

Balochistan cabinet bans hate material

The Balochistan cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti, on Friday approved a series of major initiatives, including a province-wide ban on the publication of hate material, establishment of an endowment fund for minorities, and the province's first transgender policy



India not a democratic country: Former PM AJK

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Groundbreaking

RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif unveils the ground breaking plaque of T-Chowk Flyover on Friday.



PM Shehbaz, Interior Minister Naqvi inaugurate T-Chowk Flyover ground work

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif along with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi inaugurated the stone laying ceremony of T-Chowk Flyover in ing the ceremony, PM Shehbaz and CDA for the T-Chowk Mohsin Naqvi and Hanif Abbasi

di and surrounding areas as one kilometer flyover will facilitate access to expressway Islamabad and other routs.

Islamabad on Friday. Address- efforts of the Interior Minister in 2027. The Prime Minister said said T-Chowk Islamabad flyoproject. However, PM made it were working on a new project to ago. Naqvi said the residents tained at all cost.

for the residents of Rawalpin- compromise on quality in the completion of development projects.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also announced that Paki-The Prime Minister lauded the stan will host the SCO Summit Mohsin Naqvi addressing the

The proposed rail car project will provide more convenience to the residents of the twin cities, said the Prime Minister.

Federal Interior Minister ceremony said the expressway

ver will prove to be a milestone clear that there should be no facilitate travel in the twin cities. of Rawalpindi and Islamabad will benefit from the T-Chowk

> He said expressway was designed in such a way that not a single inch of land had to be purchased. Mohsin Naqvi said all targets will be completed on was completed a few months time and quality will be main-

US, UK deliver more flood relief aid to Pakistan

跨 City Desk

Department has sent flood relief aid to Pakistan for the millions of affectess uprooted by the devastating floods.

In a post uploaded on US this time of crisis. Embassy's X account, Acting US Ambassador to Pakistan Natalie Baker said: "Our hearts go out to the millions of Paki-

ered last weekend by the US mili- ering food, shelter, and other tary, the US Department of State ISLAMABAD: The US State is delivering food, shelter, and other forms of lifesaving disaster relief to impacted communities across Pakistan. We stand with the people of Pakistan during

Our hearts go out to the millions of Pakistanis whose lives have been uprooted by the devastating flooding across stanis whose lives have been the country. In addition to the uprooted by the devastating supplies delivered last weekend flooding across the country. In by the U. S. military, the U. S. addition to the supplies deliv- Department of State is deliv-

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British High Commissioner Jane Marriott called on Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq in Islamabad on Friday and expressed her country's solidarity with Pakistan amidst the ongoing floods.

On behalf of her country, the British High Commissioner announced three million pounds in emergency aid and additional humanitarian aid.

Ishaq Dar thanked Britain for its timely support and solidarity.



Audit Exposes Rs 210 Million | Govt seeks IMF nod for Payroll Scam at Pakistan's Flag Carrier's London Office

B Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: Auditor General of Pakistan has uncovered financial irregularities worth more than Rs 210 million in the national flag carrier.

According to the audit report, 35 employees remained stationed at the airline's London office for five years, despite the suspension of all flight operations to the United Kingdom. During this period, no flights or operational activities took place, yet salaries continued to be disbursed, inflicting a loss of over Rs 210 million on

the national exchequer. The report stated that the matter was airline declined to respond.

highlighted to the airline's management in September 2024, but no response was received. Despite multiple reminders, the administration failed to convene a Departmental Accounts Committee (DAC)

meeting to deliberate on the issue. The Auditor General stressed that under the 2013 Rules, it was the responsibility of the board to ensure decisions were made in the company's best interest. The report recommended immediate investigations into the matter and the identification of

those responsible. When approached for comment on the audit findings, the spokesperson of the

municipal tax to fund Jinnah Medical Complex

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The government has requested the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) approval to impose a new municipal tax aimed at financing the Rs213 billion Jinnah Medical Complex in Islamabad.

The project is facing hurdles due to IMF's condition of raising funds within three years.

The Fund has sought further details, with its review mission scheduled to 25 to October 8.

To address the funding challenge, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) has set up a committee and is weighing the release of Rs30 billion from the emergency budget as an alternative. The Finance Ministry has also proposed municipal taxation as a resource-generation measure.

Planned for completion by mid-2028, the Jinnah Medical Complex will house 1,000 beds and state-of-the-art facilities. An initial Rs3.5 billion has been remain in Islamabad from September allocated for company formation and recruitment.

Field Marshal Asim Munir, services chiefs pay homage to Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The 60th martvrdom anniversary of Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider was observed today with deep respect and gratitude. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, along with the Services Chiefs and the Armed Forces paid rich tribute to the national hero who laid down his life defending the homeland in the 1965 war.

Major Aziz Bhatti valiantly defended the Barki sector near Lahore for five consecutive days, displaying unwavering determi-

nation and exemplary leadership that successfully thwarted enemy advances.

ISPR stated that this devotion to duty remains a guiding torch for the nation and the Armed Forces.

"Major Aziz Bhatti's supreme sacrifice and acts of bravery will always be remembered", ISPR said, adding that his courage continues to inspire generations with the spirit of sacrifice.

The Armed Forces saluted Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed and reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to defending the country, while also paying tribute to the families of martyrs for their resilience and sacrifices.

Bilawal Bhutto urges govt to seek urgent international aid for flood victims

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has called on the federal government to immediately appeal for international assistance to support flood victims across the country.

In a message posted on social media platform X, Bilawal welcomed the federal government's decision to declare a climate and agricultural emergency following the PPP's demand.

However, he expressed disappointment that no relief package had yet been announced under the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) for flood-hit districts of Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and especially South Punjab.



There is no excuse to cut of the millions affected from this assistance. We demand the government initiate this process immediately.

He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif personally assured him that flood victims would receive relief through BISP, but the commitment remains unfulfilled.

He criticised the federal government's delay in making an international appeal through the United Nations system, terming it "incomprehensible."

Singapore Govt pledges \$50,000 to support flood-hit Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Singapore on Friday pledged a seed money of USD 50,000 in humanitarian assistance for the people of Pakistan, affected by devastating floods. "The Singapore Government will contribute US\$ 50,000 as seed money to support the Singapore Red Cross (SRC)'s public fundraising efforts towards the humanitarian crisis, caused by floods in Pakistan," Singapore Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The contribution by the Singapore Government will supplement the SRC's pledge of S\$50,000 to support the immediate needs of affected communities, it added. The Singapore foreign ministry also conveyed deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the floods. Pakistan Embassy in Singa-

pore said in a statement that the contribution by the Singapore government reflected Singapore's solidarity with the people of Pakistan during this difficult It will support ongoing

relief and recovery efforts to

assist families and communities impacted by the floods, according to a press release by Pakistan embassy in Singapore. The Singapore Red Cross launched its fund-raising appeal last week to support those in Pakistan impacted by the mid-August monsoon

Youth need honest leadership in the form of Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: Youth Wing

RAWALPINDI: The Youth Wing of the Awaam Pakistan Party held a meeting at the Rawalpindi Secretariat with Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Chaudhry Inaam Zafar, Usman Abbasi, and others. A large number of young individuals who had left the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) joined the Youth Wing, expressing complete confidence in Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and the party leadership.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, the Central Convener of Awaam Pakistan Party and former Prime Minister of Pakistan, said I am thankful to all of you for aligning with the vision of Awaam Pakistan. I no longer crave positions — even during my time in PML-N. In 1999, I was falsely accused of hijacking a plane. Only a few stood by the PML-N then — I was among them. I did not leave PML-N; PML-N left me. The party's behavior has changed. Those who were with him. My thinking is aligned with once PML-N's opponents are now in his: those who chase positions are not



power with them.

Chaudhry Inaam Zafar said that The Rawalpindi Secretariat, including Murree and Kahuta, belongs to the youth and workers of the entire country. I acknowledge Shahid Khaqan Abbasi's political wisdom — that's why I stand

true well-wishers of the party.

Hafiz Usman Abbasi praised Chaudhry Inaam Zafar and his team's selfless efforts in flood-affected areas, saying, "I've been in politics for 41 years, and I proudly say our people are polit-

Representatives of the Awaam Pakistan Youth Wing Murree, including Abbasi. The youth stand with him."

Youth Convener Naggash Ahmed Abbasi, General Secretary Sajid Satti, Coordination Secretary Bilal Abbasi, Information Secretary Faisal Abbasi, and others said "By the end of October, a Nazim will be appointed in every union council. We need honest leadership in the form of Shahid Khaqan

Inaugura<u>tion</u>

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Information and Broadcasting Ambreen Jan along with others cut the ribbon to inaugurate the calligraphic Exhibition and Milad at Pakistan China Friendship center in Federal Capital.



Governor KP condoles with Sanjrani over father's demise

ISLAMABAD: Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Friday visited the residence of former Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani to offer condolences over the demise of his father.

The Governor prayed for the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to bereaved family members to bear this irreparable

Kotli District Excels in Landmark Adolescent Health and Nutrition Project



跨 Bureau Report

KOTLI: A midline review workshop for the SOPRAN project was held with the participation of high-ranking officials from the District Health, Education, Food, and BISP departments in Kotli.

The primary objective of the workshop was to conduct a detailed analysis of the project's mid-term review results and to develop a concrete plan of action for the phases leading up to March 26.

The SOPRAN project, which focuses on empowering adolescents and combating malnutrition, has achieved significant successes in Kotli district. Integrated efforts are underway under the project to promote youth health, education, and overall well-being.

During the workshop, District Health Officer Syed Shafqat Shah highlighted the positive results achieved in the health sector. District Education Officers Syed Jamshed Ahmed Bukhari and Saeeda And aleeb shared their insights on the educational aspects, while Deputy DEO Hamza Ali Syed and Sardar Idrees Khan presented key suggestions regarding female education.

A detailed briefing on food and nutrition aspects was given by District Food Officer Manwar Chohan and the Assistant Director of Nutrition. Representatives from BISP, Liaqat and Syed Mujtaba, discussed potential avenues for collaboration with social protection programs.

