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Bilawal and Aseefa Bhutto arrive in Shanghai

Pakistan's First Lady, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, arrived in Shanghai on Sunday, accompanied by former foreign minister and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. The Deputy Director General of Shanghai's Foreign Affairs Office personally greeted the First Lady and Bilawal upon their arrival.

Pakistan Army distributes ration among flood victims of Lahore's Theme Park

Army continues. As many as 10,000 residents of the housing society have been affected by the flood, which also led to the disconnection of gas and electricity supply to the locality

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Emergency Arab-Islamic summit

DOHA: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, has arrived in Doha to lead Pakistan's delegation to the Ministerial meeting ahead of the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit, upon arrival, he was received by Pakistan's Ambassador



PM announces waiver of August electricity bills in flood-hit areas

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has announced that the electricity bills of the month of August for all domestic consumers in flood-affected areas will be completely waived.

In his address to the nation on Sunday evening, he said that due to the recent heavy rains and flooding, severe devastation $\,$ has occurred in various parts of Pakistan. He said that in addition to the loss of human lives, the floods have caused extensive damage to the livestock, livelihoods, and homes of the affected



of food supplies and healthcare facilities in the affected areas, the federal government, provincial in this context, he has made the refunded this amount in their concerned electricity distribugovernments, the people, and final decision that the electricity

population. For the provision the army are collectively carrying out rescue and relief operations.

in the flood-affected areas for one month, i.e., for the month of August, are being waived, and thus domestic consumers will not have to pay their August

"My brothers and sisters, we fully understand your hardships, and in this difficult time the federal government will pay your electricity bills. This is the rightful due of the flood victims," he said. He added that those domestic consumers in the affected areas who have The Prime Minister said that already paid their bills will be

bills of all domestic consumers Clear instructions in this regard

have already been issued. The Prime Minister further stated that a detailed assessment of the losses incurred by electricity consumers in the agricultural, commercial, and industrial sectors of the affected areas is being conducted. Therefore, the collection of their August electricity bills is being deferred. He assured that if the assessment shows significant losses, further relief measures will also be taken for them. He said necessary directions in this regard have been issued immediately to the next month's electricity bill. tion companies.

DPM/FM Dar arrives Doha to lead delegation at Ministerial Meeting

Spokesman Report

DOHA: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar arrived in Doha on Sunday to attend the Arab-Islamic Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Qatari and Pakistani diplomatic officials received Ishaq Dar upon arrival at Doha airport. Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the OIC in Doha, Fawad Sher, also welcomed him.

The Arab-Islamic Foreign Ministers' meeting will begin shortly, where OIC Secretary General Hissein Brahim Taha will deliver an address

Ishaq Dar will present Pakistan's stance on Israel's attacks on Qatar during the meeting.

The meeting of Islamic and Arab foreign ministers will

the recent Israeli attacks on

A draft resolution against Israeli aggression will be prepared in the session. The agenda for the upcoming Arab-Islamic Summit will be finalised during the meeting.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will attend the summit scheduled to be held tomorrow (Monday).

The meeting will finalise a strong response to the recent Israeli aggression, while the participating foreign ministers will also deliberate on a joint strategy to counter Israeli hostilities

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and heads of countries from over 50 nations are also likely to attend a summit scheduled to take place on review the situation following Monday in Doha.

Internal, external forces plotting against Pakistan's stability will be defeated without mercy: Asif declares

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Defence Minister Khawaja Asif warned on Sunday that any foreign or domestic efforts to destabilize the country's peace and sovereignty would be harshly dealt with, further asserting that PTI's association with external enemies would bring about their

defeat. In an exclusive chat with a local news channel, Khawaja Asif probed into the identities of those controlling PTI founder's social media accounts and their connection to the foreign conspiracies allegedly leading the party toward its disappointment.

He asserted that these attempts would ultimately fail, as Pakistan's armed forces



continue to achieve decisive victories on all fronts.

Asif lauded the military's unyielding determination in protecting Pakistan's sovereignty, pointing out that despite both external and internal adversities, the armed forces remain steadfast in neutralizing every attempt to disrupt national stability.

In response to a query, he labeled Bannu as a hotbed of terrorism and criticized PTI for failing to condemn it or honor the martyrs of the armed forces.

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Govt to announce special packages for flood hit farmers to enable them sow their next crops, says FM Aurangzeb

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Federal Minister Finance Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb has said that the rehabilitation of flood-affected people is the government's top priority and, for this purpose, all available national resources are being utilized to provide immediate relief. Speaking to the media during his visit to flood-hit areas of Kamalia and at Mill Fatyana Bridge, the finance minister stressed that rehabilitation meant structure but also helping families return to their that farmers and the generso they could resume their Mr Aurangzeb said the under way. government was considfarmers to enable them to food rations, milk, toys and present on the occasion.



According to Kamalia's data, 116,000 out not only rebuilding infra- of 117,000 affected individuals had already been covered by relief operanormal lives. He assured tions. Loss assessment surveys were expected to be al public would be facili- completed within the next tated in every possible way 15 days, while the distribution of seeds and fertilizers livelihoods at the earliest. in affected areas was also

During his visit, the ering special packages for finance minister distributed Moazur Rehman were also

sow their next crops on time. clothes among the affected families. He also lauded the efforts of the district administration and rescue agencies. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, District Police Officer Ibadat Nisar and Assistant Commissioner Igra Nasir briefed him on ongoing relief and rehabilitation measures, while former advocate general Mustafa Ramday and ASP

Interior Minister Nagvi visits martyred Captain Tamoor's family

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry visited the residence of martyred Captain Taimur Hassan, reported 24News-HD TV channel on Sunday.

Chaudhry met with the father of martyred Captain Taimur Hassan, Brigadier Hassan Abbas, and the future father-in-law. Both ministers expressed

Mohsin Naqvi and Talal

their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved family and recited Fateha for the elevation of the ranks of martyred Captain Taimur.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi appreciated the courage of Captain Taimur's

He said the pain of separation from a young and only son cannot be expressed in words. Mohsin Naqvi said, "We salute your courage and fortitude?

Captain Taimur Shaheed will always live in our hearts, Talal Chaudhry said.



Mirpur's Girls' Schools Top SEPI Index, Crowned 'Excellent' **Under DEO Farrukh Owais**

Bureau Report

MIRPUR: The Education Department, Schools, Girls' Section, Mirpur District, under the leadership of District Education Officer, Women, Mirpur, Ms. Farrukh Owais, has crossed a historic milestone.

The successful strategy of District Education Officer, Farrukh Owais, is receiving great appreciation as the educational standard of girls' schools established in the public sector is at the highest level.

According to the latest SEPI Index released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, the educational institutions of schools, girls' schools of Mirpur district have been declared the most prominent in terms of quality of education.

This ranking has been compiled especially on the basis of the results of the matriculation examinations and board examinations (BISE Mirpur), which makes this achievement more authentic and proud.



According to the latest data, more than 7 higher secondary and high schools of the district have been included in the "Excellent category",

while more than 44 schools have been classified in the "Good category" and it is an extraordinary fact that no girls' high school of Mirpur district has

been included in the "Poor" or "below average" category.

This achievement reflects the vision of Mirpur district which was adopted under the leadership of District Education Officer Ms. Farrukh Owais. He is determined that Mirpur district will be made a model district in terms of both quality and quantity of girls' schools where education should be developed not only according to local but also international standards.

The people of Mirpur are very happy and satisfied with this achievement and they proudly say that all this is the result of the best decision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, who appointed this visionary head in Mirpur district.

The people say that the District Education Officer for Women, Ms. Farrukh Owais, has proved that dreams can be turned into reality with the right leadership and hard work in a very short time by taking the standard of education to the highest level.

Sindh CM addresses media at Sukkur Barrage



SUKKUR: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah addressed the media during his visit to the Sukkur Barrage, providing updates on the flood situation and relief efforts here on Sunday.

The Chief Minister estimated that around 650,000 to 700,000 cusecs of water would flow through the barrage.

We had anticipated this flow and made preparations accordingly," Shah said. He praised the Irrigation Minister for camping at the site for the past two weeks to oversee the flood management efforts.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the authorities would successfully manage the floodwaters and ensure the safety of people and barrages. He highlighted the priorities of the government, which include saving human lives, protecting barrages, and safeguarding embankments.

