President of Uzbekistan to pay a working visit to Turkmenistan At the invitation of the President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev will pay a working visit to Turkmenistan on August 4-5 to take part in the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries. The event will be held in the Avaza National

Ahsan Iqbal, Chinese officials discuss CPEC Phase 2

Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) likely to take place shortly

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Cheque Distribution Ceremony

GILGIT: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses a cheque distribution ceremony for flood affectees in Gilgit Balitistan on Monday.



PM orders advance weather alert system for tourist destinations

Saif ur Rehman

GILGIT: Prime Minister center for Gilgit-Baltistan expressed sorrow over the cial government. Shehbaz Sharif on Monday in the coming months, stressed that an advanced the prime minister said weather alert system must adding that a comprehenbe established for tour- sive system must be devel- lighting Pakistan's minimal ist destinations based on oped for immediate rescue contribution to global emisheavy monsoon, particuseasonal forecasts, and local and assistance in emergency sions, the prime minister larly in Gilgit-Baltistan, the populations should be reset-situations. tled away from natural water

and rehabilitation work in efforts. Gilgit Baltistan, the prime minister said that keeping ures for those affected by climate change in view, early the recent monsoon must warning systems, preparedness for relief opera- the prime minister said tions, and construction emphasizing that a survey of climate-resilient infra- of damage to roads and structure in vulnerable areas infrastructure should be should be ensured.

jointly establish a fore- priority basis. casting and monitoring

passageways to help prevent ensure close cooperation almost zero emissions, it was emergencies in the future. with provincial governments among the top ten nations Chairing a meeting and relevant institutions to most affected by climate neer Amir Muqam, Abdul regarding the recent floods enhance rescue and relief

"All rehabilitation measbe completed promptly," conducted, and communi-

loss of lives during recent rains and floods in the area.

The prime minister, highstressed that despite the fact expected weather condichange-induced disasters. "Despite Pakistan's nearzero emissions, we suffer due to global warming," he

Appreciating the rescue operations and efforts of NDMA, PDMA, the Ministry of Communications, district administra-NDMA and the Ministry cation links in all affected tion, and rescue personnel, of Climate Change should areas must be restored on a the prime minister directed

NDMA to provide all neces-The prime minister also sary assistance to the provin-

The provincial administration and Chairman NDMA briefed the meeting on the losses caused by the He instructed NDMA to that Pakistan contributed tions, and actions taken so

> Federal Ministers Engi-Aleem Khan, Attaullah Tarar, Mian Moeen Wattoo, Dr. Musadik Malik; huge devastation every year Adviser Rana Sanaullah; PM's Coordinator Shabbir Ahmed Usmani; Governor Gilgit-Baltistan Sved Mehdi Shah; Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Gulbar Khan; Chairman NDMA Inam Haider Malik: and other senior officials and

> > government representatives.

DPM Dar, Secretary Rubio discuss bilateral, regional matters

B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Monday spoke with the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

conversation, the two areas of mutual interest.

leaders discussed a range of bilateral matters and exchanged views on current regional and international issues, according to a Foreign Office press release.

Both sides also agreed to remain in contact and During the telephonic continue cooperation in



Over 300 PTI workers arrested in Lahore as party plans protest outside Adiala Jail

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Police in Lahore arrested over 300 Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI)workers ahead of the party's planned protest on August 5, while the party has finalised plans to stage a high-profile demon-Islamabad.

police raids have intensi- the arrests, PTI Lahore lead-

fied across Lahore, targeting ership vowed that peaceful homes of key PTI leaders, ticket-holders, and organisers. Some detainees have been released on surety bonds, but "door-knocking" operations remain underway, according to police officials. Tensions have escalated in Lahore, with stration outside Adiala Jail in PTI alleging that the Punjab government has crossed all According to sources, limits of repression. Despite

protests would proceed across the city on Monday.

PTI's top leadership has called all its Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) and Senators to Islamabad, where they are set to protest outside Adiala Jail. Provincial assembly members will hold protests in their respective constituencies.

The campaign will be

organised under the platform of "Tehreek Tahaffuz-e-Aain-e-Pakistan", with PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja overseeing its coordination. Also read

Protest schedules from Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been submitted to the central leadership, and ticket-holders across the country have been placed on alert.

City Desk

the failure of talks between council meeting in Islamthe federal government and abad on Monday, presided Shia organizations regarding the reopening of land head Allama Syed Sajid Ali routes for pilgrims heading to Iraq for Arbaeen, the protest movement.

was made during a press less, negotiations with other Shia organizations,

conclusion of the SUC's ISLAMABAD: Following two-day central executive failed to produce any over by Millat-e-Jafariya

Naqvi. the launch of a nationwide overland travel for sacred pilgrimages during Arbaeen announcement and the ongoing, yet fruit- Ulema Council, along with

"The government has tangible outcomes on this vital religious issue despite several rounds of dialogue," the SUC leadership stated. "Instead of offering a

The meeting focused resolution, officials have Shia Ulema Council of Paki- extensively on the govern- continuously resorted to into reversing its decistan (SUC) has announced ment's decision to block delaying tactics, wasting the valuable time of pilgrims." In response, the Shia

has resolved to begin nationwide protests starting today. across the country from

Protest rallies will be held tomorrow, with a largescale, coordinated demonstration planned for Friday.

The protests aim to pressure the government sion and reopening land routes to Iraq in time for Arbaeen, one of the holiest annual pilgrimages for Shia

Shia leadership announces nationwide protests over ban on pilgrimage routes for Arbaeen conference held after the federal authorities.

Section 144 imposed in Rawalpindi ahead of planned PTI protests

10, effectively banning all processions, public gather-

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf raising fears of unrest and ings, and rallies across the (PTI) gears up for nation-confrontation. city amid security concerns. wide protests against the According to a notifica- continued incarceration enforcement of Section 144 the restrictions, officials tion issued by the Deputy of its founder and former is a preventive measure to added.

has been taken in anticipa- Khan, who has been jailed RAWALPINDI: The Rawaltion of possible attempts by at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi pindi district administration miscreants to damage public for the past two years. The has imposed Section 144 and private property during main protest demonstration from August 4 to August the volatile political climate. is reportedly planned to be ment agencies have been The move comes as the staged outside Adiala Jail,

Authorities

Commissioner, the decision Prime Minister Imran maintain law and order and ensure the safety of citizens and property during the protest period.

Police and law enforcedirected to strictly implement the ban, and legal action will be taken against anyone found violating



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President AJK Barrister Sultan termed August 5, 2019, as a dark chapter in Kashmir's history

Spokesman Report

Mahmood Chaudhry, has termed August 5, 2019, as a dark chapter in government abrogated Articles 370 courage and without arms," he said. and 35A of its Constitution in a bid to a mark protest against India's uncon-

has long employed state terrorism as denounced India's claims of being a a weapon of war to suppress the legiti- secular and democratic state, saying

mate struggle of the Kashmiri people, that New Delhi has been exposed before however, the scale of oppression and ISLAMABAD: President Azad brutality has intensified after August 05 violations in occupied Kashmir and the Jammu and Kashmir, Barrister Sultan 2019. "India wants to forcibly and illegally annex occupied Kashmir, but the brave people of the region continue to Kashmir's history, when the Indian resist Indian tyranny with remarkable

The president affirmed that the alter the disputed status of Indian-oc-people of occupied Kashmir are cupied Jammu and Kashmir. The AJK committed to their peaceful freedom President expressed these views in a movement and remain steadfast in special message issued on the occasion their demand for the right to self-deof Youm-e-Istehsal (Day of Exploita- termination, as enshrined in the tion), observed annually on August 5 as United Nations Security Council resolutions."Kashmiris seek a peaceful resostitutional actions and ongoing oppres- lution to the dispute, based on internasion in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. tional law and the will of the people," The AJK President said that India he remarked. Barrister Chaudhry

the world due to its grave human rights persecution of minorities across India.

He also paid tribute to the Pakistani armed forces for responding effectively to Indian aggression, saying that their resolute defense compelled India to agree to a ceasefire. Highlighting the importance of international engagement to bring about a peaceful solution to the lingering dispute, he said: "We should seriously consider offers of mediation, including the one previously extended by U. S. President Donald Trump". The president also stressed the need for including Kashmiris in any future talks between Pakistan and India to ensure a just and lasting solution to the Kashmir dispute.



August 5 as Black Day as a mark of protest against the Indian government's: PM AJK

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, has said that Kashmiris on both sides of the ceasefire line and across the world would observe August 5 as Black Day as a mark of protest against the Indian government's unilateral move to abrogate Articles 370

In his message issued on the occasion of Youm-e-Istehsal, the PM said the Indian government's unilateral move was a blatant attempt to implement the Hindutva agenda and alter the demographic identity of occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Referring to relentless repression of occupied Kashmir and persecution of religious minorities in the Indian mainland, the PM said, "Just as India has been marginalizing Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, and Dalits within its territory, a similar campaign is underway in Kashmir to turn the Muslim majority into a minority"



The Prime Minister strongly condemned the continued siege of occupied Kashmir by over 900,000 Indian forces, accusing them of

stripping the Kashmiri people of their fundamental freedoms and rights including their right to life, the right to peaceful assembly, free speech and expression.

