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PM Shehbaz pays tribute to Quaid-e-Azam on 77th death anniversary

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, in his message on the 77th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, paid tribute to his unparalleled leadership and selfless struggle for the creation of Pakistan.



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# Calls on ISLAMABAD: Chairman of State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovation of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ulvi Mehdiyev calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday

# PM Shehbaz: Govt to announce climate and agriculture emergencies

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday announced that the federal cabinet will declare both a climate emergency and an agriculture emergency after consultations. in light of the severe human and economic losses caused by recent

said a committee headed by Planning and Development Minister Ahsan Iqbal is being constituted to address the crisis.

An apex-level meeting with the four provincial chief ministers will follow to formulate a unified policy response.

PM Shehbaz noted that the floods have claimed around 1,000 lives and left thousands injured, Chairing a cabinet meeting in while extensive damage to crops Islamabad, the Prime Minister is still being assessed.

federal government is contributing its share, provincial governments will also need to play their

Prime Minister highlighted the success of the business conference in Beijing, which yielded \$8.5 billion worth of joint ventures and MoUs.

to China on September 26 for the noting that Pakistan is working

He emphasised that while the  $\;\;$  formal launch of CPEC 2.0, which will expand cooperation into agriculture, mines and minerals, business-to-business investment, and special economic zones. He added On his recent visit to China, the that Chinese investment in the Karakoram Highway project will amount to 85 per cent.

The prime minister also mentioned the signing of an MoU with the United States for invest-He said Ahsan Iqbal will travel ment in mines and minerals,

to improve relations with Washington while giving new impetus to its strategic partnership with Beijing.

Paying tribute to the armed forces for their sacrifices in the fight against terrorism, PM Shehbaz condemned propaganda against the military and its leadership, calling it a "collective national and political responsibility" to confront and counter such narratives.

#### **PM Shehbaz** announces establishment of **'Asan Khidmat** Markaz' with Azerbaijan's support

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday announced the establishment of an Asan Khidmat Markaz here in collaboration with Azerbaijan's State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations (SAPS-SI), marking what he described as "a new milestone in Pakistan-Azerbaijan friendship."

The announcement came during a meeting between the Prime Minister and SAPSSI Chairman Ulvi Mehdiyev, a Prime Minister's Office news release said.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif recalled his recent visit Azerbaijan's successful Asan said. Khidmat Markaz. Inspired by



that model, he directed Pakistani authorities to replicate the initiative in Islamabad with Azerbaijani cooperation.

"The Asan Khidmat Markaz will bring together multiple public services under one roof, ensuring convenience and transparency for citizens. This citizen-centered initiative will be a revolutionary step in improving public service to Baku, where he toured delivery," the Prime Minister

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### **SC** notifies appointment of Peshawar judge as additional registrar admin

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC), with the approval of Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Yahya Afridi, on Wednesday issued the notification for the appointment of District and Session Judge Peshawar Fakhar Zaman as Additional Registrar Admin for a one-year period.

Now Fakhar will receive 20 per cent basic pay as deputation allowance.

limit of this allowance has been suspended at a full court

SC restores old court fees for registration of cases Also on Wednesday, the

charging old court fees for the registration of cases. In its notification, the apex court said that the rules related

SC issued a notification for

to an increase in fees and security had been suspended, and now fees and security would be charged under the rules framed in 1980.

It is pertinent to mention here that the rules related to However, the maximum an increase in fees had been fixed at Rs20,000 per month. meeting.

## Sherry Rehman calls | Pakistan assumes for crop insurance, seed, fertilizer subsidy for flood-hit farmers

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Senator Sherry Rehman called for an immediate crop insurance policy and seed and fertilizer subsidy for flood-hit farmers. In a statement, Senator Sherry Rehman, expressing deep concern over the destruction of crops in 28 due to devastating floods, ities. said that the country is facing an agricultural emergency.

Sherry Rehman said crops have been largely acres land of Punjab is still submerged in water.

She said that the destrucfarmers who have neither unbearable inflation shocks.



Sherry Rehman demanded an immediate national crop insurance rice, cotton and sugarcane policy, seed and fertilizer subsidy, targeted cash assisdestroyed and thousands of tance and the launch of a villages including 1.3 million comprehensive recovery plan on the lines of 2010 and 2022.

She said that better tion of agricultural produc- response and planning tion poses serious risks of through modern technology inflation and food shortages, and satellite data is indispenwhile the most affected are sable, otherwise the country small farmers and livestock may face food crisis and

## Chair of SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure 2025-26

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Wednesday assumed the Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) for 2025-26.

"This is a reflection of the confidence of SCO member states in Pakistan's dedicated efforts and contributions towards regional peace and security, particularly in combating terrorism," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press statement.

In its capacity as the chair of SCO-RATS, Pakistan will work towards fostering regional cooperation against terrorism, in line with shared priorities, guided by the Shanghai Spirit of mutual trust, equality, and shared responsibility.

It will also host events and activities across key domains — including cyber counter-

terrorism, information operations, border security, countering terrorist financing, and capacity-building — to deepen collaboration.

"As a frontline state in combating terrorism, Pakistan continues to make unparalleled sacrifices to ensure safety and security not only of its own people but the region and beyond," it was added. The spokesperson further said that as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2025-26 term, Pakistan had also been entrusted with key responsibilities in the counter terrorism domain, among others.

Pakistan would continue to work with international and regional partners to advance collective efforts against terrorism, in line with the principles of the SCO, international law and the United Nations Charter, it was added.



# Kashmiri diaspora has played a vital role in keeping the Kashmir issue: Barrister Sultan



#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has said that the Kashmiri diaspora has played a vital role in keeping the Kashmir issue alive at the international level and exposing self-determination and fundamental

India's atrocities in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking to a delegation led by Chaudhry Tanveer of Paris at Aiwan-e-Sadr Kashmir House, the President lauded the Kashmiri community in Europe, especially in France, for consistently advocating the right to

freedoms of Kashmiris. He stressed that it was high time for Kashmiris across the globe to unite in highlighting Indian state terrorism and its illegal occupation."The day is not far when occupied Jammu and Kashmir will be free from India's illegal occupation" he said.

commended the efforts made by the AJK President for the Kashmir cause and assured that he would intensify his lobbying efforts in France to expose India's crimes in occupied Kashmir. He also extended an invitation to the President to visit Paris, which Barrister On the occasion, Chaudhry Tanveer Chudhary accepted delightfully.

#### Protest

LAHORE: Employees of WAPDA shouting slogans during protest in the favor of their demands outside press club in Pro-



#### Azeer Ahmed Ghazali called on PM AJK Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq

#### **Spokesman Report**

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the post 1989 Migrants' Working Committee, led by Azeer Ahmed Ghazali called on Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq here today.

The delegation apprised the Prime Minister of the challenges faced by the migrants and demanded a reserved seat for them in the Legislative Assembly.

Speaking on the occasion, the Kashmir. Your sacrifices are invaluable Prime Minister Haq paid tribute to and we salute you.", the PM said. the migrants for their sacrifices in the



freedom struggle. "You left behind your is ensuring implementation of the assembly seat, the PM said the matter tives for the welfare of the post 1989

facilities and will take further steps for their welfare.

homes and livelihoods for the cause of migrants' quota, improving housing would be considered in consultation

with parliamentary parties. The delegation thanked the Prime He assured that the government On the demand for a reserved Minister and appreciated his initia-

#### Sardar Attique Backs J&K Liberation Front's call for Sep 12 nationwide strike



MUZAFFARABAD: President of the Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has announced full support for the call of the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front. Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, Muhammad Yasin Malik, who has been illegally imprisoned in India's infamous Tihar Jail for more than six years, is a hero of the Kashmiri nation. The Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front has called for a full-scale public strike

and protests on September 12 against the Indian abominable intentions of Yasin Malik. The Supreme Council, at the "Save Yasin Malik Conference" organized by the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front in Islamabad on August 26, reiterated the appeal of the state's political leadership to the people of occupied and Azad Jammu and Kashmir to hold a strike and full-scale public protests on September 12, Friday, against the Indian government's abominable intentions towards Muhammad Yasin Malik. The Narendra Modi government, making Yasin Malik the worst target of political vendetta, is now bent on getting him hanged after serving an unjust life sentence on false and fabricated cases, against which the people of Kashmir inside and outside the state are protesting.

#### Provincial Minister Khajawa Imran Nazir visits Ravi River flood area in Kamalia

#### Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Provincial Minister for Health and Population Khawaja Imran Nazir visited on Wednesday Tehsils Kamalia and Pir Mahal and inspected in localities of Pir Karam Shah and Mai Safooran,



the relief camps, field hospital and Ravi river breach site. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, DPO Ibadat Nisar and ADC Revenue Syed Jamil Haider Shah were also accompanied by him. He reviewed the treatment facilities and stock of medicines in the field hospital District

Administration briefed him on the facilities provided to the flood victims.. Khawaja Imran Nazir distributed toys, milk and fruits among children residing in relief camps, and inquired about facilities from the victims residing in camps. Minister directed DC to make a comprehensive estimate for compensation of losses. Punjab government will not leave the affected people alone in this hour of distress, minister assured effectee. He also reviewed the Clinic on Wheels in the relief camps.

