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## Elizabeth Horst appointed Acting US Ambassador to Pakistan

The US State Department has appointed Elizabeth Kathryn Horst as the Acting US Ambassador to Pakistan. Elizabeth Horst, a senior career diplomat currently serving as the principal deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, has arrived in Pakistan to take charge of her position.



Sugar now selling for Rs200 to Rs220 per kg in open market

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#### Defence Conference

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army staff Field Marshal Asim Munir poses for a group photo with senior military officials at the Regional



## Field Marshal emphasizes importance of Deeper Militaryto-Military Cooperation in Era of Transnational Threats

Naveed Ahmad Khan

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan hosted the Regional Chiefs of Defence Staff Conference today in Islamabad, convening senior military leadership from the United States of America, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. This landmark multilateral engagement marked a significant stride toward advancing regional security cooperation, military diplomacy, and strategic dialogue among defence delegations and reaf-

Held under the theme "Strengthening Bonds, Securing Peace", the conference sought to reinforce security collaborations, enhance training initiatives, and facilitate the exchange of best practices in counterterrorism and other defence and security

Munir, NI(M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS), formally welcomed the distinguished

firmed Pakistan's steadfast commitment to peace, stability, and constructive engagement across the region.

"In an era defined by transnational threats and complex hybrid challenges, the imperative for deeper military-to-mildialogue, and mutual trust is Field Marshal Syed Asim paramount. Pakistan remains partner nations to build a secure ronment," remarked the COAS. common security

The high-level dialogue including terrorism, cyber insefeatured comprehensive exchanges on regional security dynamics, the evolving strategic environment in Central and South Asia, and the necessity of joint training initiatives, counter-terrorism cooperation, itary cooperation, strategic and coordinated humanitarian

responses during crises. Delegates collectively reaffully committed to working with firmed their shared resolve to uphold peace, respect, national and prosperous regional envi-sovereignty, and confront rity interests and regional soli-

curity, and violent extremism among others.

Participants commended Pakistan's leadership, hospitality, and initiative in fostering such inclusive and forward-looking defence diplomacy.

This strategic convergence reflects Pakistan's enduring commitment to a secure, interconnected, and cooperative region, anchored in shared secu-

#### Five independent Senators from KP join PTI

跨 🛮 Bureau Report

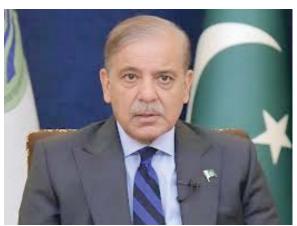
PESHAWAR: Five of the six independent senators elected with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) support from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have officially joined the party raising PTI's strength in the Senate to 21 members.

According to party officials, the senators — Mirza Afridi, Azam Swati, Faisal Javed, Noor-ul-Haq Qadri, and Rubina Naz — have submitted their formal declarations of affiliation to PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan. The declarations have also been forwarded to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) for official record.

However, the sixth senator, Murad Saeed, has yet to submit his formal declaration of joining the party.

In their statements submitted before ECP, lawmakers confirmed their election from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on July 21, 2025, and expressed their intention to join PTI voluntarily, stating that they are currently unaffiliated with any other political party. On July 21, Murad Saeed, Faisal Javed, Mirza Muhammad Afridi, and Noorul Haq Qadri won on general seats, while Azam Khan Swati and Rubina Naz were elected on technocrat and women's reserved seats, respectively.

#### **PM Shehbaz** decides to continue remittances incentive scheme



B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday decided to continue the incentive scheme for remittances for

He directed the Ministry of Finance to immediately release funds for the Workers' Remittances Incentive Scheme on a priority basis.

He said: "Overseas Pakistanis are our strength and a valuable asset of Pakistan."

"The hard-earned remittances of overseas Pakistanis land." play an important role in the development of Pakistan, which the entire nation, including me, values," he

In the fiscal year 2025, he and easier," he added.

said overseas Pakistanis helped achieve the target of current account surplus for the first time in 14 years by sending a record \$38.3 billion in remit-These remittances not only

helped pay the rising import bill but also boosted the foreign exchange reserves, the prime minister noted. He said: "Overseas workers

and businessmen play a crucial role in the country's development and progress by sending remittances to their home-"We are removing obsta-

cles in the way of remittances sent by hardworking Pakistanis abroad by making the system better, more efficient

#### Flash floods devastations: GB CM demands Rs7b aid from Centre

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Gilgit-Balistan Chief Minister has demanded Rs7billion aid from the centre in a bid to revive the devastated infrastructure hit hard during recent flash floods in the province.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Chief destroyed due to the floods. Minister Gulbar Khan said that the provincial government, having limited resources, will fail to address the situation following the

prime minister Shehbaz Sharif injured due to the floods.

to visit the flood-stricken

GB chief minister said seven districts have been badly affected from the floods. adding that Diamer district was badly devastated from the floods.

He said infrastructure of over Rs20 billion was GB Chief Minister reiterated the demand of getting aid to revive the power projects and collapsed bridges and over-

come the water challenges. He said till now 10 people The GB CM has invited the have been killed and four

#### **DG ISPR discusses Operation Bunyanum** Marsoos with GCU students

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: In a special session with the students of Government College University Lahore, Director-General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry highlighted the various aspects of the resounding success of the Operation Bunyanum Marsoos and the failure of India's operation Sindoor.

According to the ISPR, DG ISPR Lt-Gen. Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry held a special session with the students of

GCU Lahore. During the session, the army spokesperson shed

resounding victory of Operation Bunyanum Marsoos. On the occasion, the DG

Sindoor was thwarted and the

ISPR appreciated the spirit, thinking, and patriotism of the youth during the operation. During the session, the

students asked the DG ISPR open questions on social and national issues, especially in the context of security.

At the end of the session. GCU students paid a heartfelt tribute to the Pakistan Army through a special national song, beautifully reflecting national unity.

The students appreciated the meeting with the DG ISPR and expressed a strong desire for further such engagements light on how India's operation in the future.

## Naqvi vows to end Fitna-ul-Hindustan for establishing durable peace in Balochistan

👺 Bureau Report

QUETTA: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday assured the Balochistan Chief Minister of the federal government's cooperation with the provincial regime to end Fitna-ul-Hindustan for establishing durable peace in the province.

He said this while addressing a meeting regarding improvement of law and order situation in Balochistan held at Chief Minister's Secretariat Quetta.

The meeting was held in supervision of Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti and Federal Interior Minister.

The federal minister said that Indian-sponsored terrorists and their facilitators were not safe anywhere in Pakistan, they would be brought to a logical end at all costs. Those challenging the state writ will be dealt with iron hands, he said.

full cooperation for the establishment of peace in Balochistan, he said that we were standing with the Balochistan government in the fight against terrorism.

Assuring the federal government's

Earlier, the meeting reviewed Balochistan, the ongoing operations ment agencies.



against the Fitna-ul-Hindustan terrorists and the performance of the security agencies in detail.

The meeting was attended by IG Frontier Corps (North), DIG CTD, DIG Special Branch, DG Levies, officials of the Home and Tribal Affairs Departments the overall public order situation in and senior officers of other law enforce-

briefed the meeting on the current law and order situation, the strategy of the security agencies

overcome the obstacles stand in the way of the action plan.

and the implementation of the provincial action plan. The meeting reviewed in detail how to

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## PM AJK calls on Balochistan delegation to discuss Kashmir and regional issues

#### 👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: A 105-member delegation of the 16th Balochistan National Workshop, led by Brigadier Bilal Ghafoor, called on Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq here today.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister briefed the delegation on the prevailing political and human rights situation in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, as well as the key initiatives his government has undertaken to ensure  $\stackrel{-}{\operatorname{good}}$  governance and the rule of law in AJK.

Reiterating that the right to self-determination is a non-negotiable right of the Kashmiri people, the Prime Minister affirmed the commitment to continue the freedom struggle despite all challenges. Referring to the UN Charter, he stated that Kashmiris reserve the right to self-defense against Indian aggression.

Terming Jihad as an irrefutable reality, the PM said, "We should not shy away from discussing it".

Referring to Kashmiris' commitment to the state of Pakistan, he said, "Pakistan is part of the faith of the Kashmiri people." Condemning India for sponsoring terrorism in Pakistan,



he described the "Fitna-ul-Kharij" as "Fitna-ul-Hindustan," saying that India was also spending billions not only to destabilize Pakistan but also fomenting trouble in Azad Kashmir. He pointed out that India was running global disinformation campaigns through fake social media accounts to malign AJK and Pakistan.

The Prime Minister said that India's new war doctrine aims to create chaos and manipulate young minds through misinformation. He said that Indi-

an-funded terrorist networks in Balochistan were using sophisticated weapons. "The question is where are these advanced weapons coming from? Who is supplying them?" he asked.

Speaking on public subsidies, the PM revealed that the government was spending Rs. 71 billion on subsidized flour and electricity, yet the state was running a surplus of Rs. 19 billion. "We have taken significant steps in the past two years, including action against corruption and mafias," he added.

Expressing deep concern over the deteriorating human rights situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir, he said Indian atrocities had escalated since the abrogation of Article 370. He voiced hope that the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people would eventually bear fruit and the region would be freed from Indian occupation.

Ministers Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, Abdul Majid Khan, and Mian Abdul Waheed were also present at the meeting.