Shah thanked the Prime Minister for declaring an agricultural and environmental emergency and announced that the Sindh government would prepare a plan to implement this emergency declaration. He also appealed to the federal government to support farmers, particularly in the wheat season, and to provide assistance to flood-affected people through the Benazir Income Support Program.

The Chief Minister emphasized the need for national unity in the face of natural disasters like floods and praised the people of kacha areas for their cooperation with the government. He also thanked the Prime Minister for his support and guidance during the crisis.

The CM highlighted the engineering marvel of the Sukkur Barrage, which irrigates 8.5 million acres of land, and discussed plans to increase its capacity. He also mentioned the government's efforts to mitigate the impact of climate change, including raising embankments and improving drainage systems. He expressed gratitude to the people and officials for their cooperation and support during the flood crisis and reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting lives and property.

Zardari's official visit to China holds great significance for Pakistan: Ishrat Hassan

👺 Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party Ladies Wing Hyderabad leader Ishrat Hassan has said that President Asif Ali Zardari's official visit to China holds great significance for Pakistan. She stated that the visit will further strengthen economic, trade, and political relations between the two countries.

Ishrat Hassan said that Pakistan and China's ties have always been based on partnership and trust, and President Zardari's visit will open new opportunities in projects including CPEC.

She further added that the PPP leadership is prioritizing national inter-



Tando Jam B Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: PPP leader Rawal Sharjeel Inam Memon inaugurated the newly constructed office of the Assistant Commissioner Taluka Rural near Jakhro Phatak, Rahuki Tando Jam, addressing the media

the newly constructed office AC

Rawal Sharjeel Memon said this important step was taken to provide better facilities and timely services to the people of PS-61, reducing their need to travel far for administrative matters. He thanked the public for their continued support and praised the Sindh government's relentless efforts to improve the area.

He highlighted that under the PPP government, numerous develop-ment projects have been initiated including the launch of a 1 million PKR water purification scheme, construction of new buildings, and upgrades to roads. He emphasized that Hyderabad has always remained a stronghold of the PPP and the government remains committed to bringing continuous progress to Constituency 61.

Further, Rawal Sharjeel Memon announced plans to start a new beautification project aimed at transforming the area's appearance, promising uninterrupted development and ensuring basic facilities reach every doorstep. PPP leaders and local dignitaries were also present during the

DCRao pay tribute to the services of Serena Hotel for the relief of flood victims



S Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Serena Hotels, in collaboration with the Pakistan Army and the local administration of Nankana Sahib, organized a systematic relief campaign in Behchoko Par village. Under this campaign, ration bags were distributed to 200 flood-affected families. The distribution process was carried out under a systematic and verified procedure, in which priority was given to the most affected families. Deputy Commissioner Nankana Sahib Tasleem Akhtar Rao appreciated the timely and much-needed assistance provided by Serena Hotels. Mr. Rashiduddin, General Manager of Serena Hotel Faisalabad, said that we are always committed to helping our people. He also stressed the importance of cooperation with local authorities and the Pakistan Army in times of crisis. This effort, carried out under the 'Passion of Service', is part of Serena Hotels' commitment to social responsibility, which aims to bring a positive change in the lives of those affected by the floods. Provincial Assembly Member Mehr Kashif Padhyar, Ramsha Abdul Rehman Paraforce, representatives of the local administration and others were also present on the occasion.

Conclusion of the Golden Jubilee ceremony

MUZAFFARABAD: The Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Yahya Afridi presents a shield to Justice Shahid Bihar, Senior Judge of the High Court on conclusion of the Golden Jubilee ceremony of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.



RPO and Commissioner D G Khan supervising the rescue and relief operations day and night

Asim Tanveer

DERA GHAZI KHAN/MUZAF-FARGARH: On the orders of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, RPO Dera Ghazi Khan Captain (retd) Sajjad Hassan Khan and Commissioner Ashfaq Ahmed Chaudhry are present in the flood-affected areas of Muzaffargarh day and night, supervising the rescue and relief operations. They went to the affected areas by boat and inspected the flood situation, relief points and flood camps, checked the delivery of food, ration, tents and other goods to the victims by boats and directed the employees of the police, rescue and other depart-



ments engaged in relief activities. According to the details, rescue and relief operations are going on in full swing in the flood-affected areas of Muzaffargarh on the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. RPÖ Dera Ghazi Khan Captain (retd) Sajjad Hassan Khan and Commissioner Ashfaq Ahmed Chaudhry are present in the flood-affected areas day and night and supervising the relief activities. Commissioner DG Khan Ashfaq Ahmed Chaudhry said that on the orders of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the best facilities are being provided to the victims, including ration, food, tents, medical facilities and fodder for animals.

From Exclusion To Embrace: A New Vision For Humanity

magine a world where every

stands alone. Where every hand is held in solidarity and every heart feels the warmth of belonging. Yet, often, the reality we face is one of silent exclusion and invisible walls. In the shadows of progress,

many still remain unheard, unseen create spaces that respect and repreand unvalued. The dream of a truly sent all voices, they lay the foundation inclusive society is not just an ambi- for genuine belonging. Inclusivity is tion, it's a call to justice, a demand crucial for a thriving and harmonious for humanity and a battle against the environment, fostering respect, innoquiet cruelty of division. To build a vation and shared prosperity. Celeworld where everyone belongs is to brating diversity creates a more open challenge inequality and to rise boldly minded and accepting society where for something greater.

Aleena Salman

voice echoes with equal recognising and valuing the diverstrength. Where no one sity that exists within our communities. People differ

in culture, language, religion, gender identity, ability and countless other ways. These differences should be celebrated, not feared. When institutions such as schools, workplaces and governments

people from different backgrounds

True inclusivity begins with can interact and learn from each other tical necessity in building stronger, and build meaningful relationships. Only then we can unlock the full potential of collective humanity.

However, building an inclusive society also requires dismantling the barriers that continue to marginalise people. Discrimination, bias and unequal access to resources prevent many from feeling safe or valued. Education must promote empathy and understanding from a young age. Leaders must actively listen and respond to the needs of underrepresented groups. Inclusivity is not a one time achievement, it is an ongoing commitment to fairness, dignity and mutual respect. When everyone is given a true seat at the table society becomes not only more just, but also

more resilient, innovative and unified. In conclusion, inclusivity is not just a moral imperative but a prac-

more empathetic, and more innovative communities. By embracing diversity and ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard. As we move forward, it is our shared responsibility to challenge exclusion, break down barriers, and actively cultivate spaces where everyone belongs.

Enough is enough, the silence ends now, and so does the cruelty behind the screen. It's time to shut down cyberbullying before it shuts down another life.

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870,000 flour bags supplied to the open market during the last 24 hours

LAHORE: On the directions of the Chief Minister Punjab, DG Food Amjad Hafeez is fully active to ensure ample availability of flour bags in the open market. During the last 24 hours, 870,000 flour bags have been supplied to the open market — over 541,000 of 10-kg bags and more than 329,000 of 20-kg bags. According to the Price Control Spokesperson, 1.881 million flour bags have been supplied across the province in the last three days. The official price of roti is fixed at Rs. 14 with a weight of 100 grams, while the price of a 10-kg flour bag is Rs. 905 and a 20-kg flour bag is Rs. 1810. The spokesperson made it clear that a zero-tolerance policy is being adopted against those creating an artificial crisis of wheat and flour, and the availability of flour and roti at official rates is being ensured at all costs.

Gilani appealed to world community for help of victims of floods

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Syed Abida Bukhari City President of the Pakistan Peoples Party Women's Wing Multan, said Acting President of Pakistan Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has Appealed To The World Community For Help For victims of Pakistan Recent Terrible Floods. Syed Abida Bukhari Forther Said

that in Multan and the Seraiki belt, the way the PPP leadership, with the blessing of Allah Almighty, provided support to flood victims for survival is unmatched by any other political party. She said that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari personally visited the flood-affected areas, met with victims, expressed solidarity, listened to their problems, and assured them that the PPP would never abandon them under any circumstances. Chairman

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari pledged that the party would provide every possible financial assistance and deliver all essential supplies She further said that Acting President of Pakistan and Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf



Raza Gillani remained in Multan from the moment the floods struck, visiting the affected areas daily and staying in constant contact with the district administration. For the victims, he arranged tents, clean drinking water, rations, and cooked meals. Abida Bukhari highlighted that Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani also instructed his children to continue their efforts until the complete rehabilitation of the victims. His sons—Syed Abdul Qadir Gilani, Sved Ali Qasim Gilani, Sved Ali Musa Gilani, and Syed Ali Haider Gilani—dedicated themselves to public service during the floods, remaining among the victims from Fajr prayer until late at night.