Miscreants Spread Sensitive Installation Alerts on Social Media, Authorities Condemn

Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: It is extremely irresponsible, shameful and despicable that some miscreants are making the threat alerts issued for the protection of sensitive installations in Azad Jammu and Kashmir viral on social media to promote their nefarious objectives. A press release issued by the Spokesperson of the Home Department of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir State has said that in the context of the current security situation in the country, there are threats of targeting sensitive installations/individuals in Azad Jammu and Kashmir by the agencies of the enemy country. In this regard, threat alerts are issued by various institutions to the institutions responsible for the protection of these sensitive installations and these alerts are addressed only to those individuals and institutions for whom they are responsible.

The purpose of these threat alerts is not to put the lives of the common man in difficulty but only to protect sensitive installations. The threat alerts issued for the protection of sensitive installations are being made viral on social media by some miscreants to promote their agendas, which is a highly irresponsible and frivolous act that

An outline of the administrative and parliamentary introduction of the Sindh Assembly

state in the early days and this parliament of that independent state played the role of a mother for the Pakistani state. Sindh and Hind also have a separate history. That article will be written again sometime, but our topic today is the current administrative role of the Sindh Assembly. It would not be wrong to say that Muhammad Khan Rind is the current admin-

attempt will be made to give a suitable answer in istrative settings they have been serving till now, accordance with the above topic, because in today's social media era, people have become accustomed to reading short, meaningful and quick news or information. The writer will try to present any news, story and story in his own spirit and style, so that the reader gets complete and quick information. But in today's era of technology and information, people are not accustomed to length. That length only helps these social media users to get better information. I don't like it, the rest of them will sit and play all night long, hours will pass by, and they won't even realize how time has passed.

However, today we will return to the topic we have taken so that the reader does not get upset by the letter, in the words of a poet friend (God forbid a friend should do this)in. Well, let's move on. So, the parliamentary and administrative introduction of the Sindh Assembly. Even in the early days of the early periods for Sindh, when we turn over the pages of history, we learn that Sindh is shaking but not sinking... From the observational words of Sain Abdul Rahim Girhorri to Sain Qaim Ali Shah's recent statement that he was the Chief Minister and said that there was a flood, and we were worried, the review of the dams, the concern of the Sukkur Barrage and on top of that, the media, including the public and politicians, made shocking stories that there was a big flood. We made a trip to the river as a review. Wherever the river goes, there we are, and so this journey was with the river and us, and in the end we heard that the dam had broken.... So there was a flood, the river was the king, and we and the people with us...

Even now, in the administrative and parliamen-

istrative and political history in its that something is happening instead of nothing. historical background. In this long
It would not be wrong to call Muhammad Khan journey, Sindh was an independent Rind the administrative dynamic role of the Sindh

Assembly. If we look from the top to the bottom, it would not be an exaggeration to call Muhammad Khan Rind the best of the best but the best administrative administrator among these roles. Yes, in terms of administration, the boss is always the boss... Boss is always Boss.

The current one and a half

Rehmatullah Buriro administrative roles who should istrative role of this parliamentary secretariat. An be on retirement now but in technical and adminwhose issue has been challenged in administrative and government institutions, but the issue is still a victim of some pending issue, which will be

This issue of power struggle in bureaucracy is going on everywhere, but again this 15-year tenure of the assembly has its own history. Which will be explained in some detail later. This Senior Special Secretary of the Sindh Assembly, Muhammad Khan Rind, is currently the Secretary of the Public Accounts Committee, a committee consisting of the current parliamentary members in the Sindh Assembly. Mr. Rind cannot be compared to others. Mr Rind, nor can he be compared to the former Secretary of the Sindh Assembly, Sain Jamal ul ddin Abro. Despite this, the administrative vision and what is called a bureaucratic vision in this administrative role cannot be called an exaggeration. Yes, the Boss is always Boss..

His impressive official period, which was also the period of Agha Siraj Durrani's speakership. Except for a few months of administrative disruption. In this way, his few years of administrative period were. Perhaps At that time, Agha Siraj

he Sindh Assembly has a long journey of parliamentary, admindo some work as if this work is also a big task, so speaker like Agha Siraj Durrani.

many administrative and judicial matters with a speaker like Agha Siraj Durrani.

Mr. Rind is handling the administrative responsibilities of the Public Accounts Committee day and bilities of the Public Accounts Committee day and night in a good manner. In the reports received till today, an estimated Rs. 20 billion has also been recovered in the audits and inquiries of administrative irregularities committed during the chairmanship of senior parliamentary politician and assembly member Nisar Ahmed Khuhro within a year. This credit goes to the Administrative Secretary PAC Mr. Rind, who has administrative activities. If anyone learns how to handle correspondence and administrative arrangements in a good manner in today's assembly secretariat, then no better administrative model will be found anywhere than Mr Muhammad Khan Rind. Whether it is Senior Admin Mr Muhammad Habib Samejo, who has been DDO for thirteen years and Syed Hassan Shah, who is currently in another administrative role. The Boss is always

> The administrative role of the Sindh Assembly for 30 years And the parliamentary record shows that the administrative activity of the PAC has not been ahead of the current record, but it would not be wrong to say that it is far behind. Mr. Rind has also worked in foreign institutions for some time and his administrative maturity and bureaucratic attitude in the service are the result of NIPA courses that he has been used to keeping work to work and principle to principle and administrative process in its spirit. In this regard, he has been a principled opponent even with his bosses. If this principle forced him to go to court, then his administrative record shows that he has also knocked on the doors of the courts. Not only the court door but if more administrative abuses and malice came to light, he did not hesitate and delayed in writing to the accountability institutions. Therefore, there is hope in this administrator of the assembly that under the leadership of his bosses, especially the administrative secretary of the Sindh Assembly Ghulam Muhammad Umar Farooq Buriro and the young parliamentary member and speaker Syed Owais Qadir Shah, such important records and administration of the assembly secretariat will be maintained. He will perform the work in a good manner, as he has been carrying out administrative activities in the secretariat of the PAC. The rest of the de facto role that was in the speakership during the time of Agha Siraj Durrani will be explained in a new way in a future serial episode. De facto roles have many types and patterns. I will give permission until the next series.

Former Azad Kashmir Premier Calls for MeritBased Politics AmidGrowing **Tensions**



Bureau Report

CHAKOTHI/HATIAN BALA: Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan has said that The situation in Nepal and here(Azad Kashmir) is different. There is no room for misunderstanding. The political leadership will have to talk openly now, otherwise it will be too late.

There is no room for expediency. The situation has reached this point due to the mistakes of the government. But this does not mean that it should be a part of any attempt to abolish the system, whether consciously or unconsciously.

It is inevitable to make decisions based on merit, ability and capability. I had brought the NTS to protect the people from the terrorism of MLAs.

All the resources and authority cannot be given to MLAs. If merit is not brought everywhere, then the people cannot be satisfied. We also keep pedigree dogs for guarding the house, but when voting for the guarding of the state, the community comes to the rescue. This sand will have to be changed.



protesting officer of the Parliamentary Secretariat of the Sindh Assembly in the history of its Assembly Secretariat, behind whom no such role is found in the entire history. He is known as a State Forward Officer. When it comes to his principles tary introduction of the Sindh Assembly, there are and administrative matters, he has interfered in

Khan Rind has been a unique, important and Durrani or his de facto team did not need any efficient, potential, and active officers, and that period had to be spent like this... As the history of the assembly has gone, the record of the PAC from the administrative and parliamentary committees

to the history is a great testimony.. According to reports, Senior Special Secretary



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Chinese companies join hands with PEC

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Thar Coal Block-1 Power Generation Company, Sino Sindh Resources and Shanghai Electric Engineering Consulting Company to launch a five-year programme for training, capacity building, exchange of Pakistani engineers, and Chinese language learning. The initiative, tied to the Thar Block-1 project under CPEC, is being described as an important step for strengthening Pakistan's engineering workforce.

On behalf of PEC, Technical Advisor Regulations Dr. Ashfaq A. Sheikh signed the MoU with the Chinese partners. Chairman PEC, Engr. Waseem Nazir, said the agreement reflects PEC's commitment to empowering young engineers through hands-on training, international exposure, and language learning. He added that the initiative will open new career pathways for Pakistani engineers while building local capacity to meet the country's growing energy and industrial needs.

Pakistan Navy continues flood Sindh

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy continues relief and rescue operations in flood-affected areas of Punjab and Sindh Province. In response to the deteriorating flood situation, Pakistan Navy's Emergency Response Team (ERT) has been deployed in Jalalpur, Multan (Punjab), in addition to teams already operating in various regions of Sindh, including

The Emergency Response Teams are equipped with hovercrafts for rapid access to inundated areas, rescue boats and specialized diving teams to assist in rescue and relief operations.

During the past 24 hours, 478 flood-affected individuals, including women and children, have been successfully evacuated from various vulnerable areas to safe locations, bringing the total Kashmore, Ghotki, Sukkur, and Shikar number of individuals rescued in Sindh in the wake of this natural disaster.



to 6,860. In addition, free medical treatment and essential medicines are also being provided to the affected population, ensuring timely healthcare support

Sukkur barrages, Pakistan Navy remains nation during this emergency and will on high alert and is closely monitoring continue to render all possible assisthe evolving situation in coordination with civil authorities. Pakistan Navy the affected population is achieved.

With rising floodwaters at Guddu and remains committed to supporting the tance until complete rehabilitation of

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony Sardar Muhammad Yousaf met with Ambassador Of Iran to Pakistan Dr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam on Friday.