#### Federal ombudsman's advisor Shahid Hussain Jilani holds open court at Toba Tek Singh

#### **Zafar Chishti**

TOBA TEK SINGH: Advisor to the Federal Ombudsman Shahid Hussain Jilani, held an open court in Wapda complex at Toba Tek Singh. In which a large number of consumers registered their complaints related to Wapda. On this



occasion, Shahid Hussain Jilani, asked the Fesco officials resolve the public complaints at the earliest. In the open court, the complainar expressed their trust in federal ombudsman's system. The advisor said that the purpose of the open court is to reach in cities and towns so that the expenditures of public be saved to travel to ombudsman's secretariat to submit their complaints. He added that it is our responsibility to listen to the problems of the public and to resolve their issues by hearing the version of Fesco officials in their respective areas and concerned offices. Shahid Hussain Jilani further told media reporters that in this open court, he heard the complaints of about 50 complainants and they were instantly redressed. He said that our effort is to provide justice to the people as much as early is possible in minimum time period.

#### CB Peshawar Holds Sixth Free Medical Camp

#### 👺 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: In line with the directives of the Director General Military Lands & Cantonments (DGML\&C), the Cantonment Board Peshawar (CBP) successfully organised its sixth free medical camp on September 10, 2025, as part of its ongoing public welfare initiative, "Sehat Aap Ki Dehleez Par" (Health at Your Doorstep). The camp was held at Jinnah Park, Peshawar Cantonment, and provided free medical treatment to 93 patients. The camp remained operational from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, offering medical consultations, on-site diagnostics, and free medicines to those in need. Patients requiring advanced care were referred to Cantonment General Hospital\* for further treatment.

Deputy CEO CBP, Ms Javeria Bano, visited the camp to inspect the facilities and interact with the patients. She commended the medical team's efforts and termed the initiative a reflection of CBP's commitment to public welfare. "Such camps are a practical manifestation of our resolve to serve the community and strengthen citizens' trust in public institutions," she said.

#### Awareness Session on Cervical Cancer Vaccination Held for Doctors in Kotli

#### 👺 Bureau Report

KOTLI: The awareness campaign about the cervical cancer prevention auspices of the Health Department, continued on Wednesday. In collaboration with the organizations "ACT" and "MERF," an awareness session District Headquarters Hospital and Basic Health Centers

Shah. It was attended by Medical can benefit from this vaccine. Superintendent (MS) Dr. Nasrullah Sadiq, DMS Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Shahnawaz, as speakers.

that cervical cancer is a common fatal disease found in women, and the preventive vaccine has proven highly effective against it. He urged parents vaccine for girls aged 9 to 14, under the to ensure their daughters receive the necessary doses of this vaccine, which will protect them from the risk of cancer in the future.

ACT's Community Engagement was organized for doctors from the Officer, Chaudhry Shahnawaz, mentioned that his organization is working closely with the Health The session was chaired by District Department to promote public aware-Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Syed Shafqat ness so that as many girls as possible

Over 20 doctors participated in the awareness session, where a detailed Dr. Jahangir, and ACT's Commubriefing was given about the prevennity Engagement Officer, Chaudhry tive vaccine. Participants were urged to effectively promote the campaign Addressing the awareness session, at their respective centers to spread DHO Dr. Syed Shafqat Shah stated awareness among the public about the related to the awareness campaign



efficacy of the vaccine.

At the end of the session, questions from the doctors were answered, and necessary informational material

was distributed.

The session was attended by Dr. Amir Khalid, Dr. Walid Ahmed, Dr. Muhammad Zain-ul-Abidin, Dr. Fauzia Mushtaq, Dr. Nimra Kabir, Dr. Dr. Faiza, Dr. Farhat, Shumaila Khal-

Rafiq, Shumaila Naseer, Dr. Qurat-

Rida Rafiq, Dr. Fizza Saleem, Dr. Sadia ique, Robina Safir, Saeeda Bano, Dr. Siddiq, Dr. Asma Hameed, Dr. Iram Shehla Bashir, Dr. Rashid Shamsi, Dr. Jahangir Ahmed, Dr. Nisar Hussain, ul-Ain Hussain, Dr. Maniba Azfar, Dr. Mah Noor Ilyas, District Information Officer Shaukat Ali among others.





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KPK govt, utilizing all resources for the welfare of journalists and solving their problems: Dr.  $\overline{\textit{Bakhtiar}}$ 

#### Bureau Report

SWAT: Secretary Informa-

tion and Public Relations Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Bakhtiar Khan has said that the provincial government is utilizing all resources for the welfare of journalists and solving their problems. He said that steps are being taken on a priority basis to eliminate the problems faced by working journalists and newspapers, and the transparency system in the Information Department has been made more effective. He expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation led by President of Malakand Division Union of Journalists Shahzad Alam. DG Information Muhammad Imran Khan, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Bilal-ur-Rehman, Dr. Masood Khan Afridi and other personalities were also present in the meeting. On this occasion, Shahzad Alam gave a detailed briefing on the problems faced by journalists of Malakand Division including Swat. The delegation presented suggestions on issues related to distribution of advertisements, timely payment, security of journalists, training and welfare schemes. Dr. Bakhtiar Khan assured the delegation that distribution of advertisements to all newspapers is ongoing on the basis of merit and the process of payments is also being completed on time.

# Pakistan Navy conducts extensive rescue operations in flood hit areas across the country

#### 👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy is actively engaged in relief operations across flood affected regions of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) are constantly operating to provide swift assistance and safeguard lives of those affected by the floods.

Pakistan Navy has promptly deployed hovercrafts in the flood affected districts of Kashmore, Ghotki, Sukkur and Shikarpur in Sindh, to evacuate affected

These hovercrafts are capable of operating across land, water and swampy areas. In these districts of Sindh, 4,335 people and over 125 livestock have been successfully evacuated.

Pakistan Navy's ERTs carried out rescue operation in multiple regions of Pakistan, including Ali Wahan, Alif Kacha, Bachal Shah Miani, village Haji KK Bundh in Kashmore, Soomro citizen is ensured.

Panvari in Pano Aqil, Ghumro Goth in Shikarpur and Shank Bund in Ghotki. In addition, Pakistan Navy's relief and rescue operations are also ongoing in Kasur, Rajanpur, Dera Ismail Khan, Mirpur Khas, Sanghar, Sujawal, Buner, Shangla and Mingora.

Stranded individuals were transported to safe locations with the assistance of Pakistan Navy hovercraft and boats. Alongside evacuating residents. the teams ensured safe transfer of household belongings and fertilizer stocks. Pakistan Navy's relief teams are also providing food supplies, healthcare services and vital medicines to flood affected communities. These operations are conducted in close coordination with local civil administration to ensure smooth execution of rescue and relief activities.

The timely and swift rescue missions are a reaffirmation of Pakistan Navy's resolve to stand firm with the nation, Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi and Soomro remaining committed to relentless relief Goth in Sukkur, Jam Ali Chachar and efforts until the safety of every affected



#### Agreement

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif witnesses singing of an agreement between State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovation of Azerbaijan and Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications with regard to Asaan Khidmat Centre on Wednesdcay.



#### Attacks on smartphones increased in the first half of 2025: Kaspersky Report

#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: According to Kaspersky data, there were 29% more attacks on Android smartphone users in the first half of 2025 compared to the first half of 2024, and 48% more compared to the second half of 2024. In 2025 Kaspersky detected prominent mobile threats such as SparkCat, SparkKitty and Triada, but there were other active threats as well, including apps with adult content attacks and a VPN app that intercepted login codes sent codes from various messen-

through text messages In the second quarter of 2025, attackers embedded functionality for dynamically via a Telegram bot. configured DDoS attacks into applications for viewing adult users most frequently encouncontent. This trojan enables tered were Fakemoney scam sending specific data from applications, banking trojans the infected device to the and preinstalled malware. attackers at specified time Fakemoney scam apps on

detected a fake VPN client users into believing they can that hijacks different user accounts: instead of providing through tasks, games or that could launch DDoS the declared functionality, it investments, but then steal intercepts one-time password personal information, money

gers and social networks by monitoring notifications and sends them to the attackers

Malicious apps that mobile smartphones are fraudu-Kaspersky also recently lent applications that deceive earn real money or rewards

or deliver no actual payouts. Pre-installed trojans like Triada and Dwphon were also frequently detected. These are examples of malicious software embedded in the firmware of Android devices manufacturing, during enabling data theft, unauthorized actions and persis-

tence even after factory resets. The number of mobile banking trojans detected in the first half of 2025 is almost four times more than in the first half of 2024 and over two times more than in the second

# WASA Multan Launches Daily Open Court to Speed Up Bill Corrections and Installment Plans

#### 跨 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: The Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Multan is holding a daily open court at its Shamsabad head office under the supervision of Director Recovery Engr. Sheikh Abdul Salam. Deputy Director Recovery Rameez Hashmi and Assistant Director Recovery Abdul Majeed also remain present at the same table to ensure that citizens receive immediate and timely facilitation.