#### Kashmiri Leaders Demand Release of Hurriyat Chiefs from Indian jails

A seminar titled "Jammu and Kashmir Prisoners and the Right to Self-Determination" was organized by the Peace Group of Journalists, a non-governmental organization working for fundamental human rights and peace in Kashmir, on steps, suggestions and future course of action for the release of political prisoners in Indian jails in occupied Kashmir. Addressing the ceremony, former Chief Justice of Azad Kashmir Justice Azam Khan, Executive Director Saeed-ur-Rehman Siddiqui, APHC Azad Jammu and Kashmir leaders Mahmood Ahmed Sagar, Sheikh Abdul Mateen, Shamim Shawl, Rafiq Ahmed Dar, Altaf Ahmed Butt, President High Court Bar Association Raja Waseem Younis Advocate, President District Bar Chaudhry Mahmood Hussain Advocate, Coordinator of Peace Group of Journalists Malik Muhammad Aslam, Head of Kashmir Bachao Tehreek Bashir Ahmed Shagoh, Kashmiri journalist Raees Mir, Sardar Abdul Rehman of Kotli Ittehad Party, Dr. Iftikhar, Mirpur Civil Society The representatives demanded the immediate release of Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders in captivity. These included APHC Chairman Masarat Alam Butt, Shabbir Ahmed Shah, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Asia Andrabi, Nahida Nasreen, Fehmida Sufi, Naeem Ahmed Khan, Ayaz Muhammad Akbar, Shahidul Islam, Merajuddin Kalul, Pir Saifullah, Farooq Ahmed Dar, Mushtaq Ul Islam, Maulvi Bashir Ahmed Irfani, Bilal Siddiqui, Amir Hamza, Khurram Pervez Batti, more than 32 Kashmiri women and thousands of other Kashmiri youth and activists.

#### Museums are authentic centers of living examples of our civilization and history



BAHAWALPUR: Member Punjab Assembly Sadia Bilal and Senior Vice President of Muslim League Lawyers Forum Bilal Malik visited Bahawalpur Museum today. Director Bahawalpur Museum Bahawalpur Muhammad Zubair Rabbani welcomed the distinguished guests and briefed them about the management and administration of the museum. Muhammad Zubair Rabbani informed Member Provincial Assembly Sadia Bilal about the recently completed development projects and facilities provided to visitors. He also informed about the educational, literary, cultural and competitive activities organized by the museum, as well as the schemes under consideration for the development of the museum and providing facilities to visitors. Sadia Bilal, while expressing her impressions during the visit, said that museums are authentic centers of living examples of our civilization and history. The guests appreciated the services of Director Museum Muhammad Zubair Rabbani for the  $\,$ museum for preserving the antiquities, relics and evidence related to the state of Bahawalpur in an organized manner and said that under his leadership, the museum is progressing. Earlier, Deputy Director Rashid Ahmed Arshad, Chemist Sadia Noreen and Public Relations Officer Nadia Noreen briefed them about the antiquities.

#### Hearing on NAB reference illegal allotment of government land

#### B Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: A hearing was held by Accountability Court Judge Naseem Akhtar in Hyderabad on the NAB reference filed over the illegal allotment of government land located on Hyderabad-Jamshoro Road in Deh Shah Bukhari, Qasimabad. The reference includes Sindh Provincial Minister Jam Khan Shoro, Hyderabad Mayor Kashif Shoro, and 17 other accused who appeared in court.

Despite court orders, the Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA) failed to present the official land records, prompting the court to express its displeasure. The court issued a show-cause notice to HDA Deputy Director Syed Akhtar and ordered that the records be produced at the

It is worth noting that the accused in the NAB reference include Irrigation Minister Jam Khan Shoro, his brother Hyderabad Mayor Kashif Shoro, Karan Khan Shoro, former Additional Director of Planning HDA Shahid Parveez Memon, former District Revenue Officer Syed Sajjad Haider, former Assistant Commissioner Shahnawaz Soomro, Mukhtiarkar Akhtar Ali, Ali Zulfiqar, Imtiaz Solangi, and others.

#### PDMA Balochistan gears up for monsoon season with emergency preparedness

QUETTA: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Balochistan has completed its preparations ahead of the anticipated monsoon rains, ensuring full readiness to respond to potential emergencies across the province.

According to PDMA Director Faisal Tariq, the proactive measures were taken under special directives from Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti. All necessary precautions have been implemented prior to the onset of the rainy season.

"In light of possible emergency situations, all PDMA staff leaves have been canceled, and a robust 24/7 monitoring and response system is now in place," Director Tariq added.

Heavy machinery has been pre-positioned in vulnerable districts to support rescue and relief efforts. Additionally, six newly constructed divisional headquarters are now operational and will soon receive relief supplies for rapid deployment if needed.

#### Carelessness

RAWALPINDI: A view of the massive garbage along the Lai-Nullah at Dhoke Chirag Deen area, which needs the attention



### 'Shah Ghulam Qadir returns to a hero's welcome in Islamabad'

#### **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League (N) Azad Kashmir President Shah Ghulam Qadir arrived at the Islamabad International Airport on his return from a successful and historic visit to the United Kingdom, where he was given a very enthusiastic and rousing welcome by hundreds of party workers from all over Azad Kashmir and refugees from Jammu and Kashmir living in Pakistan. A large number of Muslim League office bearers and enthusiastic workers were present at the airport to welcome Shah Ghulam Qadir. The workers present at the airport showed enthusiasm by raising slogans of "Shah Ghulam Qadir Zindabad", "Nawaz Sharif Zindabad", and "Muslim League-N Zindabad"



ter". They expressed happiness over of the visit. President Muslim League the positive contacts of their leader (N) Azad Kashmir Shah Ghulam

Shah Ghulam Qadir "Prime Minis- in the United Kingdom and the success with the Kashmiri community living Qadir thanked the workers who came Pakistan, including Kashmir.

mir. He further said that overseas Pakistanis have given their verdict in favor of the Muslim League (N). Insha Allah, the next government in Azad Kashmir will be of the Muslim League (N). PML-N President Shah Ghulam Qadir paid tribute to Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and party chief Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and said that the Pakistan Muslim League (N) is the only party that is making sincere efforts for the

development and stability of the entire

to welcome him and said that the

Kashmiri community in the United

Kingdom showed immense love and

passion. His message is clear that he

always stands with us for the stability

of Pakistan and the freedom of Kash-

### President Asif Ali Zardari 70th Birthday Celebration in Multan

#### Main Tanveer

MULTAN: The cake cutting ceremothe Islamic Republic of Pakistan Asif

Governor Punjab Malik Riaz Hussain Samita, Chief Organizer Peoples Party ny of the 70th birthday of President of South Punjab Abdul Qadir Shaheen, President PLF South Punjab Sheikh Ali Zardari at the District Bar Hall Giyas Haq, District President PLF Multan organized by People's Lawyers Barrister Faiz Rasool Labar, Feroza Forum South Punjab Addressed by the Faiz, Sheikh Jamshed Hayat, Irfan President and Senior Vice President Wayan, Arif Shah, Mureed Hussain Pakistan Peoples Party South Punjab Mukul, Syed Hasnain Shah Gilani, Zil

Khawaja Rizwan Alam, Coordinator Fatima, Rana Javed Akhtar, Ishtiaq years in jail. Asif Ali Zardari's second Shah, Wajid Rizvi, Rao Sajid, Firdous Jamal, Ayesha Ali and Adnan Haideri.

They said that Asif Ali Zardari proved his patriotism by raising the slogan of Pakistan Khape on the martyrdom of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and sacrificed 13 precious years of his life for the survival of democracy and the stability of Pakistan by innocently spending 15

term as President of the country has promoted integrity and peace. His overwhelming victory in all provincial assemblies and the Senate in the presidential election is a sign of his popu-

The Pakistan People's Party is still a symbol of the federation. During his tenure, the Presidency has not been standing.



a center of conspiracies but of under-

A cake was cut at the end of the ceremony.



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#### DPO Ibadat Nisar dismisses SI in one day through 4 Orders

#### 👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBATEK SINGH: District police officer Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar has issued a unique order under which an investigation officer of Bhussi(Pirmahal) police sub inspector Dildar Hussain had been first reverted to assistant sub inspector, then in another order removed him as head constable and in third order he was made as a constable while in final order he had been dismissed from service. Sources disclosed that there were a number of inquiries under process against him for misusing his powers regarding arrest and release of accused persons in different cases however the fresh incident which caused the serious anger of the DPO was a case of attempt to rape a child in which he showed negligence in arresting the accused due to which accused got the opportunity to get grant bail before arrest from a court.

# Pilgrim caravans on foot begin arriving at the Shrine of Masooma-e-Sindh

#### Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYYDERABAD: The annual arrival of large pilgrim caravans on foot at the sacred shrine of Masooma-e-Sindh, Syeda Khadija Maham (SA), located at Agham Kot, has commenced this year earlier than usual. Traditionally, thousands of men, women and children from distant areas begin their journey on foot between the 11th and 20th of Safar al-Muzaffar, covering hundreds of miles to pay homage at the shrine. However, this year the influx of devotees has started as early as the 28th of

known disruptive elements have once disturb the peaceful environment. Complete records of such activities are in the possession of the concerned district administration.

On the second day of the arrival of these caravans, corresponding to 29th Muharram, reports surfaced of a printed pamphlet being distributed and a flex banner displayed in Agham Kot maligning the volunteer committee that has, for several years, provided free food,

Despite the sanctity of these days, pilgrims. The pamphlet and banner, ities. He warned that such acts during misleadingly, bear the name of the again become active in attempts to Sindh Ministry of Zakat, Ushr & Auqaf and the Provincial Minister of Augaf. It is important to clarify that no official notification or directive has been issued by the Minister of Auqaf in this regard, creating a general impression that these disruptive elements may be misusing the minister's name to lend legitimacy to their acts.

Speaking on behalf of the Azadaran Coordination Committee Hyderabad, Jam Shamshad Ali Jokhio, member of drinking water, and medical assistance the Central Advisory Council, expressed to hundreds of thousands of visiting deep concern over these malicious activ-

these sensitive days could lead to serious misunderstandings and law-and-order problems, the consequences of which could be grave.

He urged the Government of Sindh and all security institutions to take immediate and serious notice of the situation. He further emphasized that the Provincial Minister of Augaf, whose name has been misused in these activities, should promptly clarify his position and ensure that any official documentation purportedly connected with these actions is made public.

