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The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has issued a senate ticket to senior party leader and former interior minister Rana Sanaullah Khan for a general seat from Punjab. The decision comes as the party prepares for the upcoming by-election scheduled for September 9.



**Malaysian FM condoles loss of lives in** northern Pakistan

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#### Review Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to review ongoing relief efforts by federal government in



### PM Shehbaz announces cabinet's one-month salary for flood victims

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has pledged the federal government's complete support for flood-hit communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, announcing the donation of one month's salary from the federal cabinet to aid relief efforts.

Chairing a meeting on Monday to review ongoing relief efforts by federal government in flood-affected areas of KP, Gilgit Balti-

Kashmir, PM Shehbaz Sharif healing the wounds of the people. directed the federal institutions to intensify efforts to assist rain and flood-affected people in various districts of KP.

"In this hour of calamity, there is no federal or provincial government; we must ensure the assistance and rehabilitation of affected people," he said, adding "Helping our distressed Pakistani brothers and sisters is our national responsibility".

The prime minister stressed that the federal government will also provide financial assistance

to the families of the deceased and affected individuals under the Prime Minister's relief

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan will oversee relief and rehabilitation operations in affected areas while the relevant federal ministers will He said this was not a time personally monitor the restora-

and other facilities in affected areas, the prime minister added.

Furthermore, he instructed all relevant federal ministers to visit Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan in person.

The prime minister directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) not to differentiate between provincial or national highways; and opening routes

for relief must be the top priority. He also ordered Ministry of FWO to ensure repair of highways and bridges in affected areas. "Minister for Communications should personally oversee rehabilitation operations."

The prime minister also directed Minister for Power to visit affected areas, inspect, and prioritize restoration of the electricity system, adding that the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) should immediately submit a final assessment of damages.

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#### Communications, NHA, and stan and Azad Jammu and for politics but for service and tion of electricity, water, roads, Naqvi visits Nadra Center in Shahdara listens to public's complaints

👺 Bureau Report

Mohsin Nagyi on Monday visited the National Database and Registration Offices (NADRA) office Kot Abdul Malik and the Passport Office in Shahdara.

During the visit, Mohsin Naqvi

are operational sans internet. He was further informed

LAHORE: Interior Minister that people have to wait in long queues and the Helpline, which was established for redressal of people's grievances, miserably failed to provide any guidance to the people.

Mohsin Naqvi directed relewas informed that the NADRA vant officials to address all the Centre located in Kot Abdul complaints immediately. He Malick is closed for renovation also expressed his anger over work and only two mobile vans the mismanagement of files and

papers in the NADRA Center. He directed to transfer of all the records online.

Mohsin Naqvi said that the passport should be delivered as per the prescribed time. He said that a citizen can apply for a passport from any NADRA Center.

On the occasion, Mohsin Naqvi said that a comprehensive policy is being adopted for the overseas Pakistanis for the preparation of passports.



### 670 killed, 1,000 injured due to countrywide rains, says NDMA chairman



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Lt General Inam Haider Malik said on Monday that so far 670 people had been killed, while close to 1,000 were injured in rain-related incidents across the

Addressing a press conference, with Federal Information Minister Ataullah Tarar and Federal Minister for Energy

Musadik Malik sitting alongside him, he said that 80 to 90 people were also missing.

The NDMA chairman further said that two more powerful spells of monsoon rains would follow the present one, which was the seventh one and would end on August 22. "However, the situation will become normal by September-end." He added that glaciers were melting fast on account of global warming. "Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir are at risk because of

the melting of glaciers." Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Energy Musadik Malik said the federal government was making efforts to compensate the flood-affected people for their losses. "The government is working with the provincial governments for the restoration of the infrastructure destroyed due to rain." Information Minister Ataullah Tarar said that the government was carrying out relief and rescue work in the affected areas.

### Saudi king, crown prince offer condolences to Pakistan over flood victims



😂 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Monday condoled with Pakistan over the victims of floods that struck the country's north, resulting in deaths, injuries, and missing persons.

In a cable to President Asif Ali Zardari, King Salman extended his "deepest condolences and sincere sympathy" to the families of the victims and the people of Pakistan as a whole, praying for the "speedy recovery of the injured and safe return of the missing."

The crown prince sent a similar cable to Zardari, according to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

Pakistani officials have said over 400 lost their lives, mostly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where torrential rains and cloudbursts triggered massive

flooding on Friday. More than

150 were reported still missing. Homes were flattened by torrents of water that swept down from the mountains in Buner, carrying boulders that smashed into houses like explosions.

The government said that while an early warning system was in place, the sudden downpour in Buner was so intense that the deluge struck before residents could be alerted.

Lt-Gen Inam Haider, chairman of the National Disaster Management Authority, told a hastily convened news conference in Islamabad that Pakistan was experiencing shifting weather patterns because of climate change.

Since the monsoon season began in June, Pakistan has already received 50 percent more rainfall than in the same period last year, he added.

#### DPM/FM Dar, UK **Under-Secretary** review Pak-UK ties

跨 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDAN: Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Pakistan Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar Monday met with UK's Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Hamish Falconer and both sides reviewed the full spectrum of bilateral rela-

During the meeting at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in London, they reaffirmed their shared commitment to deepening cooperation across political, economic, climate, and people-to-people domains.

They also exchanged views on regional and global developments, the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

The DPM /FM highlighted Pakistan's commitment to economic reforms, and shared Pakistan's perspec-



including peace and stability in South Asia. He underscored the importance of the just and peaceful resolution of Jammu and Kashmir Dispute, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

The two leaders appreciated the positive trajectory of Pakistan-UK ties and expressed satisfaction with on-going collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

They also underscored the importance of maintaining regular high-level engagements to build on existing momentum and to explore new avenues for strategic cooperation.

#### **Kundi says flood victims** will be supported by federal govt

跨 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi has said that flood victims will be provided all out support by the federal government, reported 24NewsHD TV Channel. Addressing a public meeting in Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's governor said a natural disaster in the city had cost 300 people.

He vowed that the government would support the families hit by the flood. He paid tribute to the martyrs who had sacrificed their lives in a helicopter crash while saving others.

He stressed the need for everyone to work together in difficult times. He said during floods

being built by the Sindh government. He further remarked that the claims of the PTI government against corruption were being rejected. The governor emphasized that

in Sindh, 21 lakh houses were

peace, security, and development were the goals for the province. He stated that if India could be defeated in four days, terrorists too could be overcome quickly. He recalled that Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had given Pakistan the atomic bomb while Benazir Bhutto had provided missile technology. Kundi paid tribute to the media for playing a responsible role during the crisis and also praised the Pakistan Army for its

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# PM Emphasizes Importance of Islam and Forefathers' Vision

MANG/RAWALKOT: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that any narrative, no matter how popular, will be rejected if it contradicts the ideology of Islam and the vision propounded by our fore-

He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony organized by the Nawab Jassi Khan Foundation in Mang. Calling Poonch a land of fertile minds, he said the people of the region are intellectually vibrant and politically

Announcing the construction of a monument in memory of Nawab Jassi Khan at Mang, the Prime Minister said, "I have brought with me the notification for the construction of the Mang-Thorad Highway and the Palandri-Tarakhal Highway, while instructions have also been issued for the construction of the Chhatrodi Bandi Bridge."

He said the people must realize the outcome of sacrifices and struggles made by their elders. Understanding the need to promote the ideology of the forefathers, he said, "No one can alter the region's history, written in blood."

The Prime Minister warned against



anarchic ideologies that seek to disrupt peace and stability, saying, "Today I feel satisfied that better sense has prevailed and everyone has understood the situ-

The narrative of chaos must be that the freedom they enjoy today is thwarted at all costs."He added that difference of opinion and ideology was the essence of democracy and urged people to have respect for diverse viewpoints.

> Referring to the distinct identity of the liberated territory, he said the flag

of Azad Kashmir flies in every corner of the state, while in Indian-occupied Kashmir the state flag has disappeared from the landscape. Calling freedom the greatest blessing of Allah, he said, "If you want to know the value of freedom, just ask the Palestinians.

He added that development projects worth Rs. 1 billion were being executed in each constituency of Azad Kashmir, and for the first time, the government had allocated Rs. 70 million per constituency specifically

for road construction. On this occasion, Most Senior Minister Colonel (R) Wagar Ahmed Noor, Ministers Sardar Muhammad Hussain, Sardar Aamir Altaf, Nisar Ansar Abdali, Advisor to the Government Sardar Ahmed Sagheer, former Minister Dr. Muhammad Najib Naqi Khan, Ameer Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Azad Kashmir Maulana Saeed Yousaf Khan, President Sudhan Educational Conference Sardar Shahzeb Shabir, and other dignitaries were also present.

#### <u>Women Empowerment</u>

FAISALABAD: A girl is riding a bike without wearing helmet at busy road, which needs the attention of traffic police authorities.



### Pir Mazhar Saeed Shah called on by State Minister Wahzia Qamar at the PID Complex

MUZAFFARABAD: Minister of Information, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, was called on by Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, Ms. Wahzia Qamar, at the PID Complex. The meeting discussed the Kashmir Freedom Movement, matters of mutual interest, and the promotion of professional training in Azad Kashmir. On this occasion, Director General of Information, Muhammad Bashir Mirza, officers of the Information Department, Raja Muhammad Sohail Khan, Raja Abdul Basit Khan, Muhammad Hanif Khawaja, Sardar Shamim Anjum, Mufti Obaidul-



al Training, Ms. Wajhia Qamar paid tribute to Minister of Information, Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah for his services for the promotion of knowllah and Raja Waqas were also present. edge and assured her full cooperation in

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of the promotion of professional training State for Education and Profession- in Azad Kashmir. Ms. Wajhia Qamar said that the family of Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah has rendered unforgettable services in the promotion of Islam and teaching.