He said, "India is committing grave human rights violations. Youth are being martyred in fake encounters, journalists and human rights defenders are jailed on fabricated charges". India, he said, has choked all forms of dissent in the

'The press and social media are brutally suppressed", he remarked. the state's domicile law, calling it a deliberate attempt to change Kashmir's demographic structure and erase its unique identity.

"Such actions are not only illegal but also in clear violation of the international laws, and multiple UN Security Council resolutions, particularly Resolution 91 (1951) and 122 (1957)," he added. Reiterating that Jammu and Kashmir remains a disputed territory, he said that India's August 5 move amounts

"India's illegal occupation and unilateral actions cannot alter the disputed status of Kashmir, which remains pending on the UN agenda for over seven decades", the PM said. He called on the international community to exert pressure on India to immediately implement the relevant UN resolutions and allow the people of Jammu and Kashmir to exercise their right to self-determination guaranteed to them by the international community."I salute the bravery and unwavering resolve of the people of occupied Kashmir, He also criticized India for amending who continue their just and peaceful struggle despite severe repression," the Prime Minister said, adding that the valiant people of Kashmir would never accept India's immoral and illegal occupation.

He also expressed gratitude to all countries, international organizations, human rights defenders, and media outlets who have exposed India's actions and continue to raise their voices against the atrocities being committed by the Indian occupation forces against Kashmiris in occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

United Nations Must Intervene in Kashmir Issue: Information Minister Pir Mazhar Shah

Beroue Report

mir against the wishes of the people Shah said that the atrocities committed

revoking Articles 370 and 35A. Even Minister of the Azad Jammu and failed to achieve its nefarious objec-Kashmir Government Pir Muham- tives. The day-by-day increase in the mad Mazhar Saeed Shah has said number of Indian forces in occuthat August 5 is a black day when in pied Kashmir is clear evidence that 2019, India made a nefarious attempt the Kashmiris have rejected India's to destroy the demography, histo- heinous actions. In his special message ry, culture and especially the Kash- on the occasion of Kashmir Exploitamir freedom movement of Jammu tion Day, Information Minister of the and Kashmir by revoking the special Azad Jammu and Kashmir Governstatus granted to Jammu and Kash- ment Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed

the August 5, 2019 initiative are unpar-MUZAFFARABAD: Information after the August 5 initiative, India has alleled in human history. The steps taken by India to harm the Kashmir issue cannot end the status of the Kashmir issue in the United Nations. The unconstitutional, illegal and immoral steps of August 5, 2019 cannot change the status of the Kashmir issue and the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, nor can such heinous steps weaken the resolve of the Kashmiri people. He said that the resolve of the Kashmiri people is very high,

onment and lockdown and enforced a slip in their independence. He said that the Kashmir issue can be resolved only in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations. These are referendum. He said that the unilatrecognized status of Jammu and Kash-

of occupied Jammu and Kashmir by in occupied Jammu and Kashmir after the hardships of massacre, impris- of all international laws. We call upon the United Nations, civilized countries disappearances cannot bring about and human rights organizations and institutions to play their role in ensuring the Kashmiris their birthright to self-determination and to stop human rights violations in occupied Kashmir. the resolutions of the United Nations He said that I pay tribute to the Kashthat give the Kashmiris the right to a miri martyrs and salute the determination and courage of the Kashmiri eral steps taken by India to harm the people. The sacrifices of the martyrs of the Kashmir freedom movement the clutches of India. God willing, the mir, contrary to the resolutions of the will not go in vain, the entire Pakistani United Nations, are a gross violation nation, the people of Azad Kashmir India is written on the wall.



and the Kashmiris living abroad are behind their Kashmiri brothers and God willing, the day is not far when Kashmiris will achieve freedom from freedom of occupied Kashmir from

Pakistan stands shoulder to shoulder with Kashmiris: Amir Muqam

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD.: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON Engineer Amir Muqam has rejected the illegal Indian measures of August 5, 2019, and demanded their withdrawal, the release of political detainees and the resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the UN resolutions. August 5 is one of the darkest days for Kashmiris when India took away their special status and identity.

The Modi government has turned the occupied territory into a big prison and taken away all the basic rights of Kashmiris. Pakistan has raised its voice for the oppressed Kashmiris on every international platform and Insha Allah Pakistan will continue to fight the cause of Kashmiris in the future at international forums.

On the occasion of Kashmir Exploitation Day, special walks and The celebrations will be held. on the occasion. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference on Kashmir Exploitation Day along with All Parties Hurriyat Confer-PID on Monday.

Ahmed Usmani was also present miris to self-determination. On



The Federal Minister said that the sixth 'Exploitation Day' will be observed in Pakistan on August 5 against the illegal ence Convener Ghulam Safi at move of India to abolish the special status of illegally occu-Prime Minister's Coordinator pied Jammu and Kashmir and for Kashmir Affairs Shabbir in support of the right of Kash-

and violations of the fundamental rights of Kashmiris will be highlighted. The importance of Exploitation Day has increased with the victory of Operation Banyan Marsus. He said that I hope that India has learned a big lesson and will not even think forum. Standing with our Kash-

this day, the Kashmir conflict are proud of our forces, which responded to the enemy befittingly, due to which the Kashmir issue was once again highlighted at the international level. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has always raised his voice for Kashmiris at the international of attacking Pakistan again. We miri brothers is our first priority.

violation of UN resolutions gated Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution, under which Jammu and Kashmir, illegally occupied by India, had a special status. August 5 is one of the darkest days for Kashmiris when India took away their unique status and identity. Engineer Amir Muqam said that the Modi government has turned the occupied territory into a big prison and taken away all the basic rights of Kashmiris. Indian forces are continuously martyring youth in fake encounters during siege and search operations, which the international community should take notice of. He rejected the illegal Indian measures of August 5, 2019 and demanded their withdrawal, the release of political detainees and a resolution of the Kashmir issue in accordance with UN resolutions. Banning the entry of international human rights organizations and international journalists into the occupied valley is a clear violation of human rights. Pakistan has raised its voice for the oppressed Kashmiris on every international platform and God to present the case of Kashmir. tions. He said that Pakistan has throughout the country.

the Indian government, in clear Kashmiri brothers and sisters the Kashmir issue at the UN, are steadfast in their struggle for OIC, European Union and other and international laws, abro- their right to self-determination. international forums and will Kashmiris have decided that their continue to do so. Engineer Amir lives and deaths are with Paki-

The Federal Minister said that on the occasion of Kashmir Exploitation Day, special walks tion Day. Pakistan fully supports and events will be organized at the federal and provincial historic struggle, which they are levels, while in Azad Jammu carrying out to turn their dream and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. For the past seven decades, despite Indian atrocities, discrim-Kashmiris have been waiting ination and injustice. Several to fulfill their promises to the United Nations. The international community should urge India to stop human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir that day, a minute's silence will and implement UN resolutions. Despite decades of Indian occu- on the roads will be stopped. A pation, the resolve of Kashmiris huge rally will be taken out in and their unbreakable ties with Islamabad and similarly rallies Pakistan remain intact. He said that India is pursuing a colonial levels and provincial capitals policy and is trying to erase the across the country to condemn political, religious and cultural India's illegal actions. The federal identity of Kashmiris so that they minister said that the media has can be deprived of their right to always played an important role self-determination. Despite in highlighting the Kashmir fighting three wars with India, issue. Hopefully, this year again, Pakistan's position has always you will highlight August 5 in been for a peaceful solution to a suitable manner. The federal the Kashmir issue, which is in minister said that August 5 is willing, Pakistan will continue accordance with UN resolu- observed as Exploitation Day

He said that on August 5, 2019, Despite these atrocities, our been continuously highlighting Muqam said that a condemnation resolution will be presented in the National Assembly on the occasion of Kashmir Exploitathe Kashmiri people in their of joining Pakistan into a reality programs have been organized in Pakistan to express solidarity with the Kashmiris on the occasion of Exploitation Day. On be observed at 10 am and traffic will be taken out in district, tehsil





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Social worker accused of sexually harassing polio worker in Thatta

Kamran Khamiso Khowaja

THATTA: Parents of a female polio worker accused a social worker of sexually haraccing their daugh ter and blackmailing her through obscene videos. They alleged that Talib Jat, who claimed to be a social worker, had been blackmailing their daughter for a long time and also subjected her to sexual harassment and assault. They further mentioned that the suspect had posted two videos on social media sites, causing immense distress to their daughter.

It was further revealed by the parents of the alleged victim that she was reportedly lured into a honey trap and later harassed by the suspect. A case under relevant provisions of the Pakistan Penal Code and the Prevention of Electronic and Cyber Crime Act 2016 has been registered at the Ghulamullah Police Station by the victim's father, prompting local police to conduct raids and launch a probe into the case.