NPC organized Fateha Khawani on Quaid-e-Azam's 77th death anniversary

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Nazriya Pakistan Council (NPC) organized a Dua and Fateha Khawani ceremony at Faisal Masjid, Islamabad, to commemorate the 77th death anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Founder of Pakistan. Held after Friday prayers, the event saw participation from NPC Chairman Mian Muhammad Javed, diplomats, dignitaries, and a substantial gathering of

Also attending were NPC Executive Secretary Gauhar Zahid Malik, family members of late Zahid Malik (Founder Chairman of NPC and former Editor-in-Chief

devotees.



police, CDA, and numerous civil society representatives. nent Muslims to secure their

of Pakistan Observer, SI-HI), for Quaid-e-Azam's soul including Omer Malik (MD, and paid heartfelt trib-Observer TV), Islamabad utes to the Father of the Deputy Commissioner Irfan Nation, acclaiming him Memon, officials from ICT, a visionary leader whose guidance enabled subconti-Attendees offered prayers homeland.

The Khateeb of Faisal Masjid led the prayers and underscored Quaid-e-Azam's accomplishments, stressing his contributions to Pakistan and the Ummah. He described freedom as a divine gift, emphasizing that nations value it profoundly when they've experienced occupation or liberation struggles.

The Khateeb urged the congregation to remember Quaid-e-Azam in their prayers, highlighting that his efforts enabled Pakistanis to live peaceful, autonomous lives. He expressed concern over Muslims facing oppression in Gaza, Palestine, and Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (IIOK), praying for their eventual liberation.

Showbiz Icons Gather for the Trailer Premiere of Pakistan's Heritage Film 'Raja Rasalu'

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The grand red-carpet trailer launch of Pakistan's historic and cultural feature film "Raja Rasalu" was held at a local hall in Rawalpindi in a glittering ceremony attended by prominent showbiz personalities.

The film, produced under the banner of AMJ Productions and Mir Motion Graphics, highlights Pakistan's rich heritage with a blend of suspense, romance, and noted guests from the entertainment emotion, enhanced by modern VFX

Rashid and Miraj Uddin, along with



industry, graced the occasion. The cast members in attendance included Nayer Ali, Shameen Khan, Qahan Ali, Ali Ammar, Maheen Shah, Huma

Waqar Fani, Celebrity guests such as Mishi Khan and Adnan Hameed also joined the celebration. The trailer received overwhelming applause from

The lead role of Raja Rasalu is played by Arman Ali Pasha, while Shameen Khan stars as Queen Koklan. Other distinguished cast members include Nayer Ejaz (as Raja Sarkap), Ayub Khosa (as Raja Salbahan), Qahan Ali (as the Giant), Adnan Shah Tipu, Aite Khan, and Mahira Shah.

Director and co-producer Faisal Mir described the film as a challenging project that

involved authentic sets and Shah, Anjum Habibi, and writer carefully chosen locations reflecting the ancient era. He confirmed that 99% of the film's work has been completed, with its official release scheduled for the New Year.

Sindh High Court Expresses Anger at Sindh University Administration and Provincial Government

B Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The Constitutional Bench of the Sindh High Court expressed severe displeasure over the non-implementation of Supreme Court and Sindh High Court orders during a hearing on a petition against appointing PhD faculty members to administrative posts and the denial of promotions to officers in Sindh University. The court summoned the Secretary Universities & Boards and the Vice-Chancellor of Sindh University in their personal capacity.

The hearing was conducted by the Hyderabad Circuit Bench of the Sindh High Court, comprising Justice Mubeen Lakho and Justice Arbab Ali Hakro. The Acting Vice-Chancellor of Sindh University, Professor Dr. Khalil Kumbhati, and Registrar Dr. Mushtaq Jariko appeared before the court, but no compliance report was submitted.

The petition, filed by Syed Sajjad Hussain Shah and Ali Ahmed Talpur through Advocate Ayaz Tunio, argued that assigning administrative responsibilities to teachers was in violation of the Constitution, university regulations, and explicit directions of the Supreme Court and High Court. The petition stated that, as per the Supreme Court's decision, registrar and controller appointments in universities across Sindh should be made from Grade-20 officers. However, the Sindh University administration, in violation of this order, had retained Dr. Mushtaq Jariko as Registrar instead of appointing a qualified officer.

It further contended that assigning administrative posts to PhD faculty not only hampers their academic and research responsibilities but also imposes an additional financial burden on the university through allowances, fuel, and other benefits. The Auditor General had also issued a report highlighting financial losses to the university due to this practice.

During the proceedings, the court inquired about the absence of the Secretary Universities & Boards, warning that warrants could be issued if he failed to appear. The government counsel informed the bench that the Secretary would be present at the next hearing. After hearing arguments, the court summoned the Secretary Universities &Boards and the Vice-Chancellor in person and adjourned the hearing

34th meeting of the Academic Council of Hazara University held

Mahid Khan

MANSEHRA: The 34th meeting of the Academic Council of Hazara University was held under the Chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ikramullah Khan. The meeting approved the minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council and endorsed the revised curriculum of the BS (Law)/LLB program as directed by the Higher Education Commission. Under the new structure, the duration of the program has been reduced to four years, effective from Fall Semester 2025. The Academic Council also deliberated on bringing innovation to existing research activities and discussed important decisions for launching new programs.

Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor highlighted that the Academic Council is a key statutory body of the university, whose members bring vast experience, scholarly expertise and foresight that are crucial for enhancing the academic and research standards of the institution.

Prof. Dr. Ikramullah Khan emphasized that Deans and Professors should take collective and effective measures to further enrich the curricula so that students and scholars are equipped with modern and competitive education and research skills. The meeting was attended by the Deans of all four faculties, Chairmen of the teaching departments and relevant administrative officers.

NA Speaker hails security forces for crushing Indian-sponsored militants in Mastung

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Friday paid rich tribute to the security forces for successfully eliminating four Indian-sponsored terrorists during an operation in Mastung.

In his statement, the Speaker expressed profound pride in the steadfast courage and dedication of the armed forces, especially in their resolute campaign against the menace of Fitna al Hindustan-terrorist militants acting as Indian proxies.

He emphasized that the entire nation stands united behind its security forces, whose sacrifices continue to safeguard the sovereignty of

Ayaz Sadiq underscored the urgent need to decisively crush all

elements engaged in terrorism under foreign patronage, especially those operating with Indian support. He highlighted that the bravery and resilience of the armed forces

serve as a bulwark for the defense of the motherland. He praised the relentless efforts of the security forces to eradicate Indian sponsored militancy, calling their actions commendable and

vital for ensuring the nation's peace, stability, and progress. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq concluded by praising the armed forces for their pivotal role in ensuring national security and reiterated the Parliament's full support for their mission to protect Pakistan from all threats.

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Saudi Arabia's cybersecurity model is a blueprint for the **future**

n an era where the world's economies, governments, and societies are deeply interconnected and increasingly dependent on digital infrastructure, cybersecurity is one of the most important pillars of national security and economic competitiveness. The digital realm is no longer a secondary layer of governance or a peripheral domain of economics; it is now the backbone of modern life. From hospitals and schools to energy grids and banking systems, every element of daily life depends on secure networks and resilient digital ecosystems. Without strong cybersecurity, a country places its sovereignty, its economy, and even the safety of its citizens at serious risk. For this reason, investing in cybersecurity is not only about protecting data, but also about ensuring national stability, enabling sustainable development, and securing a country's position on the global stage.

The importance of cybersecurity investment has grown as cyberthreats become increasingly sophisticated and dangerous. Ransomware attacks can bring government agencies and private corporations to a halt, while state-sponsored cyberattacks can paralyze entire sectors, from transportation to utilities. Critical infrastructure, such as energy plants and water systems, are prime targets for malicious actors who know that attacking these systems can cause mass disruption and panic.

Moreover, the economic costs of ignoring cybersecurity are staggering. A single major cyberattack can result in billions in losses, as well as severe reputational harm that can take years to repair. Citizens also lose faith in government institutions when their data or services are compromised, creating long-term political instability. This is why forward-looking governments view cybersecurity not as an afterthought but as a strategic national investment akin to military defense or healthcare infrastructure.

On the other hand, the consequences for nations that fail to take cybersecurity seriously are dire. When governments ignore the need for robust cyber defenses, they create a dangerous environment in which their national security and economic growth are perpetually under threat. We have already witnessed instances around the world where countries became vulnerable because of inadequate investment. Hackers have shut down pipelines, interfered with elections, stolen financial information, and disrupted healthcare systems. In such cases, governments are left scrambling to respond, often after the damage has been

Economically, the consequences are equally devastating. Businesses cannot thrive in an environment where their data is constantly under threat. International investors will hesitate to invest in countries where cyber vulnerabilities could wipe out their assets overnight. The damage is not just immediate but long-term: Nations that fail to secure their digital environments risk falling behind in innovation, losing competitiveness, and becoming dependent on others for basic technological needs.

Netanyahu; Hitler Reborn

of history's darkest chapters – a crime against humanity that rightly haunts the conscience of the world. Denying or minimizing it is itself a crime in many countries, because it represents the systematic attempt to wipe out an entire people. Every year in France, I attended commemorations at the Grand Mosque of Paris where stories were told of the mosque's imam and caretaker risking their lives to hide Jewish families from Nazi persecution. These events reminded us that, at their best, Muslims welcomed Jews with open hearts, offering them land, orchards, homes, and safety when they had none.

It is against this moral backdrop that we must examine Israel's current actions in Gaza and the West Bank. Just as the Holocaust was condemned as barbaric and inhuman, the wholesale destruction of Palestinian life and society today demands the same universal condemnation. To call one crime against humanity intolerable while excusing another is hypocrisy that

Since its inception, Israel has rarely known peace with its neighbors. Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, and now Qatar — the list of countries drawn into conflict with Israel is long. Even nations without direct borders with Israel have found themselves entangled in disputes. Israel insists that it is the "chosen people" reclaiming land promised by God. Yet, year after year, as its military might grows with U.S. backing, Israel expands its borders, seizes more Palestinian land, and drives more families into exile.