It is an honor for me to meet Pir

Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, Lam happy to see the innovation in the Information Department in Azad Kashmir. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah informed Ms. Wajhia Qamar about the overall development process underway in Azad Kashmir, the steps taken by the Azad Kashmir government for the promotion of education, the history of the Information Department, current development projects and future plans. Information Officer Raja Muhammad Sohail Khan gave a departmental briefing to Minister of State for Information Wajhia Qamar. On this occasion, Minister for Information Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah also presented a shield to Ms.

Wajhia Qamar.

### ICMA Celebrated the Independence Day

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Chairman of the Institute of Cost Management and Accounts Multan Branch Council, Muhammad Yousuf Siddiqui, has said that no matter how much we thank Allah, it is not enough that today we are a free nation and are living in freedom. Independence Day is not just a day to celebrate, but this day reminds us of the millions of sacrifices that were made for the achievement of this country. We should play a practical role for the development, prosperity and peace of our country and it is our first responsibility to instill a sense of patriotism in the young generation. Speaking at the ceremony, Vice Chairman Muhamhave to adopt the golden principles of have to work with hard work, dedica- es and national songs at the ceremo- Kashmir and Palestine.



mad Shahbaz and Deputy Director Quaid-e-Azam and include Pakistan in Samina Khan Kayani said that we the ranks of developed countries. We members presented tableaux, sketch-

tion and discipline. Children of ICMA ny. Finally, prayers were offered for the

#### Sardar Attique expresses sympathy with flood victims



MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has said that the heavy rains in different areas of Azad Kashmir yesterday and the resulting flash floods have caused the loss of precious human lives, destruction of houses and other human and financial losses, over which the entire Kashmiri nation is deeply saddened. He said

that the Muslim Conference shares the pain and suffering of the flood victims and the affected families will never be left alone. In his condolence message, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan prayed for the highest ranks and forgiveness for the deceased citizens and prayed for patience for the bereaved families and said that in these difficult circumstances, the entire nation should help the victims with unity and solidarity. He said that on such occasions, government measures alone are not enough, but philanthropists, social organizations and people from all walks of life should come forward and help their brothers. He urged the Azad Kashmir government to take urgent steps to provide immediate relief to the victims. Medicines, food, tents and basic necessities should be delivered immediately to the areas affected by rains and floods so that the affected families do not face further difficulties. He said that a transparent strategy should be prepared for the rehabilitation of the victims and along with financial assistance, reconstruction of their homes and infrastructure should also be given top priority.

#### Attock Press Club Forms 6-Member Committee to Reclaim Building from District Administration

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: A meeting of the Attock Press Club (Registered) was held under the chairmanship of Sheikh Faisal Javed. The key agenda of the meeting was to reclaim the Press Club building, which has been under the possession of the district administration for the past 14 years. A 6-member committee was formed to take up the matter with the authorities.

The meeting, held at a local hotel, was attended by a large number of office-bearers and members, including Sheikh Javed Iqbal, Hafiz Shehzad Akhtar, Nisar Ali Khan, Hafiz Khaleel Ahmed, Nadeem Haider, Muhammad Sabreen Khattak, Siyar Gul, Razi Khan, Khalid Waheed, Malik Asad Mahmood, Javed Akhtar Awan, Haji Mumtaz Hussain, Malik Muhammad Azam, Mumtaz Ahmed, Qamar Abbas Jafari, Sheikh Babar Qayyum, Dr. Sohail Ahmed, Kareem Khan, Malik Fahad, Ehsan Qureshi, Dr. Waheed Khattak, Sheikh Zahoor Elahi, Dr. Sheikh Asad, Rashid Awan, and Tayyab Awan.

#### Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Honoured with Nishan-e-Imtiaz, Pakistan's Highest Civilian Award

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan Peoples Party Leaders and public circles are expressing happiness and joy on the awarding of the country's highest civilian award, Nishan-e-Imtiaz, to Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman and former Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari by the Government of Pakistan. In this regard, former Member of Provincial Assembly Punjab Syed Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani and prominent political and social leader Mian Muhammad Azeem Saeed offered heartfelt congratulations to Chairman Bilawal Bhut-



to During Media Talk. They said that Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has made not only the party but the entire nation proud by representing Pakistan effectively at the national and international levels. As a young leader, he played a prominent role in the struggle for public rights, the consolidation of democracy and highlighting the positive image of Pakistan. Syed Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani said that Bilawal Bhutto has carried forward the political struggle and public service mission of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and the Nishan-e-Imtiaz given in recognition of their services is a source of pride for the entire nation.

#### We will continue to struggle to solve the problems of the business community: Arif Fasiullah

**Correspondent** 

MULTAN: President of All Pakistan Traders Association of South Punjab and City President Multan Arif Fasihullah has said that he has always served the business community and is still working day and night to solve their problems. He expressed these views during his speech at the dinner given to Ashraf Pehlwan Ansari of Anjuman Tajran Manzoorabad on his election as President and Vice President of Multan City. On this occasion, General Secretary of Anjuman Tajran Manzoorabad Rana Arshad, Senior Vice President Muhammad Tariq Sharif, Patronin-Chief Haji Abdul Sattar Ansari, Group Leader Abbas Ansari, Chairman Muhammad Rafiq Butt, Vice Presidents Khadim Hussain Ansari, Abdul Star Sandhu, Shahbaz Ansari, Joint Secretary Bao Nadeem, Information Secretary Ahsan Akhtar, Additional Secretary Muhammad Qasim, Secretary Wasim Jamal along with senior business leaders Haji Ramzan, Haji Bashir, Hafiz Zafar, Muhammad Hashim, Haji Muhammad Ashraf Ansari, Jahanzeb Ashraf Ansari, Shoaib Ashraf Ansari were present. Other traders were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Ashraf Pehlwan Ansari said that our aim is not politics but to serve the business community. We will use all our capabilities to solve the problems of the business community.

#### KP Govt launches digital payment system for flood affectees

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government launched a special mobile app based digital payment system to ensure transparent and timely compensation payments to flood victims.

Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur formally launched the digital payment system on Monday. The new app, called Digital Disaster Compensation Management, was rapidly developed by the KP Information Technology Board and has been integrated with the government's central service delivery platform "Dastak."

Through this system, flood-affected families will receive compensation for damaged properties directly and online. Through this system, flood affectees will also be able to upload details of their property losses and submit claims. The system uses a fully automated and transparent mechanism, including geo-tagging, to prevent false claims. Damage verification and compensation disbursement will also be automated, making the process completely paperless and cashless.

A dedicated dashboard will provide the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, and other officials with real-time data on damages and payments.





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#### AD Passport Idrees Sheikh meet DSP Syed AsifShah

#### 跨 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Accorting to the Details, Action against tout mafia outside Passport Office Toba Tek Singh on the instructions of Director General Immigration and Passport Mustafa Jamal Qazi and Zonal Head Lahore Khalid Abbas. Assistant Director Regional Passport Office Toba Tek Singh Muhammad Idrees Shaikh Talking to the media said that we have started action against the tout mafia outside our passport office. He further said that we have applied to District Police Officer (DPO) Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar for action against these tout mafia. The DPO forwarded our Application to DSP Syed Asif Shah for action. Muhammad Idrees Sheikh said that I meet DSP Syed Asif Shah in his office. The DSP assured me that we will take action against the tout mafia. The DSP immediately deployed police personnel outside the passport office. The DSP said that if any tout mafia official is seen outside the passport office, So our police personnel will catch them and put them in custody and an FIR will also be registered against them. Muhammad Idrees Shaikh thanked DPO Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar and DSP Syed Asif Shah for taking action on request.

### Students with Disabilities Lead Independence Day Walk & 'Marka-e-Haq'

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General of Special Education(DGSE) celebrated Pakistan's 78th Independence Day and "Marka-e-Haq by organizing a walk and Road show. The event was led by Students With Disabilities (SWD) of Special Education Institutes of DGSE. The event not only celebrated national pride and resilience but also served as a strong expression of solidarity with flood-affected communities across the country.

The Directorate General of Special Education, under the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (FE & PT), Government of Pakistan is providing education, training, and rehabilitation services to the children and persons with all disabilities within ICT, with a mission to empower them as equal citizens of the

The Honorable Minister, M/o Federal Education & Professional Training(FE & PT) Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, has taken the initiative for inclusion and representation of CWDs into main stream



During the walk, carrying the national students participated enthusiastically in tion, spirit, and unwavering love for Paki- "Marka-e-Haq" highlighted themes of flags and chanting slogans of unity, the the walk, showcasing their determina- stan and Pakistan Army. The program sacrifice, courage, and national integ-

rity, reflecting the historical struggle for independence and its relevance in today's

Speaking at the occasion, as per the directions of Worthy Secretary M/o Federal Education & Professional Training, Mr. Nadeem Mahbub, the Director General, DGSE Capt. Asif Iqbal Asif emphasized the importance of inclusion, resilience, and collective responsi-

He further added that our students with disabilities are symbols of strength and determination. Today, they stand not only to celebrate freedom but also to remind the nation of its duty to support those who are suffering due to recent floods.

Participants observed a moment of silence and offered prayers for those who lost their lives and livelihoods in the devastating floods. Messages of hope and rehabilitation were shared, urging the nation to extend compassion and assistance to flood victims.

The Director General reaffirmed the commitments of DGSE to ensuring the active participation of persons with disabilities in all national events, promoting an inclusive society where no child with disability is left behind.

#### Heavy Rain

ISLAMABAD: Motorists are on their way at Srinagar Highway during heavy rain fall in Federal Capital.



# Anti-Corruption Regional Director Multan Holds Open Court

#### 跨 🛮 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: Regional Director Anti-Corruption Multan, Basharat Nabi, held an open court in Khanewal, accompanied by Deputy Director Anti-Corruption Rao Ghafar Ali, Assistant Director Legal Zia-ur-Rehman, and Circle Officer Sajid Ali.