Coordination all devotees. The Azadaran



Committee reiterated its commitment to maintaining peace and facilitating the pilgrims during these sacred days and appealed to the authorities to ensure a safe and respectful environment for

#### In capital

ISLAMABAD: A view of the street of Saidpur Village seems like a river after Moon Soon spell in



## DSO Khanewal Ensures Discipline and Safety at Sports Facilities Under Punjab Govt's Vision

#### 跨 Zain Khan

MULTAN: As per the vision of the Government of Punjab and the directions of the Director General Sports, the District Sports Officer (DSO) Khanewal is actively visiting all sports facilities to ensure a safe, disciplined, and well-maintained environment for athletes and the general public.

During these visits, the DSO has issued strict instructions for compliance with all standard operating procedures (SOPs). Any individual found disturbing the environment, violating rules, or engaging in misconduct shall be banned from the premises, and strict action will be taken



against them as per departmental regulations.

The Tehsil Sports Officer accompanying the DSO (TSO) Khanewal is also during these visits.

## ANP Leader Amir Haider Khan Hoti launches scathing attack on PTI government

#### 跨 Tariq khan Yousafzai

TAKHTE BHAI: ANP Leader Amir Haider Khan Hoti Launches Scathing Attack on PTI Government. Takhte Bhai: Central leader of the Awami National Party (ANP) and former Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Amir Haider Khan Hoti, strongly criticized the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) and the current provincial government while addressing a joining ceremony held at the hujra of Khudai Khidmatgar Jawad Khan Takkar in the Takkar area of Takht Bhai.

He said that according to a recent statement by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, "military institutions and the establishment are cooperating with terrorists," which is an extremely serious allegation.

If Ali Amin's statement is accurate, the government must



immediately provide clarifica- concerns about the security tion. He further noted that the situation and the role of state Federal Interior Minister had institutions. also made a similar implication in a tweet, stating that a political addressed by District Presifigure from Dera Ismail Khan dent Imran Mandori, District is paying extortion money to

These claims raise serious Khan Takkar, Tehsil President

The ceremony was also General Secretary Fasal Rehman Bin Yameen, Jawad

Mian Nasrullah, General Secretary Imtiaz Advocate, Haji Tariq Khan, Zulfiqar Bitho, Lal Sharaf Khan Advocate, Maqsood Khan Advocate, and Farooq Akram

Khan, among others. Further elaborating, Amir Haider Khan Hoti said that sacrifices made by loyal party

workers have no value in PTI. He cited the example of ideological worker Irfan Saleem being ignored in favor of wealthy businessman Mirza Afridi for a Senate ticket, which, according to him, reflects how money and connections have replaced principles in the party.

He termed the participation of the Punjab Chief Minister in a lavish dinner at Mirza Afridi's farmhouse on the day of Maulana Khanzeb's martyrdom as shameful. Hoti described PTI's 11-year rule in the province as a tale of failure, stating that instead of focusing on development, the era was marked by rampant corruption and plunder.

He highlighted a case of Rs. 40 billion corruption in Kohistan and added that NAB had also issued a notice to PTI leader Azam Swati. He accused the PTI leadership of enriching themselves while workers voted for Imran Khan's release.

#### SSP Operations Amara Shirazi signed an MOU with CCO Raj Mahal Marquee



👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: SSP Operations Amara Shirazi signed an MOU with CCO Raj Mahal Marquee, Jaranwala Road, Faisalabad Rana Fahim

SSP Operations Amara Shirazi and Rana Fahim Ghaffar signed the MOU at the SSP Operations office. In-charge Welfare Branch and other staff were also present on the occasion. The purpose of the agreement between Raj Mahal Marquee and Faisalabad Police is to provide concessions to martyr families, in-service police employees and retired employees in official and personal events.

Raj Mahal Marquee assured to provide 35% concession to martyr families, 20% concession to retired employees and current service employees. SSP Operations Amara Shirazi has further informed that 35% concession will be given by the district police in official events. The welfare of police employees and protection of their lives and property is our top priority.

#### FWMC provide sanitation services in all 16 tehsils of Faisalabad division

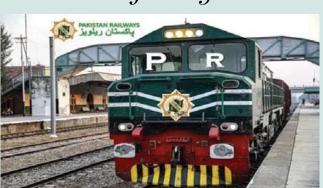
#### 👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Faisalabad Waste Management Company(FWMC) is providing sanitation services in all 16 tehsils of the division like the entire province under a transparent outsourcing system, which is playing an important role in keeping all four districts of the division clean. According to the FWMC spokesperson, the attendance of FWMC staff for sanitation is being monitored through a facial recognition system.

He said a comprehensive programme had been formed to monitor  $\,$ the workforce of about 15,000 and modern machinery, which is being monitored through digital monitoring and information technology. After the outsourcing system, not only was the waste collection increased to 6541 tons, but there was also a significant increase in door-to-door collection.

He added that the digital monitoring system of vehicles was further expanded and they were run under transparent systems like VTCS and  $\,$ VTMS while private companies have been given sanitation contracts under PEPARA rules in a very transparent manner.

#### RWMC and Pakistan Railways collaborate for cleaner train journeys



RAWALPINDI: For improving passenger experience through train journeys, the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) and Pakistan Railways have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) focused on cleaning and pest control services for railway coaches and stations.

The agreement was formalized during a ceremony at RWMC's head office, where RWMC CEO Rana Sajid Safdar and Pakistan Railways Rawalpindi Division Superintendent, Nooruddin Dawood signed the document.

Key officials including RWMC's Chief Financial Officer Bilal Khawar, Metro Manager Sohail Imtiaz, and Pakistan Railways' Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Jawad Shah attended the sign-

Under this collaboration, RWMC will expand its responsibilities beyond maintaining clean platforms and station premises to include thorough cleaning of train coaches and applying pest control

The initiative aims to provide passengers with a safer, cleaner, and more pleasant travel environment.

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#### **17,600 Afghans** hosted by UAE prior to departure to final destinations

s part of its humanitarian commitment and swift response during crises, the UAE hosted 17,619 Afghans who were evacuated from Afghanistan since August 2021, prior to their resettlement in third countries. This step was carried out in cooperation with international partners to support the Afghan people amid the exceptional circumstances the country faced.

The Emirates Humanitarian City in Abu Dhabi received the Afghan evacuees, providing high-quality services and facilities prior to their departure to 21 final destinations. The total cost of the hosting amounted to AED 1.384 billion (USD 367 million), providing a comprehensive framework for dignified temporary accommodation that met the full range of needs, particularly those of children, the elderly, and women.

The UAE also facilitated the evacuation of 41,000 individuals from Afghanistan, including Afghan citizens and foreign nationals residing in the country. Driven by its commitment to supporting friendly nations, the UAE responded to requests for assistance in evacuating their citizens from Afghanistan, and facilitating their eventual return home.

During their stay, the UAE provided all essential needs to Afghan nationals, including healthcare, logistical and diplomatic services, and communications, in addition to shelter and food - ensuring their comfort, dignity, and well-being. Financial assistance was also provided to help families rebuild their lives in their final destinations.

To facilitate the resettlement process, all necessary departure services were provided within the Emirates Humanitarian City. This included the establishment of 17 embassy offices, along with offices for the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and two offices for international non-governmental organisations.

In the healthcare domain, the UAE undertook extensive efforts to care for residents of the Emirates Humanitarian City including Afghans and foreign nationals – especially during the COVID-19 crisis. These efforts included providing necessary vaccines and preventive treatments, with a total of 34,923 vaccines administered to all residents by specialized medical teams. Simultaneously, comprehensive healthcare services were offered to more than 303 newborns, while successfully completing over 303 surgeries across various specialties, including three critical cases treated abroad. In total, more than 254,572 medical services were provided throughout their temporary stay.

In the field of educational and vocational training, the UAE provided education to more than 3,764 Afghans, including approximately 800 children enrolled in nurseries with school transportation and continuous follow-up. Authorities also organized more than 39 educational courses, in addition to vocational training and development workshops, which benefited 2,589 Afghan nationals.

## The Global Case for UN Peacekeepers in Gaza

Gaza has become the epicenter of a humanitarian catastrophe so deliberate, so brutal, that it no longer shocks — it scars. What is unfolding is not war. It is genocide: systematic, intentional, and aimed at the total destruction of a people — biologically, psychologically, and territorially.

British surgeon Professor Nick Maynard, recently returned from Gaza, described the horror with surgical precision: "One day they have bullet wounds in the legs, the next day in the chest, and then the genitals." In an emotional interview on Good Morning Britain, he recounted how Israeli forces even confiscated baby formula from his pocket, fearing it might reach Palestinian infants. His testimony is echoed by Doctors Without Borders and the World Health Organization, who have reported waves of targeted injuries, traumatic amputations, and sterilization patterns among young boys — unmistakable markers of war crimes.

In a bid to whitewash this horror, Israeli officials peddle the narrative that Hamas is stealing aid, selling it on the black market, or using starving civilians as human shields. These claims have been categorically denied by UNRWA, humanitarian NGOs, and even foreign observers operating under tight Israeli and U.S. surveillance. If Hamas truly controlled the aid flow under such intense scrutiny, it would reflect a total failure of Israeli and American military management or more likely, it exposes the narrative as  $\,$ a calculated deflection.

Despite the mounting body count and overwhelming global condemnation, the killings continue. Schools, hospitals, libraries, water plants — nothing is spared. Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights, labeled Israel's conduct "a textbook case of genocide." Her detailed report, The Anatomy of a Genocide, outlined the use of starvation, cultural erasure, and mass steriniable. The real question is: What will it of regional war.

n the annals of modern conflict, lization. In return, she was sanctioned by take for the U.S. leadership to finally say the United States, further demonstrating how Washington has become not just a bystander — but an enabler.