Senate Chairman Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani described the disaster as the most devastating flood in Pakistan's history, calling it an act of aggression by India, which released

water into the Sutlej, Ravi, and Chenab She further said that Acting President of rivers without informing Pakistan and continues to do so

Healthy activities

ISLAMABAD: People participating in an IRC Race Series at Jinnah Sports Complex, in the Federal



VC Nishtar Medical University Visits Flood-Affected Area

MULTAN: Vice Chancellor of Nishtar Medical University, Professor Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani, yesterday made a detailed visit to the areas adjacent to Muzaffargarh and reviewed the medical and basic facilities in the flood-affected areas.

The Vice Chancellor met the flood victims and listened to their problems. On this occasion, the medical staff of Nishtar University, led by Vice Chancellor Professor Mehnaz Khakwani, examined about three hundred patients and distributed free medicines to them. In addition, ration was also distributed to about one hundred affected families. Professor Mehnaz Khakwani directed the medical teams to provide health and food facilities to the affected people on a daily basis.

Addressing the public, he said that providing quality health facilities to the people under the vision of the Chief continue on an emergency basis.



Minister of Punjab is our top priority. The doctors and medical staff of Nishtar University and the hospital are standing with the victims and relief activities will

On this occasion, the victims appreciated the initiative of Nishtar Medical University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani and said that supporting them in difficult times is encouraging.

RCCI Calls for At Least 3% Policy Rate Cut in Upcoming SBP Meeting to Boost Business Competitiveness

Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) has called on the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to implement a substantial reduction in the policy rate — by at least 3 percentage points — in the upcoming Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting scheduled for Monday, September 15.

RCCI President Usman Shaukat emphasized that while the central bank has halved the policy rate to 11% since June 2024, further monetary easing is both timely and essential. "With inflation projected to average around 6% in the current fiscal year, there is considerable room for an additional 300 basis point cut," he stated.

Mr. Shaukat stressed that Pakistan urgently needs a more competitive interest rate environment to stimulate industrial activity, attract investment, and enhance the country's regional economic standing. "Bringing Pakistan's interest rates in line with those of neighboring economies is critical to lowering the cost of doing business — especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which remain disproportionately affected by high borrowing costs," he said.

Punjab Accelerates Clean Drinking Water Supply to Flood Victims

Bureau Report

 $LAHORE: On the special instructions of Chief Minister Punjab\,Maryam$ Nawaz Sharif, the provision of germ-free and healthy drinking water to flood victims is continuing at a rapid pace. According to the spokesperson of the Housing Department, so far Punjab Saaf Pani Authority has supplied 1,733,000 liters of water, benefitting 577,667 victims.

According to the Housing Department spokesperson, only yesterday 155,900 liters of water were distributed in the flood-affected areas. He said that emergency efforts are underway to ensure the supply of safe and healthy water so that the affected population may be provided imme-

According to the spokesperson, the district administration and Punjab Saaf Pani Authority are jointly active in the relief operation. He further stated that the facilitation of the affected population is our top priority and that all available resources are being utilized to provide maximum relief to the flood victims.

PM Shehbaz's visit to Malaysia set to open new chapter of bilateral ties: Malaysian envoy

KARACHI: Malaysia's High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ambassador Dato Mohammad Azhar Mazlan said the visit of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Malaysia would open new economic opportunities and further strengthen bilateral relations.

Speaking at a program of the English Speaking Union, the High Commissioner said that the visit comes at the invitation of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.



Addressing the gathering, the envoy said Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim is very familiar with Pakistan, having studied Allama Iqbal and knowing Karachi well. He noted that Malaysians and Pakistanis share many commonalities. If you go to Malaysia now, you can find restaurants like Pak Punjab, Quetta Hotel or Shinwari in Kuala Lumpur, where many Pakistanis live side by side with other races.

The official number of the Pakistani diaspora now living in Malaysia is almost 100,000, which is by far the biggest number in Southeast Asia. Pakistanis working in Malaysia remit money back to Pakistan, helping develop Malaysia's economy in terms of giving their sweat, their blood

The envoy expressed gratitude for the Pakistani workers who work legally in Malaysia. He added that since he came to Pakistan in January 2023, he has enjoyed every moment of being here because he can feel the warmth of the Pakistani people.

Moving forward, the top diplomat said that Malaysia aspires to be a developed nation by 2040, with a focus on AI, FinTech, and Sharia-compliant banking. Recalling the history between the two countries, he said that Pakistan

was one of the earliest countries that recognized Malaysia as a nation on During Malaysia's independence, Pakistan was a part of a great commis-

sion, where Justice Abdul Hamid helped Malaysia in drafting its consti-Other important points highlighted were the excellent bilateral relations and the elevation of their partnership to a strategic partnership

He also highlighted the strong air connectivity provided by AirAsia, Batik Air, and PIA, and the complementary nature of trade, with Pakistan exporting basmati rice and beef to Malaysia, and Malaysia exporting

ESUP Secretary-General Majyd Aziz was also present on the occasion, along with Herman Hardynata Ahmad, the Consul General of Malaysia in Karachi.

Aziz Memon, Patron-in-Chief of the English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP), said the ESUP plays an important role in bridging nations by holding international debate competitions in London.

4th International Conference on Teaching and Learning Concludes at IIUI

跨 City Desk

Teacher Education, Faculty of Education, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), in collaboration for Research & Dialogue (IRD) and the National Book Foundation, concluded the two-day 4th International Conference on Innovation in Teaching and Learning (ICITL-2025).

The conference gathered national and international scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to deliberate teacher licensing, and strengthening on emerging trends in education. The sessions covered digital transformation, curriculum innovation, inclusive pedagogies, assessment reforms, and the ethical use of artificial intelligence in classrooms.

In the closing ceremony Dr. Azhar Times to Improve Education and Mahmood, Incharge Programs, Faculty ISLAMABAD: The Department of of Education, welcomed the participants and appreciated their active contribution over the two days.

Presenting the conference report, Dr. with the Iqbal International Institute Fouzia Ajmal, Conference Secretary, shared that the event featured seven keynote addresses, more than 80 paper and poster presentations, and a panel discussion. The recommendations included aligning curricula with global job market needs, responsible adoption of technology and AI, standardized inclusive education through training and assistive resources.

Keynote speakers and their addresses included Prof. Dr. Jameel-Un Nabi, Vice Chancellor, University of Wah -Progressive Strategies for Dynamic

Learning, Professor James O'Meara, Dean of Global and Community Engagement, Texas A&M International University, USA - Disruptive Internationalization: Transforming Teacher Education to Provide International Experiences for All, Dr. Nur Ehsan Mohd Said, Head, Higher Education English Test (HEET) Centre, National University of Malaysia - Practice of Differentiated Instruction (DI) to Modern Classrooms, Dr. Shamsa Aziz, Secretary, NACTE -Curriculum Innovation and Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs in Pakistan: Pathways to Quality, Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Zia, Head, Center for Learning and Teaching, FC College University, Lahore - Sustainable AI Professional Development Model for

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Dr. S. M. Mohammad Ismail, Former Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University, Sri Lanka - Higher Education in Sri Lanka: Needs and Challenges, Dr. Ahsan Ejaz, Postdoctoral Fellow, Lanzhou University, China – Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the **Education and Cognitive Development** of Graduates.

A panel discussion on "Developing Digital Pedagogical Mindsets among Prospective Teachers" brought together experts from Hazara University, HEC, IIUI, AIOU, and NUML, moderated by Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal.

Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor of National Skills University, stressed the need to link innovation with employability and practical skills. He highlighted "Agentic



AI" as an emerging trend and urged vations into workforce readiness and societal impact.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Aftab Ahmad National Commission for UNESCO work on AI-related training in schools.

In the closing session, Dr. universities to translate teaching inno- Muhammad Munir Kayani, Conference Chair and Chairperson, Department of Teacher Education, thanked participants and collaborators. He said Khan, Secretary General, Pakistan the conference underscored the importance of inquiry-driven teaching, digital (PNCU), noted UNESCO's ongoing pedagogies, and international cooperation for improving education quality.