On this occasion, Basharat Nabi listened to public grievances with great empathy and issued immediate directives for their resolution. He stated that the purpose of open courts is to ensure justice at the people's doorstep and to take effective action against corruption. He added that operations against corruption, bribery, and other unlawful practices are ongoing, with decisions being taken strictly on merit.

The Regional Director further said that the Punjab government's zero-tolerance pointed out that several violated their own SOPs and policy and the vision of the complaints remain pending conditions. Despite this, the



Director General Anti-Cor- at the regional office, leaving ruption Punjab are being fully applicants disappointed. A implemented. He assured specific case, Complaint No. that his doors remain open for 1182/2025, was highlighted citizens seeking resolution of as a test case. The inquiry into issues related to anti-corrupthis matter could have been

concluded in a single day since However, public circles the responsible officials had

absence of action on a genuine complaint has raised serious concerns

The complainant has urged the Director General Anti-Corruption Punjab to take immediate notice of this negligence so that public trust in the institution may be further strength-

### Recognizing Human Rights Efforts in Sindh under UNO Recognition



Working with intergenerational cooperation under the UNO think tank has been an honor for me, and now seeing my work featured in the UNO newsletter is not just my achievement, but a proud moment for  $Pakistan.\ Collaborating\ with\ Together For SDGs\ has\ been\ a\ remarkable$ journey that strengthened my commitment to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

As an international researcher serving in the Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh, I have had the privilege of working under the leadership of the newly appointed Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Sindh, Mr. Raj Vir Singh Soda. His competence, dedication, and commitment have enabled the Human Rights Department to flourish, ensuring that human rights remain a top priority across Sindh.

During my work, I have personally visited victims of human rights violations, listened to their concerns, and worked to ensure their cases receive attention. These on-ground engagements have not only highlighted the gravity of challenges in Sindh but also earned recognition at the United Nations level. The UNO Team TogetherForSDGs acknowledged these efforts as a meaningful contribution to Pakistan's progress in human rights.

I also take great pride in the achievements of the 60 interns working under my supervision as a Team Lead. Their dedication to research, awareness campaigns, and community engagement has been commended by the TogetherForSDGs team and featured in the UNO newsletter. This recognition underscores the value of empowering youth in shaping sustainable and inclusive change.

My nomination and acknowledgment in the UNO newsletter are not personal milestones alone, but reflections of the collective efforts of all those working tirelessly for justice, equity, and dignity. Together, we are striving to strengthen community trust, accelerate progress toward the SDGs, and make Sindh a model of human rights protec-

The journey is challenging, but with continued UNO partnerships, youth engagement, and strong leadership, I believe we can create lasting change for generations to come.

#### FDA retrieves 4.5 kanals land, demolishes encroachments

FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Development Authority (FDA) has foiled illegal occupation attempt and retrieved 4.5 Kanals of government land in Amin Town by demolishing encroachments.

FDA spokesman said here on Monday that FDA Director General Muhammad Asif Chaudhry had received complaint about an illegal occupation attempt on a public utility plot in Amin Town. Then he immediately directed the Director Town Planning Asma Mohsin to take strict action.

### Ecotourism can drive sustainable economic future for communities: **Devcom Chief**

#### 👺 City Desk

placed at the heart of Pakistan's development policies if the country wants (Devcom-Pakistan), while conductopment (NCRD) on Monday.

NCRD's capacity-building programme ISLAMABAD: Ecotourism must be for government officials, and civil society representatives focused on the theme "Ecotourism and Sustainable Develto safeguard its natural wealth while opment." Opening the session, NCRD creating resilient livelihoods, said Munir Director Dr Abdul Rehman Khan Niazi Ahmed, Executive Director of Devel-stressed the need to explore Pakistan's opment Communications Network diverse landscapes—mountains, deserts, forests, wetlands, and coasts-through ing a national training workshop at sustainable practices that generate the National Centre for Rural Devel- income without degrading ecosystems. Assistant Director Bilal Raza A good number of participants highlighted the objective of the workfrom different cities participated in the shop as equipping participants with the

training workshop organised by the knowledge to align tourism with conservation and rural development.

Munir Ahmed, a well-known ecotourism and sustainable development expert, warned that unchecked mass tourism could "erode the very beauty it seeks to promote." He said, "Tourism in Pakistan cannot be just about visitors, hotels, and attractions. If it ignores ecosystems and sidelines communities, it will do more harm than good. Ecotourism is the way forward because it keeps the balance between people, culture, and nature."

Participants engaged in a lively inter-



integrate ecotourism in their respective regions. Many agreed with Ahmed's

active discussion on how to practically central to tourism planning and bene-neurs could benefit from ecotourism youth should be trained as 'eco-amview that communities must be made bassadors', while women entrepre-

fit-sharing. He stressed that Pakistan's by linking their handicrafts, food prod-

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#### **Overseas Pakistanis Are Major Contributors** of Pakistan's Economic **Uplift**

hief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, while addressing a gathering of the overseas Pakistani community in the Japanese city of Yokohama, said that she congratulates everyone on winning the war against India adding that Punjab will now see development on the pattern of Japan. She highlighted that this journey of development would continue by the Grace of Allah Almighty.

She assured that the problems of overseas Pakistanis will be resolved on a priority basis and will not have to wait for the redressal of their grievances. She said, "After a long time, those living far from their homes got good news as Good news is coming from Pakistan. Seeing the overseas gathering, it seems as if I am holding a big congregation of people in Lahore."

She highlighted, "In the past, friendly countries were getting angry with Pakistan. By the grace and mercy of Allah Almighty, the economy has been set in the right direction. The overseas Pakistanis have played a major role in improving the economy. The overseas Pakistanis send their remittances earned through their hard work to their homeland and this money should be spent on the development and progress of Pakistan."

She maintained, "When the overseas Pakistanis send their remittances, their children should attain good education and a nice environment. The increase in remittances manifest public confidence in the government's policies. The inflation rate has come down from 38 to 3/4 percent in a few months. Witnessing the development, cleanliness and infrastructure of Japan, we would like to have such a level of development, cleanliness and infrastructure in Pakistan as well."

She outlined, "We are improving the infrastructure of Punjab. Load shedding and terrorism had started again due to previous incompetent rulers. Nawaz Sharif and Shehbaz Sharif built excellent roads with years of hard work. Potholes were formed in the roads due to bad governance. We want to bring Punjab at par with the level of Japan's infrastructure."

She affirmed, "In the previous tenure, the poor did not get medicines in the hospitals, now 90% of medicines are available free of cost. In a few months, 6/7 thousand children have undergone heart surgeries. Cancer, blood diseases, bone marrow transplant and other hospitals will be built in Punjab. We are providing door-to-door treatment through Clinics-on-Wheels and Field Hospitals. PERA force has been formed to eliminate inflation and encroachment."

She added, "Punjab is being rebuilt after undergoing Suthra' Punjab project. In countries like Japan, people walk on the streets without any fear. Earlier, murders and other crimes used to occur in Punjab, due to dedicated efforts of CCD, 70% of crimes have gone down. In 7 months, 70,000 people have received loans to build houses, hundreds of houses are being built on a daily basis. One lakh houses will be built by December and 5 lakh houses in five years."

### 'Putin's Plan: A Chance for Peace or **Escalation?**

he meeting between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Anchorage, Alaska, set the stage for a whirlwind of diplomatic maneuvering among all stakeholders in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. More than thirty European nations that have supported Ukraine against Russian aggression were forced to reassess their strategies in light of the unexpected opening that emerged from the summit. The encounter did not yield a ceasefire or an immediate breakthrough, but it opened a fragile doorway toward a potential peace settlement, one that has already triggered frantic consultations They know that if the across capitals and drawn in leaders who fear being sidelined in the process.

At the heart of the Alaska talks was a dramatic pivot by Trump, who abandoned the initial idea of negotiating a temporary ceasefire and instead pressed for a comprehensive peace deal. Putin's proposal, which Trump appeared willing to explore, was stark and uncompromising. It required Ukraine to cede Donetsk and Luhansk in their entirety, recognizing them as Russian-controlled regions, while Russia would agree to withdraw from small pockets it still occupies in the northern oblasts of Kharkiv and Sumy. The deal also demanded that Ukraine renounce NATO membership permanently, accept international recognition of Russian sovereignty over Crimea, and agree to lift certain sanctions. Further conditions included granting official status to the Russian language and the Russian Orthodox Church within Ukraine. Perhaps most controversially, Putin made it clear that a ceasefire would not precede the agreement but would only take effect after its implementation, making Ukrainian concessions a precon-

dition to ending the war.

For Europe, the stakes go beyond solidarity with Ukraine. The concern is existential. If Ukraine is forced into surrender, Russia would feel emboldened to threaten Poland, the Baltic states, and perhaps even Central Europe. This

demanded not only robust NATO-style guarantees for Ukraine but also assurances that Russia will not use any peace settlement as a staging ground for further expansion. United States withdraws its military and

financial support under Trump's threats, the burden will shift onto Europe alone. That prospect is politically and financially untenable, and so the Europeans are determined to anchor themselves firmly in the negotiations.

The human cost of the conflict adds urgency. Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced, thousands of lives lost, and entire cities reduced to rubble. The war has devastated supply chains for energy, grain, and minerals, driving up food and oil prices, fueling inflation, and worsening hardship across the globe. Developing nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America have been particularly hard hit, with rising bread prices triggering political unrest and shortages of fuel crippling fragile economies. Sanctions on countries trading with Russia have further compounded the crisis, choking commerce and punishing populations far from the battlefield. A resolution, however imperfect, could lift these burdens, stabilize markets, and release billions of dollars currently being spent

humanitarian relief, and development.

