globally, 3rd in Pakistan, and 2nd among women's universities

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (T. I.), commended and congratulated the QEC, faculty, staff, and students for their efforts and dedication. "This recognition highlights our commitment to innovation-led education and inclusive practices that address both local and global challenges," she stated. These rankings are a testament to the leadership's proactive approach towards achieving SDGs for Pakistan.

Man sentenced 7 years imprisonment in attempted murder case

RAWALPINDI: A local court has sentenced a criminal, Hanan, to a total of seven years in prison, along with a fine of Rs 50,000 and Rs 50,000.0 as compensation, for injuring a citizen by firing due to a prior enmity.

According to the details, the case, registered in October 2020 at Westridge Police Station, involved charges of attempted murder and causing harm. Hanan was sentenced to seven years in jail and fined Rs 50,000 for attempted murder, with an additional Rs 50,000 as compensation for the harm caused. City Police Officer (CPO) Syed Khalid Hamdani commended the investigation and legal teams for their efforts in ensuring

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Across China: Traditional ethnic crafts find new life via modern twists

ocated on the main street of China's only Russian ethnic township, Enhe, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Wang Xiufen's cafe exudes a warm, woody aroma. The scent of freshly brewed coffee mingles with the earthy smell of wood, drifting from a weathered log cabin — a traditional Russian-style house.

Step inside, and the eye is drawn to vibrant textiles: handwoven tapestries, colorful crocheted wall hangings, and intricate woolen ornaments, all crafted by Wang herself. For Wang, an inheritor of Russian ethnic textile craftsmanship, this cafe is more than a business. It's a window for showcasing her ethnic traditions. "Weaving was once passed down through generations in my family, but young people weren't interested," Wang said. "Now, they come for coffee, snap photos of these decorations, which are perfect for sharing on social media, and suddenly, they want to know more and even learn."

Across the diverse ethnic communities in Inner Mongolia, many traditional craft inheritors are wrapping their cherished culture in new contexts to make heritage feel not like a relic, but a living, breathing part of the present.

A short walk away in Enhe, another custodian of tradition is reimagining her craft. Fu Yanmei has spent over 20 years making lieba, a Chinese transliteration of the Russian word for bread, and her bakery, once a quiet local staple, now buzzes with activity. Years ago, she launched a DIY lieba program, inviting visitors to shape the dough themselves.

But Fu doesn't just let them bake — she tells them about lieba's history and how it's made with natural sourdough, no additives. Young tourists, she noted, make up most of the participants. "Tasting their own baked lieba is a joy they remember."

Further east, in Orogen Autonomous Banner near the Greater Khingan Mountains, the Oroqen people, one of China's smallest ethnic groups, are also breathing new life into their heritage.

In the old days, they crafted canoes, cradles, baskets, and other tools and vessels from birch bark, prized for its waterproof and durable qualities. Today, at the Oroqen intangible cultural heritage museum, Meng Shuling, a master of birch bark craftsmanship, showcases these traditional items and her modern re-

Her workshop showcases delicate birch bark earrings, glossy fridge magnets, and tiny cradle-shaped pendants, all pieces that marry the material's natural texture with contemporary tastes.

"The old ways can't stay locked in the past," Meng said, running a finger over a birch bark jewelry box.

Beyond these grassroots efforts, institutional support is also fueling the revival of traditional crafts. Since 2023, Inner Mongolia's institute of culture and tourism development, in collaboration with several universities, has launched a program to revitalize intangible cultural heritage by harnessing the creativity of the younger generation.

BRICS Unites as the West Fragments

Qamar Bashir

Rio de Janeiro was far more than a diplomatic gathering—it was a geopolitical turning point, a moment of collective reckoning for the Global South, and a direct response to America's unilateralism, Israel's unchecked militarism, and the unraveling of the Western world order. Timed strategically after Israel's devastating strikes on Iran and Gazaand following Trump's belligerent declaration of a 10% tariff on all nations defying U. S. trade terms—the summit sent a unified message: the world is moving on.

At the heart of this message was the BRICS Declaration, a bold articulation of resistance against militarized foreign policy, economic coercion, and the abuse of reserve currency power. What made this summit unprecedented was not only the clarity with which BRICS condemned the U. S.-Israel axis for its blatant violation of international law, but the practical measures agreed upon to structurally decouple from American economic domination.

The centerpiece of this structural shift was the long-anticipated move to establish a common BRICS trading currency. For the first time, member countries agreed to denominate a growing share of their trade and investment flows in a non-dollar-based, BRICS-aligned digital settlement system. This decision was not symbolic. It came in the wake of China offloading over \$100 billion in U.S. Treasury securities over the past five years, and redirecting its reserves into strategic real assets—gold, rare earth minerals, agricultural land, and energy infrastructure across Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The message is clear: the dollar is no

As BRICS economies deepen their interdependence—through trade agreements, digital fiber-optic corridors, satellite

systems—they are preparing for a postdollar world.

This isn't simply de-dollarization; it's sovereign emancipation. When you control

the currency, you control the terms of of global GDP (PPP-adjusted) and 47% global commerce. The United States used this leverage for decades. Now BRICS is building an alternative.

This redirection is also political. The United States and Israel's unprovoked bombing of Iran on June 13-which killed 935 Iranians, including

key military and scientific leaders—and the follow-up U.S. strikes on June 21 using bunker-buster bombs on Iranian nuclear facilities, were condemned as "a blatant breach of international law" by the BRICS bloc. Iran's response—precision missile and drone retaliation—was followed by a U. S.-brokered ceasefire. But the BRICS statement didn't forget. It squarely placed moral and legal blame where it belonged: on Washington and Tel Aviv.

The silence of international institutions was deafening. The United Nations failed to respond decisively. Western media framed the strikes as "pre-emptive" rather than illegal. In contrast, BRICS voiced its unequivocal support for Iranian sovereignty, for Syria's territorial integrity, and for the universal application of international law.

Meanwhile, Trump's tariff regime continues to destabilize the global economy. Under the guise of "America First," the U.S. administration has weaponized trade to punish dissent. The new 10% blanket tariff on BRICS-aligned nations—threatened on Trump's Truth Social account—was met with a chilling counter-move: BRICS pledged to increase

he BRICS 2025 Summit in connectivity, and synchronized financial internal trade, insulate their economies order. from the dollar, and systematically bypass the SWIFT system.

This isn't theory. It's happening. Already, BRICS accounts for over 36%

of the world's population. With the addition of $\,$ new members like Iran, Indonesia, Egypt, and the UAE, the bloc has transformed into a dynamic political-economic alliance representing the true Global Majority. While G7 economies grow at an average of 1.6%, BRICS is projected to grow at 3.4%

in 2025, according to the IMF. China, India, and Brazil are already

among the world's top 10 largest economies. Collectively, BRICS holds more foreign reserves than the G7, and controls over 60% of critical minerals essential for green technologies. This isn't a coalition that can be isolated. It's a rising pole.