> Yet around the world, momentum is shifting. In May, France declared recognition of the State of Palestine, followed swiftly by Spain, Ireland, Norway, and Slovenia. Today, over 140 nations formally

recognize Palestine. In the UK, more than 100 Members of Parliament have signed a letter demanding their government do the same, alongside supporting tangible actions to stop Israel's war machine.

Even in the United States, the tide is turning. A recent Gallup poll shows support for Israel among Americans has dropped below 50% for the first time in decades. Particularly among younger Americans, there is outrage over the use of U. S. tax dollars to fund indiscriminate bombings of civilians, hospitals, mosques, schools, and refugee camps. The American people are demanding answers. Why are their weapons — including bunker-buster bombs - being used to massacre women and children? What accountability exists for a foreign ally accused of crimes against humanity?

Yet this raises a central dilemma: Even if the entire international community, including the UN Security Council, agrees to deploy peacekeepers in Gaza - a single U.S. veto can block it all. The United States holds permanent veto power. And history shows it has used this power consistently to shield Israel from international scrutiny, resolutions, and accountability.

This is the elephant in the room. The question now is not whether UN peacekeepers are necessary. That case is undeenough is enough?

What point of horror, what threshold of death and starvation, what loss of moral standing will convince Washington that continued blind support for Israel is not only unjustifiable — it is suicidal for American credibility? The United States, once considered the global guardian of

freedom, democracy, and human rights, now faces a new perception: that of co-conspirator in ethnic cleansing, financier of genocide, and

obstructionist of peace. The irony is cruel. The nation that prides itself on defending human

dignity is now seen globally as the state bankrolling one of the 21st century's worst atrocities.

If Washington genuinely wishes to restore its moral leadership, it must reset its mindset. Supporting Israel unconditionally no longer guarantees peace — it guarantees continued war. Israel will not be peaceful until it is reined in. Gaza will not recover until the killing stops. And the world cannot assist in rebuilding until the bombs stop falling.

Regional powers now threaten escalation. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdo an has declared that Turkey may intervene militarily if the Gaza massacre continues, comparing Israel's actions to Nazi crimes. He has suspended arms exports to Israel and frozen defense coop-

Simultaneously, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has issued stern warnings that further Israeli aggression could destabilize the entire region. Egypt, while not threatening force directly, has tightened its grip on the Rafah crossing and coordinated a new ceasefire proposal with U.S. backing. These are no longer symbolic gestures — they are warnings

 $Despite these signals, the \,UN \,remains$ paralyzed. Calls for deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force in Gaza and the West Bank grow louder by the day. The precedent exists — Bosnia, Rwanda, Congo, South Sudan. Under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the Security Council has the authority to act where there is a threat to peace, a breach of peace, or acts of aggression.

Israel's campaign satisfies all three. But unless the United States abstains — or supports such a resolution — no force will ever reach Gaza. And so the world watches, powerless, as its own institutions are neutered by one member state's political fear and moral blindness.

Still, there is a path forward. If the Trump administration — or any future U. S. leadership — truly believes in the principles upon which America was built, then now is the moment to act. Not with words. Not with concern. But with decisive action. Suspend military aid. Support the peacekeeping resolution. Demand accountability.

Only one decision is needed to change the trajectory of this genocide: for the United States to say, "No more." That single shift — a halt in funding and a vote for peace - would send a shockwave through the Israeli leadership and open the path for healing in Palestine.

What's at stake is more than Gaza. It is the soul of the international order. It is the credibility of the United Nations. And it is the moral standing of the United States. If America fails now, it may never again be trusted to defend human rights anywhere. If we fail now, we will not just be witnesses to genocide. We will be remembered as its sponsors. If we fail now, we will be remembered not for what we said, but for what we allowed.

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

## Bridging the Digital Divide in Libraries: A 21st Century Imperative

everything is going digital. From schools and jobs to government services and everyday communication, technology is changing how we live, work, and learn. In this fast-moving world, libraries are no longer just quiet places filled with books. They have become modern centers of gap. By offering basic digital training

knowledge and learning where people can access e-books, online courses, research tools, and even artificial intelligence-based services. However, in countries

like Pakistan, not everyone is able to benefit from these advancements equally. This gap between

and those who do not is known as the digital divide. It is a serious issue that affects millions of people across cities, towns, and especially rural and remote areas.

In many public and academic libraries across Pakistan, we observe two types of users. Some are comfortable using computers, smartphones, and the internet. But many others including elderly citizens, women from conservative backgrounds, people in underserved rural communities, students from low-income families, and those with limited education find it difficult to use even the most basic digital tools. This digital gap limits their access to education, information, job opportunities, and essential services.

Importantly, owning a mobile phone or libraries, often because they are unaware of having internet access is not enough. Digital literacy, the ability to confidently and safely use digital tools, is what truly empowers people. And this is where libraries in Pakistan can play a transformative role.

Libraries are trusted public institutions rooted in communities. They are ideally positioned to bridge this digital

programs such as how to use a computer, browse the internet, check emails, apply for jobs online, or access government services through e-portals, libraries can make a lasting impact. These workshops can be customized for different groups

Sheikh M. Arshad like women, senior citizens, those who have access to digital resources madrassa students, or school dropouts to make learning more inclusive and culturally appropriate.

It is also essential that libraries in Pakistan are equipped with user-friendly computers, accessible technology for persons with disabilities, and fast reliable internet. Public libraries should be supported to lend tablets or laptops to those who cannot afford their own. Friendly trained staff who understand local languages and cultural sensitivities where users feel comfortable learning at

Many people in Pakistan who would benefit from these services do not even visit

what is available. Libraries must go beyond their walls. They should collaborate with local schools, mosques, women's centers, NGOs, and local bodies to reach out to marginalized populations. Mobile library units, digital vans, or rural outreach camps can bring knowledge and digital training directly to the people.

To truly make digital access inclusive, content must also be available in local languages such as Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pashto, and Balochi. When people can understand and relate to digital resources, they are far more likely to use them for their education, health, and personal growth.

As Pakistan embraces digital transformation in education, governance, and financial services, we must ensure that no one is left behind. The digital divide is not just about technology. It is about justice, opportunity, and empowerment. Without targeted efforts to close this gap, we risk widening social and economic inequality even further.

Libraries in Pakistan have the power and the potential to change this. By combining modern technology with a strong community focus, libraries can become powerful tools for inclusion and development. They can help Pakistan move forward not just as a digitally advanced country but as a digitally fair one. Let our libraries be the guiding light that leads every citizen young or old, are crucial in creating an environment rural or urban, educated or unlettered into a more connected, empowered, and informed

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#### Is Privatization the Cure or the **Curse? A Teacher's Cry from the** Classroom

Muhammad

Rabnawaz Awan

another. Their justifications range from feeble to non-existent. This troubling reality compelled me to initiate an awareness campaign a humble attempt to awaken the conscience of academics, civil society, and people from all walks of life. My message is simple: cheating tears apart the very soul of educa-

tion — the awakening of conscience. There exists a glaring disconnect between educators and poli-

government policies have inadvertently contributed to the rise of this menace. The Punjab Examination Commission (PEC), for instance, is often criticized for being out of touch with ground realities. Exam content is frequently prepared without consulting the teachers who are actually working in classrooms. The process is largely detached, confined to bureaucratic "ivory towers" that ignore the diverse learning environments across the province.

The introduction of the Single National Curriculum was, at first glance, a promising and unifying vision. However, it fell short in substance. Pakistan is a country of vast cultural, economic, and social diversity. Students from remote or under-resourced regions simply cannot be expected to adapt at the same pace or level as those in more developed areas. A one-size-fits-all approach overlooks this diversity and, in many cases, pushes both students and

teachers to resort to unfair means just to keep up. In an attempt to overhaul the struggling public education sector, the government turned to the

xam cheating is a growing menace privatization of public schools. Theoretically, privatthat is spreading like wildfire across ization is a sound strategy, akin to reviving sick our country. What makes it even more industrial units. However, as with many other alarming is that it is often seen as a reform initiatives, it too became politicized. Its harmless offense. Disturbingly, many potential benefits were neither effectively communieducators themselves are involved in it in one way or cated to the public nor to the educators. As a result,

suspicion and resistance replaced

dialogue and collaboration. Perhaps the most disheartening trend is the widening trust deficit between teachers and the Ministry of Education. The ministry, which should be the voice of the teaching community, is often perceived as its adversary. This perception has led to a communication breakdown between policymakers and practitioners. Teachers — the people who

cymakers on this issue. Many teachers believe that interact with students daily and understand the real challenges - are rarely heard. This disconnect continues to deepen, and with it, the crisis of credibility in our education system worsens.

If we are serious about improving the quality of education and restoring integrity to our examination system, we must first rebuild trust. Open dialogue, ground-level consultations, and policy reforms rooted in reality are essential. Above all, we must revive the spirit of learning based on honesty and conscience.

Cheating may bring temporary success, but it leaves behind a permanent failure — a generation unprepared for real life, and a nation deprived of its true potential.

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## Iran opens Electronic Visa Portal for Pakistani pilgrims to Register for Arbaeen

Spokesman report

ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Pakistan has said that Pakistani pilgrims may register for the Arbaeen pilgrimage visa through Iran's electronic visa portal by 7 August

This was stated by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Pakistan on the Eve of the Month of Safar. The statement said that as the days of Arbaeen mourning for Hussain ibn Ali (A. S.) draw near and pilgrims prepare to journey to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (A. S.) in Mashhad and the sacred sites in Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as in previous years, will warmly welcome pilgrims from across the region, particularly from the friendly and brotherly nation of Pakistan.