Moreover, it was disclosed by close family sources of the affected girl that she had been experiencing immense mental agony ever since the videos were uploaded.

Gujrat Police Observes Police Martyrs' Day with Reverence and Respect

Bureau Report

GUJRAT: Gujrat Police commemorated Police Martyrs' Day with great reverence to pay tribute to the timeless sacrifices made by police officers and personnel for the nation. A special ceremony was organized to honor these sacrifices.

According to details, under the directives and vision of Inspector General of Punjab Police, Dr. Usman Anwar, Gujrat Police held a commemorative event at Sagheer Castle Marquee to pay homage to the police officers and personnel who embraced martyrdom in the line of duty. Families of the martyrs were invited as special guests.

The event was attended by DPO Gujrat Meher Muhammad Riaz, Deputy Commissioner Noorul Ain Qureshi, District Bar President Munir Gondal, MPA Chaudhry Ijaz, MPA Syed Madad Ali Shah, SDPOs, SHOs, and various political and social figures.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and praises of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Children of police officers presented patriotic songs in tribute to the martyrs, which were

warmly appreciated by the audience.

Attendees expressed that the selfless sacrifices of the martyrs for the country and the nation deserve the highest praise. They emphasized that the purpose of observing Police Martyrs' Day is to keep the memory of their eternal sacrifices alive. The event also aims to convey a message to the nation that honoring the martyrs, their families, and their memorials is the responsibility of every Paki-

Speakers stated that the nation is proud of its martyrs, and the entire nation stands with the police for the $country \\ is survival, security, and stability.$ DPO Gujrat Meher Muhammad Riaz Naz paid tribute to the police martyrs, stating that the peace prevailing in the country today is the result of their sacrifices. He remarked that the martyrs gave their lives fighting the evils of society, and their sacrifices will always be remem-

DPO Gujrat presented gifts and sweets to the families of the martyrs and assured them that "we were, are, and will always remain one family." He further assured that if the families of the



martyrs face any issues or difficulties, the doors of the DPO Gujrat's office are country and the elevation of the ranks and all attendees.

The ceremony concluded with a of the police martyrs. A special meal was special prayer for the progress of the also arranged for the martyrs' families

<u>1st day after summer vacation</u>

ISLAMABAD: Students are attending class at Islamabad College for Girls (ICG) F6/2 on the very first day after summer vacation in Federal Capital.



Inland Revenue employees protesting in Muzaffarabad during the strike

跨 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The strike by the employees of the Inland Revenue Department of Azad Kashmir on the call of the Inland Revenue Welfare Association is continuing, while the employees have maintained the intensity of the protest by temporarily postponing the locking of the offices.

Talking to the media in Muzaffarabad, the Central President of the Welfare Association Chaudhry Muhammad Asif, other leaders and sioners North and South employees said that they have been assured of approval of the demands and regular notification by the Prime Minister of Chairman CBR and Commis-



several times, but no practical progress has been seen so far.

They said that the employees have been waiting for the Azad Kashmir, Chief Secretary, special allowance, perfor-

facilities, service structure, time scale and upgradation. clarified that if a notification government.

They are forced to continion is not issued immediately, uously protest for their basic the scope of the protest will rights like allowance, welfare be expanded and a full-scale sit-in will be held in Muzaffarabad, for which the entire Chaudhry Muhammad Asif responsibility will fall on the

Crackdown against non helmet *bikers*

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: According to details, District Traffic Officer (DTO) Toba Tek Singh Atif Nadeem talking to the media said that our teams are working in the field on a daily basis and Crackdown against non helmet bikers. Those who do not use helmets are fined 2,000 on the spot. He further said that road accidents happen every day due to which human lives are lost. Despite our repeated requests, motorcyclists do not use helmets, so we have to take action against these people. He said that using helmets only benefits the people. Because even if an accident $\,$ occurs while wearing a helmet, it protects you from head injuries. Therefore, I appeal to all motorcyclists to follow traffic rules and use helmets so that you can stay safe.

Message of CPO Multan on Police Martyrs' Day



跨 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: The martyrs of Multan Police are the shining stars of our history, who have written a glorious chapter of bravery, sacrifice, and duty with their own blood. These valiant sons laid down their lives for the protection of the homeland, the safety of the people, and the supremacy $\,$ of the law—and in doing so, they attained eternal honor.

These martyrs are the crown jewel of our pride. Their sacrifices cannot be fully expressed in words, for their spirit, courage, and loyalty go far beyond ordinary understanding. They watered the tree of peace with their blood so that we and future generations may live in an environment of freedom, safety, and harmony. Martyrs' Day is not only a day to remember these great souls but also a moment to renew our commitment to continue their mission. We are deeply grateful to the families of the martyrs, who witnessed their beloved ones lay down their lives for the nation and set an enduring example of patience and resilience.

On this day, the CPO Multan pays rich tribute to the martyrs and reaffirms the pledge that the police force will never forget these supreme sacrifices. The legacy of our martyrs will continue to guide our faith, our character, and our professional duties. May Allah elevate the ranks of our martyrs and grant us the strength to follow in their noble footsteps. Ameen.

Decision to convert all stations, stops of Orange Line train to solar power

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to convert all stations and stops of the Orange Line Train to solar power. This decision of the Punjab government will reduce the costs of the Orange Line train and save the government exchequer. According to the Orange Line train sources, a 1.6 megawatt solar power plant will be installed for the Orange Line train, through which electricity will be provided to all stations of the Orange Line train. They said that the electricity generated from the solar power plant will meet the power required for electric stairs, stops and other needs of the Orange Line train.

Zindigi Freelancer Connect Launches Nationwide Series from Peshawar

👺 Bureau Report

account, low international transactional fees on Zindigi debit card, seamoption to generate invoice through solution for freelancers, and the digi-

With Pakistan ranked among the PESHAWAR: Zindigi Freelancer top five freelancing countries glob-Connect, hosted by CECOS Univerally and home to over 4 million freesity Peshawar and powered by Edver- lancers, the platform serves as a timely sity, kicked off a nationwide series to response to the needs of a workforce empower Pakistan's freelance commuthat is digital-first but often undernity through learning, networking, served. From payment challenges to and digital financial access. As part building sustainable careers, Zindigi of this vision, the Zindigi Freelanc- Freelancer Connect addresses the core er Account offers a US Dollar-based issues facing freelancers and self-employed professionals.

İbtisam Babar, Regional Manager less global & local payments, and an Special Initiatives at Zindigi, shared, "Zindigi Prize has grown into Pakithe app making it the most complete stan's largest homegrown entrepreneurial community, and Zindigi Free-

lancer Connect is another landmark initiative creating meaningful social impact. It offers 360-degree support to freelancers equipping them with skills, mentorship, and financial access to help them thrive in today's digital economy and compete on a global

The Peshawar edition gathered top freelancers, digital professionals, trainers, and aspiring talent from across the region, making it one of the largest freelance-focused events in the country. The day featured keynotes, panels, training sessions, fireside chats, and networking, with industry experts sharing insights from their journeys.



The success of the Peshawar event through innovation, inclusion, and editions of Zindigi Freelancer Connect reaffirmed Zindigi's dedication to community partnerships. As part of are scheduled to take place in other building a thriving freelance economy this ongoing campaign, upcoming major cities across Pakistan.

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Making journey safer for GB tourists during Monsoon

ravelling through mesmerizing terrains of Gilgit-Baltistan is always amusing and heart touching as Nature has showered countless bounties on this region, making it a home to snow covered mountains, tall pines, flora and fauna and diverse wildlife.

Travelling on its zigzagging roads through the green forests and tall peaks, enjoying its weather and landscape, lakes, glaciers, plains and rocks is something leaving pleasant imprints in

But when the first rain touches the dry land of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), besides beauty, it also brings danger with it. No matter it gives life to valleys, makes rivers flow and covers the mountainsides in green. But at the same time, it can cause landslides, flash floods and road blockages.

Every year more tourists come to see GB's natural beauty and if you also the one planning to travel during the rainy months of

July and August, it's important to stay alert and prepare well. Because, when the ground gets wet, mountain slopes become weak and rocks can fall onto roads. The Karakoram Highway (KKH), which connects Pakistan with China, often gets blocked in areas like Chilas, Raikot Bridge (on the way to Fairy Meadows), and between Sost and Gulmit.

Although the government takes measures for the safety of travellers, yet GB being surrounded by three mountain ranges; Karakoram, Himalayas and Hindu Kush often faces natural risks like landslides and floods during monsoon.

Heavy rain and glacial melting during summer can also flood the rivers like Indus, Gilgit and Hunza. Roads to valleys like Astore, Skardu or Kaghan may also get damaged or blocked. In many places phone and internet services stop working after landslides, making it hard to contact anyone in case of emergency.

Keeping in view these challenges, the GB government takes measures for tourists' safety but it needs well woven teamwork between the government, local communities and the travelers themselves.