What's even more striking is the shift in reconstruction politics. Traditionally, the U.S. model was destruction followed by controlled reconstruction—destroy Iraq, then rebuild it with Halliburton; bomb Libya, then claim oil concessions. That era is waning. Today, countries like Saudi Arabia are investing in Syria not to exploit, but to stabilize. BRICS nations are financing development without political strings. They are demonstrating that you can rebuild without colonizing.

The declaration also emphasized connectivity—fiber optic corridors, digital bridges, and space-linked infrastructure. This is the technological backbone of BRICS integration. By reducing dependency on U. S.-controlled systems-satellites, networks, and payment rails—BRICS is building a self-sufficient parallel world

Yet amid all this, Washington remains curiously sluggish. The American political elite appears insulated, unaware of the tectonic shifts underway. The majority of U.S. foreign-held debt is owned by BRICS countries and their allies. Should they convert their dollar reserves into real assets or non-dollar trade systems, the American financial system-based on printing and demand—will face a reckoning.

Let us be clear: no one wants America to fall. The United States is a land of unmatched creativity, innovation, and potential. Its people deserve prosperity and peace. But if it continues to rely on coercion instead of cooperation, on threats instead of treaties, and on tariffs instead of trustit will lose not just influence, but respect.

It is still within America's power to pivot. To abandon the zero-sum mindset. To embrace multilateralism, dignity, and mutual prosperity. But the clock is ticking.

In the current geopolitical realignment, BRICS is now the most populous, the most resource-rich, and arguably the most forward-thinking bloc on Earth. It cannot be sidelined. It must be engagedseriously, and respectfully.

Trump's trade war is not just economically reckless—it is strategically self-defeating. By attempting to isolate BRICS, he may be accelerating its consolidation into the very superpower bloc he fears.

The 2025 BRICS Summit was not just another declaration. It was a declaration of independence from the unipolar world. A call for a new equilibrium based on equality, sovereignty, and shared humanity.

The question is: will Washington listen, or will history leave it behind?

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

Field Marshal Asim Munir's Loyalty And Exceptional Leadership

prominent figure in the military landscape of Pakistan known Field Marshal Munir has made significant contributions to the defense and security of alism and ethics for his subordinates. Prior-Pakistan, earning him respect and admiitizing the welfare of his troops and ensuring ration both within the military fraternity their well-being, Field Marshal Munir fosters

and amongst the public. The intersection a culture of trust, respect and amity within the of loyalty and leadership in the context of Field Marshal Asim Munir's career. Examining his actions, decisions and principles, we gain valuable insights into the significance of loyalty in effective leadership.

Field Marshal Asim Munir began his military career by joining the Pakistan Army, where he exhibited remark-

able dedication, commitment, and proficiency. Over the years, he ascended through the ranks, showcasing outstanding leadership qualities that set him apart from his peers. His unwavering loyalty to the nation and the armed forces has been a defining feature of his character, instilling confidence and trust among his subordinates and superiors alike. Field Marshal Munir's steadfast commitment to upholding the values of discipline, integrity, and service to the nation has earned him a reputation as a principled and reliable military leader.

Field Marshal Asim Munir's career exemplifies the crucial role that loyalty plays in leadership. Loyalty, in the military sphere is not merely about allegiance to a superior or an institution it also entails a deep commitforces. Field Marshal Munir's unwavering sion and efficiency.

ield Marshal Asim Munir is a loyalty to the Pakistan Army is evident in his dedication to upholding its honor.

Moreover, Field Marshal Munir's leaderfor his unwavering loyalty and ship style is characterize by a strong sense of exceptional leadership skills. duty, responsibility and integrity. He leads by example, setting high standards of profession-

> organization. This, in turn, enhances morale, cohesion

or operational effectiveness. Field Marshal Munir's leadership shines through his ability to make tough decisions, inspire confidence, and maintain composure under pressure. His strategic vision, foresight, and decisiveness are instrumental in guiding the Pakistan Army through

complex challenges and dynamic environments. Whether in times of peace or conflict, Field Marshal Munir's leadership remains

steadfast and committed to serve the nation. Field Marshal Asim Munir's impact on the military landscape of Pakistan is significant and far- reaching. As a seasoned military commander he has played a pivotal role in enhancing the operational readiness, combat of the Pakistan Army. His contributions to national security and defense have been instrumental in safeguarding Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of various internal and external threats. Field Marshal Munir's strategic thinking, operational prowess and leadership expertise have enabled him to steer the military ment to the values and mission of the armed towards achieving its objectives with preci-

The synergy between Field Marshal Munir's loyalty and leadership is a testament to the symbiotic relationship between the two concepts. Loyalty fuels his sense of duty, honor, and sacrifice, while leadership channels these values into concrete actions, outcomes and impact. Through his exemplary conduct and commitment, Field Marshal Munir embodies the ideals of a true leader who leads with courage, integrity, and empathy.

Field Marshal Asim Munir's reputation as a prominent figure in the military landscape of Pakistan is well-deserved, thanks to his unwavering loyalty, exceptional leadership skills, and profound impact on national secu-

His distinguished career trajectory, exemplary conduct, and strategic foresight have positioned him as a role model for aspiring military leaders and a symbol of pride for the nation. Field Marshal Munir's enduring legacy as a dedicated and visionary military commander continues to inspire generations of soldiers and citizens, reflecting his indelible mark on Pakistan's military history. Field Marshal Asim Munir's journey exemplifies the intersection of loyalty and leadership in the military domain. His steadfast loyalty to the Pakistan Army, coupled with his exemplary leadership qualities, has cemented his legacy as a role model for aspiring officers and soldiers. Embodying the core principles of loyalty and leadership, Field Marshal Munir epitomizes the essence of service, sacrifice, and honor in the military profession.

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Engineering the Future; Innovative Solutions for Flood Control

tating natural disasters, causing loss of life, property damage, and long-term economic disruption. As climate change increases the become essential. Engineers play a crucial role in designing and implementing solutions to mitigate flood risks. These solutions range from traditional structures like dams and levees to innovative approaches such as smart water management systems.

control methods is the construction of dams and modelling. Sensors placed in rivers, dams, and reservoirs. Dams store excess water during heavy rainfall, releasing it gradually to prevent downstream flooding. Reservoirs also serve as water sources during droughts, making them multipurpose infrastructure. However, dams require careful planning to avoid ecological damage and displacement of communities.

engineering solution. These barriers are built and sustainable flood control requires a combinaalong rivers and coastlines to contain rising waters. While effective in the short term, levees can sometimes worsen flooding if they fail or redirect water to unprotected areas. Modern engineering emphasizes reinforced designs and periodic maintenance to enhance their reliability.