The statement said that to facilitate this sacred journey, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in cooperation with its diplomatic and consular missions in Pakistan and in coordinadrawing on years of experience. Guidelines and regulations have been estab-



tion with the Government of Pakistan, lished to ensure improved services and has made comprehensive arrangements greater ease for the pilgrims. Caravan stani pilgrims may register for the who hold a valid Iraqi Ārbaeen visa will organizers are especially urged to observe the following main points:

Arbaeen pilgrimage visa through Iran's be eligible to receive a free double-entry electronic visa portal by 7 August 2025. Iranian Arbaeen visa along with half-

The Iranian Embassy said that Paki- From 26 July to 10 August 2025, those

travel through Iran by land en route to visa option will no longer be available on the electronic visa platform.

The Iranian Embassy said that subject to the consent of the Government of at border entry points. Pakistan and caravan organizers, the shared border crossings between the two countries—namely Mirjaveh–Taftan and Rimdan-Gabd-will be operational for group travel by bus, in accordance with previously issued technical regulations. Caravan managers must submit details of transport vehicles, Carnet de Passage documents, international driving licenses of the drivers, and a complete list of pilgrims. Entry through these borders will only be permitted after verification of the passenger list and vehicle registration plates.

period, the Arbaeen Coordination Committee, stationed in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan Province, will provide the necessary facilities to receive pilgrims at the border.

tripartite meeting of the Interior Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the final destination.

Republic of Iraq, it was agreed that Iraq. After 10 August 2025, the Arbaeen all pilgrims must possess a valid Iraqi Arbaeen e-visa prior to entering Iraq. This measure is intended to prevent difficulties caused by crowd congestion

> The Iranian Embassy said that caravan organizers are required to comply strictly with the border and customs regulations of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This includes adhering to the allowed number of passengers and ensuring that no prohibited goods or medicines are transported.

The statement said that Pakistani pilgrims who obtain the Iranian Arbaeen pilgrimage visa must enter the Islamic Republic of Iran no later than 14 August 2025. They are required to proceed to Iraq only through the Chaz-The statement said that during this zabeh (Al-Shayeb) border crossing and must return via the same route. Use of any other border crossing is not permitted.

The statement said that in cases where a caravan intends to send pilgrims The statement said that in a recent to Iran via air travel, it is mandatory to present flight tickets showing Iraq as the

## Ambassador of Ethiopia Calls on Governor KPK to Discuss Bilateral Cooperation

**Spokewsman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: H. E. Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of the Federal discuss bilateral cooperation across climate change. key sectors including trade, tourism, culture, and climate change.

exchange of delegations in vital areas such as trade, investment, health, education, and forestry.

Ambassador Dr. Jemal extended Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, heartfelt condolences for the lives was called on H. E. Faisal Karim lost in Pakistan due to recent floods, Kundi, the Honorable Governor of emphasizing Ethiopia's solidarity Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), at the with Pakistan, a nation he noted Governor's House in Islamabad to is among the least contributors to

He also briefed the Honorable Governor on the Ethiopian Both officials underscored the Embassy Islamabad's initiatives to importance of fostering strong raise awareness about environmental

The Ambassador highlighted the Government of Pakistan's decision to twin its Green Pakistan Initiative with the Green Legacy Initiative of Ethiopia which is a brainchild of Ethiopian Prime Minister H. E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed.

He further elaborated on the expanding cooperation between the two countries, particularly in trade, investment, aviation, health, science and technology, and education.

The Ambassador urged the Honorable Governor to mobilize the busi-

ness community from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the 5th Pakistan-Africa Trade Development Conference & Single Country Exhibition (PATDC & SCE), for East African countries, scheduled for October 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Governor assured the Ambassador of his full support in mobilizing the business community for the exhibition. He also pledged to launch the Green Legacy Initiative in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to raise awareness about climate change. The Governor highlighted Khyber immense potential for religious lization.



Pakhtunkhwa's strategic position tourism, particularly its internaas the "Gateway to Asia" and its tionally significant Gandhara civi-

#### 'Future of Pakistan-China relations explored at CASS Lahore'

**Spokesman Report** 

LAHORE: The Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), Lahore, hosted a guest talk titled "Future of Pakistan-China Relations under China's Model for Global Development and Governance" on 24th July 2025. The event was attended by members of academia, and intellectuals. CASS is an independent think tank that continues to arrange academic events for academia and practitioners interested in National Security in its wider context.

In her opening remarks, Maheera Munir, Research Assistant at CASS Lahore, highlighted China's distinct worldview, which is rooted in sovereignty, long-term planning, infrastructural connectivity and mutual development. She emphasised the need to diversify Pakistan-China relations by expanding cooperation in education and research to further strengthen the partnership between the two countries.

Mr Shakeel Ahmed Ramay, Founding CEO of the Asian Institute of Eco-civilisation Research and Development, underlined that China's policy is based engagement. He noted that China's



with a strong focus on green growth, market liberalisation and innovation. He explained that China has developed a cycle of progress by prioritising STEM education, which drives knowledge creation, scientific research and innovation. He emphasised that, like China, Pakistan must embrace a market economy supported by a strong and visible state

In his concluding remarks, Air on the principles of non-interference, Marshal Asim Suleiman (Retd), Presconstructive dialogue and proactive ident of CASS Lahore, stressed that the China-Pakistan partnership stands as worldview is shaped by the concept a beacon of strategic trust and mutual of a 'community with a shared future', respect in a rapidly changing world. stan's future partnership with China.

He highlighted that initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are not merely infrastructure projects but symbols of shared vision. regional connectivity and collective prosperity. He urged that both nations must continue to align their strengths, leveraging knowledge, innovation and cultural exchange to co-create a just, inclusive and interconnected global

The event concluded with an engaging ession, where participants discussed China's evolving role in the global order and its strategic significance for Paki-

#### Noorul Ain Qureshi meets Kharian **Press Club delegation**

👺 Anwar Chohan

KHARAIN: Deputy Commissioner Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Kharian after his posting in Gujrat district. Kharian Press Club was informed about this visit through the news of Sab Achahay in the local newspaper. The next day, a representative delegation consisting of Kharian Press Club Chairman Gul Bakshalvi, President Javed Warraich, Senior Vice President Rizwan Qadri, Vice President Shahid Baig, Former President and Chairman Muhammad Anwar Chohan, Former President Ehsan-ul-Haq met the Deputy Commissioner at the Deputy Commissioner's office. Ehsan-ul-Hag introduced the club officials. Club Chairman Gul Bakshalvi welcomed Ms. Noorul Ain Qureshi on her posting in Gujrat district and said that you came to Kharian yesterday but we did not get the news, so we came for an introductory meeting with you.

Gul Bakshalvi introduced Ms. Kharian to Ms. While inviting the administrative visit, he said that we are the spokespersons of our city and citizens, vou should come to Kharian, we will publish a press note in the newspapers regarding the holding of an open then you will know the public pain in told the Deputy Commissioner what tehsil headquarters.



the open court, the citizens of Kharian city are facing many basic problems,

In response, Noorul Ain Qureshi said that I agree with you that until we know the problems faced by the citizens, how can their solution be oossible, after being posted in Gujarat, I am making an introductory visit to the administrative institutions across the district, I will come to Kharian and listen to the problems of the citizens,

the club president Javed Warraich regarding his priorities, the lady said, currently, I am paying special attention to health, sewage and cleanliness. I hope that you will continue your written cooperation in identifying the problems of the citizens!

Due to the busy schedule of Deputy Commissioner Noorul Ain Qureshi, we did not take much time in the meeting. court to meet the common citizens, If time had allowed, we would have

problems and difficulties the MS, doctors, nursing staff and patients are facing in the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital. We would have told her that the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital is running on donations, why the patients and injured brought in emergency are transferred to Aziz Bhatti Hospital, Gujarat, why the nursery for newborns could not be activated in the hospital.

We would like to tell the Deputy Commissioner why the Assistant In response to the question of Commissioner is ignoring the Sunni scholars of the city of Kharian, the cradle of peace, why he is not fulfilling the promises made to the scholars.

Kharian is becoming a heap of dirt and filth in the inner city. What is Arar (Solid Waste Management Company) doing in Kharian? There are many such problems. If Deputy Commissioner Noorul Ain Sahiba sets up a public open court in Kharian, she will realize that Kharian is truly a neglected

### 'Drone Warfare: A Game-Changer in Contemporary Conflicts, Experts Agree'

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, convened a roundtable discussion on 'Unmanned Military Revolution: Contemporary Drone drone warfare through timely Warfare and Anti-Drone Systems,' as part of CASS Tech Talk series on 23th July 2025. The discussion covered offensive drone capabilities, emerging technologies such as swarm drones and loyal wingmen, and critical anti-drone defence strategies. The event was attended by members of academia, and intellectuals. CASS is an independent think tank that continues to arrange academic events for academia and practitioners interested in National Security in its wider context.

The moderator of the round-

introduced the Tech Talk as a platform to examine evolving drone technologies and their impact on recent conflicts. He reiterated CASS's commitment to shaping strategic discourse on and relevant analysis. Setting the stage for discussion, he highlighted three case studies: the Pakistan-India conflict involving Harop drones, Ukraine's Operation Spiderweb that inflicted USD 8 billion in damage to Russian bombers, and Israel's Operation Rising Lion targeting Iran's air defences.

Air Marshal Farooq Habib (Retd), former Senior Director at CASS Islamabad, focused on the strategic transformation driven by drone warfare. His address was structured around three key policy-reletable, Air Commodore Raza vant dimensions. First, he exam-

warfare for deterrence and escalation and its linkage to traditional deterrence frameworks. Second, he reviewed the trajectory of drone development and the corresponding military adaptations. Third, he highlighted the democratizing effect of drone technology, enabling the mass proliferation of unmannned technology. Citing Ukraine's exponential drone production, from 5,000 units in 2022 to 2.4 million in 2024, he underscored the strategic implications for regional conflicts. He projected that hybrid warfare, complemented by sporadic conventional engagements, will dominate South Asia's future conflict landscape.