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UN calls on world community to 'match words with action' in war-shattered Gaza

veteran humanitarian official has fervently called for more action to end the Israeli war in Gaza and stop the bloodshed, saying hope may be all that is left but it is not enough to keep people alive in the besieged

Olga Cherevko, Spokesperson in Gaza for the UN aid coordination office OCHA, warned that history will not judge the international community "based on the speeches that we made" but rather on actions.

Speaking from Deir Al-Balah, she delivered a blunt message: 'When Gaza burned, and children starved, and hospitals collapsed – did you act?"

Ms. Cherevko said this past Tuesday, Gaza City "was handed a death sentence", with hundreds of thousands of battered civilians ordered to flee to an already overcrowded area where "even small animals have to search for spaces to squeeze between to move around."

Across the Strip, the situation is dire, she said. A friend texted her on Thursday saying that they tried to find space in the south, but there was none.

"His 8-year-old cousin was killed instantly in an Israeli strike together with several other children last week while waiting for some bread to be baked," she told reporters at UN Headquarters. The friend's daughter, who recently turned two, has known

nothing but war, she added. "The unmistakable smell of death is everywhere – a grisly reminder that the ruins lining the streets hide the remains of moth-

ers, fathers, children," Ms. Cherevko continued. "Humans who used to laugh, cry, dream. Their lives cut short

by the war's killing machines, many to never be found again." As humanitarian workers drove back into Gaza on Thursday, distraught people crowded around their convoy "pleading for

this horror to stop," she said. "Dignity and hope have been stripped away, with every killing of a loved one, with every strike on a civilian lifeline, with every denial of access."

She said that "the race against time, against death, against the spread of famine, feels as if we as humanitarians are running through quicksand. Even more so as humanitarian convoys are too often denied, delayed or obstructed by the Israeli authorities.'

She noted that even amid hardship "humanity shines", pointing to "the Palestinian doctors, nurses and paramedics working around the clock, often without pay, medicine or electricity."

This also includes aid workers from UN agencies, the Red Crescent and other organizations "delivering food, medicine and clean water under fire", as well as ordinary people who share the little they have with strangers.

"In every act of care – a refusal to let cruelty define the future. Proof that even in the darkest times, the human spirit endures," she said.

'Prophet Muhammad '": The Perfect Model for Imperfect Beings'

Sadaf Dilawar

ow can an imperfect human being attempt to describe the one who embodied perfection in every aspect of life? At times, I feel unworthy of writing even a single word about the only model of perfection in the history of mankind. Yet upon reflection, I realized that everything in creation is understood through its opposite. Darkness makes us appreciate light, despair teaches us the value of hope, falsehood highlights the beauty of truth and ugliness magnifies the essence of beauty. In the same way, it is our human dation from anyone. imperfection that allows us to truly recognize and admire the perfection of the Prophet Muhammad

But we all know that perfection can never exist within humanity, for to err is human, except in the life of the Last Prophet Muhammad A. He was complete in himself and completed the religion for all of mankind. While we must embrace our shortcomings, we are profoundly blessed to have a perfect model to follow: the life and character of Prophet Muhammad A. As Allah declares in the Qur'an:

لَقُلُكُانَكُمُ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسُوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لَّا اللَّهِ الْسُولِ اللَّهِ أَسُوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ الله "Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example."

(Surah Al-Ahzab 33:21)

By following the path of our Last Prophet , we can move closer to true excellence.

The world was blessed with this perfect human being in the sacred month of Rabiul-Awwal. Since then, countless books, commentaries, and reflections have been written about Him, and poets across centuries have poured their hearts into verses honouring His noble personality.

Remarkably, even the non-Muslim for all. But today, child labour thrives, Muhammad as the most influential person in human history. He justified his choice by highlighting the Prophet's unmatched role in establishing Islam, his profound impact as the Messenger of mat, and avoided extravagance. He

the Qur'an, and his brilliance as both a political and religious leader.

Yet the truth remains, Prophet Muhammad requires no vali-His greatness does not depend on human acknowledgment, for the Creator Himself has

declared his greatness among all and that is the highest and final testimony. Allah Almighty says:

وَإِنَّكَاكُمْ لَيْ عُلِّيهِ "And indeed, you (O Prophet ﷺ) are of a great moral character." (Surah Al-Qalam, 68:4)

Let us see how the attributes of Prophet Muhammad guide us to overcome the faults we often find in modern life.

Prophet Muhammad 機能 led with humility, consultation (shura), and service. He cleaned the mosque with his companions, mended his own clothes, and lived like a servant of the people rather than a ruler. But leadership today is filled with arrogance, corruption, misuse of power, and poor governance. Where

leaders exploit, the Prophet served. The Prophet 概要 was the embodiment of mercy. He showed kindness to children, care for women and the weak, and compassion even to animals. He stood up respectfully when a funeral of a non-Muslim passed by, teaching dignity

Western scholar Michael H. Hart, in his domestic abuse is common, animal renowned book The 100, ranked Prophet cruelty is normalized, and wars destroy countless innocent lives. In a world of cruelty, his compassion is the cure.

The Prophet lived with simplicity. He patched his own clothes, slept on a

> spoke politely, dressed gracefully, and carried himself with dignity. His modesty was a true reflection of his greatness. Yet today's world thrives on a culture of show-off, materialism, vulgarity on social media, and shamelessness in daily interac-

tions. Immodesty has wrongly become the symbol of modernism. The Prophet's 脚 modesty remains the antidote to our excessive lifestyles.

Prophet Muhammad A united divided tribes and nations under one message: La ilaha illallah (There is no god but Allah). His mission dissolved barriers of race, tribe, and class. But today, humanity is torn apart by sectarianism, nationalism, racism, and social classes. His model remains the cure for our baseless divisions.

Prophet Muhammad Figure remained patient in all hardships. Even in the face of the loss of loved ones or mistreatment by His enemies, He tolerated people's mistakes with calm and composure. But today, people often react hastily, lose their temper easily, and give up quickly when faced with challenges.

Prophet was always grateful to Allah and to people, appreciating even the smallest blessings. He never complained and consistently bowed His head in front

of Allah in thankfulness. In contrast, today many people complain, feel jealousy, and take favours and blessings for granted. We never remain

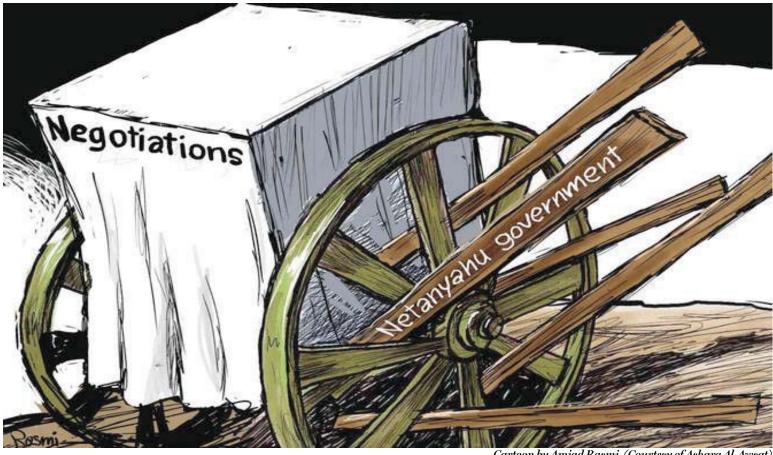
Prophet Muhammad Au generously shared His wealth, helped the needy, and remained selfless even while experiencing hunger Himself. A remarkable example of generosity is found in the history of Islam, when the Ansar of Madinah welcomed the Muhajireen from Makkah. They treated them as their own brothers, even sharing half of their homes, land, and property with them. But today, we often fall short of this spirit. At times, we even show greed toward our own blood relations. We have grown heartless in extending a helping hand, forgetting that true wealth lies in generosity.

To conclude, the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad is like a tree, where every leaf reflects a unique virtue, offering shade in the heat and shelter in the storms of life. His pure soul is like a vast ocean, filled with endless pearls of wisdom and goodness of character

Due to the limits of time and words, only a glimpse of these noble qualities can be shared here. As human beings, we are imperfect, yet true perfection belongs only to the Prophet . By following his example, however, we can rise above our weaknesses and move closer to excellence.