Stormwater management systems are critical in urban areas where concrete surfaces prevent natural water absorption. Engineers design detention basins, permeable pavements, and underground storage tunnels to slow down and vation and investment in flood-resistant infraredirect runoff. Cities like Tokyo and London structure will be crucial for a safer future.

loods are among the most devas- have implemented massive underground flood diversion systems to handle extreme rainfall

Another innovative approach is *river restoration and natural flood management. Instead of frequency and intensity of extreme weather relying solely on concrete structures, engineers events, effective flood control measures have are increasingly using nature-based solutions. Techniques like reforestation, wetland restoration, and creating floodplains help absorb excess water and reduce erosion. These methods not only control floods but also improve biodiversity and water quality.

Smart technology is revolutionizing flood One of the oldest and most widely used flood control with real-time monitoring and predictive

> urban drainage systems provide data on water levels, allowing authorities to issue early warnings. Advanced software simulates flood scenarios, helping planners optimize infrastructure design and emergency response strategies.

While engineering solutions are vital, they must be integrated with community aware-

Levees and floodwalls are another common ness and policy measures. No system is foolproof, tion of technology, environmental conservation, and public cooperation. By investing in resilient infrastructure and adaptive strategies, societies can better withstand the growing threat of floods.

> In conclusion, engineering plays a pivotal role in flood control through a mix of traditional and modern techniques. From dams and levees to smart water systems and ecological restoration. these solutions help protect lives and property. As climate challenges intensify, continued inno-

Ethiopia, Pakistan agree on strengthening parliamentary cooperation

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Friday agreed on the Parliamentary exchanges for further enhancing bilateral cooperation in diverse areas such as trade, investment, aviation, science and technology and climate change.

The crucial discussion to this end, held during a meeting between H. E. Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of Ethiopia to Pakistan and the Honorable Chairman Senate, H. E. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani.

The two sides had an elaborate discussion on growing bilateral relations in various areas, and multilateral cooperation between the two countries for international peace and security.

H. E. Ambassador Dr. Jemal lauded the role being played by Islamabad for international peace and security.



He said Ethiopia looks forward to establish strategic partnership with Pakistan, highlighting the growing environmental cooperation of Ethiopia and Pakistan under the Green Legacy and Green Pakistan initiatives.

The Ambassador briefed the Honorable Chairman about the efforts made by the Ethiopian Embassy Islamabad and the Ministry of National Food Security and Research to twin the two landmark initiatives of the two nations

including a Joint Green Legacy Forum that held at the National Agriculture Research Center, Islamabad recently.

The Ambassador highlighted the critical role of the Green Legacy Initiative of Prime Minister H. E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed in enhancing the green cover in Ethiopia to 23.6 per cent with plantation of over 40.5 billion seedlings in the last six years.

The Ambassador briefed the Honorable Chairman about the fresh impetus received by the bilateral relations with the opening of Ethiopian Embassy in Islamabad, commencement of Ethiopian Airlines operations in Karachi and delegations exchange between the two countries in diverse areas including trade, investment, health, education, tourism and culture.

Chairman Senate appreciated the efforts led by the Ambassador to foster bilateral cooperation in various areas especially environmental collaborations with various segments of society

Inaugurated New Block at Girls High School Chak No.351 **GBNagra**



Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Implementing the education-friendly vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the district administration of Toba Tek Singh is taking serious and effective steps to improve the condition of government schools. In this regard, the construction of a new block has been completed in the Girls High School located at Chak No. 351 GB Nagra under the Public Private Partnership model. This block was constructed with the support of Nazira Foundation. Under which new classrooms were built in the school so that the female students could have a better educational environment. The opening ceremony was held at the school, where Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu and Chief Executive Officer Education Rahila Jamil inaugurated the new block. On this occasion, District Education Officer Secondary, Nadeem Hussain, representative of Nazira Foundation, local residents, parents and members of the school council attended in large numbers. The local people appreciated the provision of facilities in the school and the attention of the administration and welcomed the improved educational environment for the female students. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu said that equipping government schools with modern facilities is a priority of the district administration and the model of Chak No. 351 GB is worthy of imitation for other schools. The district administration will continue to work for the improvement of government educational institutions under such projects in the future as well.

NUML Signs MoUs with TEU Professional Development Centre



ISLAMABAD: The National University of Modern Languages (NUML) signed two key Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) aimed at enhancing industry-relevant skills and strengthening practical media training for students.

The first MoU was signed between NUML and the TEU Professional Development Centre (TEUPDC). Director General NUML, Brigadier Shahzad Munir, and Executive Director TEUPDC, Brigadier (R) Muzaffar ul Hassan, signed the agreement. This partnership aims to serve as a model public-private initiative focused on boosting employability through targeted short courses and professional training programs. Both institutions will collaborate to offer industry-aligned courses, build capacity in high-demand sectors, and equip youth with skills suited to the evolving job market.

In another significant development, NUML also signed an MoU with Azaad Media Academy. DG NUML Brigadier Shahzad Munir and Patron-in-Chief of Azaad Media Academy, Murtaza Solangi, formalized the partnership. Through this collaboration, the Academy will offer internship opportunities to students of NUML's Media and Communication Studies Program, providing hands-on experience in journalism, broadcasting, digital media, and the use of Artificial Intelligence in modern media practices.

Speaking on the occasion, DG NUML expressed optimism that these collaborations will lead to meaningful outcomes and mutual benefit, reinforcing NUML's commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry.

MG Motors and Bank Alfalah launch a Freedom Package'

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: MG Motors Pakistan, in partnership with Bank Alfalah, announces the launch of the 'Freedom Package'-a time bound Independence Day offer running from July 15-August 15,



2025. The initiative is tailored to offer customers with same-day delivery subject to some terms and conditions via Bank Alfalah's Instant Auto

The car variants includes two models which are MG HS Trophy and MG HS Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) combining speed, ease, and exclusive benefits only for people applying for MG Motors vehicles auto financing via Bank Alfalah. The Freedom Package delivers unmatched value to customers, which

includes free registration worth up to PKR 250,000 and Instant Auto Loan approvals for eligible Bank Alfalah account holders. A major shift from conventional financing models, eliminating the long wait traditionally associated with vehicle financing. The offer also includes benefits like exclusive mark up up to (1 year

KIBOR +3%) for up to 2 and 3 years financing tenure. Insurance rates offered by Bank Alfalah's panel insurance company and minimal processing time depending on criteria fulfilment.

This strategic collaboration highlights the shared vision of MG Motors and Bank Alfalah to enhance people's convenience while accelerating the adoption of greener and more sustainable mobility solutions in Pakistan.