Dr. Sohail Malik, Chairman of the Department of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering at Pak-Austria Fachhochschule

Haider (Retd), Director at CASS, ined the implications of drone IAST Haripur, provided a technical briefing on counter-drone systems, emphasizing the necessity of integrated frameworks across four operational domains: detection, tracking, identification, and neutralisation. He advocated for multi-sensor integration including radar, EO/IR, acoustic sensors, and RF scanning for anti-drone systems reliability. In discussing tracking and identification, he outlined the critical roles of AI/ML, sensor fusion, and GPS manipulation technologies in monitoring flight paths and intent analysis. Dr. Malik warned against reliance on singular technologies and called for policy measures to promote the development of an indigenous, innovation-driven ecosystem.

Thanking the speakers for their insightful presentations, Air Marshal Javaid Ahmed



(Retd), President CASS, said Pakistan-India conflict demonining recent regional conflicts, particularly the Pakistan-India confrontation and the Iran-Israel-US tensions, to extract critical lessons in contemporary warfare. by an interactive ques-

in his concluding remarks strated Pakistan Air Force's oper-researchers. It concluded with that CASS is rigorously exam- ational excellence and marked a a consensus that Pakistan must turning point in the integrated use of unmanned systems and advanced technologies.

The roundtable was followed He also highlighted that the tion-and-answer session with

experts from academia and take proactive steps to boost its indigenous market of drones and anti-drones systems to stay ahead of its adversaries and to protect its assets and territory from deadly aerial threats.

#### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
139,207.28	138,692.66		
Day's High	Day's Low		
139,436.76 138,808.64			
Index Value	Change		
13,735,304,471	+514.62		
Percentage Time			
+0.37%	25 Jul, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
9,120.31	-18.06		
Percentage	Time		
-0.20%	25 Jul, 4:35 pm GMT+1		
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
44,836.23	3 +142.32		
Percentage	Time		
+0.32%	25 Jul, 1:22 pm GMT-4		

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Avera		
Index Value	Change	
41,456.23	-370.11	
Percentage	Time	
-0.88%	25 Jul, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	186	191
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

Faisalabad Chamber Chief Urges State Bank to Reduce Policy Rate to Boost Exports and Growth

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**US** Dollar



跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: President of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rehan Naseem Bharara has urged the State Bank of Pakistan to reduce the policy rate significantly to consolidate the gains achieved in the economy, reduce production costs, further increase exports and reduce inflation so that Pakistani products can compete with other and neighboring regional economies.

He said that in other countries like Pakistan, the policy rate is still very low, due to which the exports of these countries are continuously increasing, while on the contrary, due to the increase in production costs in Pakistan due to the high policy rate, our export products are not able to compete with regional countries.

He said that the economy is gradually improving due to the efforts of the government and the business community, due to which Pakistan's international credit rating has improved, while the stock  $\,$ exchange is touching the highest rate in history.

He said that despite difficult circumstances, exports increased and the current account was in surplus for the first time in the last 14 years.

He further said that the value of the rupee has stabilized against the dollar while the inflation rate is also decreasing on an annual basis.

## Zafar Bakhtawari meets President of Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce

BIRMINGHAM: Secretary General of the United Business Group (UBG), Zafar Bakhtawari, held an important meeting with Dr. Nasir Awan, President of the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, at his office. The meeting focused on enhancing bilateral trade, investment opportunities, potential business collaborations, and strengthening Pakistan-UK economic relations. Zahid Bakhtawari, Abid Bakhtawari, and Hassan Afzal Rana were also present at this significant meeting.

Dr. Nasir Awan highlighted that the Pakistani business community plays a vibrant, trustworthy, and positive role in the UK economy. He expressed his desire to see greater promotion of Pakistani products, services, and skills within the UK market and assured that the Greater Birmingham Chamber will provide all possible support in this regard. He emphasized the need to foster direct relations with Paki-



stan's Chambers of Commerce, establish joint can rightfully be called "Mini Pakistan," home strong pillar of Pakistan-UK friendship. Prompossess immense potential, which only requires business platforms, and encourage exchange to over 300,000 Pakistanis. The city not only inent figures of Pakistani origin like Shabana proper direction and mentorship.

reflects the Pakistani community's contribution Bakhtawari also noted that Birmingham to Britain's development but also stands as a

Mahmood, a British Cabinet Minister, and Members of Parliament Saqib Bhatti, Tahir Ali, and Mohammad Ayub Khan, are living proof of the community's invaluable services to both nations.

Zahid Bakhtawari remarked that the position attained by the Pakistani community in the UK has been achieved solely through hard work and sincerity, reflecting the long-standing relations between the two countries. He stressed the importance of further enhancing cooperation in trade and education sectors.

Abid Bakhtawari highlighted that establishing robust relations with institutions like the Greater Birmingham Chamber could open new markets for Pakistani products. For SMEs, in particular, this presents a revolutionary oppor-

Hassan Afzal Rana emphasized the need to establish joint business forums to introduce the younger generation to bilateral trade opportunities. He stated that Pakistani youth in the UK

#### Waiting for unloading

ISLAMABAD: A view of the shipping containers parked along the road side at Sector I-10 as waiting for their turn to unload goods in factories at Federal Capital.



### **Strengthening Tax Discourse: Senior** journalist Khalid Pervez Gets Advisory **Role at FTO**

**E** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a notable recognition of his contributions to economic journalism and public policy, Mr. Khalid Pervez has been the institution's continued appointed as a Member of the central Advisory Committee of the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO).

widely respected for his mandate. strong editorial insight on economic affairs, taxation reforms. As the leading voice related to fiscal governance, system in Pakistan.

taxpayer rights, and transparency in tax administra-

His appointment to the FTO's central Advisory Committee signifies efforts to engage credible voices from civil society, media and professional sectors to strengthen its Mr. Khalid Pervez is oversight and reform

The broader tax community congratulates Mr. policies, and institutional Khalid Pervez on this prestigious behind Pay Tax Magazine, ment and looks forward Pakistan's dedicated tax to his continued efforts publication, he has consist- in advancing a fair, transently highlighted issues parent, and accountable tax

### **FPCCI** Demands Reduction of Interest Rate to Six Percent

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has demanded that the interest rate be reduced to six percent in the Monetary Policy meeting on July 30.

This measure is crucial to tackle the challenges facing the national economy and to boost industrial and commercial activities.

The country's inflation rate has rapidly decreased to four percent, which is a welcome development. In such a situation, the current high interest rate of eleven percent is not only inappropriate but has also become a major obstacle for the private sector. Addressing the Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations, FPCCI President Atif Ikram stated that the State Bank of Pakistan is set to announce its monetary policy on July 30.

He urged them to provide strong arguments and statements in favor of reducing the interest rate to six percent. He emphasized that a reduction to six percent is essential for revitalizing industrial activity,



lating private sector investment, and saving adversely affecting industrial production, the government 3.5 trillion rupees in debt servicing. President Atif Ikram further elab- unless the cost of doing business is reduced, orated that it has become impossible to run the expansion of industrial activities and the businesses at the current interest rate, as

enhancing export competitiveness, stimuthe cost of financing has exceeded limits, employment, and exports. He stressed that investment climate cannot improve.

#### **SITE President** emphasize face recognition CCTV cameras to apprehend culprits

KARACHI: The Additional Inspector General Karachi Police Javed A. Odho, has said that about 470 police personnel will join the team soon. Karachi Police is working on long term solutions to maintain law & order in the city. He has also offered coordination between District Keamari and District Central administrations to resolve long persistent traffic jam issues in SITE area from Siraj Kassam Teli flyover to Nazimabad underpass. He was speaking as the Chief Guest on the occasion of his visit to SITE Association of Industry. He was accompa-

nied by high officials of his department.

The Additional IG Karachi Police said that to keep coordination is very important to do jobs effectively. He appreciated the business community for rendering selfless services for the country and mentioned that issues of the business community are taken up on priority by him.

Speaking on traffic related issues, the Additional IG Karachi Police said that it is a difficult job and the defy from the public is problem-

There is a need to promote a culture of respect between Police and Citizens.

## Pak-Qatar Business Expo-2025 to Strengthen Bilateral Economic Cooperation: Qureshi

**Spokesman Report** 

DOHA: In a landmark initiative aimed at promoting Pakistan's investment opportunities and deepage of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) was formally inaugurated at the Holiday Inn. Doha.

The two-day high-profile event brings together a dynamic over 70-member delegation from Pakistan, led by ICCI President Nasir Mansoor Qureshi, and includes senior business executives and marketing heads from top-tier real estate and construction organizations such as DHA Islamabad, DHA Lahore, and DHA Multan.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Nasir Mansoor Qureshi highlighted the Expo as a testament to ICCI's unwavering commitment to fostering trade expansion, attracting ening bilateral economic ties with foreign direct investment, and culti-Qatar, the Pak-Qatar Business Expo vating long-term commercial part-2025—organized under the patron-nerships with the Gulf states. He described the initiative as a "golden opportunity" for the Pakistani diaspora in Qatar to connect with domestic enterprises and explore productive business collaborations.

Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Senior Vice President ICCI, expressed satisfaction over the joint efforts of ICCI and DHA in staging the event, saying it reflects the collective ambition of Pakistani entrepreneurs, particularly those settled in Qatar.

event a milestone in the history of Pak-Qatar economic relations, Nasir Mehmood Chaudhry, noting that the Expo is likely to Vice President ICCI, termed the generate substantial investment

strengthen diplomatic commer-

The Pak-Qatar Business Expo

leads, facilitate trade deals, and 2025 is expected to catalyze a new chapter of economic diplomacy and

## Asia Cup Cricket Tournament will be held in the United Arab Emirates from September 9 to September 28

**Asim Tanveer** 

ISLAMABAD: The schedule for the Asia cricket tournament has placed both  $\mbox{Cup 2025 cricket tournament has placed} \quad \mbox{countries in the same group.}$ both countries in the same group.

