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DPM Kazakh to visit Pakistan today

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu will undertake an official visit to Pakistan from 8 to 9 September. "This important visit serves as a precursor to the forthcoming visit of the President of Kazakhstan to Pakistan, scheduled in November," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press statement.

Nagvi constitutes body to probe mobile SIM data leak

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Fatiha

KARACHI: Corps Commander Karachi Lt Gen Owais Dastgir offering Fatiha at the mausoleum of Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah during celebrations to



President urges institutions to stay prepared for flooding in Sindh

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called on all concerned institutions to remain fully prepared in view of the heavy rains municipal authorities to follow government advisostay on high alert and ensure ries for their safety.

advance arrangements, particularly in low-lying and coastal areas which are most vulnerable to flooding.

He also emphasized the need for close monitoring of water levels in Hub Dam and expected in Sindh from other reservoirs to safeguard Sunday night through communities. The President Tuesday. In a statement, appealed to the residents of President Zardari direct- these areas to take precaued provincial, district and tionary measures and strictly



He stressed that timely relocation to safe areas, where necessary, must be facilitated and that relief machinery and staff at the district and tehsil levels remain fully mobilized.

Asif Zardari further urged the media and local administrations to play an active role in raising awareness among the public so that risks are minimized and lives are protected.

Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz calls on PM Shehbaz



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has instructed special vigilance to ensure the transportation of petroleum products Lahore today.

without any interruption in view of the flood situation in different parts of the country.

He was talking to Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik, who called on him in

The Prime Minister was briefed about the ongoing situation of the country also projects and reforms in the energy sector. Meanwhile, a detailed discussion was held related to the country's

pertaining to the political came under discussion.

Besides, consultation was made regarding the party matters and future course energy situation and matters of action in the meeting.

Heavy rain lashes parts of Karachi; NDMĀ warns of urban flooding

Bureau Report

lashed Karachi and other districts of Sindh on Sunday as a low-pressure system intensified into a depression.

Torrential rains lashed Karachi's Malir, Shah Latif, North Karachi, and Bahria Town in the afternoon under the 10th spell of monsoon. Meteorological

Department said that the rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, would continue till September 11.

Heavy rains also occurred in other districts, including Thatta, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Tharparkar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Nooriabad, and Ghaghar Phatak.

In Umerkot, a 10-foot-wide breach occurred in a canal, posing a threat to nearby

According to the Meteorological Department, a rainbearing system is currently hovering over southwestern Rajasthan, India, and monsoon winds have entered Sindh under its influence.



and Sujawal have been submerged due to heavy rainfall, while flooding has also affected the low-lying areas of Gujo

In Mirpurkhas, intermittent rain caused havoc, destroying sugarcane, cotton, chilli and tomato crops in

Rain is also likely in Kashmore, Sukkur, and Jaco-

Low-lying areas in Thatta warned that waterlogging is possible in low-lying areas of Karachi, Thatta, Badin, and Hyderabad.

> There is a risk of urban flooding in Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Khairpur, and Sukkur, The National Disaster

Management Authority (NDMA) also warned that heavy rains are expected in various parts of southeastern babad, the Met Office said and Sindh from September 7 to 10, those areas as well.

with a risk of urban flooding in low-lying coastal districts.

According to the NDMA, heavy rains may cause flash flooding in streams and hill torrents in the Kirthar Ranges, and in Lasbela and Khuzdar districts of Balochistan.

Rain has also been forecast in Koh-e-Sulaiman and southern Punjab, which could lead to localised flooding in



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جب تک آزادکشمیر کایہ خطہ موجو د ہے ہر سال 07 ستمبر کو یوم ختم نبوت سر کاری سطح پر منایا جائیگا، وزیراعظم آزادحکومت ریاست جمول کشمیر چوہدری انوارالحق کا قرار دادپراسمبلی اجلاس کے بعد حکم نامہ

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Israeli foreign minister calls for Hamas'surrender as military pounds Gaza

Reuters

Israel again called on Hamas to surrender on Sunday, as the military carried out strikes on Gaza's largest urban centre, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are seeking shelter. Foreign Minister Gideon Saar told reporters in Jerusalem that the war could end immediately if Hamas released the remaining hostages being held in Gaza and laid down its weapons.

"We will be more than happy to reach this objective with political means," he said.

In response, senior Hamas official Basem Naim told Reuters it would not lay down its arms but would release all of the hostages if Israel agreed to end the war and withdraw its forces from Gaza, a stance that has long been the Palestinian militant group's position. Israel last month launched an assault on Gaza City, the major urban centre, and its forces are now just a few kilometres from the city centre. Overnight, strikes killed 14 people across the city, local health officials said, including a strike on a school in southern Gaza City sheltering displaced Palestinians.

New judicial year of the SC begins today 跨 City Desk

The new judicial year of the Supreme Court will commence today (Monday). A judicial conference will be held at 9.30am in connection with the new judicial year. Supreme Court Chief Justice Yahya Afridi will deliver an address at the judicial confer-

Chief Justice Yahya Afridi will inaugurate a facilitation centre at 10.30am. A five-member constitutional bench, headed by Justice Aminuddin, will hear the super tax case from 11.30am. A total of 1,250 petitions related to the super tax are scheduled for hearing.

At 1pm, a full court meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, where the Supreme Court Bar's recommendations regarding the 2025 Supreme Court Rules will be reviewed.

Punjab floods: 56 ďeaď, over 4.2 million affected, says minister

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Punjab's senior minister Marriyum Aurangzeb has said that 56people have lost their lives and over 4.2 million have been affected by the recent floods in Punjab. Providing detailed updates on the

flood situation, she said that a total of 4,155 villages have been affected, and crops on 1.496 million acres of land have been destroyed, adding that the rescue and relief operation is the largest ever in the province's history.

According to the minister, 1,957 villages along the Chenab River, 1,477 along the Ravi River, 625 along the Sutlej River, and 96 villages near the Indus River have been submerged. In these areas, 244,000 people were

facing severe difficulties, she added. Marriyum Aurangzeb further stated that more than 2.2 million people have been shifted to safer locations, and 1.6 million livestock have been rescued.

Muhammad (PBUH) is the greatest Leader in the World

Islam is a religion of peace, unity and compassion: Syed Yousuf Raza

跨 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Chairman Senate Yusuf Raza Gillani has said that Islam is a religion of peace, unity and compassion, urging Muslims to embody the $teachings\ of\ the\ Holy\ Prophet\ Hazrat$ Muhammad (SAWW) in their lives.

He was speaking during a Mehfile-Milad, hosted by Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Rana Iqbal Siraj, drew national leaders, prominent scholars, and renowned naat khawans.

Chairman Senate, Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, addressing the main ceremony, underscored that Islam was a religion of peace and brotherhood, and the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad's (SAWW) teachings remain a guiding light for humanity.

Gilani recalled that both the National Assembly and the Senate had earlier passed a resolution to observe Eid Milad-un-Nabi with national spirit, ensuring that the entire country takes part in the festivities.



Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWW) was one of compassion and harmony, countering the false perceptions that portray Pakistan negatively on the global stage.

He added that the life of the Prophet (SAWW) offers the ultimate model for success and that Muslims must embrace the values of tolerance, unity, and mutual respect to overcome chal-He stressed that the message of the lenges. "The celebration of Eid Milad-

un-Nabi was not only a tribute to the Messenger of Allah (SAWW) but also a reminder of our collective responsibility to spread his message of peace," he remarked.

The Mehfil-e-Naat was attended by Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi, former provincial minister Chaudhry Abdul Waheed Arain, Senator Rana Mehmood-ul-Hassan, Rana Shahid-ul-Hassan,

Rana Sajjad, Rao Mustageem, Rana Ishaq, and other dignitaries. Leading naat khawans from across Pakistan filled the gathering with soulful recitations, creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere.

The event concluded with prayers for the unity of the Muslim Ummah, peace in Pakistan, and the continuation of Eid Milad-un-Nabi celebrations with the same zeal in the years ahead.

President Overseas Wing Shabbir Minhas Rajput distribute rations among flood victims



Zafar Chishti

KAMALIA: According to the Details, Under the supervision of President Overseas Wing Shabbir Minhas Rajput, the provision of food to the flood victims is continuing. Dozens of families in the flood-affected areas are being provided with cooked food on a daily basis. President Overseas Wing Shabbir Minhas Rajput said on this occasion that serving the suffering humanity is our top priority and it is our religious and moral duty to help the affected brothers in the current difficult time. He also appealed to the well-wishers to come forward and play their role in helping the victims. The victims and local people appreciated this welfare initiative, thanked the Shabbir Minhas Rajput and expressed their best wishes for them.

September 6 and the Marka-e-Hag proved to the world that Pakistan is invincible – Aoun *Ali Syed*

News Desk

PESHAWAR: Vice President of FPCCI, Aoun Ali Syed, and former FPCCI President and Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Haji Ghulam Ali, stated that the unparalleled successes of September 6, Defense Day, and the Ma'rka-e-Haq made it clear to the entire world, including our enemies, that Pakistan, its armed forces, and the entire nation stand as a wall of steel in defense of the country and are truly invincible. These achievements further strengthened global confidence in Pakistan and removed barriers in the path of progress.