Speaking to a special correspondent, Director Recovery Engr. Sheikh Abdul Salam said that under one roof, WASA consumers are being provided facilities such as easy installment plans, bill corrections, and issuance of new bills. According to him, more than one thousand citizens visit the office daily, in addition to complaints registered at the



one-window counter, which are resolved

on a priority basis. He added that with the assistance of the Deputy Director and Assistant Director, timely correction of bills and verification of records is ensured, which guarantees accurate account entries for consumers. Referring to the recovery target for August, he noted that against the assigned target of Rs. 220 million, recoveries of over Rs. 210 million had been made, which reflects the satisfac-

tory performance of the recovery team. Responding to a question about WASA connections in private housing colonies, he clarified that a fee of Rs. 100,000 per acre has been fixed. Therefore, private colony developers must legally connect their colonies with WASA's sewerage lines in order to benefit from its services.

#### Under the Jazba Khidmat program, ration bags were distributed affected families

Abdul Majid
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FAISALABAD: Serena Hotel management partnered with the Pakistan Army, led by Major Waheed, Chaudhry Shahid Iqbal Gujjar, Mian Zahidur Rehman, Mian Tanveer Gujjar and Town Nazim Kamalia Mian Rashid, to distribute ration bags to more than 100 affected families. The distribution was done in an organized and verified manner to prioritize the most affected families. Serena Hotels is grateful to all the teams and community volunteers for the timely and dignified response and further relief activities will continue for the flood affected people. Mian Tanveer Gujjar and others were also present on the occasion. While Chaudhry Shahid Iqbal Gujjar has said that difficult times have come in our area due to floods, we thank the Serena Hotel owners for distributing ration to about 120 families of this area on my one call. We pay tribute to the way such a big organization has cooperated with us. Mian  $Zahid\,ur\,Rehman, a\,prominent\,personality\,of\,Jhala\,Rasgulla\,Tehsil$ Kamalia, said that we are grateful that GM Serena Hotel came here under the leadership of Rashiduddin and helped the flood victims. I thank the Aga Khan family from the bottom of my heart that whenever there was a time of trouble in this city, they always actively participated in helping Pakistan. We all thank the management of Serena Hotel, especially Rashiduddin, and pray that Allah Almighty grants Serena Hotel progress and success.

#### Milad Mustafa Will be held on September 13

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Spire Colleges Gulberg Campus will organize Milad Mustafa ( on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 12:00 PM. This was announced by Principal Spire Colleges Gulberg Campus Akbar Ali Haral while addressing the gathering. He further said that Milad Mustafa ( will be held at 8:30 AM in the girls section of the colleges and at 12:00 PM in the

#### DC Dadu visits Kachho's rainfed streams and small dams



DADU: In view of the surge in Kachho's rain-fed streams following the recent rains in the Kirthar mountain ranges, Deputy Commissioner Dadu, Syed Murtaza Ali Shah, conducted an emergency visit to various areas of Kachho.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the situation of the small dams located in Nai Gaj, Nai Nali, Nai Soul, and other streams, as well as the surrounding areas of Wahi Pandhi. During the visit, he was briefed by the Irrigation Department, which informed him that, as of this afternoon, the flow of Nai Gaj stream is three feet, which poses no threat and is completely under control.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the connecting roads of Wahi Pandhi and nearby areas to ensure smooth transportation and mobility. Assistant Commissioner Johi, Adnan Azhar, gave a detailed briefing to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the current situation and the impact of the rain-fed streams.

On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner met with local residents and discussed the regional situation. The locals, despite the temporary difficulties caused by the rain-fed streams, described the recent rains and the surge in streams as a sign of prosperity. They said the rainwater has rejuvenated the land, turning it lush green, and the region is now filled with scenic views.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the relevant departments to keep all resources and staff on alert in view of any potential emergency and to provide maximum facilities to the public.

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#### **Global Textile Days** Uzbekistan starts in **Tashkent**

he Global Textile Days officially opened at the Uzexpocentre National Exhibition Complex in Tashkent. As part of this event, which brings together three key occasions, more than 250 companies and brands from 22 countries are showcasing their products.

At the grand opening of the Week, organized by the Iteca Exhibitions, speeches were delivered by the First Deputy Chairman of the Uzbekistan Textile and Garment Industry Association Muhammadjon Jumaniyazov, Deputy Chairman of the Turkish Machinery Exporters Association Sevda Kayhan Yılmaz, and others. They emphasized that this exhibition has become an essential platform for presenting products of global manufacturers in textile and garment engineering, while the number of local participants has been growing year by year.

Within the framework of the Week, the 16th International Central Asian Textile Machinery and Technologies Exhibition, CAITME 2025, and the jubilee 25th International Textile and Garment Industry Exhibition "TextileExpo Uzbekistan 2025" are being held, alongside a series of business events.

It should be noted that the Global Textile Days are aimed not only at showcasing advanced developments in the textile industry but also at supporting local manufacturers. A Buyer Program is in place to facilitate direct communication with foreign buyers and the establishment of new busi-

The Bukhara-based company Merganteks is also presenting its products at the exhibition. According to the company's manager, Gulchekhra Shoikulova, the event provides an excellent opportunity to connect with foreign

"Our products are exported to Poland, Türkiye, and Iran. The company's production cycle includes cotton-cleaning plants, textile, dyeing, and garment factories. Today, the enterprise is actively expanding its capabilities, and participation in the exhibition is extremely important for achieving our goals", she noted.

According to Alejandro Pastrana, founder of the Spanish ompany AYECO, cooperation between Uzbekistan and Spain is strengthening, which is of great importance for the development of the textile industry.

"Over the past six to seven years, Spanish companies have been actively entering the Uzbekistan market. We are focused on promoting Uzbekistan products to the European market, paying special attention to goods that are in high

However, competition in Europe is very strong. If products are similar to European ones, it isn't easy to sell them. This applies not only to Uzbek goods but also to products from other countries. Nevertheless, for items that are in demand in Europe, the market is always open and offers vast opportunities", Alejandro Pastrana emphasized.

# Debunking the Basless Propaganda Against Top-Ranked Fauji Foundation

😂 Abdul Basit Alvi

n the intricate and multifaceted tapestry of Pakistan's national institutions, the Fauji Foundation emerges not merely as an organization but as a foundational and indispensable pillar of socio-economic stability, veteran welfare, and national development, a fact recently and resoundingly underscored by its premier ranking in the Economic Policy & Business Development Think Tank's (EPBD) meticulously researched inaugural Wealth Perception Index 2025. This comprehensive and authoritative index, released on the solemn occasion of the nation's 78th Independence Day. provided a meticulous and unprecedented compilation of Pakistan's top forty public and private sector conglomerates, offering for the very first time a detailed, data-driven panorama of the country's most influential and powerful economic entities, which included a forward-looking and ambitious list of prospective dollar-billionaire business groups, thereby mapping the contours of the nation's corporate future.

Regrettably, and quite predictably in the current polarized environment, this objective recognition of the Fauji Foundation's commercial success and economic contribution became an immediate catalyst for a wave of baseless propaganda, malicious misinformation, and orchestrated disinformation from certain politically motivated, ideologi-

within the country. These voices, operating without regard for factual accuracy, contextual understanding, or the overarching national interest, began peddling the absurd, inflammatory, and deeply damaging narrative that the Pakistan Army was somehow "looting" the money of the country and inappropriately running its own business empire for the benefit of a privileged few. This cynical, calculated, and dangerous distortion of reality is not only utterly false and fabricated but also represents a profound insult to the integrity of a revered national institution and to the sacred sacrifices of the veterans and martyrs it so faithfully serves.

It is, therefore, not just important but absolutely imperative for the informed citizenry to confront this propaganda with a thorough, detailed, evidencebased, and unassailable presentation of the facts, to illuminate the true nature, historical context, operational mechanics, and monumental contributions of the Fauji Foundation, thereby providing a definitive, comprehensive, and conclusive answer to these spurious, irresponsible, and damaging allegations that threaten to undermine a pillar of national welfare.

The moral imperative for such an foundation is unassailable and deeply rooted in both national and ethical imperatives. The welfare of veterans, their families, and the families of martyrs is a solemn, non-negotiable national duty. These individuals have made immense, ultimate cally driven, and ill-informed elements sacrifices for the sovereignty, territorial

integrity, and safety of Pakistan, often tors. Even leisure and lodging on bases enduring physical disabilities, psychological trauma, and hardships that last a lifetime and beyond. Comprehensive care for them is not charity; it is a moral, social, historical, and strategic obligation that strengthens national integrity, security, and the very moral fabric of the society. It reinforces the morale of serving soldiers, assuring them that they and their families will be cared for, and fosters a culture of honor, respect, and patriotism within society, reminding citizens of the cost of their freedom.