What was once a narrow strip of conflict has become a permanent state of war. The world is witnessing the steady annihilation of Gaza and the West Bank. Entire neighborhoods are being reduced to rubble, hospitals flattened, churches and schools destroyed, and journalists deliber-

returned from Gaza and the West Bank and confirmed what Palestinians have long said: this is not simply a war on Hamas. This is a war on an entire people — on civilians, children, women, the elderly, and all who remain in their ancestral homeland.

Gaza City, Khan Younis, Rafah, Jenin, Nablus — these names once stood for vibrant communities. Now, they are synonymous with devastation. Satellite images reveal entire blocks leveled. The death toll has climbed into the tens of thousands, with thousands of children among the victims. Malnutri-

tion and disease spread through overcrowded shelters where water is scarce and medicine nonexistent.

Israel claims it is fighting terrorism, but its bombs fall on bakeries, schools, mosques, and even Christian churches. If Hamas were the sole target, why are children starving? Why are doctors performing surgeries without anesthesia? Why are journalists wearing press vests still being killed? These are not accidents; they are the deliberate use of overwhelming force to erase a population and make life unlivable for those who survive.

The recent Israeli strike in Doha. Qatar, marks another dangerous escalation. Qatar hosts one of the largest U.S. military bases in the region, yet even that did not shield it from Israeli aggression. By striking Doha, Israel not only violated Qatari sovereignty but also humiliated its American ally, whose intelligence and military coordination made the attack possible. The strike killed civilians of multiple nationalities and sent a chilling message: no country is beyond Israel's

European leaders, including the President of the European Commission, the

and the Prime Minister of Spain, have condemned this blatant violation of sovereignty. Yet condemnation alone carries no consequence. As long as the United States shields Israel diplomatically and financially, sanctions, embargoes, and accountability measures remain empty threats.

Israel's obsession with Iran further exposes its expansionist ambitions. Netanyahu and his allies have spent years warning of an Iranian nuclear bomb, vet no credible evidence has ever proven Iran was building one. Even if it had, many nations possess nuclear weapons without being attacked.

Iran, unlike others, has never committed acts of terrorism on American soil. Its people have suffered sanctions, isolation, and threats because Israel insists on framing it as an existential menace.

When Israeli and American defense officials congratulated each other after striking Iran's facilities, they did so without proof, without justification, and without remorse. Once again, the goal was not security but dominance — to weaken a regional rival and preserve Israel's military superiority at any cost.

The pattern is clear. Israel wages war after war, reduces entire cities to rubble, kills civilians by the tens of thousands, and yet faces no real consequences. The United States, its closest ally, provides diplomatic cover at the United Nations, blocks accountability at the International Criminal Court, and funds its military with billions annually. Israel acts with impunity because it believes itself untouchable — a nation beyond the law. But history teaches us that crimes against humanity cannot be excused by claims of divine promise or national security. The Holocaust was condemned as barbaric because it sought

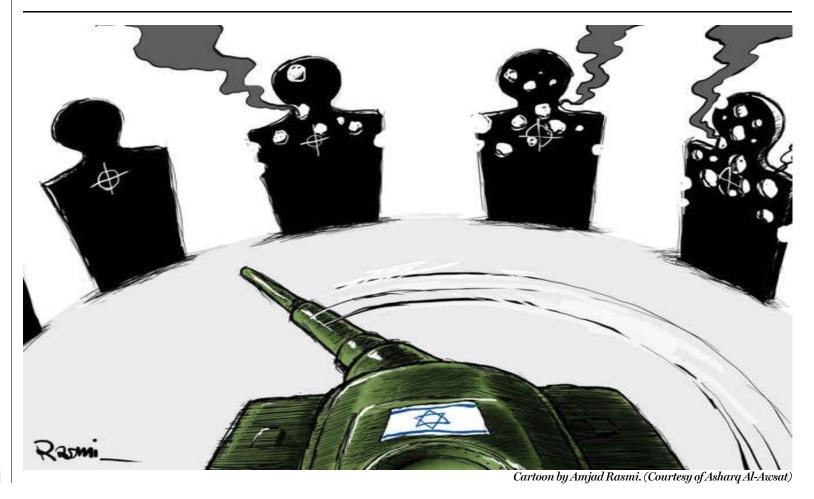
he Holocaust remains one ately targeted. Two U.S. senators recently Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, to erase a people. Today, the world watches as Palestinians face the same erasure, and silence is complicity.

To compare Israel's current actions with the Holocaust is not to diminish the suffering of Jews in Europe. On the contrary, it is to insist on moral consistency. If we rightly condemn the Nazis for slaughtering millions, then we must also condemn the slaughter of Palestinians. Crimes against humanity are crimes. no matter the perpetrator, no matter the victim. Israel's leaders claim a divine right to occupy and expand. But religion cannot excuse barbarism. Military might not justify the starvation of children. Political alliances cannot erase the moral stain of mass displacement. If the Holocaust was humanity's warning that "never again" should such atrocities occur, then Gaza and the West Bank are humanity's test a test we are failing.

The Holocaust remains an undeniable crime, a stain on history. But today, Israel's destruction of Gaza and the West Bank echoes that same barbarity. To call one wrong while excusing the other is hypocrisy that corrodes the very idea of human rights. Whether the victims are Jewish, Muslim, Christian, or any other faith, their humanity is equal. Their suffering is equal. Their right to live free from annihilation

Israel must be held accountable for its actions, just as the Nazis were. International law, global conscience, and simple human decency demand it. If we fail to condemn Israel's crimes with the same force as we condemn the Holocaust, then "never again" becomes meaningless words. The world owes Palestinians — and itself better.

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Pakistan 2025: Diplomatic Ascent and New Horizons of Économic Future

ally and globally. This shift is not only the serving as encouraging indicators. Chaloutcome of carefully crafted diplomatic lenges, however, persist including rapid initiatives but is also driven by broader population growth, political volatility, and economic interests and visions of regional foreign exchange vulnerabilities. To address stability. The positive change in Pakistan's these issues, the government has focused foreign policy is closely linked with internal on structural reforms such as improving larly in the fields of digital infrastructure stability and economic reforms, propelling the tax system, aligning the exchange

the country into a new era. At the regional level, Pakistan also made significant strides in enhancing its influence. In Beijing, during a trilateral meeting with China and Afghanistan, Pakistan assumed the role of mediator, leading to consensus on the extension of the China-Pakistan Economic

Corridor (CPEC) into Afghanistan. This secured \$9 billion in international aid by move is pivotal not only in promoting positioning Pakistan as a climate-vulnerregional economic cooperation but also in cementing Pakistan's diplomatic stature. Similarly, Pakistan's active engagement in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has positioned it as a crucial regional connector between South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Such interests but also consolidating its role in achievements testify to the strength of Pakistan's diplomacy, which has earned recognition for its role on both regional and global fronts. Economically, Pakistan made important progress in 2025. improvement compared to the previous year, though still below the government's could accelerate growth. Economic growth initial target of 3.6 percent. Nonetheless, it is projected to reach 3.1 percent in 2026 international community.

remarkable expansion of its diplo- According to the World Bank, Pakistan's matic influence on the interna- economy is showing signs of stabilization, tional stage, resulting in a transfor- with declining inflation, improved fiscal mation of its stature both region- conditions, and a narrowing trade deficit

> rate with market realities, and reducing import tariffs. These measures exports. Bilawal Bhutto Zard-

ari's diplomatic efforts

have redefined Pakistan's Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi global image. At the Geneva Donor Conference in January 2023, he able state. His endeavors have projected Pakistan as a peaceful and responsible nation, committed to mediation in regional disputes. Relations with the United States and other countries have improved, with

Pakistan not only safeguarding its own

the international community. The U.S.

military leadership has commended Pakistan's peace-oriented initiatives, further strengthening its role in the region. With regard to Pakistan's economic The growth rate reached 2.7 percent, an future, the World Bank has suggested that effective implementation of reforms

n 2025, Pakistan has witnessed a signals a degree of stability in the economy. and 3.4 percent in 2027. However, such progress hinges on the government's ability to enforce structural reforms effectively. Problems such as poverty and unemployment persist, requiring sustained economic development for long-term relief. The rapid population increase and the impacts of climate change also pose serious challenges to the economy. Yet, Pakistan holds significant opportunities for growth, particuand energy.

Pakistan's diplomatic achievements and economic stability are deeply interlinked. Without economic progress, diplomatic are expected to stimulate influence remains limited; conversely, investment and enhance diplomatic success helps generate economic opportunities. Recognizing this, Pakistan has aligned its foreign policy with its economic interests. Projects such as CPEC have not only facilitated economic growth but also strengthened regional connectivity. Moving forward, Pakistan must continue to harmonize its economic and diplomatic initiatives to ensure that achievements in

both spheres endure. In 2025, Pakistan has attained noteworthy accomplishments on both diplomatic and economic fronts. Improved relations with the United States and other global actors, enhanced regional cooperation, and growing economic stability stand out as major milestones. Nevertheless, considerable challenges remain, requiring sustained strategy and reform to overcome. If Pakistan continues to effectively uphold its diplomatic and economic policies, the coming years may open new doors of prosperity and progress. This journey of success benefits not only the people of Pakistan but also serves as a positive contribution to the region and the wider

Pakistan, Kazakhstan Maritime Partnership: Gateway to Eurasian **Connectivity**

closer to each other. The latest sign of this growing partnership is the arrival of Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu in Islamabad on a two-day official visit. This visit, led by Kazakh Kazakhstan's participation would bring transit cargo, Deputy Prime Minister along with a 13-member high- energy exports, and regional trade volume into Paki-

port, marks a significant step in strengthening Pakistan-Kazakhstan relations and opening new avenues of cooperation. The Deputy Prime Minister visited the Foreign Office, where Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar welcomed him, and he also called on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari.