In today's world, his life remains a timeless and perfect model, reminding us that real success lies not in worldly gains, but in living by the values He embodied for all of humanity.

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

Pakistan's Voice of Conscience at the **United Nations**

words often drown in endless speeches, moments arise that define not only the speaker but the nation behind him. Such a moment recently came when Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar, stood before the world and dismantled Israel's attempt to misuse to justify its indiscriminate assault on Gaza. His

intervention not only forced an unprecedented apology from Israel's ambassador, Danny Danon, but also reaffirmed Pakistan's moral authority as the voice of conscience for the Muslim world and for oppressed people everywhere.

For me, this triumph was not just a matter of national pride but also personal reflection. Two

years ago, while waiting for an audience with President Arif Alvi in Islamabad, I met Ambassador Asim Iftikhar as he prepared to assume his responsibilities as Pakistan's envoy to France. In those quiet minutes, I found him to be articulate, deeply thoughtful, and radiating professionalism. There was in his demeanor a rare blend of intellectual precision and quiet confidence, qualities that I felt would take him far in representing Pakistan. That impression, formed in the corridors of the presidency, has since been vindicated in the most remarkable way, culminating in his recent performance at the United Nations where he shone not only as Pakistan's voice but as the spokesperson of the Muslim world.

This intervention was not an isolated act but part of a larger continuum of Ambassador Iftikhar's work. Again and again at the United Nations, he has projected the suffering of Gaza

 $n\,the\,crowded\,halls\,of\,diplomacy, where \quad Assembly\,that\, ``the\,situation\,in\,Gaza\,is\,a\,stain\,on$ our collective conscience. Over fifty-five thousand lives have been lost, including eighteen thousand children and twenty-eight thousand women. Infrastructure has been razed—homes, hospitals, schools, cultural heritage, places of worship. Famine looms. Humanitarian workers and UN personnel are being attacked with impunity. This Pakistan's sacrifices in the fight against terrorism is not just a humanitarian catastrophe; it is a collapse of humanity." These were not the words

> of a man speaking only for Pakistan. They were the words of a diplomat mobilizing the conscience of the world, urging not only the Muslim community but all of civilization to act. to recognize that without justice there can be no peace. He has repeatedly called for the only viable solution: the realization of a two-state solution on pre-1967

borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the capital of a sovereign, independent, and contiguous State of Palestine.

Qamar Bashir

By vividly describing demolished schools, destroyed hospitals, displaced families, starving children, and the blockade of humanitarian aid. he has carried the Palestinian tragedy from the rubble of Gaza to the chambers of the United Nations, where it cannot be ignored. He has mobilized not just the Muslim world but also neutral states, civil society, and even hesitant Western capitals to rethink their silence. His interventions have contributed to the momentum behind resolutions in the General Assembly. including Pakistan's pivotal role in the historic vote affirming the two-state solution, a success story of multilateral diplomacy where Pakistan once again played a leading role.

His diplomacy is marked by dignity. In and the West Bank with unflinching clarity. In confronting Israel, he did not descend into June this year, he declared before the General anger or hyperbole. Instead, he marshaled facts,

invoked moral clarity, and exposed propaganda with surgical precision. He reminded the world that the fight against terrorism cannot be equated with the slaughter of innocent civilians, and in doing so, he not only defended Pakistan's honor but also gave voice to the millions of Palestinians trapped under bombardment and occupation. His words carried the weight of truth, and truth compelled even Israel, often shielded by its allies, to apologize.

This was Pakistan at its finest-firm, dignified, principled. It was not just defending its own history but championing the cause of justice for Palestine, exposing tyranny, and mobilizing the conscience of the world. For me, watching this unfold brought back that first impression I had of him in Islamabad, a man destined to leave his mark. He has not only fulfilled that promise but exceeded it, standing tall as a diplomat whose words moved nations and whose voice gave hope to the oppressed.

The United Nations may often be a theater of speeches with little consequence, but sometimes, words alter the moral landscape. Through Ambassador Asim Iftikhar, Pakistan has shown that truth, when spoken with conviction, can silence distortion, compel apologies, and remind the world that dignity and justice still matter. In that chamber, Pakistan's voice was heard and respected. It was the voice of a nation that has suffered and sacrificed, vet continues to stand for justice-not only for itself but for all oppressed peoples. And in that moment, Pakistan reminded the world that diplomacy, at its best, is not about power but about conscience, and that conscience. when articulated with courage, can still shake the foundations of injustice.

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Simplicity: The Fragrance of Faith and the Key to Inner Peace

Dr. Muhammad Tayyab

undoubtedly showered to accept Zakat. humanity with apparent progress and countless it has robbed the human heart of its peace. Today's soul wanders aimlessly. He resides in grand raised with values of moderation from an early

mansions, yet the chambers of his heart remain empty. He adorns himself with expensive cars and garments, yet within he is fractured and unsettled. The root cause lies in the fact that we have imprisoned ourselves in the cycle of ostentation and extravagance from which escape is not easy.

Islam, however, has always guided mankind towards a simple, moderate, and tranquil way of life. The simple living in the educational curriculum. life of the Holy Prophet stands before us as a luminous example. His lifestyle was marked by dignity and profound simplicity. He would often rest upon palm-leaf mats and sustain himself with barley bread and water. He declared that simplicity is part of faith. The Qur'an too repeatedly warns against extravagance and commands moderation: "Eat and drink, but do not waste;

indeed, Allah does not love the wasteful." Simplicity, therefore, is not just a source of personal peace it is also the foundation of economic justice. If the wealthy refrain from wastefulness and embrace simple living, resources can reach a wider circle of society. The Qur'an commands that wealth should not circulate only among the rich. This injunction is a call to social and economic fairness. Islam established institutions such as Zakat, Sadaqah, and Waqf precisely hands. When rulers and elites adopt simple lives, Abdul Aziz is a prime example: prosperity over- most urgently needed in our age.

odern civilization has flowed to such an extent that no one remained

The same path lies open before us in Pakistan today. Individually, we must abandon extravaconveniences, but in return gance and embrace simplicity. Weddings and social functions must be made modest, reliance man is trapped in an inner conflict where his on debt and installments curtailed, and children

age. At the family level, parents must prioritize knowledge and character over material display. On the societal level, media, scholars, and educational institutions should launch movements declaring simplicity a virtue and extravagance a vice. On the state level, strict laws should curb wasteful expenditures at weddings, abolish dowry

Khan Singhanvi practices, and include lessons on

This message is especially vital for the youth, who are the architects of tomorrow. If they adopt simple lifestyles, they can avoid the traps of debt, installments, and futile rivalries. This will not only bring them inner peace but will also contribute to a balanced and just society. Today's youth must recognize that true honor lies not in luxury cars or costly clothes, but in knowledge, integrity, and

service to humanity. Simplicity is thus a comprehensive philosophy that unites faith, psychological peace, social harmony, and economic justice. It liberates man from unnecessary burdens and greed, directing him instead towards purpose, service to others, and closeness to Allah. If the Muslims of Pakistan embrace simplicity guided by the life of the Prophet , the example of the Caliphs, the wisdom of the Sufi saints, and the findings to prevent wealth from concentrating in a few of modern research their personal lives will be filled with serenity and their society will reflect the entire society benefits. The era of Umar ibn true prosperity and justice. This is the message

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North Korea to boost nuclear arsenal, conventional military

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Pyongyang will unveil a policy to advance both its nuclear arsenal and conventional military power at an upcoming key ruling party meeting, state media said Saturday.

Since a failed summit with the United States in 2019, North Korea has repeatedly said it will never give up its nuclear weapons and declared itself an "irreversible" nuclear state.

While visiting weapons research facilities this week, Kim said Pyongyang "would put forward the policy of simultaneously pushing forward the building of nuclear forces and conventional armed forces", according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Kim also emphasised the need to "modernise" the country's conventional armed forces, without specifying the date of the party meeting.

The North Korean leader has been emboldened by the war in Ukraine, securing critical support from Russia



Korean troops to fight alongside

Moscow and Pyongyang signed a mutual defence pact last year when Russian President Vladimir Putin visited the reclusive state.

Seoul has repeatedly warned that

Pyongyang, including the potential transfer of sensitive Russian military technology, in return for North Korea's assistance in fighting Ukraine.