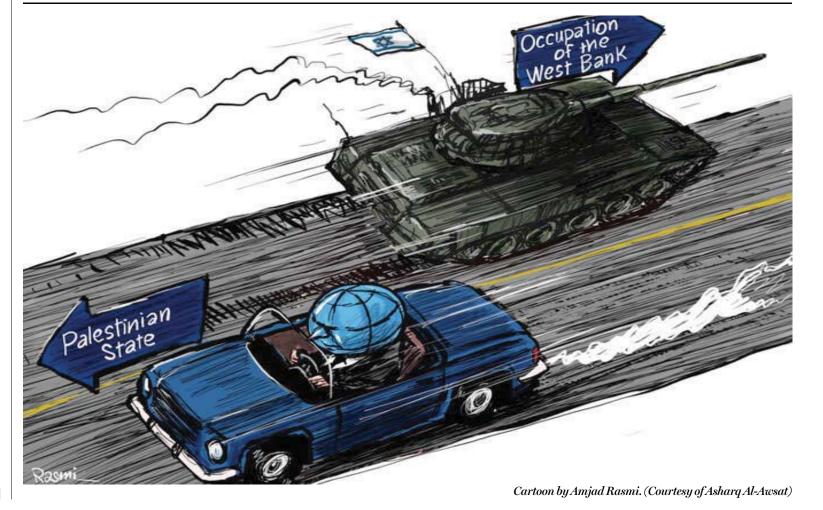
Furthermore, the model of military-associated commercial enterprises funding welfare is not unique to Pakistan; it is neither novel nor controversial but a successful and established global paradigm. In the United States, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) operates a massive global retail network akin to a Fortune 500 company, funneling 100% of its earnings-\$295 million in 2024 alone-back into  $morale, welfare, and \, recreation \, (MWR)$ programs for service members, entirely without taxpayer funding, supporting everything from gyms to libraries.

Similarly, the Navy Exchange Service Command runs over 300 stores on bases worldwide. The U.S. Army itself owns major industrial facilities like the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center (Lima Army Tank Plant) and the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, which are critical for defense readiness, technological innovation, and employment, owned by the government and operated by contrac-

are part of this ecosystem, with partnerships that support veteran welfare causes, such as the IHG Army Hotels partnership which has raised nearly half a million dollars for the Fisher House Foundation. Other examples, like the Army Recreation Machine Program's use of slot machines on overseas bases to fund MWR, though controversial, highlight the common theme of generating revenue for welfare through enterprise.

Therefore, the criticism directed at the Fauji Foundation is not only baseless and uninformed but also deliberately ignores this widespread and accepted global context. It is a singular example of institutional excellence, a self-sustaining engine that contributes massively to the national economy, provides immense social welfare, and honors the nation's defenders with dignity. To spread propaganda against such an institution is to actively oppose job creation, economic growth, national security, and the welfare of the very heroes who protect

The people of Pakistan, who directly and indirectly benefit from its vast services, rightly recognize its monumental role and strongly reject any unfounded allegations aimed at tarnishing its legacy of service. The Fauji Foundation remains a proud model of how strategic vision, operational integrity, and financial discipline can create a perpetual, self-funding force for national good, a testament to what Pakistan can



#### 'Lynching and Mob violence in Pakistan: A Threat to Stability and Progress'

been a persistent threat to Pakistan's stability and progress since its inception. This complex issue stems from various factors, including socio-political instability, religious extremism, and a lack of trust in the justice system. Understanding the root causes of this issue is crucial to exploring potential solutions and promoting a more peaceful and tolerant society.

Mob violence is a violent or emotional crowd that engages in unlawful and violent public disturbances. These disturbances often target people, property, or authority figures. Mob violence stems from socio-political factors, including illiteracy, religious prejudice, online hate speeches, and a lack of public trust in the justice system.

Khalil Rehman Gharshin Religious groups and political parties, such as Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP), and blasphemy laws also play a role in this issue. The consequences of mob violence and lynching are severe. They put sociopolitical development at high risk. This leads to brain drain and a lack of foreign investment, further exacerbating the country's problems.

To address this issue, Pakistan needs to take several steps. Firstly, it needs to repeal the misuse of blasphemy laws. This would help build trust in the justice system and reduce the likelihood

obviolence and lynching have of mob violence. Secondly, it needs to de-rad- and kindness, which enabled Islam to spread icalize society through education. This would help promote a culture of tolerance and respect for the law.

> Pakistan also needs to strengthen state institutions like the police. This would help maintain law and order and prevent mob violence. Finally, Pakistan needs to address underlying societal issues that fuel mob power. The country has had thousands of blasphemy accusations, resulting in at least 89 deaths due to mob violence.

The main causes behind lynching and mob violence in Pakistan are complex. They include religious prejudice against minorities. ignorance, hate speeches, the rise of extremist groups, and illiteracy. Another significant reason is the public's loss of faith in the justice system. This leads them to take matters into their own hands, often with devastating consequences.

The lack of knowledge about Islam and Prophet Muhammad's principles exacerbates these issues. With approximately 40% of Pakistanis being illiterate, there is a pressing need for education and awareness. Islam is a religion of peace, justice, reason, and forgiveness. However, in Pakistan, cases of blasphemy are often dealt with emotions and rage rather than conscience and reason.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is our role model. He demonstrated forgiveness, mercy,

globally. The Prophet's teachings and actions provide valuable lessons for us. For instance, when Abdullah bin Ubayy Sullool insulted the Prophet, he chose not to punish him. Instead, he asked him to retract his words and apologize.

This incident shows that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a peace-loving personality who preferred forgiveness over violence. This raises a crucial question: if Hazrat Muhammad PBUH is our role model, why do we resort to emotions, rage, and tyranny? If he forgave disbelievers who insulted him, why do we kill people who use bad language about our Prophet?

The government must take responsibility for educating the masses. It should teach them Islam and the Prophet's teachings in their true essence. It should also hold extremist groups accountable and forbid hate speeches and radicalization. More emphasis should be laid on Islam and the Prophet's teachings in school and university curricula. This would promote patience, kindness, and forgiveness.

Let's love the true spirit of Islam and the Prophet's teachings. We should not let our characters drive people to hate Islam. Our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a maker, not a destroyer. Let's play our role in strengthening Islam rather than abolishing it from the

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#### Floods Today, Scarcity Tomorrow

Ejaz Khan

flood just three years later, in 1950. Since then, floods have returned national calamity instead of a national asset. every two to three years, repeatedly causing destruction and economic loss. Despite decades of experience, the country has failed to develop long-term and permanent planning to

mitigate the damage. Pakistan's economy is primarily based on agriculture, and agriculture itself depends entirely on water. Yet, instead of treating water as a resource to be preserved, it has often been wasted. Headworks, bridges, and other infrastructure were prioritized for protection, while water management remained

The 2022 floods were a stark reminder. Vast tracts of agricultural land were destroyed, leading to direct economic losses and forcing thousands of families to abandon their homes. Livestock, crops, and livelihoods vanished overnight. But beyond short-term relief, no permanent planning was implemented to protect against future disasters.

Looking ahead to 2025, the situation remains dire. The floodwaters, estimated at 800,000 to 1,000,000 cusecs, are again threatening South Punjab and rural Sindh the same regions that have historically suffered the most. Had effective planning been in place, these waters could have been harnessed as a blessing for irrigation and future use, rather than a curse.

According to recent World Bank reports, Pakistan is heading toward severe water scarcity, a looming crisis that could cripple agricul-

akistan achieved independence ture and the economy. Ironically, while water in 1947 and faced its first major arrives in abundance during floods, the absence of reservoirs, dams, and canals turns it into a

> Administration at both provincial and district levels has consistently failed. In Punjab, for instance, local governments often present "all is well" reports, even in disaster zones like Gujrat, where the ground reality tells a

different story. Relief efforts are reduced to photo opportunities and temporary fixes, while systemic reforms are ignored.

The media, once considered a vital bridge between the government and the public, has also fallen short. Coverage often amplifies official statements rather than voicing the

neglected. This negligence continues even concerns of the affected communities. Meanwhile, international discourse highlights regional water disputes, yet domestic mismanagement remains largely underreported.

The solution lies in professional, forwardlooking water management. Modern nations are converting floodwaters into long-term benefits through reservoirs, canals, and advanced irrigation systems. Pakistan must do the same. Dams, water storage facilities, and canal networks are no longer optional-they are essential. With climate change intensifying floods, only permanent solutions can protect

lives, livelihoods, and the economy. If Pakistan fails to act decisively, the flood crisis of today will look no different in 2050 than it does now. The choice remains clear: either continue treating floods as a curse, or finally transform water into the blessing it was

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# China, Pakistan to strengthen cooperation under SCO: Chinese ambassador

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Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong stated on Tuesday that China and Pakistan will continue to enhance cooperation within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and jointly work towards global peace, stability, and development under the Global Governance Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping.

He was addressing a media briefing on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to China, the outcomes of the SCO Tianjin Summit, the Global Governance Initiative, and the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

isation to a grand conclusion and was a gathering of unity, friendship, and high-quality development. practical outcomes.

of state and government, including including the formulation of a 10-year Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and development strategy, upholding the 10 leaders of international organisa- outcomes of World War II, supporting through the SCO Interbank Consor-



the SCO membership to 27.

President Xi Jinping attended Ambassador Jiang said the SCO nearly 20 bilateral and multilat-Tianjin Summit, hosted by China, eral events, building consensus and brought the "China Year" of the organ- advancing cooperation, which has pushed the SCO into a new stage of

Jiang noted that the summit He said that more than 20 heads achieved wide-ranging outcomes, tions attended the summit, expanding the multilateral trading system, estab-

lishing four security centres, deciding to set up an SCO development bank, launching six cooperation platforms, and preparing six action plans for high-quality development.