This initiative embodies true freedom for customers-freedom from long wait times, freedom from fuel dependency, and freedom from registration fees," said Syed Asif Ahmed, General Manager, Marketing Division, MG Motors Pakistan. "We're proud to partner with Bank Alfalah to deliver a seamless and future-ready auto financing experience."

tage price of Rs 9.699,000 valid till 31st July 2025. The Freedom Package is planned to be active until 15th August as a celebration of Pakistan's 78th anniversary. MG is an iconic British Automotive Brand with a legacy of more

MG HS PHEV remains the best value proposition due to its advan-

than 100 years. MG has led the transformation of Pakistan automotive landscape by introducing the latest technology with best in class safety & and comfort.

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Mr. Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, called on President Asif Ali Zardari, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday.



Iran launches Nahid-2 satellite into space

TEHRAN: The Nahid-2 communication satellite, developed by the Iranian Space Research Institute and the Iranian Space Agency (I. S.A.), has been launched into space aboard a Soyuz launch vehicle from Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome.

The Nahid-2 satellite, which is an upgraded version of Nahid-1, was launched into space on Friday. A number of Iranian knowledge-based companies cooperated in building the Nahid-2 satellite, a low Earth orbit (LEO) microsatellite designed to operate at an altitude of 500 kilometers.

Weighing approximately 110 kilograms, the satellite represents a major step forward in Iran's plans to develop both LEO communications satellite constellations and future high Earth orbit (GEO) telecommunications systems. With the launch of Nahid-2 into orbit, Iran's indigenous Ku-band communication technologies will undergo operational testing in space for the first time.

SDPI, ICIMOD forge strategic climate partnership to safeguard Hindu Kush future

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) here on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster research, regional cooperation, and climate-resilient development across the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH)

Heads of both the organizations, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of SDPI, and Dr. Pema Gyamtsho, Director General of ICIMOD, were present during the signing ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pema Gyamtsho emphasized the moral obligation to serve the HKH mountains and their communities. "It is an



and not hide our complacency behind regional conflicts."

As part of the ceremony, Dr. Gyamtsho presented souvenirs to honour to serve this region," he said, former federal minister Khurram adding that "We must ensure a safer, Dastgir Khan, PM's Coordinator for behind the MoU, Dr. Suleri stated glacier melt, and the environment were more secure HKH through cooperation Climate Change and Environmental

Coordination, Romina Khurshid Alam, and Dr. Suleri in recognition of their leadership and commitment to regional cooperation.

that this renewed partnership builds unanimous points of agreement.

and work toward just, sustainable, and climate-resilient development in Pakistan and beyond," he said. Romina Khurshid Alam, PM's Coordinator for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, echoed the urgency of regional cooperation:

on SDPI's commitment to evidence-

based policymaking. "This collabora-

tion allows us to raise the voice of the

HKH mountains on global platforms

"After COP29, it is clear that we must act collectively. Climate change requires holistic and indigenous solutions. Our intellectual capacity gives us the power to meet this challenge. Former federal minister Khurram Dastgir Khan also emphasized the need

for peace-building through environmental cooperation. Reflecting on past Track-II dialogues between Pakistan Highlighting the broader vision and India, he said, "Climate change,

WaterAid and PepsiCo Foundation Celebrate Urban Water Initiative Milestone

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: WaterAid Pakistan $marked\,the\,successful\,conclusion\,of\,its$ three-year Urban Water initiative with a high-level learning and closing event in Karachi. The initiative, launched in 2022 with the support of the Pepsi-Co Foundation, focused on improving access to clean drinking water and promoting sustainable hygiene practices in underserved urban settlements, schools, and healthcare facilities across Karachi, Peshawar, and Quetta.

The project directly benefited tens of thousands of people through the human dignity, education, and health. installation of water filtration systems, hygiene promotion, and the establishment of local Water User Committees to ensure the sustainability of services. Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Sindh's

Minister for Education, called access to water and sanitation a basic right

and urged greater accountability. He said, "WASH is fundamental to



Every child deserves clean water and safe sanitation. I acknowledge the role of organisations working on WASH, and call on all of us, as government, civil society, and citizens, to hold ourselves accountable. We must work together to meet this basic need and build systems

that are climate-resilient and inclusive." Mian Muhammad Junaid, Country

Director of WaterAid Pakistan, said the project had shown that effective collaboration between communities, governments and the private sector could deliver lasting improvements in urban WASH systems. Hatim Khan, Senior Director

of International Programs at the PepsiCo Foundation, said the partnership reflected the Foundation's global for scale-up.

commitment to expanding access to safe water in water-stressed regions.

"We believe access to safe water is a fundamental human right and we support work globally that helps to conserve, distribute, and purify water for the health of communities. Through this partnership, we've supported practical solutions that are rooted in local leadership and designed for long-term

impact," he said. A panel discussion on "Learning Together for Sustainable WASH", moderated by broadcaster Tauseeq Haider, featured Haseeb Malik, Supply Chain Senior Director at PepsiCo Pakistan; Muhammad Ammad, Executive Director of IDEA; Nisar Ahmed Nizamani, CEO of DevCon; Dr. Amjad Rashid, CEO of Taraqee Foundation; and Saadia Iqbal, Program Lead at Mojaz Foundation. The discussion focused on lessons around sustainability, inclusive design, and pathways



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Bahrain Dinar	753.30	763.30
Canadian Dollar	207.5	212.50
China Yuan	39.32	39.72
Danish Krone	44.17	44.57
Euro	335	336.40
Hong Kong Dollar	35.94	36.29
Indian Rupee	3.22	3.31
Japanese Yen	1.9125	2.0125
Kuwaiti Dinar	920	932
Malaysian Ringgit	66.74	67.34
NewZealand \$	168.95	170.95
Norwegians Krone	27.94	28.24
Omani Riyal	738.2	748.20
Qatari Riyal	77.57	78.27
Saudi Riyal	75.95	76.30
Singapore Dollar	220.25	225.25
Swedish Korona	29.61	29.91
Swiss Franc	352.88	355.63
Thai Bhat	8.7	8.85
U.A.E Dirham	77.60	78
UK Pound Sterling	385	386.60
US Dollar	285.50	286.55

CCP recovers PKR 150 million from Reckitt Benckiser over misleading ads

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has recovered a penalty of PKR 150 million from Reckitt Benckiser Pakistan Limited for the deceptive marketing of its product Strepsils. The recovery was made by attaching the company's bank account after the dismissal of its appeal by the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT).

Section 40(2)(a) of the Competition Act, 2010, authorizes the CCP to recover penalties by attaching the bank accounts of entities that fail to comply with its

The CCP had imposed the fine on Reckitt Benckiser for misleading consumers by presenting Strepsils as a medicated remedy for sore throats. The product had been de-registered as a drug after its acquisition by Reckitt in 2005. However, it continued to be marketed in a way that falsely implied medicinal efficacy.