"GB is an attractive tourist destination. Last year we received 1.5 million tourists," said Iqbal Husain, Director GB Tourism Department. "We welcome them in all seasons. But, monsoon becomes tricky as we have to take extra measures during this season.'

He acknowledged hard work of authorities to ensure safety of tourists during rainy season as he mentioned to sharing advice through social media, tour companies, and guesthouses. "Visitors are told to check weather forecasts, inform local police if they're going to far-off places and always follow local guides."

He said some important projects are being carried out to improve safety like rerouting parts of the KKH and building new tunnels in different areas.

According to the Gilgit-Baltistan Disaster Management Authority (GBDMA), since 2022, more than 80 large landslides blocked the KKH, over 60,000 people in GB were affected by floods and roads and bridges were damaged.

Pak-India Conflict: International, Regional, and Domestic Outcomes

Raja Saad Khan

concluded its debate on Operation Sindhoor, the recent military confrontation between India and Pakistan. The opposition has fiercely criticized the Modi government, raising serious questions about its handling of the situation. While official narratives continue to unfold, the events of May 7 and May 10, 2025, have already reshaped global political outlooks. Here's a broader assessment of the war's impact at international, regional, and domestic levels.

The most immediate global outcome of the conflict is the reinforced recognition of a multipolar world order. While the world had been leaning in that direction for years, the war effectively ended the long-standing perception of U.S. global hegemony. China and Russia now stand firmly as rival superpowers to US hegemony on the globe. The role of Chinese technology in Pakistan's military performance has been especially significant. Although China did not participate directly, it supported Pakistan through satellite access, cyber warfare capabilities, and electronic surveillance, a strategy now being referred to as a "reinforced one-front

One of the most striking lessons from this conflict is the evolution of warfare itself. The traditional battlefield has transformed into a multi-domain space where victory no longer depends solely on boots on the ground or air superiority. Instead, modern warfare now integrates missile systems, drones, electronic warfare, cyber operations, and real-time satellite intelliber and electronic capabilities neutral-

Western-supplied platforms. This fusion of technology and strategy signals a future where wars will be fought across air, land, space, and cyberspace, simultaneously.

India's reliance on Western, Israeli and Russian defense technologies, such as the French Rafale fighter jets and Israeli drones and Russian Defense systems has been scrutinized, especially

in contrast to Pakistan's successful deployment of China's J-10 aircraft and advanced electronic warfare tools. This performance gap has influenced international military procurement decisions. Countries like Indonesia are reportedly reconsidering

their Rafale deals with France in favor of Chinese equipment. The trend suggests a possible shift in global military alliances, with many nations re-evaluating their arms dependencies.

The conflict has triggered new regional alignments. Russia, distancing itself from India, has announced plans to help revive Pakistan Steel Mills, signaling a renewed economic and strategic interest in Pakistan. Simultaneously, India's inability to garner support in key international forums like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and BRICS has drawn domestic and international criticism. The Indian opposition has labeled this diplomatic failure as a significant blow to India's global standing.

On the other hand, Pakistan's ties with gence. Pakistan's effective use of Chinese Turkiye and Azerbaijan have warmed notably, with both countries openly

he Indian Parliament has ized key elements of India's advanced supporting Islamabad. Even more even brokered initial dialogues between surprising is the improvement in U. S.-Pakistan relations. During a critical phase of an easing of longstanding tensions. the Israel-Iran conflict, former U.S. President Donald Trump hosted Field Marshal General Asim Munir with unprecedented warmth and to an utter embarrassment to India, making over two dozen public statements regarding brokering a cease-fire or a pause in the war preventing an esca-

lation leading towards a nuclear conflict, undermining Indian leadership. Modi's silence in response has only fueled speculation.

Despite lobbying efforts, global financial institutions like the IMF, World Bank, and ADB

have continued, if not increased, their support for Pakistan. The World Bank, for instance, has doubled its funding commitment from \$20 billion to \$40 billion, signaling renewed confidence in Pakistan's economic trajectory.

In the Gulf region, the war appears to have catalyzed a shift in sentiment. Kuwait lifted its 20 year old visa restrictions on Pakistanis, while the UAE introduced a five year multi-entry visa policy and waived visa requirements for Pakistani government officials. Iran, too, has drawn closer to Pakistan.

May 10, 2025, may well be remembered as the date when Pakistan regained respect in the Islamic world. Arab nations, which had been seen a reduced warmth in relationship with Pakistan in recent years, have extended renewed diplomatic and symbolic support. China has

Afghanistan and Pakistan, contributing to

Internally, the war has rehabilitated the image of Pakistan's armed forces, particularly the Air Force, which is being credited for a highly strategic performance. National morale has surged, and the government appears more unified than in recent years.

In stark contrast, India faces a reputational crisis. The narrative of a rising India has been dented both internationally and within its own borders. Its strategic assumptions, especially about maintaining regional dominance, have been challenged. Many in India are now questioning whether the country was adequately prepared for the conflict, especially given the likelihood of future confrontations involving both Pakistan and China.

Another military adventure is a dangerous option for India at this point. This may prove detrimental to both the nations. With China firmly backing Pakistan and India still unprepared for a two-front war, the only plausible way forward is diplomacy. India must consider normalizing relations with both China and Pakistan, and should be open to negotiating long standing issues such as Kashmir, water disputes, and trade rela-

The path of military adventurism has proven costly. Dialogue, not conflict, is the path toward sustainable regional stability.

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

Aug 5: Dismantling of Kashmir's Special Status Fuels Struggle

drew its final breath in 1947, the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir stood at a decisive crossroads. Under the June 3 Partition Plan, the 562 princely states were

The principle was clear "The Indian States will be free to decide whether they will accede to the new Dominion of India or Pakistan, or to remain independent."

Kashmir, with its Muslim-majority population and geographic contiguity with Pakistan, had a natural and undeniable

affinity with Pakistan. This aspiration was crystallized on July 19, 1947, when Kashmiri leaders passed the Resolution of Accession to Pakistan—long before Pakistan itself formally came into being. Yet, on October 27 of the same year, India violated this principle, sending its troops to forcibly occupy the valley, sowing the seeds of a protracted tragedy.

The economic strangulation that followed was swift and devastating. Tourism, the backbone of Kashmir's economy, collapsed. World-famous apples and saffron failed to reach international markets. The traditional handicrafts that symbolized Kashmiri identity fell into decline. Unemployment soared, poverty deepened, and a once-thriving valley was reduced to an economy of despair.

demographic engineering. Through new crossed every boundary of international law. government, and armed forces

nen the British Raj domicile laws, millions of non-Kashmiris were granted permanent residency and preferential access to jobs and land. This deliberate effort to alter Kashmir's demographic character threatened to turn its indigenous population into a marginalized minority. Land purchases by outside granted the right to accede either to India investors reinforced the perception of an or Pakistan, or to remain independent. orchestrated settler-colonial project—a design Kashmiris neither

> accepted in the past, nor will ever accept. Equally alarming was the assault on Kashmiri identity and culture. The revocation of autonomy was not only an attack on political rights but also on culture itself. Kash-

miri language and literature were sidelined in curricula, while Hindi and Sanskrit were elevated. Cultural festivals were restricted. and young Kashmiris were alienated from their history and heritage. What was underway was not just constitutional mutilation, but an attempt to erase centuries of

Kashmiri identity. Meanwhile, human rights in the valley were shackled. All of this unfolded under one of the heaviest military lockdowns of modern times. Curfews, arbitrary arrests, and digital blackouts turned the valley into an open-air prison. Youth faced depression and trauma, women and children lived under constant fear, and human rights groups consistently documented systematic violations. Reports from the United Nations, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch confirmed what Kashmiris had been Alongside economic subjugation came saying for decades: India's repression has

Perhaps the most painful dimension of this tragedy was the silence of the world. While some nations voiced solidarity, major powers prioritized trade and defense interests with India. This silence deepened the wounds of Kashmiris and exposed the hypocrisy of an international order that champions human rights selectively.

Pakistan, however, took a principled stand. It categorically rejected India's unilateral move and designated August 5 as "Youm-e-Istehsal" — the Day of Exploitation. It reactivated the Kashmir issue at the UN Security Council after decades and continued to expose India's abuses on every international forum. Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared unequivocally: "Kashmir is Pakistan's jugular vein; it cannot be surrendered to Indian oppression." Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif reaffirmed: "Pakistan will raise its voice for Kashmiris' right to self-determination at every forum." Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar reminded the world that India's actions violated both international law and UN resolutions. And Pakistan's military leadership, led by Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir. gave a resolute message: "The people and armed forces of Pakistan stand shoulder to shoulder with their Kashmiri brothers and sisters, and will support their struggle for freedom at every level."

For Kashmiris-whether under occupation or living in freedom—August 5 remains a day of mourning, resistance, and reaffirmation. It symbolizes the denial of their rights but also their unyielding resolve to resist subjugation. Their message to the world is clear: the erasure of Kashmir's identity will never succeed.