He highlighted China's contributions, stating that President Xi Jinping announced 100 "small and beautiful" livelihood projects in member states, 2 billion yuan in aid this year, 10 billion yuan in loans tium in the next three years, and

10,000 training opportunities in the  $\,$  able global governance system and next five years.

"These practical measures fully demonstrate China's responsibility and commitment to promoting global development, exchange among civilisations, and human progress," Jiang

The ambassador praised Pakistan's active role at the summit. He said President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed Pakistan's firm commitment to regional cooperation and integration.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif praised the SCO as the platform that best reflects Pakistan's firm commitment to regional cooperation and integration and said that Pakistan will always stand side by side with China in the pursuit of peace, progress and prosperity," Jiang said.

Speaking about the Global Governance Initiative, Jiang said it is another important public good proposed by China following the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilisation

He said it injects strong momentum into building a more just and reason-

demonstrates the broad vision and responsibility of President Xi Jinping.

The ambassador explained that the initiative is based on five principles: sovereign equality as the prerequisite, international rule of law as the guarantee, multilateralism as the path, a people-centred approach as the orientation, and an action-oriented approach as the principle.

He added that Pakistan has expressed full support for the initi-

"Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif immediately stated that the Global Governance Initiative is of great significance to world peace, development, and stability, and is a historic step toward stronger multilateralism. Pakistan fully supports it and will actively implement it," Jiang said.

The envoy also referred to the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

He said the commemoration was meant to remember history, honour heroes, cherish peace, and create a better future.

Ambassador Jiang said that history must not be forgotten, as more than 35 million Chinese people sacrificed their lives during the war, making a major contribution to safeguarding human civilisation and world peace.

He stressed that remembering history is not to perpetuate hatred but to uphold peace.

The law of the jungle and the winner-takes-all approach are not the way for humanity. Hegemony cannot bring peace," he said.

He said that just as countries once united against fascism 80 years ago, today nations must come together to resist hegemonic practices and work for a brighter future for humanity.

The ambassador underlined that China's modernisation is rooted in peaceful development, and the country will remain a force for peace, stability, and progress.

"Both China and Pakistan suffered from the aggression, and both look forward to world peace and the happiness of the people. We stand ready to work with Pakistan to uphold international fairness and justice and promote the cause of peace and progress for humanity," he said.

# EU's Von der Leyen condemns Israel's "Starvation Warfare" and announces funding freeze

**№** News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomes Commission President Ursula von der Leyen today before the Europeweapon of war and the withholding of ing from the Gaza Strip and the extent of the destruction of infrastruc- the reconstruction of Gaza.

ture, and her rejection of annexation attempts through the strengthening of settlements and the statements of extremist ministers in the Netanyathe statements made by European hu government. She announced the Commission's intention to suspend bilateral financial support to Israan Parliament in Strasbourg, in which el and to demand that the Council of she expressed the European Union's Foreign Ministers impose sanctions rejection of the use of starvation as a on extremist ministers in the Netanyahu government, partially suspend Palestinian tax funds. She expressed the trade component of the Associaher shock at the painful scenes emerg- tion Treaty with Israel, and establish a donor group to support Palestine and

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs appreciates the statements made by the Commission President and calls on the European Union to assume its legal and political responsibilities to hold the occupying state accountable for the crimes it is committing against our people, which constitute a violation of the principles of international law and the principles of agreements between the occupying state and the EU. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also calls on the European Union to pressure the occupying state to halt its aggression, lift the blockade, and allow



aid to Gaza. It also calls on EU coun- State of Palestine to do so during the 2025.

unconditional delivery of humanitarian tries that have not yet recognized the peace conference on 22 September

#### 8th Provincial Steering Committee Meeting successfully convened in Quetta to review Rule of Law progress



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QUETTA: The European Union Delegation and United Nations Office the Rule of Law Roadmap in Quetta on on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in 10 September 2025. The Rule of Law UN Women. The project focuses on collaboration with the Government Roadmap of Balochistan is financial- improving institutional performance, cise confirming progress on Mid-Term

of Balochistan and rule of law stakeholders, convened the 8th Provincial Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of

ly supported by the European Union which fully funds the 10 million euro (Deliver Justice Project that is being implemented by UNODC, UNDP and reinforcing accountability mechanisms across the province.

Chaired by Mr. Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat, Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department, the meeting brought together representatives from European Union Delegation, provincial stakeholders, and development partners. Participants reviewed progress achieved since the last PSC meeting, and agreed on coordinated priorities to strengthen institutional capacity across the province for citi-

zen-centric justice delivery. Key achievements include the Government of Balochistan's decision to seek Cabinet approval of five Criminal Justice Acts that will modernize legal processes and strengthen accountability; the approval of the revised PC-I with a budget of PKR 632 million to operationalize rule of law reforms; and a recent stock take exer-

enhancing citizen access to justice, and Evaluation recommendations, while lights, including the operationalization underscoring the need for stronger of Smart Police Stations across Quetta, coordination, monitoring, and capacity building.

As the largest donor to Rule of Law reforms in Balochistan, the government appreciated the significant financial support from the European Union as a contribution towards stability, accountability, and good governance in Balochistan. Mr. Jeroen Willems, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan stated 'We have been partnering with the Balochistan authorities and judiciary to implement its Rule of Law Roadmap for the past 4 years and commend the progress made so far. We look forward to further deliverables in the coming 8 months, not least in areas to be addressed by the province under the GSP+ Scheme related to criminal justice, access to justice, child protection and human and gender rights'.

UNODC presented progress high-

Pishin, Loralai, Sibi, and Naseerabad. Participants appreciated how these reforms are improving public confidence in policing services.

Mr. Troels Vester, UNODC Country Representative in Pakistan, appreciated the support from the EU and continued commitment of the Government of Balochistan, underscoring UNODC's role as a trusted partner in advancing evidence-based reforms for strengthening the justice sector in Balochistan. In his closing remarks, Mr. Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat, ACS, Home Department, appreciated the European Union for its financial support and UNODC, UNDP, and UN Women for their technical expertise and complementary roles, while reaffirming the Government of Balochistan's commitment to strengthening the rule of law as a foundation for peace, justice, and development.

#### ISSI and Mishal host Seminar on "Civilian Protection in **Multidomain Conflicts**

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The India Study Centre (ISC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with Mishal Pakistan, hosted a Seminar, titled "Civilian Protection in Multidomain Conflicts: Legal and Humanitarian Perspectives on Operation Sindoor." Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, prominent International Law expert and Pakistan's former Minister of Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs, and Human Rights, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Speakers included Mr. Rehman Azhar, renowned journalist and Executive Director of Centre for Law and Security (CLAS); Dr. Marium Fatima, Assistant Professor, National Defense University (NDU); Mr. Muhammad Oves Anwar, Director, Research Society of International Law (RSIL); and Mr. Amir Jahangir, CEO, Mishal

as a pretext not only to launch completely unjustified and reckless military aggression on Pakistan, but also expected the world to accept its false narrative and bellicose intentions against Islamabad without providing even a shred of evidence. In contrast, the international community saw Pakistan's offer for a transparent, credible, and neutral international investigation into the matter as reasonable and a way to prevent serious threat to international peace and security.

In his remarks, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi presented a broad spectrum of international law and highlighted its interaction with political decision-making. He observed that while international law provides essential principles, political leaders at times prioritize their strategic preferences, which can overshadow legal imperatives.

Earlier, Dr. Khurram Abbas in his introductory remarks In his remarks, Ambassador noted that despite extensive Sohail Mahmood said that India analytical, academic, and media

used the recent Pahalgam attack reporting of the May 2025 crisis, due attention had not been paid to civilian casualties that the crisis inflicted. While the crisis has unveiled new dimensions of South Asia's strategic stability and conflict management capabilities of the global powers, legal and humanitarian costs of the conflict must not be overlooked. Mr. Amir Jahangir emphasized that academic and practitioner insights can lead to bilateral arrangement to prevent or minimize civilian sorrows in the course of any future conflict.

Dr. Talat Shabbir noted that the tragedy of Operation Sindoor has underscored the grim reality of how civilians often bear the brunt of military conflict in which the attacker is not caring about the civilian casualities on ground.

Mr. Oves Anwar underscored that, instead of pursuing justice, India exploits international law as a political weapon. He underlined that India's targeting of civilian populations and infrastructures, especially Mosques, is driven by



a 'Hindutva' and Islamophobic

Mr. Rehman Azhar, in his remarks, indicated that India tried to justify its aggression against Pakistan by the accusa-

tion that Islamabad did not take a new phenomenon. Even before sored terrorism in Khyber Pakhaction against non-state actors targeting India from its soil.

In her remarks, Dr. Marium Fatima said that civilians in Pakistan being targeted by India is not

'Operation Sindoor,' civilians were tunkhwa and Balochistan. subject to violence and human rights abuses by India not only Pakistan through its state-spon- BoG, ISSI.