Trump himself framed the Alaska meeting as an opening rather than an outcome, claiming progress on "many points" but offering few specifics. His tone was optimistic yet evasive, carefully explains why European leaders have avoiding commitments that might limit

his room to maneuver. meanwhile, presented his maximalist plan as if it were already the only acceptable solution. Zelensky, speaking from Kyiv, rejected the idea of trading land for peace and emphasized that Ukraine's sovereignty

and territorial integrity were not negotiable. His message was clear: no deal could be reached if it forced Ukraine to concede regions without the consent of its people.

In this tension lies the fragility of the moment. Trump sees an opportunity to present himself as a peacemaker and deal-maker, potentially reshaping his image at home and abroad. Putin sees a chance to lock in gains achieved by force, turning temporary occupation into permanent sovereignty. Zelensky faces the impossible task of defending his nation's survival while resisting pressure from allies who may be tiring of war. Europe, caught between solidarity with Ukraine and fear of abandonment by Washington, must walk a fine line between supporting Kyiv and securing guarantees for its own security.

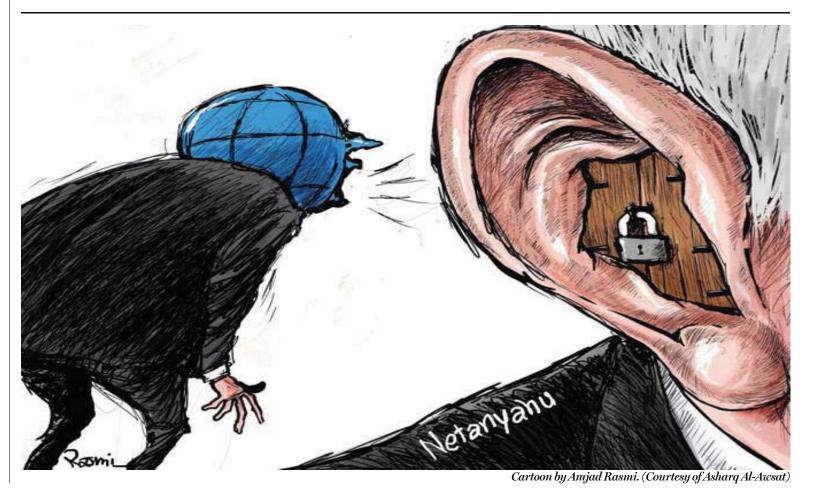
The way forward demands wisdom. Ceasefire must come first, for as long as bombs fall, peace talks are built on sand. Territorial disputes could be managed through international mechanisms such

on weapons back into reconstruction, as supervised referenda or peacekeeping deployments, ensuring decisions are not taken under the shadow of guns. Robust, legally binding security guarantees must replace vague assurances, ensuring Ukraine cannot again be left exposed to invasion. Sanctions could be lifted in phases, tied directly to verified steps by Russia toward compliance, maintaining leverage while rewarding genuine progress. Above all, leaders must recognize that ego and pride cannot outweigh the suffering of millions.

History rarely offers golden opportunities, and when they appear, they must be grasped with courage. The Alaska summit has opened such a door, but it will slam shut if mistrust, humiliation, or unilateralism dominates the talks. If this moment is squandered, the war will not only continue but risk spreading across Europe, drawing in NATO and igniting catastrophe on a continental scale. Yet if leaders embrace compromise, soften hardened positions, and commit to saving lives rather than scoring victories, the world may remember Anchorage not as another failed summit but as the first step toward peace.

War is cruel, and its wounds are longlasting, but peace—even fragile peace is always worth the risk. The lives saved, the economies revived, and the trust restored will outshine any battlefield victory. The world now watches as Trump, Putin, Zelensky, and Europe decide whether to rise to the occasion or condemn millions to further destruction. The choice is theirs, and history will judge them accordingly.

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### Russia-Ukraine Tensions and Diplomacy

one of the most pressing geoposhaping global security, economic stability, and the future of international diplomacy. Rooted in historical grievances, power politics, and competing spheres of influence, the tensions between Russia and Ukraine have escalated dramatically since 2014, America, has been divided in its response. culminating in the full-scale Russian invasion

of Ukraine in February 2022. This confrontation has not only devastated Ukraine but also reshaped alliances, tested international law, and challenged the credibility of global institutions. While the war continues, diplomacy remains both the most elusive and the most necessary solution.

**Muhammad Asif** The origins of the conflict can be traced back to Ukraine's strategic location and historical ties with Russia. For centuries, Ukraine has been a contested space between East and West. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, Ukraine became an independent state. However, Russia never fully accepted Ukraine's political and cultural orientation towards Europe. The 2014 Maidan protests, which led to the ousting of pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovych, marked a turning point. Ukraine's pursuit of closer ties with the European Union and NATO was perceived by Moscow as a direct threat to its influence. Russia responded by annexing Crimea and supporting separatist movements in eastern Ukraine, sparking years of conflict.

At the heart of diplomacy lies the question of Ukraine's future. Should Ukraine remain aligned with the West, joining NATO and the EU, or accept neutrality to appease Russia? For Kyiv, sovereignty and self-determination are non-negotiable. For Moscow, preventing a matter of survival. These opposing posi-

he Russia-Ukraine conflict is tions make compromise extremely difficult. relations. However, history shows that even the most litical issues of the 21st century, protracted conflicts can end through negotiations, provided both sides recognize the limits of military solutions.

The conflict also poses dilemmas for global diplomacy beyond Europe. The Global South, including countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin While Western nations condemned Russia's

invasion, some countries chose neutrality, prioritizing their own economic interests, energy needs, or historical ties with Moscow. This division reflects the changing nature of international relations, where U.S. and Western dominance is increasingly contested, and multipolarity is shaping the global order.

Economic consequences further complicate diplomacy. Sanctions on Russia have aimed to weaken its war machine but have also caused disruptions in energy and food supply chains worldwide. Europe, once heavily dependent on Russian gas, has had to diversify its energy sources at great cost. Meanwhile, countries in Africa and the Middle East faced food shortages as Ukrainian grain exports were blocked. These economic hardships increase pressure on governments to push for a diplomatic settlement, even as military operations continue.

Despite the bleak outlook, diplomacy remains essential. Prolonged war risks not only further destruction in Ukraine but also the danger of escalation into a broader European or even nuclear conflict. Confidence-building measures, such as humanitarian corridors, prisoner exchanges, and agreements on grain exports, have shown that limited diplomacy is still possible. These efforts must be expanded into a more comprehensive peace process that NATO's expansion into its neighborhood is addresses security guarantees for Ukraine, territorial disputes, and the future of NATO-Russia

For diplomacy to succeed, creativity and compromise are necessary. One possible framework involves Ukraine receiving strong security assurances from Western powers without formal NATO membership, alongside phased withdrawal of Russian troops. Another approach could involve internationally monitored referendums in disputed territories, though this remains highly controversial. Furthermore, reconstruction aid for Ukraine could be tied to gradual easing of sanctions, creating incentives for Russia to negotiate. Such ideas may seem unrealistic in the current climate of hostility, but diplomacy often requires thinking beyond immediate circum-

Ultimately, the Russia-Ukraine conflict underscores the limitations of military power and the enduring relevance of diplomacy. Both sides face immense costs, with Ukraine suffering destruction and Russia facing international isolation. The longer the war drags on, the harder reconciliation becomes. Yet history is filled with examples where bitter adversaries eventually came to the negotiating table. The task for global diplomacy today is to pave the way for such a future, ensuring that the principles of sovereignty, justice, and peace are not permanently sacrificed.

In conclusion, the Russia-Ukraine tensions represent more than just a regional war; they symbolize the clash between competing world orders, the fragility of international law, and the challenge of resolving modern conflicts. Diplomacy, while fraught with obstacles, remains the only viable path to ending the bloodshed and preventing a wider catastrophe. The international community must continue to engage, innovate, and pressure both sides toward meaningful dialogue. Peace may seem distant today, but without diplomacy, it will remain forever

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#### Remarkable Improvement in the Performance of Islamic **Banking**

experiencing rapid growth across the globe, primarily due to its addressed by the industry. provision of financial services based on Islamic principles. The success and improved performance of Islamic inclination towards Islamic finance, with banking have significantly increased public many countries actively exploring the adoptrust, which, in turn, is a major factor behind tion of Islamic banking models. The industry's its rising popularity. Over the past two decades, global valuation is increasing at a rapid pace, Islamic banking has witnessed notable progress.

Its enhanced performance has not only created new avenues for investment but also fostered growing public confidence. This brief yet comprehensive review will explore the foundational principles of Islamic banking, its performance trajectory, the evolution of public trust, and the future prospects of this system.

It is worth noting that Islamic banks' commitment to transparency the performance of Islamic banking has substanand justice has earned them a distinct reputation when compared to conventional banks. In core values of transparency, justice, and adherthe public eye, Islamic banks are perceived as more honest and accountable in financial dealings, which has significantly contributed to their increasing popularity.

Despite this impressive progress, Islamic banking still faces a number of challenges. Firstly, due to the relatively small demographic presence of Muslims in the global financial system, the expansion of Islamic banking has remained somewhat limited. Additionally, Islamic banks need to adopt modern technologies and innothe global marketplace. Another pressing challenge is the complexity of Islamic banking products, which at times prevents clients from fully guarantees social justice and transparency.

he system of Islamic banking is understanding their benefits. This lack of clarity has become a significant concern that must be

> Nevertheless, the future of Islamic banking appears promising. Globally, there is a growing

> with projections indicating continued growth. Furthermore, the integration of advanced technologies such as FinTech and Blockchain has the potential to significantly enhance Islamic banking products. By leveraging these modern tools, Islamic banks can offer more efficient and reliable services to their clients, thereby strengthening public

Dr. Muhammad Tayyab trust even further. Khan Singhanvi The notable improvement in tially bolstered public confidence. Built upon the ence to religious principles, Islamic banking stands as a distinctive alternative to conven-Thus, Islamic banking has emerged as a model that ensures not only economic growth but also



### AlHuda CIBE Awards **Shariah Compliance** Certificate to O Gold

跨 Spokesman Report

DUBAI - UAE: AlHuda CIBE - Center of Islamic Banking and Economics - is pleased to announce that it has awarded a Shariah Compliance Certification to O Gold, the UAE's pioneering Emirati fractional gold and silver ownership app. This certification marks an important milestone in the promotion of Islamic finance and reaffirms AlHuda CIBE's commitment to supporting innovative, ethical, and Shariah-compliant financial solutions.