"In essence, it reflects (Kim's) view that nuclear forces alone have limits as a deterrent, and that Pyongyang is after sending thousands of North Russia is stepping up support for seeking to boost its war-fighting capa-

bility by modernizing its conventional arsenal," Hong Min, a senior analyst at the Korea Institute for National Unification, told AFP.

"North Korea's military technology cooperation with Russia seems to be also expanding into the conventional arms sector, and modernisation plans tailored to 'modern warfare' are likely to be laid out as a mid- to long-term agenda" at the upcoming meeting, he

At the last party congress in January 2021, Kim unveiled an ambitious military agenda, pledging to develop advanced weapons such as military spy satellites and solid-fuel intercontinental

Analysts say they expect the upcoming meeting to be held early next year.

Kim and Putin flanked China's President Xi Jinping at a massive parade in Beijing this month, drawing an acidic response from US President Donald Trump, who accused the three leaders of plotting against the United States.

New Nepal PM vows to follow protesters' demands to 'end corruption'



Nepal's new leader vowed Sunday to follow protesters' demands to "end corruption" as she began work as interim prime minister, after "Gen Z" youth demonstrations ousted her predecessor.

"We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation.... What this group is demanding is end of corruption, good governance and economic equality," said Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, in her first public comments since taking office on Friday. "You and I have to be determined to fulfil that."

Karki added that she and her interim government would not "will not stay here one day more than six months", with elections set for

TEHRAN: 2025:Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan being warmly received at Imam Khomeini International Airport, Tehran, by Mr. Amin Tarfa'a, Advisor to Iran's Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, at the start of his three-day official visit to lead the 22nd Pakistan-Iran Joint Economic Commission and co-chair the Pakistan-Iran Business Forum.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's powerful sister condemned upcoming joint military drills by South Korea, the United States and Japan as a "reckless show of strength" that would bring "bad results", state media said Sunday.

The allies are set to hold joint military drills from Monday through Friday off the South's Jeju Island, combining naval, air and missile defence exercises to better prepare against threats from the nuclear-armed North.

Seoul and Washington, which stations around 28,500 troops in South Korea, will also stage a tabletop military exercise, aimed at integrating their military assets.

Kim Yo Jong slammed the drills as a "dangerous idea", in a statement carried by state news outlet KCNA.

"The reckless show of strength made by them (the allies) in real action in the vicinity of the DPRK, which is the wrong place, will inevitably bring bad results to themselves," she said, using the acronym for North Korea.

int military drills involving the allies. calling them rehearsals for an invasion. the policy of simultaneously pushing Russian President Vladimir Putin

scale nuclear strikes and attempts to neutralise its launch platforms", Hong Min, a senior analyst at the Korea

told AFP. "The North is likely using the allied exercises as a pretext to push ahead with nuclear modernisation and

Institute for National Unification,

North Korea condemns 'reckless'

US, Japan, South Korea drills

conventional upgrades," he added. Kim Jo Yong's statement follows a visit by her brother to weapons Pyongyang has long baulked at such research facilities this week, where he said Pyongyang "would put forward

drills as "scenarios for limited or full- and conventional armed forces".

Since a failed summit with the United States in 2019 on denuclearisation, North Korea has repeatedly said it will never give up its nuclear weapons and declared itself an "irreversible" nuclear state.

Kim Jong Un has been emboldened by the war in Ukraine, securing critical support from Russia after sending thousands of North Korean troops to fight alongside Moscow.

Moscow and Pyongyang signed a utual defence pact last year when The North perceives the trilateral forward the building of nuclear forces visited the reclusive state.

Jom2 Malaysia Chalo2 2025 and Study in Malaysia Education Fair Pakistan 2025 Successfully Held in Karachi

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KARACHI: Consulate General of Malaysia in Karachi together with Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS), in collaboration with leading Malaysian higher education institutions, successfully hosted the Jom2 Malaysia Chalo2 2025 campaign together with the Study in Malaysia Education Fair Pakistan 2025 on 13–14 September 2025 at the Marriott Hotel, Karachi.

The event brought together MATRADE, Tourism Malaysia, ASEAN Missions in Karachi,

10 Malaysian universities and higher learning institutions, Air sador Dato' Mohammad Azhar

ness Council showcasing variety of cultural, trade, Malaysia's diverse and worldclass education opportunities to Pakistani students and parents.

The Education Fair is one of the main highlights, visitors explored academic programs, scholarships, and pathways available in Malaysia, reaffirming the country's position as a preferred destination for quality and affordable international educa-

Speaking at the event, the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, His Excellency Ambas-

bilateral ties between Malaysia and Pakistan:

"Tonight's event serves as a platform to strengthen these bonds, by showcasing

Malavsia's vibrancy in education, tourism, trade, and cultural diversity. At the same time, it introduces opportunities for Pakistanis, particularly the younger generation, to connect with Malaysia, whether as students, entrepreneurs, or visitors."

The fair also facilitated engagements between Pakistani students and Malaysian university representa-

Asia and Malaysia-Pakistan Busi- Mazlan, highlighted the strong advice, scholarship information, and career counselling sessions. Additionally, the event created a platform for dialogue on potential collaborations between Pakistani and Malaysian higher education institutions, supporting transnational education and academic partnerships.

The Jom2 Malaysia Chalo2 2025, launched in together with the education fair, is part of -Consulate General of Malaysia in Karachi and EMGS's global initiative to promote Malaysia as a premier international education hub. Pakistan continues to be one of the top source coun-



tives, offering instant admission tries for international students in Malaysia, reflecting the strong bilateral ties and trust in Malaysia's higher education system.

Indonesia leader in damage control, installs loyalists after protests

In removing Indonesia's finance minister and U-turning on protester demands, the leader of Southeast Asia's biggest economy is scrambling to restore public trust while seizing a chance to install loyalists after deadly riots last month, experts say.

Demonstrations that were sparked by low wages, unemployment and anger over lawmakers' lavish perks grew after footage spread of a paramilitary police vehicle running over a delivery motorcycle driver.

The ensuing riots, which rights groups say left at least 10 dead and hundreds detained, were the biggest of Prabowo Subianto's presidency and the public to restore their confidence in his government.

He vowed tough action on the officers who ran over 21-year-old Affan Kurniawan, backtracked on lawmaker housing allow-



ances, and on Monday removed ministers, including respected finance minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati.

"We can read this as damage ex-general is now calling on the control after the wave of public anger, especially at... the misdirected budget efficiency," Rani Septvarini, a researcher at the Center of Economic and Law

Studies, told AFP. Prabowo has focused on calm simmering public anger.

expensive social mega-projects funded by widespread budget cuts that already roused protests in February. His flagship policies include a free meal programme and a new sovereign wealth fund.

But his new finance chief Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa said Wednesday he would inject an unprecedented \$12 billion into the economy to spur growth and something that needs to be anticipated seriously," said Airlangga Pribadi Kusman, political analyst at Airlangga University.

"He wants to prevent further social damage."

Prabowo surged to victory in last year's election and maintained a high approval rating of more than 80 percent 100 days after entering office in October, according to polls.

But the protests turned increasingly angry against the country's political elite, with mobs burning buildings and

looting politicians' homes. "This shows that the public has a real, legitimate problem with this administration," said

Airlangga. Yet the Indonesian leader has used the reshuffle to replace officials linked to popular predecessor Joko Widodo, more commonly known as Jokowi, with his own people.

Sri Mulyani served for eight

"Prabowo sees this problem as years under Jokowi, while new mination from the president, a lauded Prabowo's ambitious finance minister Purbaya is close to key government economic adviser Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan — an ex-military colleague of Prabowo.

"Prabowo is using the moment to slowly consolidate his political power by erasing Jokowi's influence," said Virdika Rizky Utama, a political researcher at think tank PARA Syndicate.

State Secretary Prasetyo Hadi said on Monday the replacements were the right people for

The presidential palace did not respond to an AFP comment request.

To win back public trust, experts say Prabowo — former son-in-law of late dictator Suharto — needs to address an the job of making life better for analysts say another inflammaexpanding wealth gap and weakening democracy in a nation long known for dynastic politics which only emerged from autoc-

racy in the 1990s. "What we need is the deterpolitical will, and real progress," said Airlangga.