Gold prices dip by Rs.2,300 at Řs356,700

ISLAMABAD: The price of 24 karat per tola gold decreased by Rs.2,300 and was traded at Rs.356,700 on Friday as against its sale at Rs.359,000 the previous day, All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewelers Association reported.

The prices of 10 grams of 24 karat also decreased by Rs.1,972 to Rs.305,812 from Rs. 307.784 whereas that of 10 grams of 22 karat gold went down by Rs.1,808 to Rs.280,337 from Rs.282,145.

However, the rates of per tola and ten gram silver decreased by Rs34 and Rs.39

to Rs.4,023 and Rs.3,449 respectively. The price of gold in the international market decreased by \$23 to \$3,340 from \$3,363, whereas that of silver decreased by \$0.34 to \$38.74 from \$39.08, the Association reported.

Diplomats of ASEAN countries stressed for enhancement of economic cooperation and bilateral trade with Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: FPCCI in collaboration with Regional Rapport had organized an interactive session on Economic integration between Pakistan & ASEAN region at FPCCI President Secretariat Islamabad Chaired by Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh President FPCCI ECO-CCI and VP CACCI. The seminar was attended by Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research Rana Tanveer Hussain and Federal Minister for Investment Qaiser

Ahmad Sheikh along with Islamabad-based ASEAN countries' ambassadors, high commissioners and diplomats from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam attended the event.

Sheikh President FPCCI, Rana Tanveer Hussain & Qaisar Ahmed Sheikh Federal Ministers, Mr. Aun Ali Syed, Ms. Qurratulain Vice Presidents FPCCI, Mr. Karim Aziz Malik Chairman Capital Office addressed the gathering while Tufail Mehmood DG BOI delivered a detailed presentation about invest-



ment potential of Pakistan for ASEAN countries while another presentation on potential of Blue Economy of Pakistan was delivered by Aon Ali Sved, Vice President FPCCL.

All Ambassadors of ASEAN countries During the session the Mr. Atif Ikram shared their views for enhancement of economic cooperation and bilateral Trade with Pakistan and stressed on actions to step forward and said that it's the time to be prac-

The session was also attended a large number of gathering prominently Dr. Afshan Malik Advisor To President FPCCI, Mr. sized on deepening economic engagement seminar on a very pertinent subject.

Iftekhar Khan Advisor to President FPCCI, Ms. Hina Mansab Khan Chairperson SAARC-SCWEC, and other members of FPCCI. The seminar emphasized "Economic Integration Between Pakistan & ASEAN Region, Leveraging ASEAN's Economic Power, Boosting Bilateral Trade and Investment, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs), Regional Connectivity, Collaboration in various Sectors, Removing

Trade Barriers and Role of Private Sector. The Federal Minister Rana Tanveer empha- and commended the FPCCI for organizing a

between Pakistan and the ASEAN region. He commended the leadership of FPCCI President Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh for organizing the session at a critical time when regional cooperation and trade diplomacy are vital to shared prosperity.

While giving a briefing by Karim Aziz Malik, former Vice President FPCCI on the occasion, he said that ASEAN's model of economic integration, its collective voice in global affairs, and its strategic initiatives such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have made it a vital pillar in the new global

economic order. Aoun Ali Syed, Vice President FPCCI said that Pakistan and ASEAN have huge potential to increase the current trade volume of \$11 billion to exceeding its to \$30 billion in

the coming 10 years. Malaysia High Commissioner Dato Azhar Mazlan, as current Chair of the ASEAN Committee, expressed gratitude on behalf of the ASEAN missions' heads and deputy heads

Meeting

Federal Minister IT&Telecom Pakistan, Shaza Fatima and Minister for Communications and IT Nepal, Prithvi Subba Gurung in a meeting on the sidelines of World A1 Conference in Shanghai on Friday.



Photo: Online

DPS World Pakistan 2025 kicks off in Lahore

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: 7th International Digital Printing and Signage Exhibition DPS World Pakistan 2025 inaugurated at Expo Centre Lahore. The three-day exhibition, organized by Fakt Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd., will continue until July 27, bringing together global innovation and local industry expertise under one roof.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by President, Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI), Mian Abuzar Shad along with Mr. Saleem Khan Tanoli, CEO of Fakt Exhibitions, and several leading figures from the digital printing and signage industry. Over 100 national and international companies are showcasing cutting-edge technologies, including advanced digital printers, large-format displays, laser cutting machines, specialty inks, substrates, and contemporary signage systems.

In his keynote remarks, President, Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI), Mian Abuzar Shad stated: "I am honored to inaugurate DPS World Pakistan. The diverse range of digital printing and signage technologies



am happy to see how these innovations together top manufacturers, solution will drive progress and create new oppor-

Mr. Saleem Khan Tanoli, CEO of Fakt Exhibitions, shared: "DPS World Pakistan is where innovation meets opportunity. As businesses evolve and embrace transformation, this event creates the

a bright future for our industries, and I connect, collaborate, and grow. It brings providers, and professionals to explore the latest trends and technologies shaping the future of digital printing and signage."

Visitors will come across live demonstrations, exclusive product launches, and networking opportunities with industry leaders—offering valuable insights and and solutions on display today reflects perfect space for industry players to access to innovative, real-world solutions. very transparent manner. He very soon.

DWP Technologies participates in Pakistan Digital Leap: Transforming Higher Education

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: DWP Technologies, a leading provider of digital infrastructure solutions, is proud to participate in the Pakistan Digital Leap: Transforming Higher Education and event by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in collaboration with the World Bank and the Higher Education Development Program (HEDP). The prestigious ceremony was attended by HEC Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed and kev industry leaders instrumental in building Pakistan's digital backbone.

we are proud to contribute to this transformation by designing and delivering high-performance, scalable infrastructure that supports our country's academic, governmental, and enterprise needs. This is just the beginning of a more connected and resilient digital ecosystem."

DWP Technologies transformed a raw piece of land into a fully operational, high-performance data center, demonstrating its expertise in executing large-scale infrastructure projects. The comprehensive scope included complete Data centres are the back- civil works such as land levelbone of any digitally progres- ling, foundation developsive nation, and Pakistan is ment, and infrastructure now moving in the right deployment. The project direction," said Rohail also involved the supply and Bashir, Chief Operating installation of Huawei DC Officer at DWP Technolo- PODs, ensuring advanced gies. "At DWP Technologies, data center infrastructure.