"We are pleased to certify O Gold's gold and silver trading and investment offerings as fully compliant with AAOIFI Shariah standards," said Mr. Muhammad Zubair, CEO of AlHuda CIBE. "This certification reflects O Gold's dedication to ethical, transparent, and asset-backed precious metals solutions. We believe this initiative will not only provide investors with Shariah-compliant opportunities but will also contribute significantly to the global growth of Halal invest-

O Gold provides insured and secure and interest-free. Every transaction on

Achievement Award

Ms. Sadia Rashid, Chairperson Hamdard Pakistan, receiving the 12th

FPCCI Achievement Award from Honorable Governor Sindh, Kam-

ran Khan Tessori, for Hamdard Pakistan at the 12th FPCCI Achieve-

ment Awards ceremony held on August 17, 2025, at Governor House,

Karachi. On this occasion, FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh and

Senior Vice President Saquib Fayyaz Magoon are also present.



gold and silver buying and selling, along with Wakalah Gold Earnings, all in full compliance with Shariah principles. The Wakalah Gold Earnings feature delivers returns in gold, ensuring profits remain asset-based

the platform is transparent, backed by high-purity gold and silver, with clear asset identification and no speculative practices.

Commenting on the achievement, Bandar Alothman, Founder of O Gold, said: "Receiving this certifica-

tion is an honour and a crucial step in our mission to redefine gold ownership. It validates our dedication to transparency and ethical practices, and demonstrates our commitment to providing a platform that is not only accessible and secure, but also completely aligned with the values of our community."

As the first Emirati platform enabling customers to own fractional amounts of gold and silver starting from just AED 1, O Gold offers everyday investors the opportunity to benefit from precious metal ownership without the need to purchase large, costly quantities. The platform provides a complete ecosystem, empowering users to buy, sell, or lease gold with just a few taps, enjoy competitive market prices, and even have their gold securely delivered to their doorstep.

With this certification, AlHuda CIBE proudly recognizes O Gold as setting a new standard for gold investment in the Middle East - one that aligns financial growth seamlessly with faith-based principles.

#### National Youth Summit 2025 Concludes with Call for Youth-Inclusive Policy Making



MUZAFFARABAD: The five-day National Youth Summit 2025, jointly organized by the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) and the Islamic Research Institute of the International Islamic University Islamabad, concluded today with a vibrant closing ceremony at the Education Hall, Chella Campus, Muzaffarabad.

The closing session was graced by the Federal Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, Mrs. Wajiha Qammar, as Chief Guest. Other distinguished speakers included Vice-Chancellor UAJK Nasir Jamal Khattak, Director General of Islamic Research Institute Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq, Deputy Director Dr. Muhammad Rustam, Director Jhelum Valley Campus Dr. Imtiaz Awan, along with senior faculty, dignitaries, and participants from across Pakistan.

In their remarks, the speakers lauded the active engagement of youth throughout the summit, noting that the recommendations and ideas presented reflect the vision, creativity, and aspirations of Pakistan's young generation. They stressed that empowering youth and incorporating their voices into national decision-making processes is essential for sustainable progress and peacebuilding.

On the occasion, the participants presented a comprehensive set of Youth Policy Recommendations, including the establishment of Youth Shadow Councils at national and provincial assemblies, Policy Labs in universities, a National Freelancing Curriculum, Micro Startup Grants for students, a Youth for Climate Innovation Fund, Digital Parliament Apps, Volunteer Credit Systems, and Youth Research-to-Policy Fellowships. These and other innovative proposals were hailed as practical measures to harness the potential of the youth for national development.

The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the organizers and expressed confidence that such youth-centered initiatives will pave the way for inclusive policies and a brighter future. Certificates were also distributed among participants to acknowledge their contributions.

The summit concluded with a vote of thanks by the organizers, emphasizing that the voices of the youth will continue to echo in the policy discourse of Pakistan and Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

## Oath-taking ceremony organized by Falah Events and Camera Union, Sahiwal



FAISALABAD: The oath-taking ceremony organized by Falah Events and Camera Union Registered Sahiwal was held at a local hotel. The special guests were MPA Pir Wilayat Shah Khaga and Professional Photographers Association Registered Faisalabad Muhammad Ahmed. While the guests of honor were Supreme Council Member Sahiwal Sardar Muhammad, Friends Color Lab Faisalabad Muhammad Shafiq, President Press Club Registered Samundari Rana Muhammad Javed. MPA Pir Wilavat Shah Khaga in his address congratulated all the office bearers of Falah Events and Camera Union and appreciated the hard work of all the photographers and movie makers of Sahiwal. Chairman Main Ali Akbar worked hard and cooperated in organizing this event. The President of Falah Events and Camera Union, Registered Sahiwal, Tariq Mahmood and his team deserve tribute for the hard work, dedication and hard work they put into the event. All of them include Chairman Main Ali Akbar, President Tariq Mahmood, General Secretary Sabir Hussain, Senior Vice President Rana Chand, Vice President Muhammad Ikram, Finance Secretary Safdar Ali, Information Chaudhry Naeem, Joint Secretary Sarfaraz Ali, Media Advisor Rana Waseem, and others. At the end of the event, shields and certificates were distributed among the guests and members.

#### Awaam Pakistan Party stands with the flood victims and shoulder to shoulder with the Pakistan Armed Forces

**№** City Desk

RAWALPINDI: Political and social leader Chaudhry Inaam Zafar stated that our priority is to serve the people of Pakistan, and they believe not in hollow promises but in practical politics. "We stand with the flood victims in their time of suffering. The Pakistan Armed Forces have always supported the people in difficult times, and the entire nation has complete trust

In an important statement, he said that since June, the death toll due to rains and floods in the country has exceeded 650, which is extremely tragic. The senior leadership of the Awaam Pakistan Party stands with the flood-affected victims in this time of grief. We announced solidarity with those affected in flood-hit areas.

Chaudhry Inaam Zafar added that every year, floods displace hundreds of people, and citizens lose their loved ones. Therefore, there must be effective measures taken at the government level to prevent this recurring disaster. He further said that although everyone wants to help the flood victims, public trust in political representatives has been severely shaken.

He continued that in the past, representatives of previous political parties made countless promises upon coming into power, but none were  $fulfilled, deeply \, damaging \, public \, trust. \, Billions \, were \, collected \, under \, the \,$ names of dam construction and various development projects, yet no dams were built, people didn't receive their homes, and the public gained no relief from any so-called development initiative. This, he said, is why people now hesitate to give funds to political representatives.

Chaudhry Inaam Zafar emphasized that the public only trusts the Pakistan Army, knowing that it has always protected the country's borders without concern for its own safety. "Whenever the country has faced difficult times, the army has put itself in harm's way to carry out relief operations in affected areas. Without the support of our forces, we wouldn't be standing on our own feet today."

He concluded by saying that the entire nation, including the Awaam Pakistan Party, stands with the Pakistan Armed Forces. "If the military needs us, we will be at the forefront of relief operations."

#### **Faisalabad Chamber Forms Committee** to Provide Relief to

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A 15-member committee has been formed under the leadership of National Group Leader Mian Muhammad Javed Iqbal and Faisalabad too. He said that the committee

**Flood Victims** 

Industry President Rehan Naseem Bharara. It will collect funds for immediate relief and rehabilitation of the victims of recent natural disasters as well as cooperate with the government

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Chamber of Commerce and established to help the victims

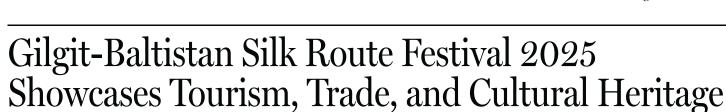
tation to the displaced. He said that the philanthropists of Fais-

alabad have played a full role in

helping those affected by natural

disasters in the past and they will play their effective role this time

rehabilitation. Addressing a joint and relief materials which will be meeting of the business commudistributed with the support of nity today, President Rehan the relevant government institu-Naseem Bharara prayed for the tions. In addition to the members



**Spokesman Report** 

HUNZA: The historic Gilgit-Baltistan Silk Route Festival, organized by Silk Road Enterprises and led by Prince Shervar Khan, Miss Sadaf Khalid Khan, and Mian Hashim Masood, was held on the 9th and 10th of August at the picturesque Mir Palace Apricot Gardens, Karimabad, Hunza. The festival celebrated the rich tourism, trade, and cultural potential of the region along the legendary Silk Route, drawing national and international dignitaries, tourism stakeholders, and local communities.

The opening ceremony on August 9 was graced by Chief Guest Force Commander Northern Areas GB, Major General Syed Imtiaz Gillani. Distinguished guests included MD PTDC Mr. Aftab ur Rehman Rana, Assistant Director Balochistan Tourism Mr. Wagar Shah, and Assistant Secretary Tourism Gilgit-Baltistan Mr. Zameer Abbass. Among the foreign dignitaries were Nicole Guihot, Deputy High Commissioner of Australia, and His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Mohammad Azhar Bin Mazlan, High Commissioner of Malaysia. The Malaysian Embassy also hosted a cultural pavilion, showcasing tourism opportunities and fostering ties between Pakistan and Malaysia.