They expressed these views yesterday at the FPCCI Regional Office in Peshawar during a dignified ceremony celebrating the joys of September 6 Defense Day and the historic Marka-e-Haq, which had crushed the enemy's designs.

The ceremony and press conference were attended by FPCCI Vice President Aoun Ali Syed, former FPCCI President and Governor Haji Ghulam Ali, former provincial ministers Syed Zahir Ali Shah and Malik Meher Elahi, Ghulam Bilal Javid, Mamoor Khan, Minhajuddin Bacha, Shakeel Sarraf, Haji Abdul Waheed, Niaz Muhammad, Ameer Muhammad, Khwaja Abdul Qudoos, Sajjad Ali, Sikandar Khan, Shakeel Siddiqui, representatives of Mohmand Chamber, Nowshera, Chitral, Dir, Mardan, Charsadda, and presidents and group leaders of the All Pakistan Commercial Exporters Association, Kurram Chamber, and others. Mayor of Peshawar, Haji Zubair Ali, also graced the event.

DDHO Dr. Asim Ijaz made a Surprise Visits to flood relief Camps

Example 2 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: According to details, on the special instructions of Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh Muhammad Naeem Sandhu and Assistant Commissioner Kamalia Iqra Nasir, DDHO Kamalia Dr. Asim made a surprise visit to Tara Haveli and Mouza Mal Fatyana flood relief camps late last night and reviewed the facilities provided to the flood victims. Checked the stock of medicines, checked the attendance of the staff and instructed the staff that no negligence of any kind will be tolerated. The flood victims are our brothers and sisters. We and my staff are available for them 24 hours a day in the field. We have emergency medicines and emergency vaccines.

Iconic writer Ashfaq Ahmad remembered on his 21st death anniversary

LAHORE: Iconic writer, playwright and broadcaster Ashfaq Ahmad was remembered on his 21st death anniversary here and across the country on Sunday.

Ashfaq Ahmad wrote dozens of TV dramas and hosted famous program of Radio Pakistan "Talqeen Shah".

His famous PTV plays were "Munchaley ka Soda" "Aik Muhobaat Sao Afsaney" "Tota Kahani" "Hairat Kada" and "Afsaney".

He authored several acclaimed books, including Zavia, Aik Mohabbat Sau Afsanay, Gadariya, and Tota Kahani, which are considered milestones in Urdu prose.

Defence Day celebrations

MUZAFFARABAD: People hold a banner and national flags of Pakistan and AJK during celebrations to mark the anniversary of Defence Day, in the city.



Sindh United Party holds protest rally against false FIRs

B Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The Sindh United Party (SUP) staged a protest rally and demonstration against what they claim are false FIRs registered against SUP President Syed Zain Shah and his associates at Luni Kot and Kotri

The protest rally, led by SUP Central Senior Vice President Roshan Ali Buriro, started from Old Campus and culminated at the Hyderabad Press Club. A large number of party leaders, workers, and supporters participated in the demonstration, including Ramzan Buriro, Mukhtiar Memon, Advocate Rasool Bux Thibo, Ladies Front Leader Yasmeen Thibo, Advocate Asma Shah, Humaira Arisar, Maria Sindhi, Divisional Presi-



dent Munawar Ali Khaskheli, Ghaffar Chandio, District Chief Organizer Rasool Bux Laghari, Wadero Inayat

Ali Thibo, Munawar Nabi Sehto, Pervaiz Bhatti, Rehman Panhwar, Councillor Sami Chandio, Taluka Qasimabad Leader Ejaz Alamani, and Junaid Narejo.

Addressing the protestors, Roshan Ali Buriro, Munawar Ali Khaskheli, and Rasool Bux Laghari demanded the immediate withdrawal of what they called fabricated cases against Sved Zain Shah and strict action against the police officials involved in lodging false complaints.

They warned that if the cases are not withdrawn, the scope of the protest would be expanded across Sindh.

During the demonstration, participants chanted strong slogans against the government and vowed to continue their struggle until their demands are met.

Cambridge University Press & Assessment and LUMS Partner to Elevate Teacher Education in Pakistan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Cambridge University Press & Assessment and the Syed Ahsan Ali and Sved Maratib Ali School of Education (SOE) at LUMS have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch a strategic teacher education and leadership across

LUMS, marks the beginning of a longterm partnership focused on enhancing through evidence-based programmes, professional development, and research

Under this collaboration, Cambridge

will bring its global expertise in educa- foster innovation in education." tion, including world-class research, qualifications, and quality assurance, while LUMS will contribute through its distinguished faculty, research-driven approach, and national outreach to scale impact across the country.

Highlighting the vision behind the collaboration aimed at strengthening collaboration, Peter Phillips, CEO, Cambridge University Press & Assessment, said, "This partnership with The MoU signing ceremony, held at LUMS represents a significant step forward in our mission to support educational excellence in Pakistan. By the quality of teaching and learning combining Cambridge's global expertise with LUMS' academic leadership and national reach, we aim to build capacity among teachers and school leaders, improve student outcomes, and

Building on this, Uzma Yousuf, Country Director Pakistan, Cambridge International Education, underscored the value of long-term impact, "We are proud to collaborate with LUMS, a university known for its commitment to academic excellence and policy innovation. This MoU lays the foundation for impactful work that will empower educators and contribute meaningfully to Pakistan's education landscape."

The MoU will also pave the way for future agreements on programme development, research collaborations, and business models.

Emphasising the critical role of collaboration in transforming education, Dr. Tayyaba Tamim, Dean, SOE,

said, "Through this collaboration, SOE and Cambridge will work towards improved opportunities for professional development among educators and improve learning outcomes nationwide. Bringing together our researchdriven approach with Cambridge's global expertise, we can move beyond working in silos to co-create sustainable, evidence-based solutions to lead meaningful change in classrooms across Pakistan."

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing Pakistan's education sector and opens new avenues for co-developing qualifications, training programmes, and research initiatives that will shape the future of education in the region.







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Repatriation of Afghan from Attock

跨 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: The second phase of the repatriation of Afghan refugees by the federal government has begun. At present, more than 1.3 million Afghan nationals are residing across Pakistan, including POR (Proof of Registration) card

One year ago, the federal $\,$ government had issued orders for Afghan refugees to voluntarily leave the country, with June 30 set as the final deadline.

Like in the rest of the country, the repatriation process in District Attock is also in full swing, and so far, more than 10,000 Afghan refugees have voluntarily migrated from different areas towards the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

From September 1, the federal and provincial governments have launched a crackdown against illegal and undocumented Afghan nationals, under which they will be immediately arrested and deported.

In addition, seven Afghan nationals imprisoned in District Jail Attock in different cases will be repatriated to their homeland after completing their sentences.

Sacrifices of the martyrs for the defense of the country will always be remembered: Zahid Bakhtawari

RAWALPINDI: A special ceremony was held at the Civil Defence Office in Rawalpindi in connection with Pakistan's Defence Day. The event was attended by Punjab Health Advisor Zahid Bakhtawari

Defence Rawalpindi presented a salute and guard of honour.

During the ceremony, Zahid Bakhtawari laid a floral wreath at the Martyrs' Memorial and prayed for the elevation of their ranks, the safety and stability of the as the chief guest. On this occasion, the country, and the well-being of the people

smartly turned-out contingent of Civil and the armed forces of Pakistan. Assis tant Director Civil Defence Muhammad Talib Hussain and Deputy Chief Warden Muhammad Zahid were also present alongside him.

Zahid Bakhtawari and other participants paid tribute to the courage and determination of the armed forces. In Rawalpindi.

his concluding remarks, Zahid Bakhtawari appreciated the services of Assistant Director Civil Defence Muhammad Talib Hussain as a Civil Defence Officer and said that his contributions would

On this occasion, officers of Civil Defence and other attendees also paid homage to the invaluable services of the armed forces in connection with Defence Day of Pakistan and reaffirmed their commitment to the security of the

always be remembered in the history of RCCI Pays rich tribute on 60th Defence & Martyrs' Day

RAWALPINDI: On the occasion of the 60th Defence and Martyrs' Day, the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI), together with the business community of Rawalpindi, paid rich tribute to

the nation's valiant martyrs and their families, honoring their

supreme sacrifices for Pakistan's security and sovereignty. A special delegation of RCCI, led by President Usman Shaukat, visited the monument of Captain Raja Muhammad Sarwar Shaheed - Pakistan's first Nishan-e-Haider recipient. The delegation laid floral

wreaths, offered prayers for the elevation of his ranks, and prayed for the peace, progress, and prosperity of the beloved homeland. Speaking on the occasion, President Usman Shaukat emphasized the need to carry forward the spirit of sacrifice demonstrated by the armed forces. "Let us always remember the unmatched courage of our martyrs. Together, we stand united in safeguarding the dignity and future of Pakistan," he remarked.

The delegation also included Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Vice President Fahad Barlas, President of Anjuman Tajran Gujar Khan Raja Jawad, and members of the Executive Committee.

Serena Hotels' Passion for Service - Relief Campaign Launched for Flood Victims



👺 Abdul Maiid

FAISALABAD: In view of the recent flood situation, Serena Hotels has launched a relief campaign for flood-affected families. Under this corporate social responsibility program titled "Passion for Service", basic food items and essential items are being distributed among

The Serena Hotels team is working closely with the local administration of Faisalabad to identify the areas where the need is greatest, so that assistance can be delivered in a timely and effective manner.