According to Asian Cricket Council (ACC) chief Mohsin Naqvi, the tournament will be held in the United Arab Emirates from September 9 to

Pakistan and India will be played on September 14 and if both teams reach the final, there is a possibility of two more matches between them.

2025 was to be hosted by India, but after the military tension between Pakistan the military tension between Pakistan and India in May, the holding of the and India in May, the 17th edition of the 17th edition of the tournament became tournament was in doubt.

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This edition of the Asia Cup will be played in the T20 format in which eight teams will participate.

The five full members of the Asian Cricket Council, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will be joined by the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Hong Kong.

In addition to Pakistan and India, Group A also includes Oman and the host UAE.

Group B includes Bangladesh and Hong Kong, who will play the opening match of the tournament on September 9, along with Afghanistan and Sri Lanka.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the next stage, where a new group of four teams will be formed. The top two teams from this stage will compete in the final on September 28.

Another user wrote in a sarcastic tone. 'From the claim to boycott Pakistan to playing three matches... Wow, patriotism, salute you!'

India-Pakistan match is a broadcast



a boycott of the Indian Cricket Board.

demanded a boycott of the BCCI and ashamed that it was allowed."

deal worth billions of rupees for BCCI' wrote, "Nothing is more important than Many people were seen demanding the Indian Army and today on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, such news is A user named Rishabh Singh coming out. The government should be

Another Indian user named Asif wrote that for the BCCI, the India-Pakistan match is not an emotional occasion but a broadcast deal worth billions

"Whether there is tension on the border or there is talk of boycott on Twitter, the stadiums are filled, advertisements are sold, TRP records are broken and this becomes the most expensive cricket product in the world."

He further wrote, "Emotions are for us... for them, it is just business."

On the other hand, Pakistani users are happy with the decision.

A Pakistani user named Syed Muhammad Usman wrote, "It is nice to see that cricket has taken precedence over politics. BCCI should be appreciated for its efforts in this regard."

"We should not forget that the Asia Cup is not just a competition between India and Pakistan, but also small countries like Nepal, Bhutan, and Hong Kong run their cricket systems with the resources gained from this event.

## 15,000+ Young Cricketers Flock to PMYP-Qalandars Trials in Larkana and Sukkur

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Cricket fever gripped Sindh as over 15,000 aspiring cricketers participated in the Prime Minister's Youth Programme(PMYP)-Lahore Qalandars Talent Hunt trials held over two days each in Larkana and Sukkur.

The nationwide initiative, jointly spearheaded by the Government of Pakistan and Lahore Qalandars, aims to unearth raw talent from underserved regions and provide a merit-based pathway to professional cricket.

Larkana welcomed more than 7,000 participants, while Sukkur outdid with over 8,000, marking one of the largest turnouts in the campaign so far. From dawn tion." to dusk, both venues buzzed competition.

whelming response, hailed the tapping into Pakistan's hidden from remote areas.



Lahore Qalandars CEO pline, hunger, and poten-

President PTF elected

as Council Member of

Asian Taekwondo

Union (ATU)

KARACHI: In a momentous develop-

ment for Pakistan's taekwondo community, President Pakistan Taekwondo

Federation (PTF), Lt Col (R) Raja Wasim

Ahmed, has been elected as a Council

Member of the Asian Taekwondo Union

(ATU). The election was held during

the ATU General Assembly in Kuching,

This remarkable achievement marks

"What we witnessed was tive will lead to the formation with energy, hope, and fierce extraordinary," he said. "These of five regional teams from young players came with disci-Sindh, offering consistent opportunities, training, and Atif Rana, moved by the over- tial. Through PMYP, we are exposure to talented players

Rana confirmed the initiathis was their first chance to perform before professional selectors. One young participant from Larkana shared, "No one ever noticed our talent before. Now, I believe I can represent Pakistan."

#### Matt Henry stars as New Zealand beat South Africa to clinch tri-series

HARARE: Matt Henry took two wickets in the final over as New Zealand beat South Africa by three runs in the final of the Zimbabwe T20I tri-series at Harare Sports Club here on Saturday.

Chasing New Zealand's total of 180 for five, South Africa were on the brink of victory when big-hitting Dewald Brevis hit 15 runs, including two sixes, off the penultimate over from Zakary Foulkes.

South Africa needed seven off the last over to edge past New Zealand.

It seemed Brevis might have hit another six off the second ball, but Michael Bracewell on the deep midwicket boundary held a high hit and calmly tossed the ball up before crossing the rope and then stepping back to complete the catch.

Three runs were scored off the next two balls before Daryl Mitchell held a diving catch at long-on to dismiss George Linde. Henry closed out the match with a dot ball.

Fast bowler Henry was named player of the match as well as player of the tournament after finishing as the leading wicket-taker with ten wickets.

"South Africa got off to a flier," Henry said of South Africa's opening stand of 92 between Lhuan-dre Pretorius (51) and Reeza Hendricks (37).

"It's a credit to our team for staying in the fight, knowing wickets can change

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Mr. Sang Jin Kim of South Korea wondo Federation congratulates the

was elected as the new President of the newly elected leadership and expresses

ATU, while Mr. Jung Heon Kim and its confidence in their vision and dedica-

Mr. Shadad Tali A Alamri were elected tion to the continued growth and devel-

as Vice Presidents. The Pakistan Taek- opment of Taekwondo across Asia.

#### Pakistan decides not to participate in any sports event ĥeld in India

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: According to a PSB spokesperson, the decision was taken during the board's 34th meeting, which was held on July 23, 2025. A circular has been sent to all national sports federations, asking to strictly adhere to the directive.

According to the notification, no sports federation will be allowed to participate in any sporting event held in India without the prior permission of the Pakistan Sports Board.

After this notification, the national hockey team will not be able to participate in the Asia Hockey Cup. The notification does not specify how long the restriction will remain in place.

#### WCL 2025: Australia Champions edge past India in last-ball thriller

LEEDS: Austral-Champions pulled off a thrilling four-wicket win against India Champions in a high-octane clash of the World Champi onship of Legends (WCL) 2025 here



on Saturday. Chasing a stiff target of 204, Australia got over the line on the penultimate delivery of the match, with Callum Ferguson sealing the deal by launching Irfan Pathan for a six.

They finished at 207-6 in 19.5 overs, handing India their second straight loss in the tournament. Ferguson, who walked in with the scoreboard reading 65-4 in

the eighth over, turned the game on its head with a match-winning knock of 70 not out from just 38 balls. His innings was laced with five fours and four sixes. Dan Christian also played a key role in the chase, scoring 39

off 25 deliveries, including five boundaries and a six.

For India Champions, Piyush Chawla was the pick of the bowlers with 3-36, while Harbhajan Singh chipped in with two wickets and Vinay Kumar took one.

Earlier, Australia opted to bowl first but were put under pressure right away as Indian openers Robin Uthappa and Shikhar Dhawan put up a brisk 57-run stand in just five overs. Follow us on our Official WhatsApp channel

However, Dan Christian turned the momentum with a doublestrike in the sixth over, removing Uthappa for 37 (21) and Ambati Rayudu for a two-ball duck.

innings with a sublime unbeaten 91 off 60 deliveries. He found support from Yusuf Pathan, who exploded late in

the innings with a fiery 52 not out off just 23 balls.

Despite the wickets, Dhawan held one end firm, anchoring the

The duo stitched together a 100-run partnership for the fifth wicket, taking India to a competitive total of 203-4 in their 20

With this result, Australia Champions climbed to second place on the WCL 2025 points table with two wins in three games. India Champions, on the other hand, are yet to open their account after two matches.

## Calandagan claims King George for France

and global levels.

a significant milestone in Pakistan's growing stature within the international

Taekwondo community. Lt Col (R) Raja

Wasim's induction into the ATU Council

is a recognition of his tireless efforts and

unwavering dedication to the develop-

ment of Taekwondo in Pakistan. His presence in the continental governing

body is expected to pave the way for

greater representation and new oppor-

tunities for Pakistani athletes at the Asian

Sports Desk

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Calandagan claimed the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes on Saturday for France's second successive winner of Britain's summer showpiece.

Trainer Francis Graffard sent out 25-1 outsider Goliath to land the Ascot Group One 12 months ago. And he repeated the feat with Calandagan, the 11-10 favourite.

the colours of the late Aga main rival in the betting, Jan Brueghel, set a fast pace up



victory but Barzalona was Khan anchored at the back making up ominous ground of the five-runner field as his down the middle of the track, to hit the front in the shadow

of the post. Rebel's Romance took favourite for October's Prix

Rounding the home turn third at 5-1. "This means a lot. Jockev Mickael Barzalona Kalpana (15-2) surged into These are the races you want had the four-year-old sporting the lead and looked set for to win. I was very young when I won the (Epsom) Derby and this one is very special," said

Barzalona. Despite being beaten by one length Kalpana is now

de l'Arc de Triomphe at a best priced 10-1. Calandagan is unable to line up in the Arc as he is a gelding.

The Aga's famous green and red silks were carried to victory in the King George back in 1981 by the mighty Epsom Derby winner Shergar, who met an unfortunate end when he was infamously stolen from stud in Ireland.

A ransom was never paid and Shergar was never found despite a nationwide search by the Irish police.

Ascot announced before the race that prize money for next year's King George will be increased to two million (\$2.7 million), making it Britain's richest race.

#### FIVB Boys' U19 World Championship **Sports Desk**

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan volleyball team delivered yet another dominant performance at the FIVB Boys' U19 World Championship 2025 by securing their third consecutive win, this time against a strong Turkish side.

In an intense match played at the championship venue in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Pakistan overcame a slow start to rally back and defeat Turkey in straight sets: 25-27, 25-19, 25-19, said a press release issued here Saturday.

This vital victory not only continues Pakistan's perfect winning record but also



Pakistan continues winning streak in

for the Top 16 round of the tournament — a remarkable milestone in Pakistan's volleyball history.