The event featured prominent speakers such as Mr. Mubarak Hussain, President of Hunza Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry; Dr. Farasat from WWF-Pakistan; and Professor Zayn Kassam, Director at the eration. Institute of Ismaili Studies, London,

In her address, Ms. Sadaf Khalid Khan highlighted the historic importance of the Silk Route for trade, tourism, B2B business opportunities, and cultural exchange, emphasizing how such festivals boost the local economy and empower communities.



She announced plans to organize the event annually, expanding it to other parts of Pakistan and eventually taking it internationally to Central Asia and Europe. Mian Hashim Masood delivered the welcome address, underscoring the festival's role in connecting cultures and promoting regional coop-

The festival featured vibrant pavilions, and exhibitiers from across Pakistan with strong participation from local women entrepreneurs, GB artisans, hoteliers, and tourism boards. Traditional local food of Gilgit-Baltistan was also served, allowing visitors to savor the authentic flavors of the region.

The award appreciation ceremony was presented by the Chief Guest, alongside Mir of Hunza Ghazanfar Khan and Rani Sahiba, honoring contributors, participants, and spon-

As part of the festival's hospitality program, the organizers arranged a special trip for foreign dignitaries to Altit Fort, where Altit TMS conducted a guided cultural tour of the historic site, complete with local traditions and a high tea experience.

In his closing remarks, Prince Sheryar Khan thanked the sponsors— UBL, GFC, Ambience Resort, Bank Alfalah-and all the tourism departments, especially MD PTDC, for offi-

cially endorsing and supporting the

The GB Silk Route Festival 2025 not only celebrated the heritage of the Silk Route but also strengthened Pakistan's position as a vibrant destination for tourism, trade, and cultural diplomacy in the wider Silk Route region.

Discover Pakistan was the official media partner for the Silk Route festival.

On the closing day 10th August the Silk Route organisers also conducted a training workshop by WWF Recharge Pakistan for sustainable tourism and environmental preservation for the local communities in GB and women entrepreneurs.

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

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
148,196.42	146,491.63	
Day's High Day's Low   148,395.71 146,403.64		
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27,785,851,070	1704.79	
Percentage	Time	
+1.16%	18 Aug, 2025 4:30 pm	
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9,157.74	+18.84	
Percentage	Time	
+0.21%	18 Aug, 4:35 pm GMT+1	

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USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
44,921.18	-24.94	
Percentage	Time	
-0.055%	18 Aug, 12:44 pm GMT-4	
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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
43,714.31	+336.00	
Percentage	Time	
+0.77%	18 Aug, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

#### **Open Market Forex Rates**

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	183	188
Bahrain Dinar	750.80	753.30
Canadian Dollar	204	209
China Yuan	39.13	39.53
Danish Krone	43.86	44.26
Euro	331.10	333.15
Hong Kong Dollar	35.87	36.22
Indian Rupee	3.14	3.23
Japanese Yen	1.8975	1.9975
Kuwaiti Dinar	917.15	925.15
Malaysian Ringgit	66.74	67.34
NewZealand \$	165.83	167.83
Norwegians Krone	27.13	27.43
Omani Riyal	735.35	737.85
Qatari Riyal	77.25	77.95
Saudi Riyal	75.45	75.70
Singapore Dollar	219	224
Swedish Korona	29.26	29.56
Swiss Franc	348.47	351.22
Thai Bhat	8.58	8.73
U.A.E Dirham	77.2	77.45
UK Pound Sterling	383.65	385.85
US Dollar	283.5	284.5

#### Introducing Shareholder Agahi: A New Era of Investor Empowerment

#### **№** Commerce Desk

KARACHI: To increase the shareholders awareness and strengthening corporate governance, the Central Depository Company of Pakistan (CDC) and Pakistan Institute of Corporate Governance (PICG) have jointly developed Shareholder Agahi—an innovative digital portal designed to equip shareholders with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed, impactful decisions.

This initiative has been undertaken under the guidance of the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).

The Shareholder Agahi initiative was officially launched on Monday, August 18, 2025, during SECP's and PBA's consultative workshop, Unlocking Capital Market Potential for Banks, with the unveiling of its launch video by Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb, the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue; Mr. Akif Saeed, Chairman SECP; in the presence of Mr. Badiuddin Akber, CEO CDC; Mr. Jameel Ahmad, Governor SBP; and Ms. Shafaq Fauzil Azim, President & CEO PICG.

#### Gold prices increase by Rs.1,500 to Rs 357,700 per tola

ISLAMABAD: The price of 24 karat per tola gold witnessed an increase of Rs1,500 on Monday and was sold at Rs357,700 against its sale at Rs356,200 on the previous trading day, All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewelers Association reported.

The prices of 10 grams of 24 karat also increased by Rs 1,286 to Rs.306,670 from Rs 305,384 whereas the price of 10 grams of 22 Karat went up by Rs 1,179 to Rs 281,124 from Rs 279,945. The rates of per tola and ten gram silver remained stagnant at Rs.4,031 and Rs 3,455 respectively.

The price of gold in the international market increased by \$15 to \$3,350 from \$3,335 whereas silver remained constant at \$37.98, the Association reported.

### SECP, in collaboration with PBA Organizes Workshop on Enhancing the Role of Banks in Pakistan's **Capital Market**

#### **Spokesman Report**

KARACHI: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), in collaboration with Pakistan Banks Association (PBA), organized a consultative workshop on the theme "Unlocking Capital Market Potential for Banks" in Karachi.

The Honourable Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, graced the event as the Chief Guest.

The workshop hosted top officials from SECP, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), commercial banks, Capital Market Infrastructure Institutions (CMIIs), the brokerage industry and other market participants. It provided a platingful discussions and frame actionable strategies for fostering integration between financial institutions/banks and capital markets.

The SECP Chairperson, Mr. Akif Saeed, in his welcome address, highlighted the critical need for stronger collaboration between financial institutions and Pakistan's capital



form for all stakeholders to engage in mean-markets to drive sectoral growth and develop-PSX, and the revamping of the public offering ment. He also outlined key reforms introduced regime. by SECP targeting capital market investment, including the issuance of Government of Pakistan (GoP) Ijarah Sukuk through the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), strengthening of the voluntary pension system, adoption of the diversify funding sources but also provide busi-T+1 settlement cycle for securities traded at nesses with alternative avenues of long-term move in the right direction.

In his keynote address, the Finance Minister Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb emphasized that deeper engagement by financial institutions in capital market activities would not only

financing. Such integration, he noted, is essential for enhancing market resilience, supporting private sector growth, and contributing meaningfully to sustainable economic development. He proposed that a Capital Market Development Council be constituted comprising of key stakeholders including the SECP, SBP, CMIIs

The workshop was also addressed by Mr. Jameel Ahmad, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Chairperson, Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX); Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie, President & CEO, National Bank of Pakistan (NBP); Mr. Atif Bajwa, President & CEO, Bank Alfalah; and Mr. Muhammad Nassir Salim, President & CEO, HBL and Dr. Ishrat Husain, Former Governor, SBP, also addressed the workshop participants.

CEO & Secretary General-PBA, Mr. Muneer Kamal, congratulated SECP for organising the workshop. Commenting on the occasion, he said, "By convening the financial ecosystem partners for a dialogue, we've made the first

#### Years of Partnership

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Sweden to Pakistan H.E. Alexandra Berg von Linde presents a souvenir titled '75 Years of Partnership between Sweden and Pakistan' to Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan during their meeting.



### CSIL court wins expose SECP's enforcement flaws

#### **™** Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has suffered a severe blow to its credibility after the Islamabad High Court overturned its actions against Crescent Star Insurance Limited (CSIL), exposing repeated flaws in enforcement, procedural discipline, and regulatory judgment.

The twin legal setbacks reveal a troubling pattern of mismanagement, raising serious questions about the regulator's capacity to enforce rules fairly while maintaining investor confidence in Paki-

stan's insurance sector. In the latest ruling delivered by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani in July 2025, the court arrangement distinct from SECP bypassed essential proceset aside SECP's order barring treaty-based coverage, which dural steps. Justice Kayani held CSIL from issuing new guaran-



tees or renewing existing ones. reporting obligations. The The regulator had accused the company argued SECP acted company of issuing guarantees prematurely, halting operations

CSIL countered that its operations rely on facultative concerns. reinsurance—a case-by-case does not trigger the same that the regulator should have

without adequate reinsurance. without offering an opportunity to respond or rectify

The court agreed, ruling that

first sought a corrective plan from CSIL and only escalated enforcement if the company failed to comply. The order was declared illegal, and SECP was directed to re-engage with CSIL, allow time for compliance, and resolve any pending appeals within 60 days.

This judgment echoes a similar 2021 decision by Justice Babar Sattar, which nullified SECP's directive ordering CSIL to wind up its underwriting business within 30 days over alleged solvency issues. CSIL had argued that the SECP Appellate Bench had previously set aside the showcause notice and adjudication order, affirming the company's compliance under the Insurance Ordinance 2000. The fresh orders, CSIL contended, amounted to double jeopardy and lacked legal basis.