Pakistan-its people, political leadership,

Six Years of Military Siege in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (2019-2025)

Muhammad Asif

n August 5, 2019, the Indian government, under the leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), unilaterally abrogated Article 370 and Article 35A of the Indian Constitution, effectively revoking the special autonomous status of Jammu & Kashmir. This decision, taken without the consent of the people of the region or its legislature, marked the beginning It has emphasized that the Indian actions are illegal and of an unprecedented military lockdown, communica-

tions blackout, and political repression in Indian-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK). Over the past six years, from 2019 to 2025, this siege has transformed the valley into one of the world's most heavily militarized and surveilled zones, turning a political conflict into a deep humanitarian crisis.

The abrogation was followed by the imposition of Section 144, curfews, mass detentions, and the deployment of an

additional 40,000 Indian paramilitary troops, taking the total to over 900,000 military and paramilitary personnel in a region of about 13 million people. The Indian state imposed a complete lockdown, restricting movement, cutting off internet and phone services, and detaining thousands of political leaders, activists, and even minors under draconian laws such as the Public Safety Act (PSA) and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). The civilian population, already suffering from decades of conflict and unrest, was now subjected to collective punishment, mass surveillance, and economic paralysis.

India has also promoted settler colonial policies by allocating land to military camps, building Hindu settlements, and supporting religious yatras (pilgrimages) with full state sponsorship while restricting Muslim religious gatherings and processions. These actions not only undermine Kashmir's demographic integrity but also its cultural and religious freedoms.

On the international front, the global community's response has been largely inadequate and muted. Despite clear violations of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention, most Western powers have failed to exert meaningful pressure on India. Strategic and economic interests have often taken precedence over

human rights, particularly as India is viewed as a counterweight to China in the region. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has issued several statements but failed

to take any tangible steps to support the Kashmiri cause. Pakistan has continued to highlight the Kashmir issue at all international forums, including the United Nations General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council. in violation of the Simla Agreement, as well as United

Nations Security Council resolutions that recognize Kashmir as a disputed territory. Pakistan has also advocated for peaceful resolution through dialogue, diplomacy, and respect for the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination.

Despite six years of siege, resistance in Kashmir has not diminished. While political leaders have been jailed and political parties disempowered, the people of Kashmir continue to assert

their identity and demand justice. Youth-led civil resistance, digital activism, and voices from the diaspora have kept the struggle alive. Literature, poetry, and art from Kashmir reflect both the pain and resilience of a people under occupation.

In conclusion, the six-year-long military siege in Indian-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir represents a humanitarian catastrophe and a failure of international moral leadership. While India frames its actions as internal matters, the world must recognize the global implications of prolonged military occupation, demographic change, and suppression of civil liberties. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have the inalienable right to determine their future, a right guaranteed by international law and promised by multiple Indian and UN leaders in the past. The international community, human rights defenders, and peace-loving citizens of the world must stand in solidarity with the people of Kashmir and demand an immediate end to the siege, restoration of civil rights, and a roadmap for a fair and peaceful resolution of the dispute. Without justice and freedom, peace in South Asia will remain a

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Field Marshal Asim Munir behind Pakistan's geopolitical rise, says 'The Economist'

Report hails army chief as a driving force behind diplomatic and strategic realignment

Naveed Ahmad Khan

British weekly The Economist has paid a strong tribute to Pakistan's Army Chief Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, calling him the architect of a "diplomatic and strategic transformation" in the South Asian

A special article published on Field Marshal Asim Munir is not only injecting new life into Pak-US relations but is also successfully maintaining balanced ties with China, the Middle East and Gulf countries.

18, Field Marshal Asim Munir held a private meeting with US President ican policy in South Asia, China, and Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, which has been described as the beginning of a diplomatic shift in

Immediately after the meeting, the region.

The Economist

US imposed a 25% tariff on India and declared it a "dead economy", while August 3, The Economist stated that announcing a trade deal with Pakistan and imposing a relatively lower 19% tariff.

According to The Economist, the United States is working seriously on restoring defence, counter-terrorism The article pointed out that on June cooperation, and trade ties with Pakistan, signalling a major shift in Amerthe Middle East.

According to the journal, American policymakers are reassessing India's subversive activities and its role in the



American officials have also openly acknowledged Pakistan's operations and other defence hardware.

The Economist stated that global diplomats and investors are in direct contact with the field marshal, while President Trump's inner circle is keenly interested in investing in Pakistan's crypto and mining sectors.

The magazine further wrote that Field Marshal Asim Munir's popularity significantly increased after the recent conflict

Despite India's provocative actions, he responded promptly and effectively without succumbing to pressure - a move that has established him as a strong and decisive leader both within Pakistan and on the global stage.

The Economist's article is a clear indication that under the leadership of Field Marshal Asim Munir, Pakistan is no against Daesh, and the United States longer a pawn in geopolitical games but is considering providing Pakistan with is emerging as an active and independent armoured vehicles, night vision devices policy-making state on the global front.

Message of CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Police Martyrs' Day

LAHORE:"I salute those brave soldiers of Punjab Police who made Pakistan a cradle of peace by giving their blood," said Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif in her message on Police Martyrs' Day. She added,"Some mothers lost their sons, some wives lost their husbands and some kids lost their fathers so that we all could be safe." She highlighted,"Peace of every street in Punjab is a result of the last breath of a martyr."

Madam Chief Minister said,"I salute those mothers who made their sons martyred, and those sons who refused to bow their heads." She added,"Blood of police martyrs is the strongest brick of our state." She underscored,"Real strength of a state are those soldiers who faced bullet but did not step back."

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said,"Mission of martyrs will continue, we will fulfill their dreams." She added,"Punjab government stands by the heirs of police martyrs, not just with words but with practical measures, welfare packages and all possible cooperation." She flashed,"-Blood of police martyrs is the foundation of our state, we will never

Musical Show Sur Sangeet in connection with Independence Day Celebrations



RAWALPINDI: As per direction of the Punjab Government, Independence Day is being celebrated in a grand manner and full enthusiasm. In this regard, the Punjab Arts Council Rawalpindi, Information and Culture Department, Government of Punjab, commenced the celebrations from August 1st to 14th August 2025. Activities include tree plantation, building decoration, and illumination with decorative lights Musical Concert, Flag Hoisting and Cake Cutting. Yesterday, a music show Sur Sangeet was organized in which young

artists of Rawalpindi Division showcased their talents with great enthusiasm. The performers included Ustad Azhar Shah, Wazir Ali, Ramiz Ishaq, Muhammad Daniyal, Majeed Manzoor, Sheikh Ahmad Shehzad, Waheed Uz Zaman, Sharon Khan, Dr. Natasha, and Binesh Kiyani.

A large number of people attended the event, including civil officers, poets, and artists, who appreciated the performances in glowing terms.

"Pakistan's Retaliation in May 2025 Reasserted Pakistan's Vow on Kashmir:" Chairman Kashmir Committee

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ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), Islamabad, hosted a high-level seminar titled "Unheard Voices of IIOJK: Six Years of Struggle after Article 370" to mark the sixth anniversary of India's unilateral revocation of Articles 370 and 35-A that stripped Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) of its autonomous status on August 5, 2019. Parliamentarians, senior defence officials, Kashmiri leaders, and civil society representatives attended the event to honour the resilience of the people of IIOJK and reinforce Pakistan's endur-



ing political, diplomatic, and moral support for their right to self-determination. Addressing the seminar, Ambassador

Jauhar Saleem, President IRS, downs, mass detentions, internet

termed India's 2019 actions "a blatant violation of international law and an attempt at demographic engineering." He stressed that despite curfews, lock-

has failed to suppress the Kashmiri identity or silence their demand for freedom. Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Kashmir Rana Muhammad Qasim

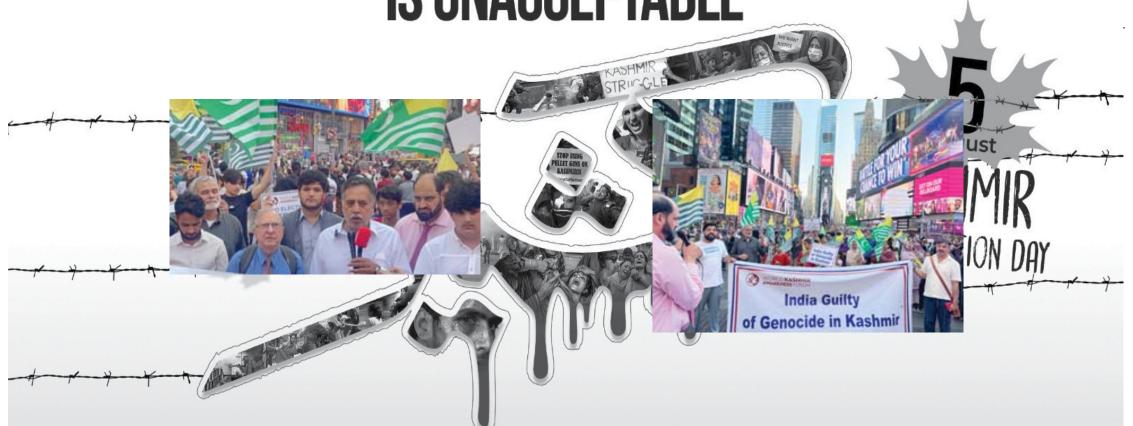
shutdowns and militarisation, India

Noon declared Kashmir "a sacred national cause embedded in Pakistan's ideology," adding that true peace and stability in South Asia remain impossible without resolving the Kashmir dispute as per UN Security Council resolutions. He paid tribute to the Pakistani armed forces for their defence during the May 2025 conflict, which he said had "reshaped the regional

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EXPLOITATION OF OPPRESSED KASHMIRIS IS UNACCEPTABLE



India's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019, cannot alter the internationally recognized disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir.