Mr. Rashid Uddin, General Manager of Serena Hotel Faisalabad, said on this occasion"We are committed to standing with our people in every difficult time. Through Passion for Service, we are happy that we are bringing a positive change in the lives of the flood victims."

On this occasion, AC Tandlianwala Azka Sahar said that this distribution of food aid by Serena Hotels is a reflection of the continuity of social responsibility and community service that the institution continues on a regular basis.

Pakistan Defence Day

ISLAMABAD: On the occasion of Pakistan Defence Day, a ceremony was organized by the Pakistan Cultural Forum, Ideology of Pakistan Institute, and PNCA to pay tribute to the martyrs. Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General (R) Zubair Mahmood Hayat, Minister of State Wajiha Qamar, Chairman Clean & Green Islamabad Movement Ahsan Bakhtawari, General (R) Umar Mahmood Hayat, and Zafar Bakhtawari presented gifts to the children of martyrs.



Monitoring of price control is the top priority: Dr Ehsan Bhutta

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Price Control and Commodities Management Department Punjab Dr Ehsan Bhutta has said that monitoring of price control is the top priority. The government has implemented various initiatives to stabilize prices, including digital monitoring mechanisms, fixed pricing for essential commodities and leveraging artificial intelligence for price monitoring. He was expressing these views while visiting the control room of price control to oversee operations, focusing on price control measures and anti-hoarding efforts. He conveyed that Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz and Chief Secretary Puniab Zahid Akhtar Zaman has clearcompromise will be accept- ensure fair prices for producers, action on suspicious truck trucks were passed.



ties on high price. Action will country's economic stability. be taken according the law ly directed the department against them. These efforts Bhutta reviewed live footage and lower formation that no aim to protect consumers and from CCTV cameras, took

During visit, Dr. Ehsan

ed who sale the commodi- ultimately contributing to the movements. Monitoring Teams of Attock and Dera Ghazi Khan were also immediately called asking about the mechanism to check the posts where these

Pakistan, North Korea reaffirm historical ties on DPRK's 77th Foundation Day

B Naveed Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Finance Bilal Azhar Kayani, attending as the guest of honor, reaffirmed the historical, friendly, and traditional ties between a reception marking the 77th Foundation Day of the Demo-(DPRK). The event was hosted by the North Korean Embassy at Hotel Movenpick, Islamabad.

The gathering was graced by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Atadjan Movlamov, Kyrgyzstan's Ambassador Kylychbek Sultan, Myanmar's Ambassador Wunna Han, Russian Federation's Ambassador Albert P. Khorev, Sri

Admiral R. Fred Senevirathne, Uzbekistan's Ambassador Alisher Tukhtaev, Zimbabwe's Ambassador Titus M. J. Abu Basutu, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Andre from the Belarus Embassy and Mr. and Mrs. Thang Truong from Pakistan and North Korea at the Vietnam Embassy. Political representatives, businessmen, media persons, and friends of cratic People's Republic of Korea DPRK led by President Javaid Anssari were also present. Prominent attendees included Shakil Ahmed of Shakil Express, Rana Sadaqat Ali, World Champion Gold Medalist and Chairman of and Turkmenistan's Ambassador Pak-DPR Korea Business Association, and renowned Islamabad businessman Tariq Saleem.

Ambassador of DPRK Choe Chang Min and his spouse warmly welcomed the guests, Lanka's High Commissioner Rear assisted by embassy staff who dialogue between the leaders



ensured hospitality throughout the evening.

In his address, Minister Kayani said Pakistan welcomes the recent U. S.-North Korea summits and

of North and South Korea. He stressed Pakistan's continued support for peaceful and balanced efforts toward Korean reunification and announced that the reopening of Pakistan's embassy



in DPRK was under consideration at North Korea's request.

North Korea's Ambassador to Pakistan, Choe Chang Min, highlighted the strong and friendly relations between both countries, noting that mutual cooperation on the global stage would continue. He praised the leadership legacy of DPRK's

founding leaders, Kim Il Sung national affairs. and Kim Jong Il, as well as the current leader, Kim Jong Un, national anthems of both coununder whom he said the nation tries and concluded with a cerehad achieved milestones in prosperity, development, and public welfare. He reiterated that Pakistan is regarded as a friendly nation by DPRK and voiced hope for further collaboration in inter-

The evening opened with the monial cake-cutting, symbolizing goodwill between the two nations. Guests were later served a sumptuous dinner.

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Chinese, German, Canadian firms investing in Faisalabad, Sheikhupura SEZs

akistan's special economic zones (SEZs) are beginning to attract diversified foreign participation, with firms from China, Germany and Canada entering into joint ventures with local industries.

Jamshed Ahmed, Investment and Industrial Specialist at Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives told Wealth Pakistan on Sunday that international companies are partnering with Pakistani firms in Faisalabad and Sheikhupura

He highlighted the case of Allama Igbal Industrial City, which has successfully attracted both Chinese and Western investors in textiles, home appliances and mobile manufacturing. He said the industrial estate's easy access to raw materials and skilled labour has made it a preferred destination for industrial cooperation.

"This reflects the growing confidence of foreign businesses in Pakistan's industrial environment," he noted. "The government has created a facilitative framework, and we are now witnessing concrete results in the form of joint ventures," he added.

He said that the government's strategy is shifting towards greater private sector involvement and business-to-business cooperation in SEZs, moving beyond the earlier state-led model. "Foreign investors are looking for credible local partners, and we are facilitating this process," he added.

The ministry official pointed out that while priority sectors have been identified - including agriculture, mines and minerals, IT, chemicals and petrochemicals – investors are welcome to explore opportunities in any viable area. "What matters most is that foreign companies are willing to bring in technology, capital and expertise, while local industries provide market access and on-ground capacity," he explained.

Ahmed added that the government had also addressed long-standing issues of logistics and power supply through new policy measures, including a Cabinet-approved mechanism that ensures uninterrupted bulk electricity supply to SEZs. "By resolving such bottlenecks, we are making Pakistan's industrial landscape more competitive," he said.

A senior official from the Board of Investment (BOI) told Wealth Pakistan that the board continues to play a pivotal role in supporting Chinese and other foreign investors under the CPEC Industrial Cooperation Development Programme. He said the newly launched business facilitation centre is a one-window operation designed to cut through bureaucratic bottlenecks. "What used to take months will now be achievable in just two streamlined visits," he added.

The BOI official stressed that the one-window operation will not only reduce delays in obtaining approvals, licences and NOCs but also encourage new investors exploring joint ventures in Pakistan's SEZs. "This is the kind of structural change that investors have long demanded," he added.

Indian Water Bomb

flood events have glaringly highlighted the country's insufficient water storage and flood management capacity. In recent years, climate change has made monsoon rains more erratic and intense, while accelerated glacial melt in the north feeds rivers with torrents that far exceed their natural carrying capacity. The catastrophic floods of 2022 and 2025 demonstrated this vulnerability on an apocalyptic scale, affecting tens of millions of people and causing economic damages estimated in the billions of rupees. The absence of adequate large-scale storage dams meant that these vast quantities of excess water could not be captured or regulated; instead, they simply rushed downstream uncontrollably, bringing widespread destruction rather than being harnessed as a valuable resource for future dry periods.

The Diamer-Bhasha Dam alone, upon completion, is expected to generate over 4,500 megawatts of electricity and store more than 8 million acre-feet of water. This would represent a monumental leap forward in Pakistan's ability to combat both energy blackouts and agricultural droughts, providing a tremendous boost to economic productivity and national morale.

The critical function of flood mitigation cannot be overstated. A strategically located dam acts as a giant shock absorber for a river system, capturing excess water during periods of intense rainfall or accelerated glacial melt and preventing it from devastating downstream communities. Sophisticated controlled-release mechanisms ensure that water levels in rivers remain within safe limits, saving countless lives and protecting billions of dollars worth of single flood event can displace millions water, food, and energy security far dictable world.

progress, such a safety net is literally invaluable. As climate change continues to accelerate glacial melt and increase the frequency of extreme weather events, the necessity of this proactive infrastructural defense becomes ever more urgent.

Well-conceived dam projects also offer long-term ecological and strategic bene-

depleting aquifers, help mitigate land degradation, and preserve wetlands that act as natural buffers against environmental shocks. Strategically, a robust and independent dam network significantly reduces Pakistan's dependency on unpre-

dictable water inflows from across the border. It strengthens the country's diplomatic hand in any future negotiations over water sharing and sends a clear message to all stakeholders, domestic and international, that Pakistan is determined and capable of charting its own sustainable and secure water future.