#### Jazz's Garaj Launches Webkaari

#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Garaj, Jazz's enterprise cloud services brand, has announced the launch of Webkaari, an all-in-one digital solution designed to help businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals establish a strong online presence with ease. Combining a user-friendly website builder with AI-powered content tools. built-in SEO optimization, and a complete e-commerce platform, Webkaari enables SMEs to create, manage, and grow their digital footprint without complex technical

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millions in annual exports. still sees many freelancers and small businesses lacking professional websites or secure payment systems, limiting global competitiveness. Webkaari addresses this with an intuitive website builder, mobile-responsive designs, built-in SEO, and for the first time in a Garaj solution-a secure gateway enabling instant card, bank transfer, and wallet transactions. This is critical in a market where B2B payments take days to clear and professionals face barriers to reliable online transactions, echoing global trends where over one-fifth of SMEs and Pakistan, among the freelancers report rising late world's top five freelance or missed payments each

#### foodpanda celebrates rider community at grand Appreciation **Event**



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: foodpanda, Pakistan's leading food and grocery delivery platform, proudly hosted a grand Rider Appreciation Day in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad. This event was a tribute to the riders and their families, honouring their hard work and highlighting the company's commitment to their well-being and professional growth.

foodpanda,

Muntaqa commented on the occasion, "Our riders are the backbone of our operations and the true ambassadors of foodpanda. This event is a small token of our immense gratitude for their hard work and commitment. We are not only investing in their professional journey through initiatives like the electric bikes but also celebrating their personal successes with prizes like the Umrah package.

### CCP approves Nippon Express acquisition in TCS Logistics

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

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has granted approval for the acquisition of a certain shareholding in within Pakistan, and the CCP iden-TCS Logistics (Private) Limited tified the relevant market as thirdby Nippon Express (South Asia & party logistics services in the country. Oceania) Pte. Limited.

subsidiary of Nippon Express Hold- Act, 2010, the CCP concluded that ings, a global logistics company headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. significant competition concerns. Nippon Express Pte. Limited is incorporated in Singapore and operates in the South Asia and Oceania negligible, and the acquisition is

Meanwhile, TCS Logistics (Private) Limited is a Pakistani company operating in the thirdparty logistics (3PL) sector. Both companies provide 3PL services

After a thorough Phase-I review Nippon Express is a wholly-owned under Section 11 of the Competition the transaction does not raise any The combined market share of the parties after the transaction remains unlikely to lead to a substantial less-

ening of competition in the market. The Commission further observed that the transaction is expected to yield efficiency gains and bring international logistical expertise into the domestic market. These developments are anticipated to improve service quality, enhance operational capabilities, and contribute to the development of Pakistan's logistics sector. Importantly, the Commission found no indication that the transaction would create or strengthen barriers to entry in the relevant



reviewed, the CCP has authorized the proposed acquisition under Section 31 of the Competition Act, 2010.

### Committees constituted for smooth holding of Youth Games camps

**Sports Desk** 

LAHORE: Different administrative committees for smooth organisation of training camps for upcoming First National Youth Games have been formed. DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry shared this information while chairing a meeting at National Hockey Stadium on Monday

Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Divisional Sports Officer Lahore Tanveer Abbas, Deputy Director Tariq Khanzada, Chand Parveen, Yasmeen Akhtar, Sports Consultant Hafeez Bhatti and all administrators of Nishtar Park Sports Complex attend

Addressing the meeting, Khizar Afzaal said that several administrative committees, including Accommodation Committee, Venues Committee, Mess Committee and Medical Management Committee have been constituted for organising training camps purposefully for First National Youth Games scheduled to be staged at Islamabad from



Sept 7 to 13, 2025.

He said that top standard preparations are being made for the first National Youth Games and the training camps of 400 selected male and female players will start from August 22 at Nishtar Park Sports Complex. "The expert coaches will impart best training to all athletes selected to represent Punjab in the mega sports event and we are quite upbeat that Punjab contingent will emerge winners in the National Youth Games".

Meanwhile, the hockey (women) and judo (men & women) trials for the selection of Punjab teams for First National Youth Games were conducted at the National Hockey Stadium and Elite Training Centre respectively on

The hockey selection committee, including Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Deputy Director Chand Perveen and Rahat Khan conducted the trials. More than 50 female players appeared in the hockey trials while the judo trials witnessed the participation of more than 100 male and female players.

### Samad's Unbeaten 110 Hands Pakistan Shaheens 73-run Win over Renegades



**Asim Tanveer** 

DARWIN: Abdul Samad's unbeaten 110 off 63 balls helped Pakistan Shaheens bag their second win in the Top End T20 Series as they beat Melbourne Renegades by 73 runs here at the TIO Stadium in Darwin on Monday evening.

Pakistan Shaheens will face Chicago Kingsmen in their next fixture on Tuesday with the first ball expected to be bowled at 1pm local time.

Shaheens dismissed Renegades for 105 in 19.2 overs after posting 178-5 in their allotted 20 overs on the back of Samad's 56-ball century. The right hander walked in to bat in the first over and found Shaheens reeling at 2-2 as both opening batters returned for ducks. Samad stitched a 32-run stand with

Mohammad Faiq (21, 18b, 2x4s, 1x6) before the latter fell in the seventh over, while Maaz Sadaqat followed him in the 10th over with the scorecard reading

From thereon, Samad and skipper Muhammad Irfan Khan put on a gamechanging 109-run stand. Samad struck six fours and as many sixes during his unbeaten stay at the crease, while Irfan returned for a run-a-ball 23 comprising one four and a solitary six.

For Renegades, Oliver Peake, Fergus O'Neill, Will Sutherland, Callum Stow and Michael Archer picked up one wicket

In turn, Renegades slid to 66-8 and then 105 all out after being 25-1. Apart from opening batter Josh Brown (36, 30b, 5x4s, 1x6) none of the top eight



batters entered double figures.

Xavier Crone (11, 17b), Callum Stow (15, 16b, 1x4) and Michael Archer (14 not out 19b) pushed their team past the 100-run mar batting at no.9, 10 and 11, respectively.

 $For \, Shaheens, Maaz \, Sadaq at \, returned$ figures of 4-0-22-3, while Faisal Akram backed up his five-for from previous game with 2-19 in four overs. Mubasir Khan, Mohammad Wasim Jnr, Ubaid Shah and Saad Masood dismissed one batter each. Scores in brief:

Pakistan Shaheens beat Melbourne Renegades by 73 runs at the TIO (1pm local time) Stadium, Darwin

Pakistan Shaheens 178-5, 20 overs (Abdul Samad 110, Muhammad Irfan Khan 23, Mohammad Faiq 21; Oliver local time)

Peake 1-12)

Melbourne Renegades 105 all out, 19.2 overs (Josh Brown 36; Maaz Sadagat 3-22, Faisal Akrram

Player of the match - Abdul Samad (Pakistan Shaheens)

Pakistan Shaheens' Top End T20

14 Aug - Pakistan Shaheen won by

16 Aug - Perth Scorchers won by two

wickets 18 Aug - Pakistan Shaheens won by

73 runs

19 Aug - vs Kingsmen, DXC Arena

20 Aug - vs Strikers, DXC Arena (7pm local time)

22 Aug - vs Nepal, DXC Arena (7pm

### PM Shehbaz announces cabinet's one-month salary for flood victims

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"NDMA should present a comprehensive plan for the distribution of relief items to flood victims in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa," the prime minister said stressing the Ministry of Finance to provide necessary resources

The prime minister further directed all the relevant federal ministers to remain in affected areas until the last person received assistance and basic infrastruc-

ture was restored. Ministry of Health should send medicines and medical teams to Khyber camps while Benazir Income Support Programme should be mobilized to assist the affected, the prime minister

During the meeting, the prime minister and other participants prayed for the departed souls and speedy recovery of the injured.

The meeting was briefed on the ongoing relief activities by NDMA and federal ministers designated by the prime

It was informed that the federal government, provincial governments, Pakistan Army, and other institutions Pakhtunkhwa and establish medical had established 456 relief camps and



conducted 400 rescue operations so far.

The meeting was told that relief trucks carrying essential items were being major spells already passed and two more dispatched, while the prime minister expected, with effects lasting until the last directed that convoys be prioritized for week of September.

the hardest-hit areas. According to the preliminary esti-

mates, damages to public and private property exceeded around Rs 126

NDMA presented a report on the provision of rations, tents, medicines, medical teams, and other essentials, with the prime minister directing an increase in the quantity of relief items.

The meeting was informed that the monsoon season will continue until the second week of September, with six

#### Azadi Family Fun Race to be organised on August 23 at Nishtar Park Sports Complex

#### 跨 Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE:. Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that as per revised schedule, Azadi Family Fun Race will now be organised on August 23 at Nishtar Park Sports Complex. He shared this information while chairing an important meeting at the National Hockey Stadium here on

Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum Divisional Sports Officer Lahore Tanveer Abbas, Deputy Director Tariq Khanzada, Chand Parveen, Yasmeen Akhtar, Chief Sports Consultant Hafeez Bhatti and all administrators of Nishtar Park Sports Complex attend the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that the registration process for Azadi Family Fun Race has been reopened to accommodate maximum number of athletes. "As many as 3,000 girls, boys and women have already been registered for Azadi Family

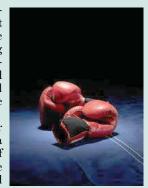
Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that Azadi Family Fun Race will be a great  $programme\ for\ young\ athletes\ to\ exhibit\ their\ passion\ for\ sprinting.$ There will be separate 1-km races for Under-14 Girls, Boys and Women in the festive atmosphere".

#### Pakistani boxers win Int'l titles

#### **Sports Desk**

RAWALPINDI: Pakistani fighters secured both international belt titles against Afghanistan in the "Marka-e-Haq King of the Ring Kickboxing" and "Pakistan Professional Boxing Fight Night" held in Rawalpindi on August 16 and 17, in connection to Independence Day celebrations.

Pakistan's Bushra Akhtar knocked out Afghanistan's Munira Bakhtiari in the second round of the kickboxing title fight, while Usama Sajid Malik defeated Afghanistan's Asadullah in the



third round of the professional boxing title fight. Organized by the District Sports Department Rawalpindi at the Shahbaz Sharif Sports Complex, the event featured 18 kickboxing fights and 4 professional boxing matches, including the two international title competitions.