The seminar concluded with vote of thanks by Ambassador in IIOJK but also in mainland Khalid Mahmood, Chairman

# PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
157,020.79	156,563.52		
Day's High	Day's Low		
157,479.42	156,079.52		
Index Value	Change		
36,144,196,606	+457.27		
Percentage	Time		
+0.29%	10 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index		
Index Value	Change		
9,225.39	-17.14		
Percentage	Time		
-0.19%	10 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1		
<b>USA: Dow Jones</b> I	Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
45,446.89	-264.45		
Percentage	Time		
-0.58%	10 Sept, 12:35 pm GMT-4		
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average		

Open Market	t Forex Rates

Change

Time

10 Sept, 3:45 pm

GMT+9

+378.38

**Index Value** 

43,837.67

**Percentage** 

+0.87%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.5	190.5
Bahrain Dinar	749.30	756.80
Canadian Dollar	204	209
China Yuan	39.36	39.76
Danish Krone	43.9	44.30
Euro	332	336
Hong Kong Dollar	36	36.35
Indian Rupee	3.13	3.22
Japanese Yen	1.89	1.99
Kuwaiti Dinar	916.90	925.90
Malaysian Ringgit	66.47	67.07
NewZealand \$	164.35	166.35
Norwegians Krone	27.97	28.27
Omani Riyal	733.90	741.40
Qatari Riyal	77.24	77.94
Saudi Riyal	75.40	76.15
Singapore Dollar	218.25	223.25
Swedish Korona	29.71	30.01
Swiss Franc	350.41	353.16
Thai Bhat	8.62	8.77
U.A.E Dirham	77.15	78
UK Pound Sterling	384	388
US Dollar	282.5	282.8

#### No Consultation, No Clarity — SITE Chief Slams over E-Invoicing Move

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Ahmed Azeem Alvi, President of the SITE Association of Industry, has voiced serious concerns over the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) abrupt roll-



out of the e-invoicing system, criticizing the lack of stakeholder engagement and absence of awareness initiatives prior to its implementation. He stated that the sudden enforcement of the system has led to widespread confusion and operational difficulties for taxpayers, many of whom are struggling to comply with the new requirements due to the system's technical complexities.

Appealing to the Minister of Finance, Muhammad Aurangzeb and Chairman FBR, Rashid Mahmood Langrial, Alvi urged the government to prioritize facilitation over regulation. He argued that reforms should aim to ease business processes rather than complicate them, and that success lies in aligning policy with practical realities. If the FBR works collaboratively with stakeholders and removes bureaucratic obstacles, he believes the system could gain acceptance and deliver the intended benefits.

# Ministry of Law & Justice and FPCCI ink cooperation accord

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Law and Justice and Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Law and Justice to promote cooperation in International Arbitration and Conciliation

According to the details, the ceremony was attended by Federal Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar, President FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh and others. President FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh and Project Director International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (IMAC) Ayesha Rasool signed the MoU.

According to the MoU, the Ministry of Law and Justice and achieving economic independence. FPCCI will cooperate in strengthand arbitration council to resolve have been certified.

mutual disputes between the business community.

President FPCCI Atif Ikram, said that the MoU between FPCCI and the Ministry of Law will prove to be a milestone in the promotion of the conciliation and mediation system. Under the agreement, we will work together to promote alternative dispute resolution systems in the business sector.

This MoU will also help in providing a conducive environment for economic development.

Federal Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar, said that economy and trade are linked to the development of a country. He said a strong economy guarantees the country's economic and defense stability and the business community has a key role in

Last year, the International Mediening the Arbitration and Concil- ation and Arbitration Council was iation Council system and also established and domestically, 600 introduce a system of conciliation mediation and conciliation councils



#### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain chairing a high-level meeting on the National Wheat Policy and Wheat Management Strategy 2025/26 on Wednesday.



#### **3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan Exhibition Opens** at Karachi Expo Centre

Commerce Desk

ISI AMABAD: 3P Plas Print Pack Pakistan-Pioneer and the Biggest Exhibition, for the plastic, printing, and packaging industries, opened today at the Karachi Expo Centre. Organized by Fakt Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd., the exhibition was inaugurated by Muhammad Yaseen Shar, Secretary of Industries, Government of Sindh, along with Saleem Khan Tanoli, CEO of Fakt Exhibitions.

At the opening ceremony, Muhammad Yaseen Shar praised Fakt Exhibitions industry leaders under one sustainability at the core.

roof. He said the exhibition not only highlights the latest machinery and technologies but also stresses the importance of responsible plastic use, sustainable packaging, and innovation to tackle climate change and environmental challenges.

Saleem Khan Tanoli added that the exhibition is an important platform for the industry to learn, connect, and grow. He emphasized that it encourages companies to adopt eco-friendly practices, circular economy models, and climate-smart solutions, helping businesses for bringing together global move forward while keeping

#### Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited Champions Mechanization at the Pakistan Agro Show 2025



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited (AGTL) marked its role as Platinum Sponsor of the 2nd Pakistan Agro Show 2025, underscoring its commitment to championing mechanization and supporting platforms that strengthen Pakistan's agriculture agenda.

The exhibition took place from September 8 to 10 at the International

Expo Center, Lahore. The Pakistan Agro Show has quickly become one of the country's most important agricultural exhibitions, bringing together industry leaders, experts, and farming communities to explore the latest innovations in agriculture, fertilizers, seeds, farm machinery, animal farming equipment, grain milling, and agri-processing technologies.

Speaking about Al-Ghazi's commitment to mechanization, Sakib Eltaff,

CEO of Al-Ghazi Tractors Limited, said, "Being the Platinum Sponsor isn't just about visibility for Al-Ghazi — it's about making sure platforms like the Agro Show exist and thrive. Pakistan's farmers and agri stakeholders need spaces where ideas, technologies, and solutions come together. By championing mechanization here, we're not only showcasing our tractors but also investing in the future of

#### **CCP** approves merger of European Dairy **Cooperatives**

S Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD, SEPTEM-BER 10: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved the merger of M/s. Milcobel CV with and into M/s. Zuivelcoöperatie Friesland Campina U. A. under a merger

agreement. Zuivelcoöperatie Friesland Campina U. A., a Dutch cooperative, collects milk from the Netherlands and Belgium and processes it into a wide range of dairy products. In Pakistan, it operates through its subsidiary, Friesland Campina Engro Pakistan Limited (FCEP), which manufactures and markets relevant market.

various dairy products. Milcobel CV, a Belgian

cooperative, is engaged in the same line of business and markets its milk powder products in Pakistan under the brand names 'Inco' and 'Binco' through business-to-business (B2B) arrangements.

The CCP's assessment identified the relevant market as "Dairy Products - Milk Powder" with the geographic scope confined to Pakistan. After reviewing the transaction, the Commission concluded that the merger would not result in the creation or strengthening of a dominant position in the

#### **Commonwealth Business Excellence Awards**

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Noman Azhar, Chief Officer of Zindigi-powered by JS Bank, has been recognized among the "Top 50 CEOs Under 50" at the Commonwealth Business Excellence Awards, held during the Commonwealth Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

CommonwealthBusiness Excellence Awards annually recognize organizations and individuals across

the Commonwealth for demonstrating global best-inclass performance, customer commitment, ethics, sustainability, and philanthropy.

Noman Azhar has been leading Zindigi, a digital banking experience launched in 2021 under JS Group, since its inception. Powered by an in-house technology stack designed under his leadership, Zindigi continues to rapidly grow as the platform of choice for Gen Z and millennials in Pakistan.



#### China Expo a gateway for Pakistan's global trade presence: President FPCCI

agriculture itself."

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Atif cials from both countries. Ikram Sheikh has said that CPEC Phase Two offers a rare opportunity to take Pakistan-China cooperation to new heights.

He was addressing a promotional event in Islamabad on Wednesday for the upcoming China International

Import Expo, organized by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC). The event was attended by business leaders, diplomats and offi-

Atif Ikram Sheikh highlighted that Pakistan and China have achieved remarkable progress in trade and economic collaboration, with Pakistan's imports to China increasingly shifting toward value-added goods. He

strong platform to showcase its brands globally and assured that the country's business community will ensure active participation.

The FPCCI president further noted that growing investment in agriculture, renewable energy, health and infrastructure sectors in Pakistan is a positive sign. However, he voiced concern over the security challenges faced by Chinese nationals in Pakistan, stressing said the Expo provides Pakistan with a that the issue needs urgent attention.

The event was also addressed by Yang Guangying, Trade Minister at the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, Zhao Bao, Deputy Director General of the China International Import Expo, and senior officials of ICBC.

Atif Ikram Sheikh reaffirmed FPCCI's commitment to ensuring strong representation of Pakistani businesses at the Expo, describing it as a key step toward deeper bilateral trade and investment ties.

# Meeting between FBR and representatives of OICCI and PPBC

Spokesman Report

Revenue (FBR) held a meeting with the and honest officers, wo are evaluated representatives of Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) and Pakistan Business Counmeeting was attended by representatives of prestigious businesses and their Rashid Mahmood, Chairman FBR.