Top Performers included run in the tournament and Muhammad Saud who emerged as the match's best scorer with 16 points, stan will face Puerto Rico on

precision in his attacks. Meanwhile Muhammad Yahya added 14 points, continuing his consistent playing a pivotal role in both offense and defense. Paki-

Pakistan Volleyball Federation Ch. Muhammad Yaqoob said, "This win against a European powerhouse like Turkey is yet another testament to the rising standard of volleyball in Pakistan. Our young athletes have

Monday in the next game.

In a statement Chairman,

shown great skill, discipline, and unity throughout this championship.

Qualifying for the top 16 at the world level is not just a team victory — it is a proud moment for the entire nation. We are committed to nurturing this talent and ensuring our presence remains strong in future international competitions."

## The Spokesman

# Meeting ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif A view of debris of the demolished Chambers of Lawyers at F-8 Football ground after the Supreme Court ultimatum, which was till 01-05-2021, as the Workers of Anti encroachments.

## PM strongly condemns Israeli blockade of aid to Palestinians in Gaza

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif increasing inhuman Zionist Saturday strongly condemned atrocities in Gaza. the Israeli blockade of aid to the Palestinians in Gaza resulting in food shortages.

He made the condemnation during a telephonic conversation with Ameer Jamaat-e-Is-

Both leaders expressed deep concern over the ongoing Israeli

He said Pakistan will continue diplomatic efforts to the Palestinian brothers and lami Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman. sisters, including children and women who are starving.

Pakistan will continue to brutality against the defenceless provide diplomatic and moral relief goods to the oppressed Islami said that Palestinian and play a leading role.

The Prime Minister also Palestinian brothers and sisters sisters in Gaza through diplostrongly condemned the who are victims of Zionist matic channels, Al-Khidmat oppression and barbarism, he stressed.

Pakistan, he added, will keep raising its voice against at all levels to end the Israeli the inhuman atrocities being blockade of aid to Gaza and committed against its Palesrestore the supply of food items tinian brothers and sisters in Gaza at every forum of the world and before other nations.

While the government of Pakistan continued to provide

support to the defenceless Palestinian brothers and leaders had contacted him Foundation ensured the delivery of relief goods to Gaza by launching a nationwide

campaign, he noted. The Prime Minister appreciated the noble initiative and efforts of the Ameer of Jamaate-Islami and Al-Khidmat Foundation to send relief goods to the victims of Gaza

The Ameer of Jamaat-e-

and appealed to the Prime Minister of Pakistan to play a leading role in reaching ceasefire and providing food aid in

"The Palestinian people and the entire Islamic world have high hopes from Pakistan and its leadership," he said adding the Prime Minister should make special contact with the international community, including Islamic countries,

## TikToker Sameera Rajput's suspicious death sparks investigation in Ghotki

👺 Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

GHOTKI: The death of TikToker Sameera Rajput in Mumtaz Shah Mohalla of Ghotki takes serious turn. The body of the deceased was found in her house in suspicious conditions, while the family has alleged that Sameera was killed by giving

her something poisonous. According to the police, the case has been registered in the local police station, based on complain from decease's daughter.

In her complain, she has taken full stand, she said that her mother was forcibly given pills, which caused her health to decline. She was transferred to Sukkur, where she died.



his accomplice Imran have arrest ever since. been named in the case. The

Ex-husband Ali Raza and suspects have been under says that the initial investi-

gation is ongoing and further angles and the facts will be The police spokesperson developments will come out revealed soon.

after the post-mortem report. Sameera Rajput's family revealed that she divorced Ali Raza three years ago. But he and Imran pressurised her to remarry. It resulted in several

According to Sameera's daughter, these people have given threats a number of

After this incident, an old video of the victim has also gone viral on social media, in which she is clearly expressing threat to her life and holding her ex-husband Ali Raza responsible.

This video increases sensitivity of the case.

Police say that the incident is being investigated from all

## Punjab govt appointing grade 18 officers on **BPS 19-20 posts**

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Amid shortage of senior officers, Punjab government continue to appoint grade 18 officers as Deputy Commissioners in several districts of Punjab though legally grade 19 and grade 20 officers were posted on these seats, reported 24NewsHD TV Channel. DC Lahore Syed Musa Raza a grade 19 officer is currently serving on a grade 20 post. Similarly, DC Kasur Imran Ali is working on grade 20 position.

Several Deputy Commissioners in Punjab are currently serving on higher-grade seats than their official ranks. DC Sheikhupura Shahid Imran Marth is a grade 18 officer posted on a grade 20 seat.



officer is serving on a grade 19 Ahmed, also a Grade 18 officer,

DC Sialkot Saba Asghar is on a Grade 20 seat. a grade 19 officer posted on a DC Nankana, Muhammad DC Mandi Bahauddin Faisal also a Grade 18 officer, is posted

Tasleem Akhtar Rao, grade 18 Saleem, a grade 18 officer, is serving on a grade 19 seat. DC seat. DC Gujranwala Naveed Rawalpindi Hassan Waqar Cheema, another Grade 18 is appointed on a grade 20 seat. officer, is currently appointed

Similarly, DC Chakwal Sara grade 20 seat. DC Gujrat Noor- Hayat, a Grade 18 officer, is ulain Qureshi, a grade 18 officer, serving on a Grade 19 seat. DC is posted on a grade 19 seat. Murree Agha Zaheer Shirazi,

on a Grade 19 seat. DC Sargodha Javed, a grade 19 officer, is Muhammad Waseem, a grade 19 officer, is serving on a grade 20 seat. DC Mianwali Khalid Javed Goraya, a grade 18 officer, is posted on a grade 19 seat, while DC Bhakkar Muhammad Ashraf, another grade 18 officer,

is also serving on a Grade 19 seat. DC Faisalabad Nadeem Nasir is a Grade 19 officer, posted on a gGrade 20 seat, DC Jhang Ali Akbar Bhinder is a Grade 18 officer, posted on a Grade 19 seat, DC Multan Waseem Hamid is a Grade 18 officer, posted on a Grade 20 seat, DC Vehari Imrana Taugeer is a grade 19 officer, posted on a Grade 20 seat and DC Sahiwal Shahid Mahmood is a Grade 19 officer, posted on a grade 20

DC Okara Ahmad Usman

posted on a grade 20 seat. DC Pakpattan Asif Raza, a grade 18 officer, is serving on a Grade 19 seat. DC Bahawalpur Farhan Farooq, a Grade 19 officer, is posted on a Grade 20 seat. DC Bahawalnagar Zulfiqar Ahmad Bhon, a Grade 18 officer, is serving on a Grade 19 seat. DC Rahim Yar Khan Khurram Parvaiz, also a Grade 18 officer, is posted on a Grade 20 seat. DC Dera Ghazi Khan Muhammad Usman Khalid. a grade 19 officer, is serving on a grade 20 seat. DC Muzaffargarh Muhammad Usman Tahir Jappa, a Grade 18 officer, is posted on a grade 20 seat, while DC Kot Addu Syed Munawar Abbas Bukhari, a Grade 18 officer, is serving on a grade 19

ISLAMABD: Aleema Khan, sister of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, has said that the people will now have to come out themselves for freedom, saying the people should not wait for the movement to start only when the founder is released.

**E** City Desk

Talking to the media along with her two sisters outside Rawalpin- allowed inside?

#### President Zardari **Conferes Nishan**e-Imtiaz on US **Commander General** Michael E. Kurilla



Naveed Ahmad Khan

RAWALPINDI: The Government of Pakistan has conferred the prestigious award of Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military) upon General Michael E. Kurilla, Commander of United States Central Command (USCENT-COM), in recognition of his exemplary service and pivotal role in advancing enduring military cooperation between Pakistan and the United

States. In a formal investiture ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, President Asif Ali Zardari conferred the decoration upon General Kurilla, acknowl-

to regional security and his dedicated efforts in strengthening strategic defence ties between the two

General Kurilla's visionary leadership has been instrumental in fostering mutual understanding, enhancing defence collaboration, and deepening counterterrorism cooperation between the Pakistan Armed Forces and USCENTCOM. His consistent engagement reflects a profound respect for Pakistan's central role in promoting peace and stability across the region.

On arrival at the Presidency, General Kurilla was presented with edging his outstanding contributions a Tri-Services Guard of Honour.

## **Maritime minister** highlights \$20-50m annual potential of mangrove carbon market



#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD:: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry on Saturday stated that Pakistan hosted the largest contiguous arid mangrove forest in South Asia, primarily located in the Indus Delta region generate annual revenue of \$20-50 market strategy", he added. million depending on market prices and volume.

In a message on the occasion of the 350,000 hectares, has already gener- of the Indus Delta.

ated \$40 million in carbon credit. sales and projects to generate billions over the coming decades.

"Given Balochistan's significantly smaller mangrove area cover about 4,058 hectares and similar carbon sequestration value per hectare, its annual potential would be proportionally less but still meaningful as of Sindh, which has the potential to part of Pakistan's broader carbon

The Delta Blue Carbon (DBC) project is a public-private partnership between the Government International Day for the Conser- of Sindh and Indus Delta Capital, vation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, launched in 2015. It aims to restore the minister said Sindh's Delta and protect mangrove forests across Blue Carbon project, covering over more than 3,500 square kilometers

## PTI workers being selectively punished, says Aleema Khan



di's Adiala Jail, Aleema Khan said that everyone would come out on August 5.

The plan is in place. PTI workers were being selectively punished. Clearly, someone is afraid," she stated.

"The hearing in the Toshakhana II case was scheduled for today. We were not allowed to attend the hearing despite being present outside the jail since 11am. Around 8 to 9 people from the prosecution side were allowed to go inside. How can a lawyer attend the hearing without his team? We have been waiting outside

the jail for four hours," she added. Aleema questioned the fairness of the legal process, saying how can this be a fair trial when lawyers are not

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