Of course, the construction of large dams is fraught with significant challenges-enormous financial costs, extended timelines, complex technical hurdles, environmental impact concerns, and the social imperative of fair community resettlement. These challenges, however, are not insurmountable. They can be effectively mitigated through transparent planning, international financing partnerships, rigorous and independent environmental impact assessments, and inclusive, compassionate resettlement policies that respect the rights and livelihoods of affected communities. With careful, ethical planning and strong international cooperinfrastructure. In a country where a ation, the long-term national gains of

Furthermore, the success of these projects hinges on parallel strengthening of institutional capacity and governance. Pakistan must address historical issues of bureaucratic delays, corruption, and overlapping mandates among its various water-related agencies. A cohesive, national water strategy that is scientififits. They can facilitate the recharge of cally grounded, data-driven, and coordi-

nated across federal and provincial levels is essential to maximize the benefits of new infrastructure. Integrating dam construction with broader initiatives like scientific floodplain zoning, comprehensive catchment management, advanced early

warning systems, and campaigns for agricultural water efficiency will ensure that the benefits of these monumental investments are multiplied across all sectors of the economy and society.

Abdul Basit Alvi

The construction of new dams in Paki stan is, therefore, not merely an infrastructural preference but a strategic compulsion. In the face of perceived water aggression and the recurring fury of climate-induced floods, dams offer a shield against existential uncertainty and a solid platform for national resilience. They are an answer to coercion, a remedy for devastation, and a foundation for long-term prosperity. Without such decisive investments, Pakistan risks remaining perpetually reactive-forever vulnerable to upstream manipulations and downstream disasters. With them. it can confidently chart a course toward true water security, energy independence, climate resilience, and geopolitical stability. The time for decisive action is now, not merely to survive, but to thrive in an increasingly turbulent and unpre-

Adding a deeply disturbing dimension to these geopolitical tensions, a video has surfaced featuring a retired high-ranking Indian Army official, Lieutenant General Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon, explicitly describing a strategy of using water as a weapon against Pakistan. In the interview, the retired general outlines a calculated plan to inflict damage on Pakistan by exploiting its downstream vulnerability. He describes a scenario where India uses its upstream control to suddenly release water without warning during periods of high flow, overwhelming Pakistan's limited storage capacity and causing catastrophic flooding. Conversely, he also describes withholding water during critical summer months when crops are most parched, thereby crippling the agricultural sector. He explicitly states that the Indus Waters Treaty, being a bilateral agreement rather than a global one, would be manipulated at will, with water stopped and released according to strategic convenience rather than cooperative principle. This video is cited as clear evidence of heinous intentions, showcasing a mindset where water is not seen as a shared resource but as a tool of conflict.

Consequently, Pakistan confronts a dual threat of unprecedented scale: the overwhelming impact of climate change, which brings increasingly severe and frequent natural disasters, and the calculated water aggression from its eastern neighbor, which manipulates its vital water resources for strategic coercion. In the face of these converging challenges, the entire Pakistani nation stands unified behind its government and armed forces, resolved to employ every necessary measure to confront this immediate threat and avert future catastrophic losses, thereby safeguarding the nation's sovereignty, security, and



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

India-China Relations in a Multipolar World Order: A New Normal?

Arooba Abbasi

he recent Modi visit to China to attend the SCO summit exemplifies both parties' enthusiasm for strengthening bilateral ties and international collaboration. The two "Asian giants" strategy also reflects significant shifts in the global landscape. It has been noted that in 2025, US foreign policy became more transactional, putting short-term bene-

fits ahead of long-term alliances. The US's relationship with India has been significantly impacted by this shift in positioning. Unlike the Western press, which characterized this reconciliation as an "anti-web alliance," Beijing and New Delhi see it as consolidating their positions as autonomous powers in a growing multipolar world rather than aligning against Washington. It's true that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China, has become a venue for forget-

ting past disputes and rebuilding fresh ties. Former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov first proposed the RIC troika in the 1990s as a response to expanding Western hegemony, at a period when Russia was struggling to find its position on the global stage after the dissolution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Since its institutionalization in the early 2000s, it has conducted about 20 consul-

tations at the ministerial level. Russia on the other hand, has long sought to revive the RIC and has held talks with China and India to this end. These states are all nuclear-powered as well. Additionally, their combined military expenditures amount USD 549 billion, and they account for 35% of the world's energy consumption. Together they can be lead multipolar world order, although Experts believe the RIC still has time to reshape

Tianjin summit undoubtedly gave the three nations a means of enhancing their ties and reentering the new diplomatic arena.

Strong bilateral trade and investment ties between the two countries might help close the current trade deficit and improve economic cooperation for balanced trade relations. Despite certain political and military disagreements, both countries recognize economic interdependence, and the current trading relationship has a lot of room to grow. India will also host the BRICS 2026 summit, and the SCO and BRICS have a significant impact on contemporary politics. Because these are the only two blocks capable of countering NATO's hegemony and limiting Western dominance, however, the crucial question is whether India can maintain these relations and survive antagonism with its Western allies.

The world order will certainly be impacted by India and China's increasing engagement. Reflecting the shifting dynamics of international relations in the twenty-first century, both countries highlighted their role in advancing a multipolar world and a multipolar Asia. However, I don't think anyone should be overly optimistic about the two countries' recent cooperation because it is important to remember that China did not invite in the world's largest military parade an Indian leader to celebrate the 'victory day" at the SCO. V. Putin, Kim Jong Un of North Korea, and even the leader of India's fiercest enemy and China's closest friend, Pakistan, were invited, but the Indian leadership was not present. Modi's absence from the Chinese military parade has undoubtedly sent the opposite signals from these gestures, which in some ways indicated a desire for a diplomatic reset.

The recalibration demonstrated India's readiness to strike a balance between strategic prudence and economic necessity, and

the new world order. Overall, however, the it appeared to have been influenced in part by outside forces, particularly high U.S. tariffs. Following complete failures in every area of foreign policy, India appears to be the weakest link in the SCO and BRICS. Since India is still closely tied to the old world order, as evidenced by its membership in alliances like QUAD and its close ties to the USA, I believe that neither China nor Russia can rely on India or can view it as a trustworthy partner.

Nonetheless, India is still reliant on the old world order, which is entirely based on post-Cold War politics that emphasized bloc politics and militarism, but with the resurgence of global south countries such as China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran, the old world order is on the verge of collapse, and multipolarity is bound to emerge. However, it remains to be seen if India will adapt to this changing geopolitical landscape. Nevertheless, I believe India and China's alliance has the potential to transform the political dynamics in the Global South. When these two Asian giants work together, they can lead the global south to prosperity and

Their cooperation with Russia in organizations like BRICS, SCO, and RIC is particularly beneficial for the global south. These two of Asia's largest economies have the capacity to benefit the region; nevertheless, India should embrace and adjust to this new emergent context of multipolarity. This could be one approach to unify the global south and break free from the slave mindset in order to encourage economic progress and overall pros-

India's position in this regard is highly critical and it would be quite intriguing to observe...

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Empowering Flood Victims for a Resilient Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Shahzad Ashfaq

spread devastation and affecting millions of people each year. Flood lenges in rebuilding their lives and commu- and management can empower communities nities after disasters. Empowering these indi- and institutions to respond effectively to floods.

but also to build resilience for future calamities. Providing flood victims with the necessary tools, resources and support, Pakistan can create a more resilient society capable of withstanding and recovering from future floods. The importance of empowering flood victims for a resilient Pakistan various strategies and initiatives that can be implemented to achieve this goal.

Empowering flood victims in Pakistan is essential for building resilience in the face of natural disasters. Lack of empowerment can lead to a cycle of poverty, dependency or vulnerability making it difficult for individuals and communities to recover, rebuild after a flood. Empowering flood victims, Pakistan can foster self-sufficiency, resilience, and sustainable development

involvement in disaster risk management initiatives can empower individuals to take ownership of their resilience-building efforts. Creating community-based organizations, conducting workshops and promoting local solutions can enhance collective action and cooperation in disaster response and recovery.

Flood victims often experience trauma, stress and mental health issues in the aftermath of disasters. Providing psychosocial support, counseling services and mental health resources can help individuals cope with emotional challenges

akistan is a country vulnerable to to rebuild their resilience. Addressing mental frequent flooding, causing wide- well-being is crucial for the overall recovery of flood-affected populations.

Strengthening governance structures, policies, victims in Pakistan often face chal- and regulations related to disaster risk reduction viduals is crucial to not only help them recover Transparent decision-making, accountability,

and good governance practices are essential for building resilience at all levels.

Empowering flood victims for a resilient Pakistan requires a multi-faceted approach that addresses the complex challenges faced by vulnerable populations. Investing in education livelihoods, community engagement infrastructure development, and governance, Paki-

stan can create a more resilient society capable of withstanding future floods and disasters.

Empowering flood victims is crucial for building a resilient Pakistan that can effectively respond to and recover from natural disasters. Providing individuals and communities with the necessary tools, resources and support, Pakistan can enhance their capacity to withstand and

bounce back from floods. Education psychosocial support, infrastructure Encouraging community participation and development and policy reforms are key components of empowering flood victims for resilience. It is imperative for government agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to collaborate and implement sustainable initiatives that prioritize empowerment and resilience-building efforts. Through collective action and a commitment to long-term investments in disaster risk reduction and management, Pakistan can reduce the vulnerability of flood victims and create a more resilient future for all.