Member Inland Revenue Operations, Dr. Hamid Ateeq Sarwar, gave a detailed tobacco, poultry, textile etc. presentation on the implementation of the Prime Minister in October 2024. Participants were shared the details of the comprehensive transforma- economic activity to filing of tax returns changes in the FBR focusing on three key areas, namely, people, technology and processes.

the capacity of the department by increasing the workforce, for example, around 1600 auditors are being hired in order to increase audit capacity of the institution. Similarly, newly inducted

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of are being made on the basis of integrity through Reward and Rating System and given a high powered incentive package.

The eminent business leaders were cil (PBC) to give them a holistic view of also apprised about the vision of the the transformation plan of FBR. The present government and leadership of FBR that reforms in 21st century need to be driven by technology. Therefore, representatives and was chaired by Mr. FBR has introduced digital production monitoring in key sectors, for example, sugar, fertilizer, cement, beverages,

The Transformation Plan is also FBR transformation plan approved by focusing on the integration of data sources and digitalization of processes which will make it possible to link tion plan which is bringing extensive enabling the department to reach to the tax evaders and plugging the tax gap. It will also make it possible to select taxpayers for audit through AI driven The reforms are focused on increasing risk parameters. Participants were informed that the interventions based on technology aim to make FBR more transparent and accountable.

The Participants were also given demos on the technology driven soluofficers will now be trained at prestig- tions in various sectors. They also ious universities in order to bring the commended the achievements of the and also expected that these reforms will

par with best corporate organizations. successfully increased FBR tax-to-GDP Additionally, important appointments ratio from 8.8% in 2023-24 to 10.24% in 2024-25. The initiative of Faceless Customs Appraisement, which is still in its initial phase, has been able to improve revenue per GD by 17.3%. Similarly, these reforms have been able to increase overall efficiency of Customs operations at various ports resulting in reduction of dwell time and demurrages paid by the importers. Participants were also explained that FBR has increased the tax revenue by strengthening tax enforcement and during 2024-25 the revenue generated by enforcement has increased eight times as compared to the last year.

> The Chairman also highlighted that the department is focusing on the facilitation of the taxpayers and a Facilitation Division has been established at LTO Karachi where the senior officers will be personally attending the taxpayers to resolve their issues. Chairman also suggested that a committee be constituted comprising of representatives of PBC, OICCI and FBR to resolve the issues of valuation ruling and other related matters.

Participants appreciated the pace and achievements of ongoing FBR reforms human resources of this department at ongoing transformation plan which has reduce the tax burden on the compliant



taxpayers with simultaneous broadening the tax net.

In the end Chairman FBR thanked the business representatives from across there will be more such occasions in tice will continue in future.

the country and also highlighted the future. The representatives of the PBC importance of such interaction of FBR and OICCI also appreciated FBR on with the stakeholders and hoped that this initiative and hoped that this prac-

#### **BingX Launches AI Master, the World-**First AI Crypto Trading Strategist

News Desk

PANAMA CITY: BingX, a leading cryptocurrency exchange and Web3 AI By combining the strategies to redefine accessibility and company, today announced the launch of BingX AI with advanced AI optimiza- experiences in digital asset Master, the world's first tion, BingX empowers both trading—building the first AI-powered crypto trading beginners and experienced truly All-in-AI exchange." strategist and the newest traders to engage with the addition to the BingX AI market more confidently and suite of tools. This new AI effectively. product marks a major step forward in BingX's vision to just a trading tool—it's a first, setting a new bench- and confidence to every

BingX AI Master redefines the trading journey by we are proving that intelli-

guiding users end-to-end, gent trading can be acces- additional prizes available from sparking ideas to simplifying execution and reviewing professionals. This launch results with full transparency. of five top digital investors create unprecedented user

Lin, Chief Product Officer at BingX. "With AI Master,

sible to all, not just seasoned embodies BingX's mission

To celebrate the launch of BingX AI Master, BingX is introducing a head-to-head "BingX AI Master is not trading competition with a 3,000,000 USDT prize pool. make trading more intelli-trading strategist designed For the first time, users can the milestone release of gent, accessible, and user- to bring clarity, discipline, battle directly against BingX AI Master, adding competimark for innovation in digi- user's journey," said Vivien tive energy and interactive gameplay to the platform. Users can simply sign up to start earning rewards, with trading.

from task-based lucky draws, trading volume contests, and the AI Iv1 Arena.

With the debut of BingX AI Master, BingX continues to expand its suite of AI intelligence products, strengthening its position as the first exchange to fully embed AI across the trading experience. Looking ahead, BingX will further advance its AI product portfolio following BingX AI Master and BingX AI Bingo, combining cutting-edge intelligence with a user-first philosophy to shape the future of global



Ambassador of Pakistan to European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg H. E Rahim Hayat Qureshi met with Ambassador William Asselborn, Director for Asia & Oceania at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium.

#### AlHuda CIBE Announces the 7th Global Takaful & Re-Takaful Forum 2025 in Dubai, UAE

Takaful: Paving the Path to a Sustainable Financial Future

**Spokesman Report** 

DUBAI - UAE: AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE) proudly announces the organization of the 7th Global Takaful & Re-Takaful Forum 2025, which will take place on October 21, 2025. at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Dubai, UAE, followed by a comprehensive two-day post-event workshop from October 22 to 23, 2025. This year's theme, "Takaful: Paving the Path to a Sustainable Financial Future", reflects the growing importance of Islamic insurance as a driver of inclusive finance and sustainable economic growth. Building on the legacy of six successful editions, the 7th Forum promises to bring together key stakeholders from around the world to shape the future of the Takaful and

Re-Takaful industry.

Since its inception, the Global Takaful Forum has stood as a premier platform for dialogue and collaboration in the Islamic insurance industry. It has played a pivotal role in driving innovation, knowledge-sharing, and regulatory development while connecting global practitioners, policymakers, regulators, investors, and Shariah scholars. The 2025 edition will continue this legacy by focusing on the prospects of the Takaful industry, the challenges hindering its rapid growth, and the vast opportunities it offers for financial inclusion. Takaful is emerging as a vital component of the Islamic finance ecosystem and is increasingly extending its reach to non-Muslim communities, positioning itself as financial protection and social devel-

The Forum is designed to provide participants with in-depth knowledge of global and regional Takaful markets, addressing growth trajectories, regulatory frameworks, the as a premier networking platform, cial inclusion, empower communi-



role of Shariah governance, and the impact of InsurTech and digital transformation. Delegates will have opportunities to explore collaborations across retail and corporate banking, SMEs, treasury, asset management, and microfinance, with special emphasis on micro-Takaful as an effective tool for poverty alleviation and social inclusion. Following the one-day Forum on October 21, a two-day workshop will equip practitioners with technical expertise in operational frameworks, fund management, risk pooling, claims handling, and Shariah compliance. It will also highlight product innovation for underserved communities and the role of technology and artificial intelligence in reshaping distribution, claims, and customer engagement, while a universal solution for expanding exploring how micro-Takaful can be integrated into national financial systems in collaboration with governments, NGOs, and commu-

nity organizations. The 7th Global Takaful & Re-Takaful Forum will also serve movement to strengthen finan-

offering unparalleled opportunities for industry leaders, regulators, policymakers, Shariah experts, researchers, and investors to engage with one another and explore collaborative ventures. It is expected to attract senior executives of Takaful and insurance companies, financial consultants, brokers, asset managers, government representatives, academics, and philanthropists who are committed to advancing the growth of Islamic insurance.

Speaking about the event, Mr. Zubair Mughal, Chief Executive Officer of AlHuda CIBE, said: "We are proud to continue the legacy of the Global Takaful Forum, which has become a global voice for Islamic insurance. The 7th edition in Dubai comes at a time when the Takaful industry is gaining greater recognition not only in Muslim-majority countries but also in international markets where the principles of risk-sharing and ethical finance resonate widely. This forum is more than a conference—it is a

ties, and pave the path for a sustainable financial future. Through this event, we aim to equip stakeholders with knowledge, innovation, and collaborative strategies that will accelerate the growth of Takaful and Re-Takaful

The event also offers tailored sponsorship and branding opportunities for organizations wishing to position themselves at the forefront of the global Takaful industry. Sponsorship packages have been designed to maximize visibility and recognition through pre- and post-event media coverage, logo placement across event collaterals, speaking opportunities, and access to high-level networking. By aligning with the Forum, sponsors and partners will demon-

strate their commitment to shaping the future of the Takaful and Re-Takaful industry while gaining access to decision-makers and thought leaders across the global

Islamic finance spectrum. The event is hosted by AlHuda CIBE, which has been working since 2005 to promote Islamic banking and finance globally through its services in advisory, consultancy, capacity building, Shariah advisory, publications, and international events. With its presence in over 104 countries and a dedicated Takaful consultancy wing, AlHuda CIBE continues to lead efforts in shaping the future of Islamic finance and insurance.

The 7th Global Takaful & Re-Takaful Forum 2025 is expected to be a landmark event that will further solidify Dubai's reputation as a global hub for Islamic finance while advancing the mission of Takaful as a tool for financial inclusion, ethical growth, and sustainable development. For registration, sponsorship, or media inquiries, please contact: info@alhudacibe.com | Website: www.alhudacibe.com/gtrtf2025

### Punjab's sports infrastructure being improved as per modern day requirements: minister

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Sports Department has been taking effective measures for the promotion of sports culture in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. The sports infrastructure in Punjab province is also being improved as per modern day

requirements. Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar shared these thoughts while talking to a delegation of Pakistan Padel Federation (PPF) at the National Hockey Stadium on Wednesday.