Kazakhstan, in contrast, is the world's largest landlocked country, but its strategic use of the Caspian Sea grants it a despite the 2018 Convention, continue to create uncerlimited maritime advantage. Ports such as Aktau and

Kurvk have become lifelines for Kazakhstan's trade. especially as the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (TITR), or "Middle Corridor," has gained prominence in recent years. This route stretches from China across Kazakhstan, then through the Caspian Sea to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, and onward to Europe. It is a vital alternative to northern rail routes crossing Russia and the southern maritime routes through the Indian Ocean and Red Sea. As a result, maritime routes are no longer an option but a necessity for Astana's long-term strategy. Kazakhstan's inland river networks, including the Irtysh and Ural, also provide a degree of connectivity with the Caspian, supporting ports such as Pavlodar and Atyrau in facilitating domestic and regional trade. By linking these transport networks with Pakistan's ports, Kazakhstan sees an opportunity to expand its economic sovereignty and secure greater access to global markets.

The convergence of Pakistan's maritime infrastruc-

akistan and Kazakhstan are moving ture and Kazakhstan's landlocked trade needs is at the heart of this partnership. Pakistan's offer to host Kazakh ventures in Karachi and Gwadar's free zones could unlock opportunities for bonded warehousing, cold chain facilities, and logistics hubs. In return,



Asif Khurshid

gateways. Recent talks also raised the possibility of trilateral cooperation with Uzbekistan, linking Central Asian dry ports with Gwadar. This could unlock up to \$20 billion in trade if supported by modern port infrastructure and sustainable maritime practices.

Kazakhstan too faces its own set of hurdles. The unresolved complexities of the Caspian Sea's legal status,

tainty for maritime trade.

Nevertheless, the opportunities outweigh the challenges. For Pakistan, becoming a transit hub for Central Asian trade could double its exports, potentially boosting its economy by billions of dollars. For Kazakhstan, the partnership provides a chance to diversify away from dependence on Russian pipelines, reduce vulnerabilities, and gain greater access to energy and mineral markets in South Asia, Africa, and beyond.

Maritime cooperation with Kazakhstan enhances Pakistan's role in the Indian Ocean Region, counterbalancing India's naval ambitions and positioning Islamabad as a critical player in Eurasian connectivity. For Kazakhstan, access to Pakistan's ports offers a strategic hedge against overreliance on Russia and China, reinforcing its sovereignty and regional influence.

In conclusion, the emerging maritime cooperation between Pakistan and Kazakhstan is more than a bilateral arrangement; it is a strategic partnership with regional and global consequences.

Pakistan Pavilion Shines at DSEI-2025 in London

Example 2 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: The Pakistan Pavilion emerged as a major attraction at the ongoing Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI-2025) exhibition in London, drawing global attention to the country's indigenous defence technologies and military capabilities. Pakistan's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Dr. Mohammad Faisal, visited the pavilion where he toured various stalls and met with officials representing Pakistan's defence industries. He was accompanied by Lieutenant General Tabassum Habib, Director General Joint Staff, and the Director General of the Defence Export Promotion Organization (DEPO). Pakistan Showcases Indigenous Defence Capabilities

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Faisal emphasised the country's progress in developing self-reliant defence systems."Pakistan has developed its defence technology and military capabilities locally, which the world witnessed during Operation Zarbe-Azb. We take pride in the professionalism and high standards of our armed forces," he said. Lieutenant General Tabassum Habib is leading Pakistan's delegation at the exhibition, which features participation from over 90



taries and delegates, more than 460 senior military officers, 1,600 exhibitors, and nearly 45,000 participants. Major Defence Industries Represented. Pakistan's leading defence organisa-

(POF) Wah, and the National Radio & Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC), are showcasing state-ofthe-art equipment and innovations at countries, 3,300 international dignitions, including Heavy Industries Taxila the global platform. Several interna-

(HIT), Pakistan Ordnance Factories tional companies have also expressed keen interest in procuring defence products and technologies manufactured in Pakistan, reflecting growing recognition of the country's defence industry in the global market.

Ambassador Hayat presents credentials

BRUSSELS: Ambasador Rahim Hayat Qureshi on Friday presented his Letters of Credence to President of the European Council, Antonio Costa, and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. The event took place here at a dignified ceremony, the Pakistan Embassy in Belgium wrote on its official X wall.



Photo: APP

Floods Threaten Pakistan's Food Security

akistan is once again facing a disaster of national scale. monsoon rains, dam releases, and sudden cloudbursts have triggered devastating floods across Punjab, Sindh, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. More than 2 million people have been displaced, close to 3,900 villages submerged, and according to national disaster assessments, 788 lives lost in just 2 months. In relief camps, families are enduring searing heat and and medical care, while rescue efforts continue to reach areas still cut off by

The situation remains critical as the Indus and Chenab rivers are expected to rise further in the next 24 hours, while Tarbela and Mangla reservoirs have already reached near maximum conservation levels, raising the risk of more downstream flooding. The floods have revived memories of 2010, when nearly 20 million people were uprooted and losses reached around \$10 billion. about 2% of GDP. Fifteen years later, the picture looks alarmingly similar. Current assessments suggest damages already exceed Rs 400 billion, with more than Rs 300 billion of this loss falling directly on agriculture and livestock.

among the worst hit. Cloudbursts, flash floods, and landslides have devastated districts including Buner, Bajaur, Swat, Shangla, Mansehra, Lower Dir. and Abbottabad. In Buner alone, thousands of acres of farmland have been destroyed, with over 4,800 livestock lost, Across KP, nearly 3,200 acres of crops are gone, 6,000 animals killed, and losses to livestock and poultry estimated at more than Rs 1.5 billion. Dozens of homes have been swept away, and many communities remain cut off as bridges and roads collapse.

Along the Chenab, Sutlej, and Ravi Since late August, heavy rivers, hundreds of villages are underwater. More than 1 million people have been evacuated, and thousands of cattle moved from riverine belts to safer ground. Cropland, orchards, and fodder supplies have been destroyed, while embankments and infrastructure have suffered serious damage. Relief camps are sheltering displaced families, but resources remain overstretched.

The damage comes at a time when a shortage of food, clean drinking water, farming was already under stress.

over 13% because of drought, heatwaves, and input shortages. Wheat production fell nearly 9% (28.98 million tonnes), cotton dropped 30.7%, maize by 15.4%, sugarcane by around 3.9%, and rice slipped 1.4% despite a 7.2% expansion in area.

Farmers had little chance to recover citizens is vital. Every form of help before this year's floods washed away standing crops across some of the most fertile lands. Initial estimates now warn that rice, cotton, and maize may face losses above 20% in 2025.

This is translating directly into higher Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been costs for ordinary people. Rice prices in export markets have climbed by \$50 per ton, while within Pakistan vegetables are selling at 30-40% higher prices than just weeks ago. Wheat prices too have surged sharply, rising from an average of Rs 2,300 per 40kg to around Rs 3,500, placing further strain on household budgets. Inflation in basic food items overall could rise by 25-30% in the coming months. Families with low or fixed incomes are cutting down meals, relying on cheaper substitutes, or borrowing money to survive. The cottonbased textile sector, which provides over

at risk due to shortages of raw material.

Livestock has suffered alongside crops. Thousands of animals have been lost, fodder stores destroyed, and water supplies contaminated. For many rural families, this means the loss of milk, eggs, and meat, as well as income. Rising costs of dairy and meat are expected to further tighten household budgets in the months ahead.

At the core of this crisis lies the importance of food and water as basic human necessities. Millions of displaced people Last year, major crops declined by are struggling not only for shelter but

also for safe drinking water and enough food to survive each day. Relief agencies and the government are working with dedication, but the scale of need is overwhelming. To accommodate such huge numbers, the combined support of

whether financial assistance, food donations, or volunteer work—can ease the suffering of families who have lost everything.

The repeated destruction also Highlights Pakistan's weaknesses in water and land management. Old canals lose large volumes of water through leakage and evaporation, reservoirs remain limited and poorly maintained, and unchecked pumping of groundwater has raised salinity in many regions. Construction in floodplains has turned natural protective zones into high-risk settlements. The same warnings given after 2010 are again being repeated, but the lack of reforms continues to carry a heavy cost.

Beyond national borders, climate change is reshaping Pakistan's future. Studies show that around 40% of the world's glaciers are already set to melt,

Punjab too is under severe strain. 50% of national export earnings, is also and if global warming continues, the figure could rise to 75%. In the Hindu Kush-Karakoram-Himalaya region, which holds more than 7,000 glaciers feeding the Indus Basin, this means erratic water cycles: destructive floods during wet months and severe shortages in dry months. Such extremes directly endanger food security for a population that already struggles to meet its nutritional needs.

There are solutions if urgent action is taken. In the short term, salvaging what remains of the harvest must be prioritized through mobile grain dryers, temporary storage facilities, and quick supply of seeds, fertilizer, and emergency loans. Direct food assistance and cash support can protect vulnerable households from hunger. In the longer term, Pakistan must expand water storage, modernize canals, enforce zoning against floodplain encroachment, and invest in protective infrastructure. National seed reserves, insurance schemes for crops and livestock, and large-scale research on climate-resilient varieties are critical. Digital technology, from satellite monitoring to early-warning apps, should be made available to farmers at all levels.

Food security is inseparable from national security. With more than 37% of the workforce tied to agriculture and over 240 million people relying on its output, the survival of households and the stability of the economy depend on protecting this sector. If food becomes scarce or unaffordable, the crisis will spread from fields to markets, industries, and homes across the country.

The floods of 2025 are not just another natural disaster; they are a test of will and vision. One path leads to repeated devastation, while the other offers resilience, stability, and hope. The choice lies in whether Pakistan can transform this tragedy into a turning point for a secure and sustainable future.

DC Gujrat visited the Islamic *Center*



Aziz Ur Rehman Mujahid

GUJRAT: Deputy Commissioner of Gujrat District, Ms. Noorul Ain Qureshi, visited the Islamic Center Gujrat to pay tribute to the volunteers of Alkhidmat Foundation. She appreciated the efforts of Alkhidmat Foundation's relief teams working in the flood-affected areas.

Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Punjab, Dr. Tariq Saleem, Ameer Jamaate-Islami Gujrat District, Chaudhry Ansar Mehmood Dhoul Advocate, and President Alkhidmat Foundation Gujrat District, Raja Sajid Sharif,

On this occasion, Alkhidmat Foundation's volunteers were also present, who briefed the Deputy Commissioner about their ongoing services and efforts for the flood victims. Dr. Tariq Saleem gave a detailed briefing to Ms. Noorul Ain Qureshi regarding the recent flood situation in Gujrat, the problems faced in the affected areas, and the relief activities being carried out by Jamaat-e-Islami and Alkhidmat Foundation.

 $He informed \ her that \ under Alkhidmat \ Foundation, rescue \ operations,$ provision of food supplies, medical camps, and clean water projects are being carried out rapidly. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the services of Alkhidmat's volunteers on this occasion.

DC Gujrat and DPO Visit the Mausoleum of Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider



👺 Aziz Ur Rehman Mujahid

GUJRAT: Deputy Commissioner Gujrat Noorul Ain and District Police Officer Rana Umar Farooq paid a visit to the mausoleum of Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Shaheed, Nishan-e-Haider. Assistant Commissioner Kharian Ahmed Sher and Chaudhry Nadeem Manzoor Bega also accompa-

A floral wreath was laid at the mausoleum, followed by recitation of Fateha. Special prayers were offered for the elevation of the martyr's rank and for the peace, security, and prosperity of the country.

The administrative officers paid glowing tribute to the courage, bravery, and supreme sacrifice of the national hero, stating that the martyrs' sacrifices are the true guarantee of our freedom and survival. Deputy Commissioner Gujrat Noorul Ain remarked that the entire nation is indebted to its martyrs, and carrying forward their mission is a shared responsibility.

Abacus Outsourcing and inDrive Forge Strategic Partnership to Elevate Customer Experience

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: inDrive, a global mobility and urban services platform, has signed a strategic partnership contract with Abacus, an emerging global leader in Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), to elevate customer experience. To mark the launch of their strategic partnership, senior leadership from inDrive and Abacus came together at the Abacus Global Delivery Center in Shaheen Complex, Lahore.

Representing in Drive's global vision and regional presence, Mr. Awais Saeed (Country Head), Mr. Shadi Ibrakhim (Deputy Head of Support), and Andrey Bessonov (Supervisor), along with key team members, attended to reaffirm their commitment to innovation and collaborative growth. From Abacus, Mr. Shaheryar Rafiq (Senior Executive Director) and Vice President Operations joined to formally inaugurate the alliance, signaling a shared commitment to enhancing customer experience and driving operational excellence.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Awais Saeed, Country Head of inDrive Pakistan, said, "At inDrive, our priority is always the people who choose us every day. This partnership is designed to bring them even more value with fairer choices, safer rides, and an experience that sets us apart in Pakistan's ride-hailing industry," Mr. Shaheryar Rafiq, Senior Executive Director at Abacus Outsourcing, added, "With decades of proven leadership in the BPO industry, Abacus brings deep expertise and a strong commitment to solving customer challenges by providing innovative and reliable solutions, ensuring every inDrive user receives an exceptional experience." Supporting this, Mr. Shadi Ibrakhim, Deputy Head of Support at inDrive, highlighted that the partnership enables inDrive to quickly act on customer insights, improving satisfaction and loyalty throughout the entire customer journey.

Global water security, climate challenges discussed at Baku Water Week 2025

BAKU: Within the framework of Baku Water Week 2025, the Azerbaijan State Water Resources Agency (ADSEA) organized the 2nd International Water Management Exhibition and Conference. Khayyam Mammadov, First Deputy Chairman of ADSEA, spoke at the

conference, highlighting that water resource management is no longer just a national issue but one of global significance. He noted that the protection and efficient use of water resources are

among the key priorities of Azerbaijan's state policy.

The large-scale reforms and projects implemented in our country serve this very purpose. However, we are well aware that challenges such as water scarcity and climate change cannot be addressed by a single country's efforts alone. Therefore, cooperation, experience exchange, and joint initiatives are of particular importance.

Saturday, September 13, 2025



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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
154,439.68	156,141.24		
Day's High	Day's Low		
156,519.13	154,360.35		
Index Value	Change		
21,082,747,528	-1701.56		
Percentage	Time		
-1.09%	12 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change		
9,283.29	-14.29		
Percentage	Time		
-0.15%	12 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1		
USA: Dow Jones I	Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change		
45,922.87	-185.13		
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-0.40%			
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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
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+0.89%	12 Sept, 3:45 pm GMT+9	
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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

CCP clears acquisition of certain shareholding in Route2Health by AZT Foundation

№ Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has granted approval for the acquisition of a certain shareholding in Route2Health (Private) Limited by AZT Foundation from Mr. Tausif Ahmad Khan, Mrs. Zainub Abbas, and Mr. Javaid Hussain, under a Share Purchase Agreement. AZT Foundation, a UAE-based organization, was established for the purpose of holding and managing the assets on behalf of the aforementioned individuals (sellers), Route2Health (Pvt.) Limited is engaged in the business of manufacturing, marketing, and distribution of nutraceuticals and health supplements in Pakistan.

Following a detailed competitive analysis, the CCP identified the relevant product market as 'Nutraceutical and Herbal Supplements'. The transaction has been classified as a conglomerate merger, as there are no horizontal or vertical overlaps between the acquirer and the target.

SECP's reliance on contract staff puts vital data at risk

Corporate sector calls for stronger safeguards

55 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) is under mounting scrutiny over its growing dependence on contract staff, raising urgent concerns about data security, operational stability, and regulatory effectiveness. The corporate sector has pressed the regulator to retain permanent employees and fortify safeguards for sensitive information.

The SECP, which oversees Pakistan's capital markets, corporations, insurance sector, and non-bank financial companies increasingly relies on third-party contractors to fill operational gaps. This shift has created a two-tier workforce with unequal benefits, heightened operational and security risks, and noticeable unease among staff, according to insiders.

Sources indicate that the commission supplements sanctioned positions with externally sourced personnel for both projectbased and routine operations. While SECP Service Regulations allow multiple appointment categories, the latest annual report does not disclose the permanent-to-contract staff ratio, raising transparency concerns.



Contract employees often handle price-sensitive data, corporate filings, and personally identifiable information without receiving standard benefits or job security, increasing the risk of leaks. In Pakistan, a massive personal data breach exposed over 184 million records, including mobile subscriber details, routine worldwide, affecting governments, for comment.

call logs, and national identity cards. Globally, the 2017 Equifax breach compromised the personal data of more than 147 million Americans, demonstrating the risks of insufficient oversight of third-party staff.

financial institutions, and private companies alike. High-profile incidents underscore how inadequate oversight of outsourced or contract staff can compromise sensitive information. These global patterns underscore the need for regulators like SECP to implement stringent access controls, thorough audits, and robust security protocols for all employees handling confidential data.

"The absence of standard benefits for contract staff creates morale issues and increases risk in critical areas like filings, inspections, and enforcement," said an insider on condition of anonymity. Experts stress that regulators must maintain consistent protocols and audit trails for all staff categories, regardless of employment status.

While SECP promotes cost-cutting measures, the regulator faces serious allegations of illegally increasing salaries by millions and mismanaging billions in public funds, creating the perception that austerity is imposed on lower-level staff. At the same time, the chairman, commissioners, and directors enjoy unchecked spending. The Data breaches and leaks have become commission has not yet responded to requests

Briefing

JALALPUR PIR WALA: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan is being given the briefing about the breach in Gillani bund on NHA highway in Jalalpur Pirwala, by the administration.



SECP Notifies Draft Actuarial Valuation Rules, 2025, for Public Consultation

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has issued the draft Actuarial Valuation Rules, 2025, for public consultation. The proposed framework applies to both Life and Non-Life Insurance and Takaful businesses, aligning with the objectives of the SECP's fiveyear strategic plan, "Journey to an Insured Pakistan."

The draft Rules establish a framework for valuation of insurance contract assets and liabilities. They were developed in line with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors' (IAIS) Core Principles and the latest global actuarial practices. Prepared in consul-



tation with the Pakistan Society national markets, supporting of Actuaries (PSoA), the Rules the SECP's objectives of digitialso incorporate the adoption zation, transparency, and innoof risk-based capital and supervisory regimes. The aim is to standardize and align actuarial valuation practices with inter- the SECP Chairperson stated,

vation.

Highlighting the Commission's focus on insurance sector,

"Developing a vibrant and sustainable insurance sector is a key focus of our five-year strategic plan. We are guided by a commitment to core principles that ensure a level playing field: championing competition and market openness, removing barriers such as legal monopolies, privatization and ensuring our regulatory framework meets the highest international standards."

The draft Rules are available on the SECP website for public information and feedback. Comments and suggestions on the draft Rules may be submitted to the SECP within 30 days of their publication. The SECP will also schedule consultation sessions to get input from

industry stakeholders.

Al Baraka Bank Pioneering Digital Innovation in Islamic Banking

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited launched first-of-its-kind Car Finance Digital Journey, this solution takes a fresh approach to digital finance seamlessly blending artificial intelligence and automation to transform customer experience a fully digital platform that allows both account car ownership setting new holders and non-account holders of Al Baraka Bank Islamic banking across Pakito apply for car financing stan. He also appreciated through a simplified, seamless process.

Pioneering in Islamic and successfully launching it.