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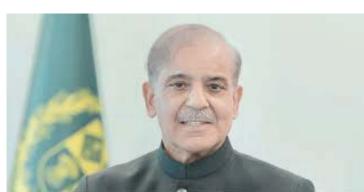
PM pays tribute to Pakistan Navy for defending maritime borders

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif paid tribute to the soldiers, officers and personnel of Pakistan Navy for their determination, courage and professional performance in defending maritime borders and interests of the country.

In a message on Navy Day observed on September 8, he said, "Today, on Navy Day, I pay tribute to all the soldiers, officers and personnel associated with the Pakistan Navy, whose determination, courage and professional performance of duties have always made the nation proud."

to the glorious history of the Pakistan Navy and its officers but also take an protect the country's maritime borders and maritime interests," he added.

stan Navy is full of stories of bravery in to safeguard the country's maritime which Operation Somnath in the 1965 integrity and sovereignty."



war holds a memorable status."

"In this operation, the Pakistan Navy launched a decisive attack on "This day we not only pay tribute the Indian coastal city of Dwarka and destroyed the communication system." he recalled adding, "This operation was opportunity to reiterate the resolve to not only a demonstration of the bravery and practical capabilities of the Pakistan Navy but it also laid the founda-He said, "The history of the Paki-tion for the unwavering commitment

"The victory of this historic battle still fortifies the spirit of the naval forces for defending the homeland and reminds us that the security of Pakistan's maritime borders is under the vigilant supervision of the Pakistan Navy," he

He said, "Even after the 1965 war, the key role of the Pakistan Navy in maintaining the balance of power in the Arabian Sea is a testament to its professional ability and strategy."

"In the recent battle, the Pakistan Navy successfully demonstrated its readiness and determination in line with its bright history. The successful defence sent a clear message that Pakistan knows how to protect the security and integrity of its maritime borders at all costs," he stressed.

He said, "Apart from the war front, Pakistan Navy is also playing a key role in strengthening Pakistan's maritime sector. The Pakistan Navy is playing its full role in the blue economy, construction and development of ports, and the welfare and economic aspects of the maritime community. It can be proudly said that the Pakistan Navy is the protector of the country and the architect of our bright future."

He said, "Today, on Navy Day, we salute the past and present heroes of the Pakistan Navy. May Allah Almighty bless the Pakistan Navy, the armed forces and our country with progress, prosperity and success. Amen! Long live Pakistan Navy! Long live Pakistan!

Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Pays Tribute to Pakistan Navy

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq paid heartfelt tribute to the officers and personnel of the Pakistan Navy on Navy Day, honoring their courage, bravery, and sacrifices in the defense of the nation.

Speaker NA stated that during the 1965 war, the Pakistan Navy demonstrated exceptional professionalism and valor by delivering a decisive blow to the enemy, thereby reinforcing the nation's defense and making it invincible.

While highlighting the significance of Operation Dwarka Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said the successful destruction of the enemy's radar system during this operation thwarted their malicious intentions, underscoring the fact that Pakistan's maritime borders are in safe and capable hands. He stated that the country's armed forces remain everready to defend the homeland against any threat.

Speaker NA also made special mention of the historic role played by the Submarine "Ghazi", stating that it restricted enemy movements in the Indian Ocean and disrupted their naval plans, thus establishing dominance in the region. Submarine Ghazi, he said, continues to be a glowing symbol of bravery, determination, and professional excellence for the nation's armed forces.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq also offered prayers for the elevation of the ranks of the martyrs and for the continued success and glory of Pakistan's armed forces.

Tribute Paid to Pilot officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed, Nishane-Haider, on Air Force Day



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A wreath-laying ceremony was held today to honor the supreme sacrifice of Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider. A smartly turned-out contingent of Pakistan Air Force, led by Air Vice Marshal Aamir Shahzad, Air Officer Commanding Southern Air Command, offered Fateha and laid a floral wreath at the grave of the national hero on behalf of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force. The contingent paid rich tribute to the young pilot whose unmatched courage and unwavering resolve safeguarded the dignity of the motherland.

Later, Air Vice Marshal Aamir Shahzad also placed a floral wreath at the Martyrs' Monument in PAF Museum, Karachi. On this occasion, the participants reaffirmed their pledge to make Pakistan Air Force an impregnable shield of the nation, ever ready to confront challenges with steadfastness and professionalism. The ceremony also paid homage to the martyrs of Operation Bunyanum Marsoos, whose sacrifices remain etched in the annals of national history.

Pakistan Air Force Day stands as a solemn reminder of the indomitable spirit of PAF's martyrs and veterans who, through valor and sacrifice, thwarted the enemy's designs in the 1965 Indo-Pak War. Their heroic legacy continues to inspire generations, serving as a guiding light for the defenders of Pakistar

CM pays tribute to guardians of Pakistan's skies



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has paid glowing tribute to the officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) on Air Force Day, saluting their courage, professionalism, and

In her message, the CM said, "Salute to the Shaheens of Pakistan Air Force", adding that the entire nation stands proud of the PAF's unmatched bravery and dedication. She noted that September 7, 1965, remains a shining chapter in the history of the Air Force

CM Maryam Nawaz said that the brave pilots of PAF once again foiled the enemy's designs by shooting down its Rafale aircraft. She said the unforgettable role of the Air Force will forever be inscribed in golden words in the annals of Pakistan's defense history. She said that the nation is proud of the professionalism, courage, and bravery of its Shaheens, who remain the guardians of Pakistan's skies.

Message on The Occasion of Navy Day 8th September 2025

Nations that commemorate their historic milestones and draw enduring legacy from them, remain ever poised and resolute in safeguarding the sovereignty and integrity of their homeland. Regarded amongst our most significant commemorations, 8th September stands as a testament to the courage of naval warriors, whose steadfast resolve at sea shines like a beacon, guiding future generations.

This historic day exalts the valour of our gallant heroes, who embody the essence of inspiration and kindle a lasting spirit of patriotism. Operation 'SOMNATH' epitomizes the true spirit of naval bravery, wherein a Pakistan Navy Flotilla comprising seven major warships displayed exceptional professionalism by launching a surprise attack on the Indian coastal town, Dwarka. This daring operation inflicted irreparable damage on vital shore installations, including severely dented its operational capaa key radar station, which seriously bility. Equally, during the 1965 war, impaired enemy's visibility and Pakistan Navy Submarine GHAZI



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf

striking fear in the heart of the enemy and raising stakes for the adversary with a domineering and delusionary ambition against our motherland.

Anchored in the honour and sacrifice of this glorious past, Pakistan Navy, during

'Marka-e-Haq', demonstrated resilience and combat readiness that radiated deterrence and a firm resolve to ensure impregnable defence of our sea frontiers. Our operational preparedness and poise kept the adversary at bay, protected our vital maritime interests and helped preserve uninterrupted flow of seaborne trade.

While discharging its cardinal responsibility of ensuring robust defence of our maritime frontiers, Pakistan Navy remains committed to advancing nation's maritime sector, which is indeed our future. As a key stakeholder, PN is leveraging vast potential of our Blue Economy to foster sustainable economic growth

emerged as a formidable deterrent, and deliver huge economic dividends to the country. In this pursuit, the second Pakistan International Maritime Exhibition and Conference (PIMEC-25) is scheduled to be held from 3-6 Nov this year at Karachi Expo Centre. This is where global stakeholders are being invited to connect, invest and elevate Pakistan's maritime economic contributions and transform the region's maritime landscape.

Today, as we celebrate the Navy Day, let us renew our pledge and pay profound homage to the martyrs and veterans whose sacrifices have secured our freedom and dignity. May Allah SWT grant us the strength to uphold this sacred trust, enrich the glorious legacy of our predecessors and enable us to protect our beloved homeland with honour and pride.

May Allah be our Guide and Protector, Aameen!

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Pakistan Air Force observes 7th September as Martyrs' Day

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Air Force solemnly observed Martyrs' Day on 7th September across all PAF Bases nationwide. The day commenced with special prayers and Quran Khawani, dedicated to the martyrs of the 1965 and 1971 wars, as well as to all those who have rendered the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty since the creation of Pakistan.

At Air Headquarters Islamabad, a central Martyrs' Day Ceremony was held, where Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

In his address, the Air Chief underscored the proud legacy of sacrifice, Martyrs' Day symbolizes the extraordinary bravery, impeccable professionalism and unparalleled spirit of sacrifice demonstrated by the Armed Forces



of Pakistan. He further added that courage and professionalism that well-cognizant of the fast-changing and capability to guard the aerial frondefines the PAF. He emphasized that security dynamics, Pakistan Air Force stands committed to its mission with singularity of purpose. The latest link in chain of victories secured by PAF in Marka-e-Haq Bunyan-um-Mar-

soos has once more proved our will tiers of our motherland.

Paying homage to the fallen heroes of PAF, the Air Chief said, "We owe our heroes an eternal debt of gratitude for their supreme sacrifices, which serve

as an enduring example for future generations. On this solemn occasion, we pay heartfelt tribute to those who laid down their lives in defence of our motherland." He further expressed unwavering solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their legitimate and indigenous struggle for the right to self-determination.

Concluding his remarks, the Air Chief reiterated his firm resolve to make every possible effort for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan in the evolving global environment. He affirmed that Pakistan Air Force would remain committed to advancing its capabilities in space, electronic warfare, cyber technologies, niche domains and indigenous defence production to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation.