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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
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Index Value	Change		
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Index Value	Change		

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GMT + 9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	182.75	187.75
Bahrain Dinar	752.80	762.80
Canadian Dollar	205	210
China Yuan	39.03	39.43
Danish Krone	44.2	44.60
Euro	328.8	330.30
Hong Kong Dollar	35.79	36.14
Indian Rupee	3.14	3.23
Japanese Yen	1.8975	1.9975
Kuwaiti Dinar	919.35	931.35
Malaysian Ringgit	66.31	66.91
NewZealand \$	165.69	167.69
Norwegians Krone	27.32	27.62
Omani Riyal	737.70	747.70
Qatari Riyal	77.24	77.94
Saudi Riyal	75.8	76
Singapore Dollar	218.75	223.75
Swedish Korona	28.81	29.11
Swiss Franc	346.94	349.69
Thai Bhat	8.53	8.68
U.A.E Dirham	77.45	77.6
UK Pound Sterling	377.20	378.90
US Dollar	284.65	285.25

Rehabilitation of Badin Bus *Terminal* is Essential, Illegal Terminals Have Paralyzed

HYDERA-BAD: President Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCST-SI) Muhammad Saleem Memon has addressed a detailed and



significant letter to the Honourable Senior Minister for Transport & Mass Transit, Government of Sindh, Sharjeel Inam Memon, calling for the immediate rehabilitation of the historic Badin Bus Terminal in Hyderabad.

In the letter, Saleem Memon expressed grave concern over the deteriorated condition of the terminal, once a well-organized and vibrant hub of intercity transportation, which has now become entirely non-functional due to years of neglect. As a result of the terminal's closure, illegal van, car and bus stands have emerged across various areas of the city, reportedly with the backing or negligence of certain transport department officials and elements within the traffic police.

This unregulated and unauthorized transport network has not only crippled the traffic system of Hyderabad but has also deprived the Sindh Government of significant revenue. He emphasized that daily traffic congestion, poor travel conditions and public inconvenience have become a routine part of life in the city. In such circumstances, restoring and upgrading the Badin Bus Terminal in line with modern requirements is no longer optional but imperative.

He added that this restoration would bring order and discipline to the city's transportation system, enhance public convenience and generate a substantial revenue stream for the provincial govern-

Ministry IT & Ministry of Education partner with TikTok to promote STEM Education in Pakistan

PAKISTAN: TikTok, in partnership with the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT) and the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, today announced the official launch of its dedicated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) feed in Pakistan, reinforcing its commitment to make high-quality educational content more accessible and engaging for all.

The new STEM feed on TikTok is a dedicated in-app experience where users can explore a curated stream of high-quality content focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It is designed to spark curiosity, promote critical thinking, and expand digital learning opportunities, especially for students, educators, and young professionals across Pakistan.

Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Federal Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunienhance education and skill development in access to knowledge and empower our youth, We are proud to support this collaboration



cation, stated: "This initiative is aligned with Pakistan. TikTok's STEM feed is an excellent including aspiring female students, to explore our broader vision to use digital platforms to example of how technology can democratize new career pathways in science and technology.

with TikTok and look forward to seeing its long-term impact."

Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, stated: "We welcome the launch of TikTok's dedicated STEM Feed in Pakistan, as a step toward making science and technology more accessible and relatable to our youth. Digital platforms, when used responsibly, can become powerful tools for education, creativity, and

Fahad Muhammad Khan Niazi, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations, Pakistan at TikTok said: "The launch of the TikTok STEM feed in Pakistan marks an exciting milestone in our mission to inspire and educate through creativity. By partnering with the MoITT, Government of Pakistan, and by collaborating with prestigious academic institutions, we are investing in Pakistan's future talent.

This initiative is part of TikTok's broader commitment to social impact and educational empowerment in Pakistan, following previous efforts to support digital literacy, small business enablement, and safety awareness.

Souvenir

Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan presents a souvenir to High Commissioner of Bangladesh Md. Iqbal Hussain Khan as a gesture of goodwill during their meeting focused on strengthening trade and energy cooperation between the two countries.



Al-Ghazi Tractors joins hands with ChildLife Foundation

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ISLAMABAD: Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited, a leader in Pakistan's agricultural machinery industry, recently organized a heartwarming Toy Donation Drive in collaboration with ChildLife Foundation, reaffirming its commitment to corporate social responsibility and community well-being.

In a heartening show of solidarity, Al-Ghazi Tractors employees came together to spread moments of joy and comfort to young patients at Mayo Hospital's pediatric emergency department. More than 100 toys, including stuffed animals, puzzles, board games, and other child-friendly items — were generously donated by team members from across departments, reflecting the spirit of empathy and community that defines Al-Ghazi's culture. The toys were personally delivered

to the children during a special visit to the hospital, led by Al-Ghazi Tractors' CEO, Sakib Eltaff, along with other members of the senior leadership team. Their presence underscored the leadership's deep commitment to supporting meaningful community-driven efforts.



about standing with our communities," said Sakib Eltaff, CEO of Al-Ghazi Tractors. "I'm proud of our team for leading this initiative and thankful to ChildLife Foundation for giving us the opportunity to support children in their time of need"

Special thanks were extended to all "At Al-Ghazi, we believe corporate Al-Ghazi Tractors employees whose responsibility goes beyond business—it's generous contributions made the drive most.

a success. Al-Ghazi Tractors also recognized ChildLife Foundation for its unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of children.

Al-Ghazi Tractors remains committed to initiatives that go beyond business, creating positive social impact and bringing comfort to those who need it

SECP Issues Draft Amendments to the Research Analyst Regulations, 2015

E Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has issued a notification for public consultations on the proposed amendments to the Research Analyst Regulations, 2015.

The draft amendments focus on broadening the scope of research reports, mandating registration requirements for research analysts, extending the disclosures including target price and date, and introducing a code of communinies and sectors covered by secp.gov.pk.

research analysts.

While drafting the amendments, the SECP conducted extensive consultations with key stakeholders, including research analysts, brokerage houses, asset managers, and industry associations. Earlier. the SECP issued a consultation paper to solicit stakeholder feedback and held a series of consultation sessions to deliberate on the proposed changes.

The SECP remains blackout period, enhancing committed to a robust and transparent consultation process, ensuring stakeholders have ample opportucation for research analysts. nity to contribute during the Additionally, the Pakistan regulatory review. Feedback Stock Exchange will estab- on the draft amendments can lish a research platform that the submitted by August 15. will feature a list of compa- 2025, to research.analyst@

ABHI and PayPeople Collaborate To Transform Employee Financial Wellness

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KARACHI: In a major move

to enhance employee financial well-being, ABHI, an embedded finance platform, has partnered with PayPeople to provide Earned Wage Access (EWA), enabling employees to access their earned wages instantly. This collaboration merges PayPeople's reach with ABHI's expertise in financial wellness, enabling organizations to provide their employees with instant access to their earned wages through Earned Wage Access (EWA).

Through this partnership, employees will gain realtime access to their salaries, enabling them to manage their financial responsibil-

ities with greater ease and reduce financial stress. By empowering individuals with financial flexibility, businesses can promote a more engaged, productive, and satisfied workforce.

On this development, Rayaan Sayeed, Head of Sales of ABHI, said that this collaboration will bring to businesses and their workforce.

"Together, we are simplifying access to financial wellness tools and enabling employees to manage their financial needs more effectively. By leveraging PayPeople's extensive reach and ABHI's expertise in financial services, this partnership is set to create a positive impact on employee productivity and satisfaction", he added.

Own your spotlight with OPPO Reno14 Series: Now available for Pre-Order

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LAHORE: OPPO, the global leader the all-new Reno14 Series in Pakistan, bringing users a stunning itive." blend of AI innovation, photography excellence, and aesthetic craftsmanship. Now available for Pre-order, the Reno14 series comes in 3 variants, Reno14 F 5G, Reno14 5G, chipsets across the range. Reno14 and Reno14 Pro 5G, which combine 5G features the MediaTek Dimen-OPPO's cutting-edge AI Flash Photography with a stunning Iridescent Mermaid Design.