Banking this initiative reflects a major milestone in the Bank's digital transformation journey and customer-first approach. Mr. Muhammad Atif Hanif, CEO - Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited, emphasized that this multi-integrated solution is not only simplifying the process but also removing barriers to standards for innovation in Consumer Banking Team for initiating this Project

Pakistani Agriculture and Food Exporters **Eye Chinese Market Through CIIE 2025**

Commerce Desk:

ISLAMABAD: A promotion event for the 8th China (CIIE) was held in Islamabad, organized by the Indus-

stan's strong performance in previous Expos and emphasized the shared commit-International Import Expo ment of both governments to expand trade and investment for mutual benefit. trial and Commercial Bank ICBC, as Pakistan's largest of China (ICBC) Karachi foreign commercial bank and core financial service

Guangyuan praised Paki-



Branch under the guidance of and trade facilitation. the CIIE Bureau, the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, and the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP). Leading Pakistani business associations including FPCCI,

agriculture and food sectors, actively participated. Speaking at the event, Chinese Embassy Minister-Counselor

and nearly 40 exporters from

provider for CPEC, presented its specialized cross-border financial solutions, pledging comprehensive support to Pakistani exporters in settlement, financing,

The 8th CIIE will be held in Shanghai from November 5-10, 2025. Serving as a global platform for trade and cooperation, the Expo offers Pakistani enterprises a valuable opportunity to access China's vast consumer market and expand exports, injecting momentum into China-Pakistan economic relations.

From Paperwork to Pocket: FinanceMagic Launches Real-Time Mortgage App

B Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: In an exclusive interview with Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah, Bureau Chief of Daily The Spokesman UK & Europe, the leadership team of FinanceMagic unveiled how their cutting-edge platform is revolutionising the financial landscape. Present at the discussion were Tanjir Sugar (CEO), Ali Khalid (Adviser), Shane Giess (Customer Experience Manager), and Sohel Miah (Senior Strategic Relationship Manager). Together, they shared insights into how FinanceMagic is reshaping the way people in the UK approach mortgages and finance. What is FinanceMagic?

"FinanceMagic—and yes, it really does feel like magic when you see how it works," explained the

team during the interview. FinanceMagic is a regulated, tech-driven platform built for people who are tired of paperwork, jargon, and uncertainty. The app gives users a free credit report and score powered by TransUnion, helping them understand their financial standing before applying for any product. From there, FinanceMagic connects individuals directly to tailored mortgage and finance options—offering clarity, not confusion.

What Sets FinanceMagic Apart?

The team outlined five core features that distin-

guish FinanceMagic from other platforms: 1. Free Mortgage & Finance Advice – Users receive guidance from FCA-regulated advisers at no extra cost, ensuring advice is suitable and

2. Mortgage Finder Tool - Whether first-time buyers or those looking to remortgage, users can access tailored, competitive options.

3. Loans for Every Need - Personal, business, and commercial loans can be compared with full transparency on rates and terms.

4. Real-Time Digital Experience - The mobile app allows secure document uploads, direct messaging with advisers, and live progress

5. Trust & Transparency - With FCA regulation (Firm Ref 800196) and GDPR compliance, FinanceMagic ensures data protection, regulated advice, and honest communication.

Regulation, Trust, and Transparency

The leadership emphasised that Finance-Magic is not a faceless aggregator. Every step is compliant with FCA regulations and GDPR standards. Advice is personalised, fees and lender relationships are disclosed, and data is encrypted.

"We never promise guaranteed approvals or lowest rates," the team stressed. "Instead, we give clients access to competitive options that genuinely fit their profile. That's how trust is built, and why customers keep coming back."

Why FinanceMagic, Why Now?



The company believes the financial world has
The Magic of Finance, Simplified long been intimidating for ordinary people. By combining free access to credit data, regulated advice, and a seamless digital journey, Finance-Magic is levelling the playing field.

expanding your business, or simply checking your financial health, FinanceMagic makes the process simple, transparent, and—dare we say it—actually enjoyable," the team remarked.

Closing the interview, the leadership team left

a strong message: "Finance doesn't have to be stressful. With FinanceMagic, you're informed, supported, Whether you're buying your first home, and in control. That's the magic. We're here to make finance smarter, simpler, and safer—for

> For more information, visit: www.financemagic.co.uk

Khelta Punjab Pink Games, the biggest event of women: Faisal Ayub Khokhar

跨 Tahir Amin Malik

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar has decided to organize Khelta Punjab Pink Games, the biggest sports event of women, in a befitting manner in November this year. He made this announcement while chairing an important meeting at the National Hockey Stadium on Friday.

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial, Additional Secretary Sports Mian Usman Ali, Sports Coordinator Malik Anoosh Khokhar and Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry attended the

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry gave a detailed briefing in the meeting in



and college girls from all divisions of the Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar has directed Assembly will be appointed as ambassa-

the next edition in which more than 3,000 female players are expected to participate".

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar further said that the competitions will continue for four days and approximately 17 different sports will be competed in the mega event. "All available resources should be utilized to make the Khelta Punjab Pink Games a resounding success".

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that Punjab Sports Department will organize grand opening and closing ceremonies for the Pink Games. Women members of the Punjab

the officials concerned to start prepadors of Pink Games. Besides this, cash province will participate in the mega sports event. rations for Pink Games as early as prizes of more than Rs 10 million will be Addressing the meeting, Punjab possible. "The scope of Khelta Punjab distributed among the top performing which he informed that the U-21 school Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Pink Games will be further expanded in female athletes".

Cricket for All: Jazz and Deaf Cricket Academy Team Up for Inclusion

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jazz, Pakistan's leading digital operator, has partnered with the Deaf Cricket Academy as the title sponsor to present the upcoming Jazz Deaf Cricket Clash, a national-level tournament celebrating the passion and talent of the deaf community.

Cricket has always been at the heart of Pakistani culture, uniting millions across the country. Through this partnership, Jazz is ensuring that the deaf community is equally part of this national heartbeat. By empowering the Deaf Cricket Academy, Jazz is creating avenues for greater opportunities, visibility, and digital access for athletes who are often underrepresented in mainstream sports.

Commenting on the partnership, Kazim Mujtaba, President Consumer Division at Jazz, said: "At Jazz, we believe that true progress comes from inclusivity. Organizing the Jazz Deaf Cricket Clash allows us to not only celebrate the passion for cricket but also create community to be seen, heard, and recog-



digital empowerment to every segment

meaningful opportunities for the deaf Deaf Cricket Academy, added: "This support for the cause." partnership with Jazz gives our players nized on a national stage. This initia- a platform to showcase their skills and Clash, Jazz is reaffirming its role as both a more inclusive sporting culture that tive also reflects our broader mission of passion for cricket to a much wider audiale a leading digital operator and a cataclebrates diversity and proves cricket

in Pakistan's vibrant cricket culture, and enabling every Pakistani to thrive in the Muhammad Irfan Miraj, President we are grateful to Jazz for extending their digital age, ensuring no community is

By organizing the Iazz enabling lives and livelihoods by bringing ence. It's an important step in ensuring lyst for social inclusion. This initiative is truly a game for everyone.

that the deaf community is fully included reflects the company's broader vision of left behind. Through platforms like the Deaf Cricket Academy, Jazz is fostering

Toba Tek Singh Police continue operations against drug dealers

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the Order of District Police Officer (DPO) Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar, Toba Tek Singh Police is continuing operations against drug seller and criminal elements across the district. During the ongoing campaign against drug seller, the City Gojra Police, led by DSP Gojra Ashraf Tabassum, SHO City Gojra Sarfraz Ahmad Inspector, Waseem ASI along with the police personnel, during a patrol operation near the Railway Gate area of City Gojra Police Station, red-handed caught the wine seller Farhan son of Ashfaq Rajput resident of Mohalla Nai Mandi Gojra. The 524 Bottles wine was recovered from his possession.

A case has been registered against the arrested accused and action has been taken. DPO Toba Tek Singh Ibadat Nisar said that the police is fighting on every front to protect the citizens.



Attock Deputy Commissioner Guarantees Full District Backing for Massive HPV Vaccination Drive

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK:, Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza has said that, on the directions of the Government of Punjab, the district administration will play its full role in the upcoming HPV campaign. He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting in this regard at the DC Office Attock.

The participants of the meeting were informed that the purpose of this campaign is to protect women from cervical cancer. The campaign will continue from September 15 to September 27, during which 135,981 girls aged 9 to 14 years will be vaccinated. To accomplish this, 106 vaccination teams have been formed, which will work across 75 union councils of the district.

On this occasion, the DC Attock said that all relevant departments will play their full role in this important campaign, and the district administration will review all activities related to the campaign.

Attock District administration takes strong action against price

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: The Attock district administration, under the directives of the Punjab government and orders of the Deputy Commissioner Attock, launched a crackdown in the city and surrounding areas against artificial inflation and arbitrary pricing of essential commodities.

During inspections of shops and hotels across the city, several $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($ vendors were found selling basic items like milk, yogurt, meat, chicken, flour, rice, onions, and tomatoes at rates higher than the official price list. Many shopkeepers were strictly warned, profiteers were fined, and some shops were sealed on the spot.

Price Control Magistrates visited various markets and neighborhoods today, sending a clear message to retailers that citizens will not be left at the mercy of inflation. Legal action will continue against traders violating government rates.

Attock District Administration -Committed to public relief

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: An important meeting regarding the anti-dengue campaign was held at the DC Office Attock. Deputy Commissioner General Attock, Rao Atif Raza, presided over the meeting. Additional Deputy Commissioner General Aneel Saeed, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Waqas Aslam Marth, officers from Health and Education departments, DDHOs, and other relevant officers also attended.

The concerned officers briefed the meeting about the anti-dengue campaign. Addressing the meeting, the DC Attock directed all departments to play their full role in the campaign. The district and tehsil administrations, government departments, and especially the Health Department must make every possible effort for the complete elimination of dengue, while other departments should also extend their full cooperation.

He further stated that the performance of all departments related to dengue is being monitored through a third party, and reports regarding their performance are being sent to higher authorities. On this occasion, he instructed all district departments to further improve their performance

The Deputy Commissioner Attock also directed all officers to strictly implement the code of conduct regarding dengue prevention in their government offices and to raise public awareness as well. On this occasion, he appealed to the people of District Attock to keep their surroundings clean and dry so that they can remain safe from this dangerous disease.

In this regard, Price Control Magistrate Asad Nawaz Satti conducted surprise visits to different areas including Hummam Road, Gidar Chowk, and Mari, where violators were fined on the spot, while some shops were sealed for overcharging.