Faisalabad Chamber President Rehan Naseem Bharara meets **Senator Rubina Khalid**

😂 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Naseem Bharara met Benazir Income Support Program

congratulated her on being elected as a senator for the third time and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. He said that Senator Rubi-

in Islamabad and

efforts to eradicate poverty with the spirit of service, while billions of rupees are being distributed among the disabled, widows and other deserving people in a

said that under the vision of Rubina Khalid, in addition to free technical and professional training, month-Industry President Rehan ly scholarships, bonuses and financial resources for employment are also being Chairperson Rubina Khalid provided. Rehan Naseem



Zong Continues Nationwide Cloud Showcase with Grand Event in Islamabad

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Zong, Pakistan's leading technology innovation company, continued its Z SAIS Cloud showcase with a high-impact event in Islamaa successful series of engagements in Lahore and Karachi that marked innovation. a major leap in the country's digital transformation journey.

progression in Zong's journey, including Cymax Technologies, Pak extending beyond connectivity to Gulf, and Appologix. These new signdeliver business-ready solutions ings, marked a significant expansion aligned with the strategic priorities of of the cloud ecosystem and under-

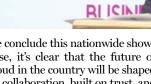
event offered more than just product updates, it was a curated platform designed to reflect how far the Z SAIS Cloud initiative has come since its kickoff in Lahore and its powerful bad, bringing it to the Capital after reception in Karachi, underscoring Zong's role in enabling nationwide

A key highlight of the event was the announcement of additional strategic Z SAIS Cloud signals a natural partnerships with leading enterprises,

modern enterprises. The Islamabad lined growing cross-sector interest in business-ready and locally hosted cloud solutions.

Reflecting on the occasion, Farooq Raza Khan, Head of Business Solutions, Zong, said:

This showcase was never just about launching a platform, it was about listening, engaging, and building momentum with the right partners. Our transformation is strategic, not cosmetic; rooted in a deep commitment to enabling enterprise innovation and delivering business-ready solutions that serve Pakistan's evolving digital ambitions. As



we conclude this nationwide show- ongoing nationwide journey with Z by collaboration, built on trust, and driven by local purpose."

The Islamabad event marked

another key milestone in Zong's

case, it's clear that the future of SAIS Cloud, strengthening its posicloud in the country will be shaped tion as the trusted enabler of Pakistan's digital future and setting the stage for deeper enterprise collaboration, innovation, and business-ready cloud-first growth across industries.



PFF delegation calls on DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab

LAHORE: A delegation of Pakistan Foot-General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Competition Sajjad Mahmood were the

Hockey Stadium on Friday.

PFF's Acting Secretary Shahid Niaz,

Rana Nadeem Anjum and Section Officer Mirza Nadeem Baig were also present on this occasion.

Talking to PFF delegation, Director

Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that all the culture," he added. facilities of Punjab Sports Department are available for football development. "We hope that the new football body will play

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry further said that Punjab Sports Depart-

General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab a vital role for the development of sports ment will take effective measures for the development of football across the province. "The development of sports among the younger generation of the province is our prime objective".

Punjab Sports Department, decided to celebrate the Independence Day with full enthusiasm

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Puniab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that Punjab Sports Department has decided to celebrate the Independence Day with full enthusiasm and the holding of Azadi Family Art Race at Nishtar Park Sports Complex is also part of this campaign.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry expressed these views while presiding over an important meeting at National Hockey Stadium on Friday. The significant meeting was called up to assess preparations of upcoming Azadi Family Fun Race scheduled to be organized at Nishtar



(NPSC) on August 9.

Rana Nadeem Anjum and Director Admin Dr M all officers from Punjab Kaleem, Director Sports Sports Department and

Sports Board Punjab (SBP) attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry announced that a mega programme of national songs will be organised at the Punjab Stadium at the completion of three Azadi Family Art Races. "T-shirts and other gifts will be distributed among the participants of Family Fun Race," he added.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry further said that the registration booths are being set up in several areas of provincial capital. "The 1-km Family Fun Race will be conducted from Hali Chowk to Punjab Stadium," DG Sports Punjab

Mohammad Rizwan to Lead Pakistan in Three One Day International Cricket **Matches Series Against West Indies**

Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: Mohammad Rizwan will lead Pakistan in the three-match ODI series against West Indies as the Men's National Selection Committee named a 16-member ODI squad on Friday. The series will be played at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad & Tobago on 8, 10 and 12 August.

Right-handed batter Hasan Nawaz is the only uncapped player in the ODI squad, while Babar Azam and Shaheen Shah Afridi are part of the ODI squad.

Pakistan will also play three T20Is against the West Indies, scheduled on 31 July, 2 and 3 August, at the Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium in Lauderhill, USA. Salman Ali Agha will captain the T20I side, while fast bowlers Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali and Shaheen Shah Afridi return to the squad in this format.

Following the conclusion of the three-match T20I series in Bangladesh, Pakistan team will arrive in the

USA on Sunday, 27 July. 15-member squad for T20Is:

Salman Ali Agha (captain), Abrar Ahmed, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Hasan



Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Haris (wicket-keeper), Mohammad Nawaz, Sahibzada Farhan (wicket-keeper), Saim Ayub, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Sufyan

16-member squad for ODIs:

Mohammad Rizwan (captain), Salman Ali Agha (vice-captain), Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Hasan Ali, Hasan Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Mohammad Haris (wicket-keeper), Mohammad Nawaz, Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Sufyan Moqim

Team management:

Naveed Akram Cheema (manager), Mike Hesson (head coach), Ashley Noffke (bowling coach), Hanif Malik (batting Coach), Shane McDermott (fielding Coach), Cliffe Deacon (physiotherapist), Grant Luden (strength and conditioning coach), Talha Ejaz (analyst), Syed Naeem Ahmad (media manager), Irtaza Komail (security manager), Dr Wajid Ali Rafai (team doctor) and Muhammad Ehsan (masseur)

Tour Schedule

31 July - First T20I v West Indies, Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium, Lauderhill, USA 2 Aug - Second T20I v West Indies,

Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium, Lauderhill, USA 3 Aug - Third T20I v West Indies Central Broward Park & Broward

County Stadium, Lauderhill, USA 8 Aug - First ODI v West Indies, Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Trinidad

& Tobago 10 Aug - Second ODI v West Indies, Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Trinidad & Tobago

12 Aug - Third ODI v West Indies, Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Trinidad

Pakistan Ambassador to Germany hosts luncheon to honor visiting sports delegation



Sports Desk

Pakistan Ambassador to H. E. Madam Ambassador Germany H. E. Saqlain Saqlain Syedah formally Syedah hosted a luncheon welcomed the delegation at in honour of the sports dele- a Pakistani Rice and Spice gation currently visiting restaurant in Düsseldorf ongoing FISU World University Games.

by HEC Director Sports pian Arshad Nadeem, the Javed Memon comprised ambassador said that Pakithe best national univer- stan is promoting its soft

managers/coaches.