But in installing loyalists to oversee budget and security, Prabowo appears to be trying to must still be demonstrated," said uphold his flagship programmes, rather than change course.

are well-known becomes key to securing (his) policies," said Wasisto Raharjo Jati, political analyst at the National Research and Innovation Agency, who added those hired were from

Prabowo's "closest circles". "Prabowo will be more comfortable moving forward if his flagship programmes are

handled by trusted figures." Yet it's still unclear if

While Sri Mulyani had stints at the World Bank and Interna-

tional Monetary Fund, Purbaya

growth goal of eight percent annually as achievable. "Their competence, experi-

Wasisto. Some say Prabowo should "Putting trust in people who change course on his social projects as the country grapples

ence, and technological skills

with stagnant wages and rising unemployment. "If the corrections are halfhearted... the perception of justice will worsen, and the

said Rani. The conciliatory moves and a call for calm appear to have bought Prabowo time.

social pressure will continue,"

But without addressing Prabowo's new hires are up to the root of the public's anger, tory incident could ignite bigger

> "This will be a time bomb," said Virdika.

"If things pile up, it will blow is a relatively unknown finance professional who immediately

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

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
156,141.24	157,020.79	
Day's High	Day's Low	
157,816.76	156,103.81	
Index Value	Change	
29,119,347,852	-879.55	
Percentage	Time	
-0.56%	11 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm	
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index	

Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
9,297.58	+72.19	
Percentage	Time	
+0.78%	11 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1	

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average		
Index Value	Change	
46,098.60	+607.68	
Percentage	Time	
+1.34%	11 Sept, 1:49 pm GMT-4	

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
44,372.50	+534.83	
Percentage	Time	
+1.22%	11 Sept, 3:45 pm GMT+9	

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.5	190.5
Bahrain Dinar	749.30	756.80
Canadian Dollar	204	209
China Yuan	39.36	39.76
Danish Krone	43.9	44.30
Euro	332	336
Hong Kong Dollar	36	36.35
Indian Rupee	3.13	3.22
Japanese Yen	1.89	1.99
Kuwaiti Dinar	916.90	925.90
Malaysian Ringgit	66.47	67.07
NewZealand \$	164.35	166.35
Norwegians Krone	27.97	28.27
Omani Riyal	733.90	741.40
Qatari Riyal	77.24	77.94
Saudi Riyal	75.40	76.15
Singapore Dollar	218.25	223.25
Swedish Korona	29.71	30.01

Hyderabad Chamber President Warns of "Unbearable" Crisis as Floods Cripple Food Supply Chain

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HYDERABAD: President Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industry (HCSTSI) Saleem Memon, has expressed deep concern over the severe disruptions and disarray in the supply chain of food items and agricultural produce following the recent torrential rains and floods in Sindh and across Pakistan. He stated that the impact of this crisis is becoming unbearable not only for the general public but also for the trader community.

HCSTSI President noted that the supply of vegetables and essential agricultural commodities has been badly affected, resulting in manifold increases in the prices of tomatoes, onions, potatoes and green vegetables. This surge in prices is directly burdening both consumers and traders. Small traders, whose daily businesses operate on narrow profit margins, are incurring heavy losses due to rising prices and supply interruptions. While buyers are distressed by inflation, traders are being forced to continue their businesses at a loss instead of earning a reasonable profit.

SAARC trade veteran calls for EUStyle SME 'Clusters of Excellence' to Drive Innovation and Digital Integration

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LAHORE: SAARC chamber of commerce and industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday stressed the urgent need for establishing cluster centres of excellence for SMEs on the pattern of European Union and Japan mainly focused on advancing innovation, digital integration and financing which contribute 40 percent to GDP in developing economies and 70 percent in developed countries

In a statement here today octogenarian trade leader of South Asia said SMEs are the backbone of our economy and foundation of regional economic integration. He said our SMEs particularly in textile, surgical instruments, information technology, light engineering, agro based products and food processing are globally recognised for their quality and competence which he added still badly need to further enhance their global



playing key role in economic growth also cantly contribute towards poverty alleviation.

competence. He said SMEs apart from generate ample job opportunities and signifi-

He hoped D-8 SME Cooperation Framework would help strengthen the internationalisation of SMEs, facilitate global value chain integration and foster international market development. He said trade volume among D-8 countries Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey. swell to \$157.06 billion last year indicating a 10 percent increase from previous year and their intra-trade will boost to \$500bn by next five years with creation of 70 percent new jobs under its Decennial

Roadmap and PTA. Iftikhar Ali Malik said government must develop, promote and strengthen SMEs as centres of excellence on top priority as engine of economic growth for sustainable development, enhanced competitiveness and Industrial Revolution. The D-8 nations representing a market of over 1.3 billion people have the potential to raise collective trade volume to \$2trillion, he concluded.

Free Food

FAISALABAD: Deserving people stands in a queue to receive free food alongside a road in the city.



Photo: Online

New ICCI Leadership to Play Key Role in Resolving Economic Issues: Mian Akram Farid

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ISLAMABAD: Mian Akram Farid, former President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and Chairman of the Central Employers Federation of Pakistan, expressed confidence in the new ICCI leadership. He stated that the enthusiastic and experienced new team will play a vital role in tackling the mounting economic challenges facing the business community in Islamabad.

Farid praised Sardar Tahir Mahmood's young and dynamic leadership, noting the tireless work and excellent results he has achieved in the real estate and construction sectors. He expressed hope that Mahmood will use his extensive experience to play a key role in solving the serious economic difficulties faced by Islamabad's industrialists and business community.

Mian Akram Farid also congratulated newly elected Senior Vice President Tahir years, the presidents from the Tariq Sadiq and members Zubair, and Ijaz Abbasi.



Muhammad Irfan Chaudhry on assuming their roles.

On this occasion, Founder and traders. Group Chairman Tariq Sadiq stated that over the past 35

Ayub and Vice President Founder Group have played a Khalid key role in resolving the issues of Islamabad's industrialists

The ceremony was attended by Founder Group Chairman

Javed, Chaudhry, Mian Shaukat Masood, Amer Waheed, Zafar Bakhtawari, Chaudhry Abdul Rauf, Chaudhry Masood, Khalid Iqbal Malik, Malik

Watershed management can regulate flood water

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said effective watershed management can regulate water flows using various techniques besides planting indigenous species and tributaries to withstand tains in cloudburst-prone flood pressure, prevent erosion, and enrich

Speaking here today at a seminar on "Flood Management" the largest of these systems is the Indus basin, which begins deep in the Himalayas and flows through Punjab and Sindh before draining into

the Arabian Sea. The Indus districts to reduce debris River, stretching more than flows, constructing sma a single drainage system for with an annual runoff of 154 million acre-feet, the Indus system is the backbone of Pakistan's biodiversity, agriculture, and life support. It is as a powerful energy engine for the country.

Pakistan remains an agricul-

tural economy, with 70% of its population dependent on farming. Water storage is essential to sustain this livelihood. Flood protection must be based on long-term strategies. These include relocating populations from permanently floodprone zones to safer areas, bamboo along rivers and installing nets on moun-



1,700 kilometres, provides and check dams at feasible sites, and launching projects the entire country. He said to clear waterways of flood debris and sand. Despite decades of recurring floods, watershed management has received negligible investment. Now, is the time to also capable of functioning integrate watershed planning into national priorities. International climate Mian Kashif Ashfaq said financing can support these efforts, he added.

Pakistan Targets Biofuel Boom to **Slash Fossil Fuel Imports and Boost** Renewable Energy



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional committee on food Shahid Imran Sunday said emerging innovative biofuels hold immense potential for significantly advancing renewable energy solutions in Pakistan, a country facing mounting energy demands

delegation of industrialists led by Eng Sultan Mahmood Creative Group and Secre- and maize cobs.

tary General, Federation of EngineeringInstitutions of South and Central Asia he said with heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels and increasing environmental degradation, biofuels derived from agricultural, municipal, and industrial waste can serve as a sustainable alternative, reducing dependence on costly imports while addressing ecological and challenges of climate concerns. Pakistan, being an agrarian economy, produces Talking here today to a abundant biomass resources including crop residues of wheat straw, rice husk, sugar-Chairman/CEO cane bagasse, cotton stalks,

Saif Ur Rehman calls for sweeping reforms to unlock Pakistan's untapped growth potential

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman Sunday said Pakistan must remove barriers in its economic systems for unlocking plenty of growth potentials to compete

Speaking here as key note guest at a seminar on "Unlocking Growth Potentials" he said Pakistan holds considerable economic potential yet much of

it remains unrealised. He said in many socioeconomic indicators, we lag behind our neighbours.

development, Pakistan must

One of the main factors behind is an unpredictable and complex policy landscape, which continuously weakens Pakistan's ability to compete globally and spend adequately on human capital development. This makes it difficult to achieve growth that is not only competitive but also inclusive and sustainable, he added. To achieve lasting economic

methodically remove barriers built into its economic systems and business climate. Comprehensive reforms are necessary, including right-sizing, regulatory guillotine, transparency through

professionalism and competition. The economy must move beyond reliance on patronage, subsidies, guaranteed returns, and indefinite tariff protection. Family businesses should adopt professional management, multinational companies should focus on exports, and all need to diversify products and markets, he added.