According to the Attock district administration, providing relief to the public is the top priority, and in line with the Punjab government's policy, the sale of essential commodities at official rates will be strictly ensured. The business community has been instructed to fully comply with the government price list; otherwise, strict action will be unavoidable.

Sialkot schools to fully reopen from Sept 15

SIALKOT: Deputy Commissioner Saba Asghar Ali on Friday chaired a special meeting to assess damages to government schools caused by recent floods and review restoration plans. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner

General Ayub Bukhari, CEO Education Mujahid Alvi, and officials from the Building Department. The Deputy Commissioner directed departments to complete

real-time assessments of school infrastructure, furniture, educational materials, and facilities to expedite repairs. She emphasized that student safety was the top priority, which

had led to the temporary closure of 26 schools in the district.

Following necessary restoration measures, all government schools in Sialkot will fully resume educational activities from September 15, 2025.

Karmaz Khel community elects new office barrier in Wana

👺 AK Wazir

WAZIRISTAN LOWER: Elections of the Karmaz Khel community were successfully concluded on Friday in a peaceful and transmore than 380 members casting their votes with enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility. The process reflected the community's commitment to strengthening democratic traditions at the grassroots level.

The polling began at 8:30am and continued until 12 noon. Soon after the voting ended, the election committee commenced the counting process and announced the results in a neutral environment, ensuring complete transparency.

According to the results, Zakarya Wazir was elected unopposed as president. Saddam Hussain Wazir secured 218 votes to win the chairman's slot, while his rival Iqbal managed 166 votes. For parent manner, in Wana with the post of general secretary, Janbaz Khan bagged 257 votes, defeating Mansoor Ali, who secured only 73. In the contest for finance secretary, Shamsur Rehman clinched victory with 238 votes, while Asif Nawaz and Israr received 122 and 117 votes, respectively.

Speaking after his victory, newly elected president Zakarya said he would strive to live up to the community's trust. He community. pledged to strengthen unity among members and mobilise the youth for collective progress.

Chairman Saddam Hussain termed his success a triumph for the entire community rather than an individual achievement. He vowed to prioritise improvements in education, healthcare and infrastructure to address the longstanding issues faced by the people.

General secretary Janbaz Khan emphasised that all decisions of the community would be made through consultation and transparency. He also pledged to create

more opportunities for youth and students, enabling them to play a constructive role in the future leadership of the

Members of the Karmaz Khel community expressed satisfaction over the fair and peaceful elected leadership, hoping



electoral process, calling it a that the team would work on underscored that local communew office-bearers to honour positive example of grassroots democracy. They voiced high expectations from the newly



a priority basis to resolve key nities possess both the capacity the trust placed in them and to issues and take practical steps for collective development. The election, observers noted, responsibility now lies with the community.





and will to choose their lead- ensure unity and sustainable ership democratically. The progress for the Karmaz Khel

Salute

ISLAMABAD: A view of portrait of Major Adnan Aslam martyred displayed on street light poles along Faisal Avenue, in the Federal Capital. Major Adnan Shaheed shall forever remain etched in the annals of Pakistan's history, for it is a tale of devotion, gallantry, and sacrifice. In the face of terror and adversity, he stood as a symbol of unyielding courage, embodying the very essence of a soldier who chose honour above life.



Four Indian-sponsored terrorists killed in Mastung, explosives recovered: ISPR

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army has killed four Indian sponsored terrorists and recovered huge cache of arms, ammunition and explosives from the terrorists in Balochistan. According to ISPR press release, on 12 Sep 2025, security forces conducted an intelligence based operation in Mastung District of Balochistan, o



proxy, Fitna al Hindustan.

During the conduct of operation, own forces effectively engaged the terrorintense fire exchange, four were sent to hell.

ists who remained actively terrorism to justice

reported presence of terror- involved in numerous ists belonging to Indian terrorist activities in the area. Sanitization operation is being conducted to eliminate any other terrrorist found in the area, as the ists' location, and after an security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipeout Indian sponsored terrorists the menace of Indian sponsored terrorism from the Weapons, ammunition country, and reaffirm the and explosives were also nation's unwavering resolve recovered from the terror- to bring the perpetrators of

Chinese delegation visits NDMA Headquarters

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A delegation dinated efforts with Provincial of Chinese Embassy led by Chargé d'Affaires Shi Yuanqiang visited NDMA Headquarters in Islamabad today.

NDMA team provided a Minister Relief Assistance. detailed overview of relief and regions during current commended

Lt General Inam Haider Malik highlighted the coor-Governments and relevant Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, rescue and evacuation efforts as well as During their visit, the timely assistance under Prime

On this occasion, the response activities in affected Chinese Chargé d'Affaires monsoon. Chairman NDMA proactive measures in miti- hoods and enhancing Paki- lences for lives lost during areas.



gating monsoon impacts, describing them as essential challenges. NDMA's for protecting lives, liveli-

stan's resilience to climate

He also expressed condo-

floods and affirmed the cooperation with Government of Pakistan for flood affected

FO rejects Netanyahu's remarks against Pakistan, condemns Qatar attack

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has strongly condemned Israel's attack on Qatar and rejected the alleged anti-Pakistan remarks of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Foreign Office made it clear that Pakistan stands firmly with its "brotherly Islamic country" Qatar and urged the Muslim Ummah to unite against Israel's ongoing provocations. At his weekly press briefing on Friday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Shafqat Ali Khan said the Israeli strikes were "against international laws and the UN Charter" and posed a serious threat to regional peace and security.

The spokesperson emphasized that Israel's attack on Doha was a direct assault on



Qatar. "Pakistan stands with its brotherly country Qatar," Shafqat Ali Khan said, adding that Muslim countries must join hands to stop the path of the oppressor."

He further clarified that Pakistan does not consider it appropriate to respond directly to the statements of leaders "responsible for genocide". He stressed the security and sovereignty of that Pakistan was fully capable threatens ongoing diplomatic Israeli prime minister said in a agreements.

of defending itself.

Responding to questions about Netanyahu's alleged anti-Pakistan comments, Khan reiterated that Pakistan would not legitimize such rhetoric. Instead, he called on Muslim nations to unite against Israeli provocations, stressing that Israeli aggression undermines regional stability and

and humanitarian efforts. Shafqat Ali Khan also highlighted Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's stance on the issue, noting that the premier has called for an immediate halt to Israeli aggression in the Middle East. The prime minister underscored that Muslim unity is essential to confront Israel's provocations and safeguard peace in the region. A day ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu compared Israel's attack on Qatar to the US killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan

"So we did exactly what America did when it pursued Al-Qaeda terrorists in Afghanistan and then killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Now, various countries around the world condemn Israel. They should be ashamed of themselves," the video statement.

He said, "What did they do after America killed Osama bin Laden? Did they respond by saying, 'Oh, what a terrible thing was done to Afghanistan or to Pakistan?' Instead, they applauded. They should applaud Israel for upholding the same principles and implementing them." He also threatened Qatar and other countries with expelling Hamas leaders or "bringing them to justice," saying, "If you don't, we will."

The spokesperson also addressed speculation regarding Pakistan's ties with the United Kingdom. He dismissed claims that Pakistan was being targeted by any UK policy, clarifying instead that both countries are working together to confront shared challenges and maintain cooperation under existing

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President Zardari begins official visit to China with warm welcome in Chengdu



Spokesman Report

CHENGDU: President Asif Ali Zardari arrived in Chengdu on Friday, marking the start of his official visit to China aimed at deepening bilateral ties and expanding cooperation across multiple sectors.

At Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, the President was warmly received by Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong and Sichuan Province Vice Governor Huang Ruixue.

Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong were also present to welcome him.

During the visit, President Zardari is scheduled to hold meetings with China's top leadership and senior officials to strengthen the Pakistan-China All-Weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership.

Discussions will focus on advancing collaboration in trade, investment, connectivity, and other fields of mutual interest.

SC rules wife's right to maintenance starts with nikah

Pakistan, in a significant decision Constitution, as making maintenance safeguarding women's rights, has ruled that a wife's right to main- husbands an excuse to evade financial tenance begins from the moment responsibility. of nikah and is not conditional on divorce, marital relations, or the husband's discretion.

The two-member bench, led by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Ageel Ahmed Abbasi, issued a detailed 15-page judgement while setting aside a Lahore High Court decision that had exempted a husband from paying maintenance due to lack of separation.

that the duty of maintenance is a legal obligation of the husband, not a favour that can be withheld.

The ruling noted that the Lahore High Court's interpretation under-ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of mined the spirit of the law and the conditional on marital relations gives

> The bench stressed that linking maintenance to physical presence negates the principle of gender equality enshrined in the Constitu-

> "Making this right subject to marital relations or physical cohabitation affects a fundamental right and provides space for husbands to shirk responsibility," the decision stated.

The Supreme Court also expressed The Supreme Court emphasized concern over the language used by the Lahore High Court in its ruling, urging the judiciary to be mindful of wording in sensitive family law cases.

Punjab seeks Army's assistance for conducting flood damage survey



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Punjab government has requested the assistance of the Pakistan Army to carry out a comprehensive survey of flood-related damage across the province.

According to the details, a formal request has been submitted to the Ministry of Defence through the Federal Ministry of Interior on Friday.

According to the plan, 1,710 army personnel will be deployed alongside survey teams in 25 districts of Punjab. The expenses for the survey will be borne by the Provincial Disaster $Management\ Authority\ (PDMA).$

The survey will begin on September 12 in 10 districts, teams.

including Chiniot, Lahore, Sialkot, and Hafizabad. From September 18, the operation will expand to 13 districts, including Jhang, Multan, Okara, and Muzaffargarh. Finally, from September 20, teams will begin assessments in Kasur, Rajanpur, and Rahim Yar Khan.

Authorities said the survey will compile a detailed record of all types of flood damage, including loss of life, property, crops, livestock, and infrastructure.

The Punjab government has tasked the Land Record Authority and the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) with conducting the survey in coordination with military