Later, to pay homage to the martyrs, Chief of the Air Staff laid a floral wreath at the Martyrs' Monument and offered Fateha for the departed souls.



Change of guards ceremony held at Mazar-e-Quaid on Defence Day

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Change of Guards ceremony was held today at Mazar-e-Quaid to commemorate Defence Day of Pakistan and to pay homage to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. A smartly turned-out contingent comprising 73 cadets, including 7 female cadets, from Pakistan Air Force Academy Asghar Khan assumed the guard duties at the mausoleum. The ceremonial handover reflected the highest standards of discipline, precision and respect for the visionary leader who laid the founda-

Change of guards ceremony held at Mazar-e-Quaid on defence dayThe proceedings of the day commenced with special prayers and Quran reci-

their lives in the defence of the mother- that PAF, alongside Pakistan's Armed land. The solemn ceremony also served Forces, continues to guard the aerial to renew the pledge of making Pakistan Air Force an invincible force, prepared to meet every challenge with determination and professionalism. Air Vice Marshal Shahryar Khan, Air Officer Commanding, PAF Academy Asghar Khan, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Pakistan Air Force has transformed into a "Next Generation Air Force." He emphasized that through its spirit of innovation and operational excellence, PAF has compelled the world to acknowledge its competence and readiness, both in times of peace and during war. Citing the successful conduct of Operation tation for the martyrs who sacrificed Bunyanum Marsoos, he reaffirmed

frontiers of the nation with unwavering

Following the ceremony, the Chief Guest laid a floral wreath at the mausoleum, offered Fateha and inscribed his expressions in the guest book, paying rich tribute to the enduring vision and leadership of Quaid-e-Azam.

This Change of Guards ceremony by Pakistan Air Force holds profound significance, symbolizing the continuity of Quaid-e-Azam's ideals and reaffirming the nation's collective resolve to uphold his vision of a strong, secure and progressive Pakistan. It also reflects the commitment of PAF personnel to carry forward the legacy of courage, sacrifice and professionalism as guardians of the country's aerial frontiers.

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Europe: FT	SE 100 Index
Index Value	Change
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USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average
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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	184	189
Bahrain Dinar	747.40	749.90
Canadian Dollar	204	209
China Yuan	39.36	39.76
Danish Krone	43.9	44.30
Euro	328.50	330.30
Hong Kong Dollar	36	36.35
Indian Rupee	3.13	3.22
Japanese Yen	1.8800	1.9800
Kuwaiti Dinar	913	921
Malaysian Ringgit	66.47	67.07
NewZealand \$	164.35	166.35
Norwegians Krone	27.97	28.27
Omani Riyal	732	734.5
Qatari Riyal	77.24	77.94
Saudi Riyal	75.15	75.40
Singapore Dollar	217	222
Swedish Korona	29.71	30.01
Swiss Franc	350.41	353.16
Thai Bhat	8.62	8.77
U.A.E Dirham	76.85	77.1
UK Pound Sterling	378.8	380.80
US Dollar	282.3	283.1

Pak-China accords to boost exports, investment, regional connectivity: Iftikhar Malik



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday hoped the accords worth \$8.5 billion inked in China during the Prime Minister recent visit will further strengthen bilateral trade and strategic relations between the two countries.

In a statement here today octogenarian trade leader of South Asia he said the new MOUs will pave the way for a new era of cooperation under the second phase of CPEC which is a cornerstone of Pakistan's economic future. He said Pak private sector, especially in trade and industry, must play a proactive role in reaping the benefits of these accords by enhancing exports, adopting modern technology, and improving competitiveness. He said Pakistan can substantially increase its export base by diversifying products and integrating with Chinese value chains.

Iftikhar Ali Malik pointed out that improved infrastructure and connectivity under CPEC will also open new avenues of regional cooperation by facilitating trade with Central Asia, Afghanistan, and beyond.

Concluding, he said the MOUs will mark a major step forward in consolidating Pak-China relations, laying the foundation for shared prosperity and regional stability.

Strengthening Digital Ties

Huawei takes center stage in Pakistan-China IT Collaboration

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have signed nine Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) to deepen cooperation in the field of information technology during the second Pakistan-China B2B Conference held in China.

Three standout agreements were signed in G2B and B2B with Huawei Technologies:-

An agreement was signed between Huawei Technologies and NTC Pakistan, aimed at accelerating fiberization and enhancing secure government connectivity infrastructure. This partnership will play a critical role in modernizing Pakistan's digital landscape and ensuring robust, high-speed communication across public sector institutions.

This program will be rolled out across 15 universities in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), reinforcing Huawei's role in building Pakistan's digital

Huawei signed another MoU with NAVTTC to launch a specialized AI and cybersecurity training program for youth. This initiative will



equip 1,500 participated with globally recognized certifications in Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and 5G Technologies supporting the Prime Minister's "Skills for Productive Employment" vision.

Huawei also partnered with Sky47 Pakistan's first purpose-built, AI-ready sovereign cloud data center, designed to anchor the country's digital infrastructure. This collaboration will enable secure cloud services, scalable AI deployments, and compliance with Pakistan's Cloud First Policy ensuring data residency and digital sovereignty.

Other MoUs signed at the conference included collaborations with Alibaba International Digital Commerce, China Submarine Cable Construction Company Limited (CSCC) Guodong Group and the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) with Shanghai Lingang International Data Industry Institute (SHLID) These agreements mark a major milestone in the Pakistan-China digital partnership, unlocking new avenues for innovation, investment, and human capital development.

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Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh talking to the media persons during his visit of flood relief camps in flood affected areas of Chiniot on Sunday.



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KARACHI: Dun & Brad- firm the trust businesses place in Dun & Bradstreet's platforms globally. For Pakistan, it highlights how our solutions are empowering organizations to prospect smarter, and unlock growth opportunities in an increasingly competitive landscape," said Zubair Qureshi, Chief Business Officer, Dun & Bradstreet Pakistan.

PFC delegation left for China

Commerce Desk

LAHORE SE: Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) delegation led by its CEO Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday left for China on week-long visit to further strengthening bilateral ties

in the furniture industry. In a statement here today Mian Kashif said the primary objective of the tour is to explore and establish joint ventures and collaborative part-Chinese manufacturers.

tise in advanced manufacturing technologies, innovative design, and efficient production processes. By fostering these connections, the PFC aims to enhance the quality and competitiveness of Pakistani furniture, aligning it with global market demands.he said we will meet with key industry stakeholders to discuss investment opportunities and knowledge exchange, ultimately aiming to boost nerships with leading Pakistan's furniture exports and integrate its industry This initiative seeks to into the international leverage Chinese exper- supply chain, he concluded.

FTO coordinator calls for strategic partnerships to unlock Pakistan's blue economy

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman, Saif Ur Rehman Sunday emphasized that harnessing the vast potential of the"Pak Blue Economy" requires extensive consultation, longterm planning, and close cooperation with strategic partners at national, regional, and global levels.

Speaking here today at a seminar on "Blue Economy Future in Pakistan" he said that the blue economy, encompassing sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and environmental health, presents Pakistan with immense opportunities in fisheries, aquaculture, maritime transport, tourism, and renewable energy. He stressed the importance of forging partnerships with international organizations, coastal



countries, research institutions, and private investors to benefit from global expertise and advanced technology. "No country can fully explore its maritime potential in isolation. It is only through collaboration

that we can ensure innovation, knowledge-sharing, and sustainable growth," he remarked.

Saif Ur Rehman reiterated that coordinated efforts, coupled with foreign investment and technological support, will pave the way for Pakistan to emerge as a strong player in the global blue economy, ultimately ensuring sustainable prosperity. Concluding he said strengthening regulatory frameworks, improving governance and fostering collaboration between provincial and federal institutions can enhance the effectiveness of blue economy initiatives. He underlined that Pakistan is blessed with a 1,000 km long coastline and a strategic location along major international sea routes, vet its maritime resources remain underutilized due to lack of awareness, policy gaps, and insufficient infrastructure.

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum Expresses Solidarity with Flood Victims at Langriyal Bridge

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industrialist and Chairman of SM Group of heart.' Industries, Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum, visited Langriyal Bridge, where a vast tent city share in their pain." Reflecting this spirit of has been established to shelter flood victims. compassion, he personally distributed biscuits The Multan administration, taking timely among children affected by the disaster. action, rescued stranded families from floodshelter in this temporary settlement.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, along with a large number of locals. Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum was accompanied by AC City Abdul Samie Sheikh. With victims, stating: "The flood victims are not deep emotion, he remarked: "This flood is alone - we stand shoulder to shoulder with from Allah Almighty; what can we do before them. This calamity and trial, God willing, His will?" His eyes welled up, and his voice will soon come to an end."

grew heavy as he expressed sorrow over the plight of the displaced families, saying: "The MULTAN: Yesterday afternoon, renowned suffering of these people brings tears to the

He added, "We cannot do much, except

Also present on the occasion were Malik waters and provided them with safety and Waseem Shehzad (CFO), Mian Salahuddin (GM Sales), AC City Abdul Samie Sheikh,

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali Anjum reassured the



Pakistan to Host Maiden T-20 Tri-Series involving Afghanistan and Sri Lanka

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: According to the PCB Official The Pakistan Cricket Board will host its maiden T20I tri-series when Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka feature in a three-nation tournament from 17 to 29 November.