"The Reno14 Series is a testament to OPPO's commitment to mean- enables smooth and lag-free gameingful innovation," said George Long, play with stable frame rates, making stores with exclusive offers. Designed

grating intelligent AI capabilities with exceptional design and camera in smartphone devices, has launched capabilities, we are making everyday tasks smarter, faster, and more intu-

Whether you're multitasking, gaming, or creating content, the Reno14 Series delivers uninterrupted performance with advanced sity 8350, 6,000mAh battery and 45W SUPERVOOC™ fast charging. A 120Hz refresh rate ensures fluid visuals, while AI HyperBoost 2.0

CEO of OPPO Pakistan. "By inte- the Reno14 Series an excellent choice

for mobile gamers. The Reno14 and Reno14 Pro feature an advanced cooling system that ensures powerful performance with balanced heat dissipation during extended gaming sessions. But it's not just built for gaming, it's designed to handle real-world usage in Pakistan's intense heat. Whether you're multitasking, switching between apps, or performing heavy tasks, the cooling system keeps your device running smoothly and efficiently.

The OPPO Reno14 Series is now available for Pre-order through official OPPO retailers and OPPO online



with a focus on AI-powered creativity, design, it sets a new benchmark for powerful performance, and iconic smartphones in its category.

Bibi Asifa Bhutto Zardari Inter-Division Women's Hockey Championship: Karachi and Benazirabad in the final

Sports Desk

Hockey Championship. In the light of ty Mayor Chaudhry Mubashir Arain, the orders of Provincial Minister for Town Chairman HM Khawaja Syed Khan Mehar and Provincial Secretary Sports Munawar Ali Mahesar, four and Arshad Qureshi District Sports being held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Sports Officer Shaheed Benazirabad Hockey Stadium Nawabshah under and Divisional Coordinator Sports, four Shaheed Benazirabad won. Karachi for Sukkur while Laiba scored two the final by topping their groups. In defeated Mirpur Khas 3-0. Sara scored

onship Deputy Commissioner Shaheed NAWAB SHAH/KARACHI: Kara- Benazirabad Abdul Samad Nizamani chi and Shaheed Benazirabad Division will be the chief guest while the guests made it to the final of Bibi Asifa Bhutto of honor include Mayor Nawabshah Zardari All Sindh Inter-Division Pink Qazi Abdul Rashid Bhatti, Depu-Sports Sardar Muhammad Bakhsh Atif Hussain Zaidi, Chairman Old Nawabshah Town Hayat Kakipota matches were played on the second Committee Coordinator. Accordday of the three-day championship ing to Abdul Rahim Rajput District the management of District Sports matches were played on the second day Office Shaheed Benazirabad Sports of the championship. In the first match, Department Government of Sindh, in Sukkur Division defeated Hyderabad which Karachi, Larkana, Sukkur and 6-0. Alisha Shahzad scored four goals and Shaheed Benazirabad qualified for goals. In the second match, Larkana

the closing ceremony of the champi- two goals and Shazia scored one goal for them. In the third match played, Karachi Division defeated Sukkur 6-0 and confirmed its place in the final. Momal scored three goals, Iqra scored two goals and Romasa scored one goal for the winning team. In the fourth and final match of the second day. Shaheed Benazirabad defeated Larkana Division 2-0 after an exciting match. Fiza Altaf and Shafaat Zahra scored goals for them. Syed Hassan Askari is the organizing secretary of the championship, while the umpires and technical officials include Zulfigar Hussain, Rizwan Khan, Ghufran Bukhari, Irfan Tahir, Sameera Naseem Muhammad Arshad, Miss Qamar, Miss Rana, Fiza Altaf, Fazila Bhatti, Kanwal Taj and Maymona Mazhar. Before the final, the third position match will be played between Larkana and Sukkur.



Azadi Fun Race to be Lahore's biggest event: **Minister Sports**

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that the upcoming Azadi Family Fun Race will be Lahore's biggest event and the registration of more than 3,000 boys and girls for the race is a welcome sign. He expressed these views while presiding over an important meeting at National Hockey Stadium on Monday.

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial, DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal, Deputy Director Tariq Khanzada, PMU officers and other officials participated in the meeting.

The minister was briefed about the forthcoming Family Fun Race in the meeting in



which PC-1 of 88 new sports schemes and First National Youth Games were also discussed in detail.

Addressing the meeting, the provincial minister said that Punjab's teams will participate in the First National Youth Games with full preparation. He directed that the selection of athletes for Punjab's 360-member contingent must be based on merit and that all the athletes should be give top level training so that they can produce encouraging results in the mega event.

He further said that new stadiums and sports complexes are being constructed across the province at a cost of billions of rupees to provide world-class sports facilities to the talented

Following the meeting, the provincial sports minister also visited the National Hockey Stadium to assess the ongoing hockey summer camp. He also met with the camp probables and encouraged them.

IBSA Welcomes Alamgir Shaikh's Appointment to World Pool Board

➢ Sports Desk



ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Billiards and Snooker Association (IBSA) has warmly congratulated Alamgir Shaikh on his appointment to the Board of Directors of the World Pool Association (WPA). IBSA President Dr.

Shehzad Waseem, along with Senior Vice President Saleem Akhtar Rana, General Secretary Muhammad Faheem Anwar Khan, and other officials expressed confidence that his inclusion will play a pivotal role in advancing cue sports across the Asian region. They noted that Shaikh's vast experience and unwavering commitment to the sport will prove invaluable on the global stage.

In an official statement, the World Pool Association announced that Alamgir Shaikh has been nominated by the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports (ACBS) as its new representative to

According to the WPA, "Mr. Shaikh brings with him decades of experience in cue sports administration and has been a driving force in the development of billiards and pool across Asia. We look forward to his valuable contributions to the global cue sports community."

Pakistan vs West Indies Three T-20 Match Series

Pakistan Won the 7th Consecutive T-20 Cricket Series against the West Indies





Asim Tanveer

LAUDERHILL: Pakistan won the 7th consecutive T20 series against the West Indies. A good attempt to erase the stain of defeat in Bangladesh. In the decisive T20 International match played in Florida, Pakistan won the 3-match series 1-2 with a 13-run victory. The main role in Pakistan's victory was played by the bowling of Sufyan Muqeem in 4 overs, who bowled 13 dot balls and gave away only 20 runs. West Indies made a stormy start in the reply innings, laying the foundation by scoring 16 runs in the first over of Hassan Ali and 17 runs in the second over, its impact lasted until the end. Jewel Andrew and Alec Anthes provided a 44-run opening stand in 4.2 overs. Jewel was caught and Roston Chase became the hope by Hassan Ali after scoring 24 runs. Bowler Haris Rauf celebrated again. needed 60 runs off 30 balls. Hasan Ali Shai Hope scored 7 runs at the hands of Mohammad Nawaz at the score of 74. Catch by Saim Ayub. Pakistan got a big Rauf gave away 8 runs and the match win at 110 when dangerous batter Alec was good. West Indies needed 41 runs Athens scored 60 runs and was caught off 18 balls. Roston Chase retired hurt by Khushdil Shah off Saim Ayub. He hit on 15 here. Sufyan Muqeem created a



in the last 5 overs. Then West Indies gave away 11 runs in the 16th over. West Indies needed 49 runs in 4 overs. Haris 8 fours and a six. Sharfeen Rutherford sensation by clean bowling Jason Hold-

er for zero. Sufyan Muqeem played a brilliant 18th over. He gave away 3 runs, Haris Rauf gave away 13 runs in the next over. West Indies now need 25 runs in the last over. Runs were to be scored. Hasan Ali came. Rutherford also failed after scoring 51 runs. Rutherford became the target of Haris at the same score. Then 20 runs were impossible off 3 balls.

The West Indies team managed to score 176 runs for 6 wickets in 20 overs. Pakistan won the match by 13 runs and the series 1-2. Hasan Ali scored 35, Mohammad Nawaz scored 33, Haris Rauf scored 34 and Saim Ayub scored 38 runs but Sufyan Muqim took one wicket each in 4 overs, giving away only

Earlier, Pakistan had set a target of 190 runs for the West Indies to win the out after scoring 74 runs. He played

third T20 and the series. In the decisive and final T20 International match played in Lauderhill, Florida, Pakistan won the toss and batted first. Openers Saim Ayub and Sahibzada

Farhan put on a century-plus partnership while showing brilliant batting. The two had an opening partnership of 138 runs which was broken in 16.2 overs, here Sahibzada Farhan was

53 balls. Five sixes and three fours were the highlight of his innings. On the other hand, Saim Ayub was at the wicket with a 50-plus score at the time. He was joined by Hassan Nawaz. The West Indies bowlers failed completely. Pakistan has established a partnership of more than 100 runs in the opening partnership in a T20 International match after a long time. Pakistan's second loss came at a total of 158 runs when Hassan Nawaz scored 15 runs off seven balls. He hit two sixes. The third loss came in the form of Muhammad Haris who was run out after scoring two runs.