Speaking on this occasion, of the "Pakistan favourite The delegation headed While mentioning Olym-

said after Brexit, Germany has emerged the sole leader of the European Union and Pakistan must improve bilateral ties. She said Pakistan is exporting textiles, footballs, cutlery, medical here in connection with the with the background music and surgical equipment, etc. to Germany, and she was dill dill Pskistan" song. working hard to improve the

She emphasised learning the German language and boosting MoUs to improve sities' athletes and game image through sports. She bilateral ties in various

Mr Javed Ali Memon, head of the delegation, conveyed a message and best wishes on behalf of the HEC Chairman, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad.

It is noteworthy that Pakistan's 40-member contingent is currently in Germany to participate in seven games, including Table Tennis, taekwondo, judo, swimming, athletics, long jump and Archery.

Pakistan thumpSouth Africa in **WCL 2025** clash

LEICESTER: Umar Amin's impressive knock, followed by an all-round bowling performance, powered Pakistan Champions to a 31-run victory over South Africa Champions in the nir fixture of the World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025 here at Grace Road on Friday.

Chasing a daunting 198-run target, South Africa Champions could only score 167-9 in their allocated 20

In pursuit of the target, the Proteas lost their opening three batters inside seven overs. Hashim Amla (12), JJ Smuts (10), and Henry Davids (6) were removed cheaply as Pakistan Champions reduced them to 42-3.

South Africa continued to lose wickets in the middle, thus without any significant contributions, which left them reeling at 128-8 in 17.3

However, Morne van Wyk resisted with a valiant knock of 44 runs in quick time to reduce the margin of the defeat. His 20-ball innings featured five fours and two sixes. For Pakistan Champions, Sohail Tanvir and Mohammad Hafeez picked up two wickets each.

Earlier, Umar Amin's 58 off 42 balls and Shoaib Malik's brisk 46* propelled Pakistan Champions to a strong total.

Women cricketers continue taking part in rigorous training ahead of Ireland series



Sports Desk

KARACHI: On the 18th day of the Skills and Fitness Camp, the women cricketers trained for four hours at the Hanif Muhammad High Performance Centre here on

Ahead of the upcoming series against Ireland, the players took part in rigorous batting, bowling and fielding drills.

Under the supervision of Head Coach Muhammad Wasim, the camp focused on enhancing the player's skills through practical training sessions.

The Camp will continue in Karachi until August 2. The women's national team is scheduled to depart for Ireland on August 3. Pakistan and Ireland will play a three-

match T20I series with all matches to be held at Clontarf, Ireland

Capital Development Authority 👱

. The Capital Development Authority invites electronic bids on Single Stage - Two Envelope basis as per

PPRA Rule 36 (b) from firms who are well reputed, registered with Pakistan Engineering Council having valid Registration Certificate in Category C-4 with Project Codes CE-09, CE-10, BC-01, BC-02, EE-04, EE-09 for the year 2025-26 who can prove their eligibility and qualification as mentioned in the Bidding Documents for the following project.

NAME OF WORK	NIT COST	BID Security	REMARKS
RENOVATION OF COMMUNITY LIBRARIES/ UP-GRADATION TO E-LIBRARIES AT DIFFERENT SECTORS OF ISLAMABAD (F-9, F-11, G-7, G-8, G-11, I-8 & I-10)	Rs 97,127,377/-	Rs. 2.900 Million	Detail of work is available in the bidding documents.

- 2. Electronic Bidding Documents, containing detailed requirements, terms and conditions is available for the registered bidders on EPADS at www.eprocure.gov.pk and www.ppra.org.pk.
- 3. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security duly generated from firm's own account and should be in the form of Pay order/CDR in favor of DDO (Procurement & Contracts), CDA. The prospective bidders shall upload scanned copy of Bid Security on E-PADS in PDF and original will be provided on or before submission of bids in the office of Director (P&CA-I), CDA.
- The prospective bidders are required to submit their Bids online through E-PADS at http://eprocure.gov.pk and as per instructions contained in Bidding Documents on or before August 15, 2025, at 1130 hrs.
- The electronic technical Bids will be opened by using E-PADS publicly on the same day at 1200 hrs, in the presence of the procurement committee & Bidders' authorized Representatives who choose to attend the opening session to be held at the office of Director (P&CA-I), Room No 29, Block III, P&C Wing, CDA Secretariat, Sector G-7/4, Islamabad.
- 6. Notification of the GRC constituted in terms of Rule-48 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 is provided on E-PADS at www.eprocure.gov.pk and www.ppra.org.pk.
- Project related information may be sought from the office of Dy. Director (SPD-I), Room #56, Old Naval HQ, G-6 Islamabad, (051-9219734)

8. The Authority reserves the right to reject all the applications as per PPRA Rules-2004.

ABID FAROOQ Deputy Director-Civil (P&CA-I), CDA P&C Wing, Block No III, Room No.28 CDA Secretariat, Sector G-7/4 Islamabad

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ECC advances economic agenda with key approvals

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The Committee encouraged the ministry to gradually move towards adopting the Public-Private Partnership model and to explore undertaking similar initiatives using its own balance sheet, thereby reducing reliance on sovereign guarantees.

In the housing sector, the ECC approved a markup subsidy and risk-sharing scheme for affordable housing finance, with the objective of expanding access to low-cost housing. The Committee also urged the Ministry to develop a comprehensive, integrated database of the housing sector in coordination with

relevant federal and provincial stakeholders, in order to ensure better targeting and effective implementation of the scheme.

The ECC was briefed by the Ministry of Industries and Production on the status of availability and pricing trends in the vegetable ghee and oil market.

While noting the Ministry's assurance regarding adequate national stock levels, the committee expressed concern over the limited pass-through of declining international prices to domestic consumers.

It advised vigilant monitoring to prevent price distortions and potential cartelization, and emphasized the revised composition of the advisory

Competition Commission of Pakistan, National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC), and provincial governments through the Ministry of Industries and Production. The ECC approved a proposal by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication for the revision of charges for Radio-Based Services (RBS).

The Committee directed the Ministry to ensure periodic revision of RBS charges every three to five years, aligned with ongoing economic changes and technological advancements in the sector.

The Committee also endorsed a

need for active coordination with the committee overseeing the release of IMT spectrum, which is critical for improving next-generation mobile broadband services in Pakistan. The ECC approved the formal

declaration of ship breaking and recycling as a recognized industry, as recommended by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs.

However, the Committee instructed the ministry to coordinate with the Power Division and share relevant data on power consumption patterns in the sector, to enable accurate assessment of the implications of applying industrial power tariffs in place of the existing commercial rates, the statement added.

ECC meeting ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb chairing a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet held at the Finance Division on Friday.

ECC advances economic agenda with key approvals in industry, housing, telecom, environment

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet here on Friday deliberate on a range of important agenda items concerning industrial growth, environmental policy, skill development, housing finance, and telecommunications.