The series has been organised to provide all teams with valuable preparation ahead of next year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup, to be staged in India and Sri Lanka.

The tri-series will begin on 17 November with Pakistan taking on Afghanistan at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. This will be Afghanistan's firstever T20I in Pakistan, having earlier played five ODIs in the country, the last of which was against Australia during ICC November will be played at the Gaddafi



Champions Trophy in February this year. On 19 November, Sri Lanka will face Afghanistan at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, while the remaining five T20Is of the tri-series, including the final on 29

Stadium in Lahore.

Earlier, in October/November, Pakistan will host South Africa for a two-match Test series - part of ICC World Test Championship 2025-27, as well as three T20Is and three ODIs from 12 October to 8 November.

PCB Chief Operating Officer Sumair Ahmed Syed Said "We look forward to istan, Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, hosting Sri Lanka and Afghanistan for Pakistan's maiden T20I tri-series. This event will not only offer excellent preparation for next year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup, but also present fans with exciting cricket across venues.

Earlier this year, PCB successfully delivered the ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier. These achievements underline our capacity and readiness to host Stadium, Lahore

back-to-back international events at the highest level."

Tri-Series T-20 Tournament (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka)

17 November - Pakistan v Afghanistan, Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi

19 November - Sri Lanka v Afghan-Rawalpindi

22 November - Pakistan v Sri Lanka,

Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore 23 November - Pakistan v Afghani-

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stan, Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore 27 November - Pakistan v Sri Lanka,

Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore 29 November- Final, Gaddafi

Usyk allowed more time to recover before facing Parker in heavyweight clash

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: World heavyweight champion Oleksandr Usyk has been granted a 90-day medical extension by the World Boxing Organization (WBO), giving him additional time to recover from injury and negotiate his mandatory title defence against New Zealand's Joseph Parker.

The Ukrainian champion last fought on July 19 at Wembley Stadium, where he knocked out Daniel Dubois in the fifth round to become the undisputed heavyweight champion for the second time.

With this victory, Usyk also secured his place in boxing history as the first fighter ever to become undisputed champion on three separate occasions, having previously achieved the feat at cruiserweight in 2018 and heavyweight in 2024.

Following the Dubois bout, the WBO ordered Usyk to defend his belt against Parker.

However, the fight was delayed due to

Initially, Usyk was permitted time to recover, but after a video surfaced showing him dancing, the governing body initiated an inquiry into whether he was unnecessarily delaying his mandatory defence.

The WBO subsequently requested



had been accepted.

"The 90-day exte updated medical documentation from retroactive effect from the date of submis-Team Usyk and, after reviewing the sion, August 9, 2025," the letter stated. reports, deemed the explanation satis- During this period, Parker, the Interim pion in his next fight, with no intervening active in the ring before the highly antic-Heavyweight Champion, has been bouts allowed. Any failure to comply will ipated clash with the Ukrainian cham-Championship Committee Chairman authorized to defend his interim title

letter that Usyk's petition for an extension the committee, with British boxer Fabio weight crown. Wardley already scheduled as his challenger on October 25 in London.

result in disciplinary action, including the pion.

Luis Batista Salas confirmed in a formal against a suitable opponent approved by potential stripping of his WBO heavy-

Despite the controversy, the 8-vear-old Usvl remains in The ruling also made it clear that Usyk sion of the prestigious WBO title, while will be required to face the interim cham- Parker now has an opportunity to stay

Defence Day Hockey Series Begins: KHA Boys Defeat Women



Sports Desk

KARACHI: A series of hockey matches were organized under the auspices of Karachi Hockey Association Women's Wing on the occasion of Pakistan's Defence Day. In the first match of the series held at the Olympian Hanif Khan and Dr. Junaid Ali Shah Hockey Ground, KHA Women's Whites team played brilliantly and defeated JJ Sports Academy 0-3. Maryam, Mah Noor and Nida Anjum scored one goal each for the winning team. The second match of the series was played between KHA Women's Whites and KHA Boys U-15. After an exciting and thrilling match, KHA Boys U-15 defeated KHA Women's Whites 2-3. Ishaq scored two goals while Musa scored one goal for the winning team. Sundas and Mah Noor scored one goal each for KHA Women's Whites. On this occasion, KHA Women's Wing President Ms. Asma Ali Shah encouraged the players and said that all the players are performing well. She expressed her best wishes to both the teams and wished the Women's Whites and Women's Colors teams success in the final match. The third match of the series will be played between the KHA Women's Whites and KHA Women's Colors teams.

Al-Karam Sports Triumphs Over Munawar Sports in Zone One T-20 Tournament



KARACHI: In a commanding performance at the KPI Ground, Al-Karam Sports defeated Munawar Sports by a comfortable margin of seven wickets in the ongoing Naveed Mehboob Azmi Memorial Zone One Inter club T-20 Cricket Tournament. Batting first, Munawar Sports struggled to build a substantial total, finishing with 128 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Khan Muhammad was the top scorer for his side with 54 runs, while Roman Ali contributed 38. Al-Karam's bowlers performed well as a unit, with Faizan Ali taking two wickets. Basim Ahmed, Arshad Iqbal, Fasih Khan, and Sohail Iqbal each claimed a single wicket. In response, Al-Karam Sports chased down the target with ease, reaching the required score in just 13.2 overs with three wickets down. Arshad Iqbal led the charge with a blistering knock of 53 runs, which included six boundaries and three sixes. Hammad Mughal remained unbeaten on 32, and Shahroz Alvi scored a quick 30. For Munawar Sports, Ahmed and Jahangir each managed to take one wicket. The match was officiated by umpires SM Babar and Shoaib, with M Amaf serving as the official scorer.

Byzantine Dream boosts Japan's Arc hopes, Aventure impresses

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Japan's dream of nese hopefuls for the Arc. winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

The Japanese have gone close in year in the Arc, are the other entries. Europe's most prestigious race on several occasions — most notably Orfevre who threw away victory in the final 100 metres in 2012. And Byzantine Dream's impressive

victory in the Prix Foy suggests he has a live chance to win at Longchamp on October 5. He will face some tough opposi-

tion, notably Aventure who shed her Group One bridesmaid's tag as last year's Arc runner-up won a high class Prix Vermeille.

Oisin Murphy brought Byzantine Dream with a well-timed challenge to pass the favourite Sosie and win in impressive fashion.

It was the fifth time in the past 35 years Japan has won the Group Two contest, two-time Arc runner-up Orfevre a dual winner of it. Byzantine Dream is one of four Japa-

Alohi Alii, an impressive winner in after 55 years of trying were given a Deauville last month, Japanese Derby boost as Byzantine Dream won the victor Croix de Nord and Shin Emperor, key Arc trial at Longchamp on Sunday. who finished a disappointing 12th last

> Murphy believes Byzantine Dream, trained by Tomovasu Sakaguchi, can fulfil Japan's Arc hopes 56 years after their first runner Speed Symboli came and failed to conquer.

"He relaxed very well and finished brilliantly," said Murphy, who has yet to win the Arc.

"He is temperamental but in the right mood he is a crack horse.

"The Arc is the most important race in the world and if the ground is good he will have a great chance."

Murphy may not be on Byzantine Dream for the Arc, depending on whether his employers in England have a runner, and Sosie will be better for the run.

Fourth in last year's Arc, Sosie's



trainer Andre Fabre, who has won the race a record eight times, will have been pleased with his run.

'Taking the risks'

Aventure came second in the Vermeille last year — behind Bluestocking who was to deny her again in the Arc — but once she hit the front under Maxime Guyon there was only going to be one winner.

Prix de Diane winner Gezora was an eye-catching second but the big disappointment was O'Brien's race favourite Whirl who dropped tamely away to finish last.

Aventure's victory was also a first Group One win for her trainer Christophe Ferland, who puffed out his cheeks with relief.

"I was tense because I have targets and contracts to fulfil and I can now relax having won a Group One, myself and the filly," said Ferland.

"She is the queen of Longchamp today, Let us hope she confirms that in the Arc."

Fabre gained consolation in the Group Two Prix Niel, Cualificar giving the 79-year-old trainer his 13th win in

No Niel winner has gone on to add the Arc since Rail Link in 2006.

Cricket legends and showbiz stars unite at Pakistan Celebrity T10 Cricket League USA

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Former cricketers and showbiz celebrities graced a glittering ceremony at a private hotel in Karachi on Sunday to mark the announcement of the Pakistan Celebrity T10 Cricket League USA.

The event highlighted not only the upcoming league to be staged in North America but also became a platform for lively discussions particularly in the Asia Cup 2025.

Younis Khan praised the league side and insisting players were

sizing its importance for Pakistani fans and the expatriate community in North America.

He explained that the shortformat competition would be completed in just two or three

Younis expressed hope that the current squad would perform well in the Asia Cup under the new coaching staff.

Former all-rounder Abdul on Pakistan's cricketing future, Razzaq echoed optimism, noting the presence of four to Former Pakistan captain five hard-hitting batsmen in the

well aware of their responsibility to deliver victories for Pakistan.