Barrister Bilal Ashraf, Fahad Bakhsh Alaya and SBP Vice-Chairman Malik Suleman were the part of delegation.



delegation requested the provincial minister for the approval of Punjab Padel Tennis Association upon which the minister directed the officers concerned for the quick approval of Punjab Padel Tennis Association.

Faisal Khokhar said that the game of padel tennis will be included in the Khelta ities created discipline and modern padel tennis courts younger generation".

During the meeting, the will be established in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Multan.

He said that the game of padel tennis is getting immense popularity among the younger generation. "Sports events played a vital role in bringing young people towards healthy and positive activities and regular participation in sports activ-Punjab Pink Games and teamwork among the

#### PM Shehbaz announces establishment of 'Asan Khidmat Markaz'

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He further emphasized that all appointments for the center will be made on merit and through transparent procedures. The prime minister also instructed officials to integrate the proposed Business Facilitation Center with the Asan Khidmat Markaz. ensuring seamless access to both citizens and entrepreneurs.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the initiative would also advance the government's cashless economy policy and serve as a model to be expanded from Islamabad

to other cities across the country. Expressing gratitude to Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and the Azerbaijani government, the prime minister present.

acknowledged their "expert guidance and technical support" for the project, which he said would further strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries. During the meeting, a formal agree-

ment was also signed between SAPSSI and Pakistan's Ministry of IT and Telecom for the establishment of the Asan Khidmat Markaz in Islamabad.

Senior cabinet members including Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Minister for Housing Riaz Pirzada, Minister for Information Attaullah Tarar, and Minister for IT and Telecom Shaza Fatima were also

# The Spokesman



# **Bahrain Interior Minister** calls on PM Shehbaz to discuss bilateral cooperation

#### Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday emphasized that Pakistan was keen to enhance cooperation with of time. He noted that nearly Bahrain in various sectors, 120,000 Pakistanis resided in Pakistan was committed to in Islamabad. including trade.

During a meeting with Interior Minister of Bahrain General Rashid Bin Abdullah stan was offering fast-track

minister said that Pakistan nesspersons. and Bahrain shared deep fraternal ties that continue to strengthen with the passage Bahrain and contribute to the

development of both countries. He mentioned that Paki-

Al Khalifa who called him at visa processing facilities for Special Investment Facilitation the PM House, the prime Bahraini investors and busi-

> He expressed Pakistan's desire for Bahrain to invest in various sectors within the country, highlighting that at the National Police Academy providing maximum facilitation to foreign investors and

business entities. In this regard, he said, the welcome and hospitality meeting.

Council was playing a promi-Pakistan.

Deputy Prime Minister and The prime minister also Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Tariq Fatemi, and other senior government offi-

extended during his visit to

minister for the warm cials were also present at the

#### Pak-Türkiye Joint Ministerial Commission aims at enhancing bilateral ties: FO

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Foreign Office has said that Turkish Minister of National Defence Yaşar Güler visited Pakistan on 8-10 September 2025 to lead the Turkish delegation for the 16th Session of the Pakistan-Türkiye Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC).

FO spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan said that Turkish Minister Güler called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and held meetings with Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir during his 3 day visit.

During the call on Prime the two sides shared their deepen the bilateral coop-



Minister Shehbaz Sharif, commitment to further

erly countries in all areas of mutual interest.

nent role.

offered training opportunities

for Bahraini police personnel

The Interior Minister of

Bahrain thanked the prime

The Prime Minister under-IT, agriculture, energy, education, and cultural exchanges. Minister Khawaja Asif and ture, media, and tourism. Filed Marshal Syed Asim Munir, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further of wide range of bilateral strengthen the strategic and collaboration between the defence cooperation.

co-chaired by Pakistan's forming their fraternal ties Commerce Minister Jam into a multifaceted partner-Kamal Khan and Minister ship.

eration between the broth- Güler. The meeting provided an opportunity to follow-up on agenda of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council scored the importance of (HLSCC). Key outcomes of enhancing cooperation in the meeting focused on trade and investment, joint strengthening cooperation in research and development, trade, investment, pharmaceuticals, information technology, e-commerce, connec-During the meetings of tivity and transport, energy, Minister Güler with Defence education, mining, agricul-

The visit provided an opportunity to take a stock two countries. Both sides The 16th JMC was remain committed to trans-

> further support domestic commerce and expand

> external trade opportu-

Sharing recent devel-

opments, Aurangzeb

informed the delegation

about the tariff negoti-

ations with the United States, which present

significant opportunities

for Pakistani exporters

due to emerging regional

He encouraged PBC

and similar representative

bodies to take the lead in

initiating targeted busi-

ness-to-business engagements, for enhancing

bilateral trade and invest-

The Minister also high-

competitive advantages.

### Finance Minister reaffirms government's support for business, investment growth

**Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Wednesday reaffirmed to business community of the government's commitment to maintaining economic stability and upgrading infrastructure to boost trade and promote investment growth.

The minister was talking to a delegation of the Pakistan Business Council (PBC), led by Chief Executive Officer, Javed Kureishi and Chairperson Dr. Zeelaf Munir, that called him, according

Aurangzeb briefed the PBC leadership on the current state of the economy, noting that macroeconomic indicators laying the foundation for long-term

were moving in the right direction. He underlined that the govern-

to press release issued by finance ment's reform agenda—including State- economic stability, highlighting the lighted the outcomes of the Prime Owned Enterprise reforms, the privatization program, and efforts to right-size the public sector—was progressing well,

He emphasized the importance of

exchange rate and policy rate stability and the expectations of these trends to

port, road, and rail infrastructure to level of private sector representation.

He added that the government fully

included high-level strategic dialogues, continue to ensure long-term stability. robust business-to-business interactions, the formation of specialized recognizes the importance of upgrading working groups, and an unprecedented

Minister's recent visit to China, which

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# Pakistan values its brotherly ties with Bahrain: President



#### B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has said Pakistan greatly values its brotherly ties with Bahrain, which are rooted in history, shared faith, and close people-to-people bonds.

He was speaking to Minister for Interior of Bahrain, General Sheikh Rashid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, who called on him in Islamabad today.

The President appreciated the existing cooperation between the two countries, including the visa abolition agreement for diplomatic and official passport holders. He expressed hope for enhanced collaboration in security, immigration, counterterrorism, and narcotics

Asif Ali Zardari said over one-huncountries. He also emphasised the need for modernising visa systems building.

and exploring digital solutions to facilitate Pakistani professionals and workers in Bahrain.

The President reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to deepening its partnership with Bahrain and invited officials from Bahrain's Ministry of Interior to visit Islamabad for further exchanges and cooperation.

General Sheikh Rashid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa conveyed the warm greetings of the leadership and people of Bahrain to President Asif Ali Zardari.

He reaffirmed Bahrain's strong commitment to further strengthening its fraternal relations with Pakistan, and appreciated the valuable contributions of the Pakistani community in Bahrain's develop-

Bahrain's Interior Minister dred and twenty thousand Pakistanis expressed his country's desire to are living and working in Bahrain, expand cooperation with Pakistan contributing to the prosperity of both in diverse fields, particularly in security, counterterrorism, and capacity

#### **JUI-F** says PPP, JI to blame for Karachi's post-rains condition



Bureau Report

KARACHI: Commenting on the destruction caused by recent rains in Karachi, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) spokesman Aslam Ghori said on Wednesday that the tug of war between the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) had left the port city completely drenched.

The spokesman said that right now the people of the city were going through a lot of agony and pain. "But

statements and photo sessions only." He was of the view that Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab had proved

to be the worst mayor of this century. "Not only had the LB representatives let the people of the city down, but also the Sindh government," Ghori said, and added, "PPP and the JI leaders, on the other hand, are trying to sweep under the carpet their mistakes and failures by holding each other responsible for the mess."

"However, they cannot hide their the local bodies' (LBs) office-bearers incompetence through the blame have restricted themselves to giving game," he added.

#### **Committee formed** for building narrative against terrorism, extremism

**№** News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Wednesday notified the constitution of NPAC, a committee for building a national narrative. The committee, headed by the minister for information and broadcasting, will build a narrative at the national level against extremism, terrorism, sectarianism and provocative speeches.

Religious scholars, belonging to different schools of thought as well as representatives of minority

communities, will be its members. Its members will be Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, Mufti Abdur Rahim, Muhammad Hussain Akbar, Dr.



Naeemi, Maulana Tahir Mehmood Ashraf, Maulana Tayyab Panj Peeri and Allama Ziaullah Shah Bukhari.

From minorities, Bishop Azad Marshal, Rajesh Kumar Hardasani and Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora.

The committee, at its first Allama Arif Hussain Wahidi, meeting, will devise detailed rules, Pir Naqeebur Rehman, Allama which will then be submitted to the National Committee on Narrative Muhammad Raghib Hussain Building for its approval.