The closing ceremony was attended by Sehrish Qamar Malik, Chairperson of the Women's Wing of Muslim League (N) Azad Kashmir, who awarded medals to winning fighters and shields to the event officials. District Sports Officer Shams Tauhid Abbasi, Organizing Secretary Mudassar Bashir, and Malik Muhammad

Sehrish Qamar Malik praised the District Sports Department for the event's success and honored the martyrs of Marka-e-Haq, stating that those who sacrificed their lives for the nation will always be remembered as heroes.

### Egyptian judo player Dina Alaa shot dead by her husband

#### Sports Desk

Egyptian judo player Dina Alaa was found dead with three gunshot wounds in her apartment in Alexandria on Sunday, 24NewsHD TV reported on Monday.



According to global media reports, the Egyptian authorities discovered the body of the 28-year-old Dina Alaa, an active judo player with the Smouha Sporting Club, inside her apartment after a fatal shooting that police believe stemmed from a domestic dispute.

Her husband, found nearby with a gunshot wound, remains under heavy guard at a hospital pending interrogation.

Their two young children were inside the home at the time of the attack but were unharmed.

 $\label{prediminary} Preliminary investigations suggested the husband is the prime$ suspect. Witnesses and neighbours reported frequent quarrels between the couple. Officials said he is believed to have shot his wife during a heated argument before attempting to take his own life. Forensic experts are conducting an autopsy to confirm the precise cause of death.

Investigators found evidence indicating that Dina Alaa tried to shield her children in her final moments before she was struck by three bullets. The Smouha Club issued a statement mourning Dina Alaa, calling her "a beloved member of the judo team" and expressing condolences to her family.

Authorities continue to gather evidence and take witness statements, as grieflingers over the loss of the young athlete whose career was cut short in a moment of violence.

#### Pakistan's Malaika Noor shines with historic silver at Asian Open Judo Championship



AMMAN: Pakistan's Judoka Malaika Noor won a historic silver medal at the Amman Asian Open Judo Championship 2025 here on Monday in the capital of Jordan.

With her medal, the 20-year-old became the first-ever Pakistani female

athlete to win the honor in any Asian-

Noor, hailing from Peshawar, competed in the 52kg category and demonstrated exceptional performance throughout the tour-After defeating Raneem Aljazazi from Jordan in the semi-final,

Malaika Noor missed out on the Gold medal as she suffered a narrow defeat against a Saudi opponent in the final round. Follow us on our Official WhatsApp channel

 $Following \ her achievement, the \ president \ of \ the \ Pakistan \ Judo$ Federation lauded Malika for her historic achievement.

The President of Pakistan Judo Federation, Col. Junaid Alam, along with the entire federation, extended heartfelt appreciation for her historic achievement," the federation said in a statement.

Malaika Noor, who also represented Pakistan at the World

Junior Judo Championship in Dushanbe last year, has been one

of the nation's talented judokas. Alongside Noor, three other Pakistani Judokas, Noor Khan and Muhammad Abbas Khalil, participated in the event, thus reaching quarterfinals in their respective categories.

# 54th Meeting on NJPMC ISLAMABAD: Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Yahya Afridi presided over the 54th meeting of the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJPMC) at the Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday.

### **Chief Justice Afridi forms** Al-Meezan Foundation's new administrative committee

#### 👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Advisomeeting under the chairmanship of Chief Justice of Paki- Committee. stan, Justice Yahya Afridi.

According to an official consist of seven retired judges, Al-Meezan statement, the session was with former Supreme Court has played an active role in

of all High Courts across the appointed as its chairman.

ry Board of the Al-Meezan Advisory Board approved the and committee members Foundation convened its latest reconstitution of the Foun-will perform their duties on Administrative

The new committee will attended by the Chief Justices judge Justice (R) Mushir Alam the welfare of judicial staff has been education, with the

The statement clari-

During the proceedings, the fied that both the chairman an honorary basis without

Foundation ciary

and their families. Since its foundation covering expenses inception, the foundation has distributed more than Rs31 million in financial assistance.

Its programs focus on health care, education, and receiving any remuneration. emergency relief for individ-Established in 1995, the uals associated with the judi-

A key area of contribution

for 27 students enrolled in medical and engineering programs

The Advisory Board reaffirmed its resolve to further strengthen welfare initiatives, ensuring timely and effective support to judicial staff and their dependents in times of

### Senator Ishaq Dar meet with Pakistan-origin British Parliamentarian

#### **Example 2** Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LAONDAL: Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, held meetings with Pakistan-origin British MPs Mohammad Yasin, Tahir Ali, Imran Hussain, Ayoub Khan and Adnan Hussain.

DPM/FM highlighted the deep-rooted historical and cultural ties between Pakistan and the United Kingdom, which have been further strengthened by the presence of a vibrant and significant Pakistani diaspora in the UK. He highlighted the diaspora's role as a bridge between the two nations, fostering mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and people-to-people connections.

DPM/FM emphasized that Pakistan attaches great importance on bilateral parliamentary exchanges to strengthen bilateral relations. He underlined that such exchanges allows for the sharing of democratic experiences, international best practices, and democratic values, which are essential for the growth and stability of democratic institutions in both coun-



role played by British Members ring in Indian Illegally Occupied front of discussions in the UK the region.

The Deputy Prime Minister/ of Parliament in raising aware- Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Parliament and in educating Foreign Minister also expressed ness about the human rights He commended their efforts in the British public about the his appreciation for the active violations and atrocities occur-bringing these issues to the fore-ongoing humanitarian crisis in

ment Authority (NDMA).

The ISPR statement said,

"Pakistan Air Force extended

vital support to ongoing

relief operations in flood-af-

fected areas of Khyber Pakh-

tunkhwa. By establishing an

air bridge, PAF has ensured the

swift transportation of urgently

needed supplies to support

relief efforts in the flood-hit

districts of Buner and Shangla."

reflected the Air Force's

It added that the mission

### PAF airlifts 48 tons of relief goods for flood victims in KP: ISPR

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has stepped in to support ongoing relief operations in flood-affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by "upholding its legacy of responding to the nation's call during times of natural calamities," airlifting 48 tons of relief goods from Karachi to Peshawar, the military's media wing said on Sunday.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the consignment was transported through an Air Eagle B-737 aircraft to ensure swift delivery to the flood-hit districts of Buner and Shangla.



a non-governmental organi-The supplies, arranged by sation, mainly comprise dry uted among affected fami- National Disaster Manage- crisis."

rations and will be distrib- lies in coordination with the

enduring commitment to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the nation, not only in safeguarding the aerial frontiers of the country but also in providing timely assistance to

fellow countrymen in times of

# UN chief expresses 'deep sorrow' over flood-related deaths in KP



Spokesman Report

UNITED NATION: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on floods. Sunday expressed "deep sorrow" at the tragic loss of lives following devastating flash floods in Pakistan and India, saying the world body stands ready to provide help if requested.

"The Secretary-General offers his sincere condolences to the victims' families and stands in solidarity with those affected by this disaster," a statement issued by his spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said.

We stand ready to provide assistance should it be requested," the statement added.

dead in Pakistan's northwest region after two days of heavy rains and flash

The deluge hit the remote mountainous northern part of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, with cloud bursts, flash floods, lightning strikes and landslides in the deadliest down-

pour of this year's monsoon season. In September 2022, the UN chief visited Pakistan to assess the catastrophic floods that had ravaged the country.

He witnessed the impact of the floods in Sindh and Balochistan provinces, where over 1,300 lives were lost and millions were displaced.

### KP govt releases Rs800m for flood-hit areas as death toll climbs to 341



#### **Bureau Report**

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Monday released Rs800 million in relief funds for flood-hit districts and an additional Rs500 million for district Buner, the worst-affected area, as the death toll from devastating floods climbed to 341 across the province.

According to official figures, Buner reported the highest number of casualties with 222 deaths, including 192 men, 28 women, and 21 children.

At least 240 houses were damaged, of which 139 were destroyed and 281 partially damaged.

In Swat's Mingora, several houses collapsed, while heavy rains and landslides wreaked havoc in Peshawar, the worst-hit areas.

Swabi, Nowshera, and Mardan. In Swabi alone, flash floods and

torrential rains have claimed 11 lives and left 20 people injured. On the special directives of Chief

Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ali Amin Gandapur, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has dispatched 89 trucks loaded with relief goods to the affected districts.

The consignments include tents, mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, tarpaulins, floor mats, mosquito nets, generators, and other daily-use items.

The PDMA stated that apart from cash disbursements to local administrations, the government has ensured the immediate availability of relief supplies to stabilise the situation in

#### **Humaira Asghar case:** Court orders FIR in model's alleged murder

#### **Spokesman Report**

KARACHI: An Additional District and Sessions Judge (South) has ordered police to register a case into the model and actress Humaira Asghar's alleged murder.

The ruling came during the hearing of a petition seeking the registration of an FIR, in which the court also directed that the statements of the deceased's family members be recorded.

Police were further instructed to proceed in accordance with the law and, if a case is made out under Section 154 of the Criminal Procedure Code, to formally lodge it.

During a previous hearing, police had submitted a report stating that Humaira's family had been contacted and her post-mortem had already been conducted, while the final forensic report was awaited.

The petition had named the SSP South and SHO Gizri as respondents. Humaira Asghar's body was found on July 8 in a flat located in DHA,



when the landlord, after non-payment of rent, approached a court, which ent a bailiff to break open the door.

The post-mortem report revealed that the body was in the final stages of decomposition, suggesting that the actress had died almost eight months

Investigators said Humaira had been facing financial difficulties; her last commercial shoot was in September 2024, and she had work-related communication until October 2024.

Further forensic examination of items collected from the apartment revealed that five samples contained sea salt, commonly used to reduce Karachi. The discovery was made odour and repel insects.

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