He stressed that Haris Rauf must be trusted, while also sharing lighter moments, recalling encounters with actress Tamannaah Bhatia.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Kamran Akmal voiced concerns over Pakistan's bowling unit, particularly the lack of spinners

in suitable conditions. He said the Asia Cup left no room for errors, highlighting the need to win against both weaker

and stronger teams. He called for Saim Ayub's

consistent grooming as a batsman while top-order suggesting Mohammad Haris should feature in the top three batting positions.

Former pacer Umar Gul emphasized that Pakistan's success in major tournaments has historically come through strong bowling.

He highlighted the importance of improving death-over strategies, noting that fans would miss stars like Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, Virat Kohli, and Rohit Sharma in this event. Showbiz stars also shared the

spotlight at the ceremony.

Actor Faisal Qureshi described cricket as the last remaining source of national entertainment, urging that politics be kept away from the game.

Sheheryar Munawar expressed disappointment at the intrusion of politics into cricket but voiced hope for Pakistan's improved performance in the Asia Cup.

He said that both Pakistan and India face immense pressure in their encounters, recalling how Babar and Rizwan had famously defeated India by ten wickets.



Actor Fahad Mustafa praised as "Pakistan's true assets" and outshine India.

the balance of the current squad, expressing confidence that the labeling Babar and Rizwan young team could once again

The Spokesman

Eid Milad-un-Nabi LARKANA: A large number of people participated in the Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession at the Jinnah Bagh Road.

Five dead as rescue boat capsizes in Jalalpur

Special Correspondent

MULTAN: A rescue boat capsized in the River Chenab near Wichha Sandeela, resulting in the drowning deaths of a woman and four young children. Among the deceased are 70-year-old Bakht Suwai, six-year-old Fatima, Mahnoor, Rehan, and a two-month-old infant.

According to rescue officials, 30 people were on board. They were being evacuated from floodwaters to a safer location when the boat, overloaded beyond capacity, lost balance in dren from the river, while the team had come to evacuate affected area. remaining 25 passengers were flood victims, a large crowd Sandhu and the CPO reached Dr. Khadija Umar, briefed the in the capsizing incident and



the site of the incident. CPO CPO on the spot. Eyewitnesses Multan, Sadiq Dogar, stated reported that as soon as the deeper waters and overturned. that the main cause of the boat reached deeper waters, it Rescue personnel and local tragedy was overloading and began to wobble and capsized villagers promptly retrieved the the river's strong current. He within moments. Rescue operbodies of the woman and chil- explained that while the rescue ations are still underway in the

Commissioner saved alive. Deputy Commis- rushed onto the boat, leading to Kareem Khan expressed grief limits? sioner Waseem Hameed the tragic accident. SP Saddar, over the loss of precious lives

extended condolences to the ment not provided? Was the families of the deceased.

The overturning of the rescue boat in Jalalpur and the loss of five innocent lives has raised serious questions over the performance of the entire administration. Those who relied on rescue authorities to safeguard their lives ironically fell victim to the very system's negligence.

This tragedy demands accountability: who shoulders the true responsibility? Is the Deputy Commissioner of Multan answerable for a lack of oversight, or does the fault lie within the jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioner? Most crucially, why was the boat allowed to be overloaded?

other essential safety equip- of Allah?

rescue staff unaware that even the slightest negligence during emergencies can turn fatal? This was not merely an accident—it reflects a failure of planning, supervision, and responsibility

Five families have lost their loved ones, and their wounds cannot be healed by mere words of condolence. It is the moral and legal duty of the administration to ensure impartial investigations, bring those truly responsible to justice, and provide the bereaved families with fairness and closure.

This is not the time for mere grief or condemnation—it is a moment for accountability and decisive action. The question Was no one keeping track of remains: who killed these five passenger count and weight souls-negligence, mismanagement, or criminal reckless-Why were life jackets and ness? Or was it simply the will

PM grieved at Jalalpur boat tragedy



跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in a rescue boat tragedy in Jalalpur Pirwala.

The Prime Minister extended heartfelt condolences to the families of five people who lost their lives in the accident and prayed for the elevation of the ranks of deceased, and patience for the bereaved fami-

Directing authorities to expedite the flood affected areas must be in the world due to climate change.

further accelerated and made more effective. He emphasized that timely and comprehensive assistance should

be ensured for all displaced persons. He also instructed that coordination and cooperation with provincial governments be further strengthened to enhance rescue and relief opera-

Highlighting the broader challenge, the Prime Minister said Pakistan continues to suffer from the harmful effects of climate change despite contributing negligibly to global greenhouse gas emissions. relief efforts, the Prime Minister said He noted that Pakistan remained that rescue and relief operations in among the most affected countries

Bilawal arrived in Multan for flood affected peoples



👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Arrived in Multan From Lahore. Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider and Sindh Provincial Minister Syed Owais Qadir Shah accom-Syed Ali Qasim Gilani, MNA Syed Ali on today 8th September.

Musa Gilani were also present. MPA Rana Iqbal Siraj, Barrister Mudassar Shah, Khawaja Rizwan Alam, Rao Sajid, Abdul Qadir Shaheen and Rana Tahir Shabbir, among others, were also present at the airport. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari will visit flood-affected areas during his visit. Chairpanied him. Senate Chairman Syed man PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Yousaf Raza Gilani welcomed Bilaw- Chairman Senate Syed Yousuf Raza al Bhutto Zardari at Multan Airport. Gillani and Governor Punjab Sard-Senator Rana Mahmoodul Hassan, ar Saleem Haider will also meet flood MNA Syed Abdul Qadir Gilani, MNA victims in Multan and Muzaffargarh

Pakistan armed forces thwarted enemy designs; youth empowerment Govt top priority: Muqam

Correspondent

NOWSHERA: al Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan & SAFRON, and President of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Engineer Amir Muqam, said here Saturday that the development of youth was cornerstone of the government policies and youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have once again shown their confidence in the leadership of Mian Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

He was addressing a convention organized by the occasion of Defence Day and Zindabad. Air Force Day, where thou-



Engr Amir Muqam said conspiracies during sucessful operation Iron Wall carried

PML-N Youth Wing Khyber in attendance and raised full of Prime Minister Shehbaz Pakhtunkhwa here on the throated slogans of Pakistan Sharif, the Pakistan Armed Forces foiled the enemy's

sands of young people were that under the leadership operation Iron Wall in May this year.

The federal minister highly praised the recent military out by the Pakistan armed forces in response to the enemy aggression.

He said on May 10 and 11, 2025, the Pakistan Army and PAF has once again inflicted a humiliating defeat on the enemy, which was acknowledged internationally.

He added, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the Armed Forces of Pakistan have successfully thwarted enemy conspiracies, and once again, the nation stood united with its defenders."

Paying tribute to the martyrs and veterans in the context of Defence Day and Air Force Day, he said, these days are not just chapters of history, but a reminder of the spirit of sacrifice, patriotism, and national unity.

ASP Sheher Bano selected for Asia Society fellowship

ISLAMABAD: Female police officer Sheher Bano Naqvi has been selected for the Asia Society 21 Next Generation Fellowship.

According to a spokesperson for the Punjab Police, Asia Society has congratulated ASP Sheher Bano and selected ASP Sheher Bano Naqvi for the Class of 2025.

female police officer in Pakistan's social media)

history to be selected for this prestigious fellowship. The Asia 21 Next Generation Summit will be held this year from December 5 to 7 in Manila, Philippines.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Punjab Police Dr Usman Anwar said that global appreciation for the performance of Punjab Police officers ASP Sheher Bano Naqvi is the first is a matter of great pride. (Courtesy

PTI activists stage protest at Karachi's Regal Chowk

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Pakistan PTI's growing momentum to Regal Chowk, where the Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) staged a protest demonstration at Regal Chowk, demanding heavy police presence was waving party flags, PTI the immediate release of its deployed at Regal Chowk to activists reiterated their

founder, Imran Khan. The charged political demonstration drew inally planned to gather near tial for political justice and a significant number of the Karachi Press Club; democratic freedom. participants, including a however, road closures and

large contingent of women blockades in the surrounding on the streets.

According to reports, a maintain law and order.

supporters, underscoring areas forced them to relocate protest gained momentum. Chanting slogans and

demand for Imran Khan's The PTI workers had orig-release, calling it essen-

The protest highlighted

the party's resilience despite tense as authorities kept a increasing restrictions on close watch on the protest, political gatherings in the though no major incidents

of violence were reported at The situation remained the time of filing this report. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

NA Speaker pays rich tribute to the gallantry, sacrifices of **PAF on Air Force Day**

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly land during the 1965 war, embod-Sunday paid rich tribute to the Pakistan Air Force for its valor, courage unwavering patriotism.

those who safeguarded the mother- worldwide.

(NA) Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on ying the spirit of national pride and selfless service.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and supreme sacrifices, saluting the highlighted the extraordinary heroes of the 1965 Pakistan-India achievements of Pakistan Air war who defended the nation with Force during the 1965 war, especially Air Commodore M.M. Alam's In his message on Pakistan Air legendary feat of shooting down Force Day, the Speaker said the five Indian aircraft in less than a occasion honors the unmatched minute—an unmatched moment in dedication and resolute bravery of history, honored as a golden chapter