Sahibzada Farhan was the fourth batsman to be dismissed, caught on the last ball of the 19th over. He scored 66 runs off 49 balls, hitting 2 sixes and 4 fours. Pakistan scored 189 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 20 overs. Jason Loader, Roston Chase and Shammar Joseph took one wicket each. Pakistan made 2 changes in this match. Khushdil Shah replaced Fakhar Zaman and Mohammad Haris replaced Shaheen Afridi. West Indies retained the team from the previous winning

The Spokesman

Solidarity with Kashmiris ISLAMABAD: A view of the banners regarding "Youm-e-Istehsal Muqbuza Kashmir" along the Constitution Avenue in Fed-Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Islamabad expresses solidarity with Kashmiris on Youm-e-Istehsal

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Capital has expressed solidarity with the people of Kashmir by highlighting unilateral and illegal action of India that stripped revoking Articles 35-A and 370 on August 05, 2019.

A large number of banners, flyers and digital screens have been installed across the city showing the plight and

The Capital Development hawa. Authority (CDA) took the lead

campaign to remind the world about the Indian atrocities against the innocent and unarmed Kashmiris.

"It is not just a symbolic act.

Kashmir of its special status by but a reminder that Kashmir the campaign will continue remains a central issue to human rights and international justice," a CDA spokesperson told APP on Monday of the campaign which was struggle of Kashmiris against launched in line with the directhe illegal occupation and tives of Chairman CDA and flyers containing powerful Kashmir issue," said Rizwan, e-Istehsal (Day of Exploitaviolence of India for last many Chief Commissioner Islam- messages and slogans have a motorist crossing Seventh tion) to denounce the illegal abad Muhammad Ali Rand-

in this regard and designed Pakistan's national observance and executed the branding of Youm-e-Istehsal, commemorated annually on August 5 to protest India's illegal revocation of Articles 35-A and 370 of the Indian constitution.

The spokesperson said throughout the week, alongside rallies, seminars, and public awareness drives planned in collaboration with while highlighting objectives civil society and media organ-

been displayed across the city Avenue Interchange. The campaign is part of tion Avenue, Blue Area, Jinnah across Islamabad's flyovers not pied territory.

Avenue, Srinagar Highway, Islamabad Expressway, Faizabad, Zero Point, and G-9, declaring unwavering support for Kashmiris' right to self-determination.

The displayed messages have caught the attention of motorists and pedestrians, turning concrete spaces into voices of resistance and remembrance.

"The messages inscribed on banners and flyers both in English and Urdu reflect He said the banners and Pakistan's commitment to the

including D-Chowk, Constitu- "The symbolic messages rights violations in the occu-

only reaffirm Pakistan's moral and diplomatic support for the Kashmiri people but also serve as a visual reminder of the nation's unity on this critical issue," said Maryam Shah a passerby near Peshawar Morr Sector G-9.

August 5, 2019 marks the day when India unilaterally revoked Articles 370 and 35A of its constitution, stripping Kashmir of its special status. Since then, Pakistan observes the day as Youmactions and ongoing human

Lt-Gen (R) Muhammad Saeed assumes charge as WAPDA chairman

Spokesman Report

LAHORE: Lieutenant General (Retired) Muhammad Saeed has officially taken charge as chairman of the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA).

Following his appointment, he met with Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharifin Islamabad to discuss WAPDA's ongoing projects and future development plans.

Lt. Gen. Saeed brings nearly four of V Corps in Karachi, President of the

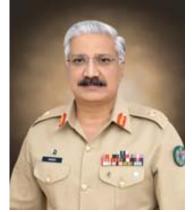
new role, offering extensive expertise in leadership, strategic planning, and institutional reform—skills that are expected to strengthen the authority's operations in Pakistan's water and power sectors.

Over the course of his career, he held several key positions, including serving as the 39th Chief of General Staff of the Pakistan Army. His other notable assignments include Corps Commander

decades of military experience to his National Defence University (NDU), and Director General (Analysis) at the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

He has commanded an infantry brigade, regiment, and division, and also served as Military Secretary to then Chief of Army Staff, General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani.

As Director General of Rangers (Sindh), Lt. Gen. Saeed led major security operations in Karachi, working closely with police and intelligence agencies to improve law and order.



He also advocated for legal reforms to combat street crime.

In 2021, he assumed command of V Corps, Karachi. He retired with the distinguished military award of Hilali-Imtiaz (Military), recognizing his outstanding service to the nation.

> prevent a possible ouster by activist shareholders.

Musk would be required

to forfeit the new compen-

sation package should the

appeals court rule in his favor and grant him the full 2018

compensation, which at the

time was valued at \$55.8

The new payout is sure

to fuel concerns about the

compensation for Musk,

already the world's richest

man, and whether the Tesla

board is placing a sufficient

check on the company's chief

billion.

Tesla approves \$29 bn in shares to Musk as court case rumbles on

₿ AFP

Electric vehicle maker Tesla handed its chief executive Elon Musk a \$29 billion pay package Monday, as a lengthy legal battle over his compensation winds on.

The company said in a statement it will award an "interim" distribution of 96 million Tesla shares to Musk as it "intends to compensate its CEO for his future services commensurate with his contributions to our company and shareholders."

"We have recommended this award as a first step, 'good faith' payment," it added when announcing the board's approval of granting new

shares to Musk. "Retaining Elon is more important than ever before." The massive pay package



judge in a Delaware court through a shareholder vote. rejected Musk's even larger \$55.8 billion compensation 2024, the court struck down boost Musk's roughly 13 package at Tesla, denying an the package as excessive and

In an initial decision in early

has appealed the ruling. The new package would members of the board's special percent stake in the company,

The statement posted on Tesla's X account came in the form of a letter to shareholders written by Robyn Denholm and Kathleen Wilson-Thompson, the two

committee addressing the comes eight months after the attempt to restore the pay deal unfair to shareholders. Musk at a time when he seeks to Musk compensation. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

CJP Yahya Afridi visits Sindh High Court



Bureau Report

KARCHI: Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahva Afridi on his visit to the Sindh High Court was briefed on the upcoming judicial complex project in Karachi, which will house growing demands of the city's judicial system.

Sindh High Court Justice Junaid centre to serve litigants, lawyers, Ghaffar presented details of the project, emphasising that the plan was developed to address the rising caseload and infrastructural needs of the judiciary in the metropolis.

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi underlined the importance of sustainnoting that all stakeholders must for citizens.

be consulted to ensure the development of an efficient and accessible

judicial system. "The process of digital automation of the judicial system is already in motion," said the CJP, adding that technology would play a critical role 125 modern courtrooms to meet the in improving court efficiency and transparency.

He also proposed the estab-During the visit, Chief Justice lishment of a modern facilitation and the general public, making court services more accessible and user-friendly.

The judicial complex and facilitation centre are being seen as significant steps toward modernising Pakistan's judicial infrastrucable and future-oriented planning, ture and improving access to justice

Pakistan to resume export of skilled workers to Kuwait after removal of visa ban

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (OP&HRD) will resume sending skilled workers to Kuwait, state-run media reported on Monday. This development follows Kuwait's decision earlier this year to lift a 19-year visa ban on Paki- The remittances they send home play stani nationals.

In May, Kuwait officially ende stani citizens to apply for work, economic challenges. family, business, and tourist visas. The ban, initially imposed due to media, the Overseas Employment security concerns, also applied to Corporation—an agency under the nationals of Iran, Syria, and Afghan-

stanis seek employment opportunities abroad, particularly in Gulf countries, Europe, and North America. stated.



a vital role in stabilizing Pakistan's foreign eychange reserv long-standing ban, allowing Paki- critical amid the country's ongoing

According to the state-run OP&HRD Ministry—will now facilitate the deployment of skilled Paki-Each year, thousands of Paki- stani workers to Kuwait once again. "Pakistan has been exporting its skilled labor to Kuwait," the report

Telenor, BU join forces to launch faculty placement program



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD Telenor Pakistan, in collaboration with Bahria University (BU), has launched an innovative Faculty Placement Program, marking a strategic step towards bridging the gap between academic theory and industry practice.

According to a news release, this six-week program aims to foster meaningful, two-way knowledge exchange, strengthening ties between academia and the corporate sector.

Through the program, BU faculty members will work alongside various teams at Telenor Pakistan, gaining hands-on exposure to business strategy, emerging technologies and modern organizational operations. In parallel, Telenor teams will benefit from the academic expertise, research capabilities, and fresh perspectives nerships that drive shared progress.

that faculty members bring to the

Areej Khan, Chief People Officer at Telenor Pakistan, highlighted the significance of the collaboration: "This partnership between academia and industry is a crucial step toward developing future-ready talent. By equipping educators with real-world experience, we're enabling them to better prepare students with the skills, agility, and mindset needed to succeed in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

The Faculty Placement Program reinforces Telenor Pakistan's broader commitment to building a culture of continuous learning, innovation, and inclusive development. It also aligns with the company's vision of accelerating Pakistan's digital transformation—through impactful part-