According to press release issued by finance minister, and authorities. the meeting of the cabinet

Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb.

Among others, it was attended by Federal Minister for Power, Sardar Awais Ahmed Petroleum, Ali Pervaiz Malik; Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan; along with senior a summary by the Ministry of officials from relevant ministries, divisions, departments,

committee was chaired by endorsed a report presented by the grant of gas/RLNG tariff

Federal Minister for Finance the Ministry of Commerce on industrial competitiveness and export-led growth of the steel sector, in alignment with the National Tariff Policy 2025-30, aimed at reducing produc-Khan Leghari; Minister for tion costs and enhancing export drawn and are no longer availcompetitiveness.

The Committee approved Commerce for filing an appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the decision of the The ECC reviewed and Lahore High Court regarding

concessions to M/s Ghani Glass Ltd. The Committee found the appeal untenable in light of the fact that concessionary energy tariffs for five export-oriented sectors have already been withable to any sector.

In a major step towards environmental sustainability, the ECC approved Pakistan's Green Taxonomy, as proposed by the Ministry of Climate Change and

Environmental Coordination. The minister appreciated the initiative, noting that it was long overdue and would play a vital role in facilitating access to financing for green projects in the country.

To support skills development through outcomes-based financing, the ECC approved a government guarantee of Rs. 1 billion for the issuance of the Pakistan Skill Impact Bond (PSIB), as moved by the Ministry of Federal Education

and Professional Training. Continued on Page 7

Pakistan and Tajikistan Strengthen Defence Ties with High-Level Meeting



RAWALPINDI: Major General Saidzoda Bobojon Abdukodir, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, First Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Tajikistan called on General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, NI (M), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) at Joint Staff Headquarters, Rawal-

tion and shared strategic interests. dignitary.

Both military leaders emphasized deep-rooted brotherly relations between Pakistan and Tajikistan and explored avenues to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation.

The visiting dignitary lauded the professionalism of Pakistan Armed Forces and acknowledged their sacrifices in fight against terrorism.

Earlier, upon arrival at Joint Staff Headquarters, a smartly turned-out The discussion focused on the tri-services contingent presented evolving regional security situa- Guard of Honour to the visiting

Atta Tarar, Badar Shahbaz visit Qamar Zaman Kaira's residence to inquire about his health

👺 Bureau Report

GUJRAT: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar along with Prime Minister's Media Coordinator Badar Shahbaz Warraich visited the residence of senior leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Qamar Zaman Kaira to inquire about his health.

Both the leaders prayed for the swift and complete recovery of Qamar Zaman Kaira who has recently undergone a heart surgery.

On the occasion, Attaullah Tarar onveyed Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's best wishes for Qamar constructive role in national poli-

Zaman Kaira's speedy recovery.



politician and a staunch advocate of democratic values," the minister said, adding he holds him in high regard, as their families have enjoyed longstanding ties.

Badar Shahbaz Warraich also praised Qamar Zaman Kaira's tics. The entire nation is praying for "Qamar Zaman Kaira is a veteran his swift recovery, he added.

Dr. Musadik Malik represents Pakistan at COP29 HoD Retreat in Azerbaijan

Spokesman Report

SHAMAKHI: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Dr. Musadik Malik, represented Pakistan at the Heads of Delegation (HoD) retreat held in Shamakhi, Azerbaijan, on 25th July 2025. The retreat brought together global climate leaders to address key

In his interventions, Dr. Malik emphasized the urgent need for climate justice, equity, and stronger cooperation between the Global North and South. He highlighted Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change and stressed the impor-



tance of scaling up climate finance, adaptation support, and technology transfer for developing countries.

The Minister called for inclusive, transparent, and accessible climate financing mechanisms, urging developed nations to honour their commitments under the Paris Agreement. He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to a climate-resilient, sustainable future and its active role in shaping global climate policy.

The retreat served as an important platform to build trust and consensus, reinforcing Pakistan's resolve to advocate for a fair and effective international climate frame-

Meera'n Malik, met with **Minister Shaza Fatima** Khawaja



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The President of the Community Development Council (CDC) Meera'n Malik, met with Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, to discuss the growing importance of integrating IT tools into Pakistan's education system.

Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja empowerment.

on the Ministry's record-breaking achievement of \$3.8 billion in IT exports in FY25-an 18% increase from the previous year—calling it a reflection of her focused and visionary

Minister Shaza acknowledged the role of educational initiatives like Pehchan Pakistan, which align with national digital goals by fostering crea-The CDC President congratulated tivity, civic responsibility, and youth

PAF successfully completes rescue mission in GB

👺 Bureau Report

GILGIT: In Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan Air Force today successfully completed rescue mission and shifted 125 people to Rawalpindi, stranded due to severe weather conditions.

According to details, a large number of tourists and locals are facing difficulties due to severe weather conditions in Gilgit-Balti- in every difficult time.

A C-130 aircraft of Pakistan Air Force rescued tourists and locals, stranded in Gilgit-Baltistan. The rescued persons included 82 civilians, 25 Pakistan Army personnel and 18 Pakistan Air Force personnel.

The Armed Forces of Pakistan and the local administration are always at the forefront to serve the people

Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Meets Hyderabad Commissioner

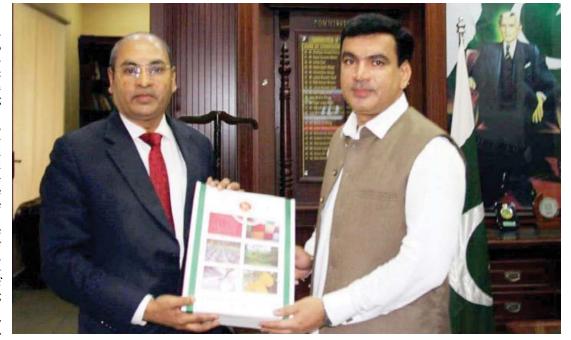
B Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr. Mahboob Alam, called on Divisional Commissioner Hyderabad, Fayyaz Hussain Abbasi, at his office today. The meeting focused on fostering mutual goodwill and exploring opportunities for regional cooperation.

Welcoming the esteemed guest, Commissioner Fayyaz Abbasi highlighted the historical, cultural, and economic ties between Pakistan and Bangladesh. He emphasized the importance of strengthening people-to-people contact, as well as cooperation in the education and business sectors.

He noted that such diplomatic engagements pave the way for new avenues of collaboration in education, tourism, trade, and other fields. Commissioner Abbasi underscored the role of regional coordination in promoting sustainable bilateral relations.

Deputy High Commissioner Mahboob Alam expressed gratitude for the warm reception and reiterated Bangladesh's interest in building stronger ties institutions.



with Pakistan's regional administrative

The meeting concluded with a sustained close coordination between renewed commitment to goodwill and the two sides.

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