Saif Ur Rehman said FDI in Pakistan mainly targets fastmoving consumer goods, which digitisation and increased does little to boost exports and

results in substantial outflows of dividends and fees. The focus should be on attracting both FDI and local investment to expand exports and bring new skills and technology. Pakistan needs an industrial policy that channels invest-

ment into areas where it has a comparative advantage. These sectors should draw on Pakistan's natural resources — land, water and people. Investors must also look beyond traditional industries, he concluded.

India beat Pakistan by seven wickets in Asia Cup encounter

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Explosive knock by opener Abhishek Sharma 31 (13) and sedate unbeaten innings by captain Surya Kumar Yadav 47 (37) helped India overhaul a below-par total of 127-9 by Pakistan in the 16th over of the innings and sit at top of the Group A with four pints in two matches in the T20I Asia

Chasing a below-par total at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday night, Indian swashbuckling opener Abhishek Sharma came out with intent and hit Shaheen Shah Afridi for 23 runs off his two opening overs. Sharma hit two 6s and as many boundaries against the ace Pakistani bowlers while his partner Shubman Gill who could score 10 (7) before he was cleverly stumped by wicket-keeper Mohammad Haris off Saim Ayub.

In an effort to finish the match within 10 overs, Abhishek Sharma 31 (13) fell to Saim Ayub while trying to hit the ball out of the park and was caught at long-on by Faheem Ashraf.

Tilak Varma 31 (31) and Surya Kumar Yaday got together at the crease in the fourth over and hit 56 run partnership off 52 balls before Tilak was got the better of by Saim Ayub of a peach of a delivery. The duo ensured the team India crossed the line with ease. Shivam Dube returned unbeaten on 10 (7).



Saim Ayub was the pick off the bowlers for Pakistan and picked three wickets for 35 runs off his four overs. Abrar Ahmed was the most miserly bowler of the match as he conceded 16 runs off wicketless overs. Shaheen Shah Afridi conceded 23 runs off the two overs he bowled. Muhammad Nawaz and Sufiyan Muqeem remained wick-

Earlier, Pakistan scored 127-9 against some exceptional bowling performance by India after captain Salman Agha won the toss and elected to bat first on the traditionally sluggish Dubai International Cricket stadium pitch.

Opener Sahibzada Farhan 40 (44) played the sheet anchor role for Pakistan but his innings which consisted

IRC race series kicks off

of three 6s and a boundary could not help the team score big. Farhan hit two big 6s off Bumrah but the Indian spinners put brakes and never let Pakistan batters go for runs. Pakistan were sedately placed at 42-2 after the first power-play but they lost the way as the spin trio of Varun, Axar and Patel took control of the proceedings. With the fall of Fakhar Zaman 17 (15) in the seventh over almost brough the innings to halt as Pakistan could score 7 runs off the next four overs. Pakistan were precariously

Agha fell for 3 (12). The fall of two wickets off the first 34 runs off three overs. eight balls of the innings dented Pakistan's intent to score big against India. Opener Saim Ayub 0 (1) fell bowling performance.

off the first ball off Hardik Pandya while Muhammad Haris 3 (5) played a miscued hit off Bumah and was taken care of by Hardik Pandya at the fine leg. The young sensation Hassan Nawaz 5 (7), Muhammad Nawaz 0 (1) and Faheem Ashraf 11 (14) fell early and cheaply. Sufiyan Muqeem 10 (6) played a useful knock but it was cameo of 33 (16) by Shaheen Shah Afridi which provided some respectability to the team total otherwise Pakistan looked to end up with a team total below 100 runs.

The Indian quartet of spinners Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Varun and Abhishek Sharma conceded 65 runs off 13 overs between them and dried up

The miserly bowling and poor batting can be assessed from the fact that Pakistan played 63 dot balls in their innings. Kuldeep Yadav was the pick of the bowlers who picked three wickets including back-to-back wickets of Hassan Nawaz and Muhammad Nawaz for 18 runs. Axar Patel conceded 18 runs two wickets while Varun claimed one wicket for 24 runs. Abhishek conceded five runs off his only over.

Ace fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah placed at 49-4 after Captain Salman picked two scalps for 28 runs while Hardik Pandya picked one wicket for

Kuldeep Yadav was adjudged Player of the Match for his match-changing

Kabaddi is an important part of Punjab's culture – Faisal Ayub Khokhar



Sports Desk

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Sports Punjab Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar attended the Kabaddi match held in Allahabad in connection with the traditional Mela Baba Naik Mard as the chief guest. On this occasion, local MPA Ahsan Raza Khan accompanied him, while the Mian brothers - Mian Muhammad Ashraf, Mian Muhammad Yaseen, and Mian Fayaz Ashraf along with other community members warmly welcomed the provincial minister. The enthusiasm of the public was remarkable, and the passion among spectators was a sight to behold. The Kabaddi match featured Pakistan's top players including Shafiq Chishti, Naeem Sandhu alias Muchhaan Wala, Tanveer Gujjar, Ilyas Gujjar, Irfan Mayo, and Nisar Patti. The winning team was awarded a cash prize of PKR 200,000 along with a trophy.

In his address, Provincial Sports Minister Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that Kabaddi is an integral part of Punjab's culture, and the Government of Punjab, under the vision of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, is taking comprehensive measures for the promotion of traditional sports. He further added that providing healthy recreational opportunities for youth across the province is among the government's top priorities.

The minister also appealed to the public to generously support the flood-affected families so they can be helped out of their difficulties. Participants at the event lauded the Government of Punjab's ongoing efforts for the promotion of sports and paid tribute to the minister for supporting Kabaddi, a national and traditional rural game. The event was also attended by local political and social figures, renowned sports personalities, and a large number of spectators.

2nd GB Grass Ski Championship concludes at Naltar Valley



The 2nd Gilgit-Baltistan Grass Ski Championship concluded today at the scenic slopes of Naltar Valley, featuring thrilling contests in Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS) and Giant Slalom (GS)

The event drew enthusiastic participation from athletes, while locals and guests from Gilgit city turned out in large numbers to cheer the competitors.

The Chief Guest, Air Commodore (R) Shahid Nadeem, Vice President Winter Sports Federation Pakistan, graced the closing ceremony. In his remarks, he praised the athletes for their remarkable performances and the organizers for their dedicated efforts.

"Events like the Grass Ski Championship not only nurture young sporting talent but also showcase the immense tourism potential of Gilgit-Baltistan. With continued support, this region can become a true hub for both winter and summer adventure sports," said Air Cdre (R) Shahid Nadeem.

Results

Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS): 1st Position: Sajjad Ahmad (GB Scouts) — 30.39 sec 2nd Position: Nazeer Shah (GB Scouts) — 30.83 sec (+0.44) 3rd Position: Saif Ullah (PAF) $-32.68 \sec (+2.29)$

Giant Slalom (GS): 1st Position: Sajjad Ahmad (GB Scouts) — 30.39 sec 2nd Position: Nazeer Shah (GB Scouts) — 30.83 sec 3rd Position (shared): Saif Ullah (PAF) & Abdul Razaq (PAF)

The championship concluded with a colorful medal ceremony, reaffirming the commitment to nurture youth, promote sports, and highlight the adventure tourism potential of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Running Club (IRC) hosted the first race of its much-anticipated IRC Race Series, a 5km run here at the Jinnah Stadium of Pakistan Sports Complex, with an aim to promote a healthy and active lifestyle

in the capital. The event brought together over 500 participants from all walks of life, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmos-

The youngest runner was just 7-year-old Ismail, while a 76-year-old veteran runner inspired the crowd by completing the race, proving that running transcends age.

Speaking about the event, IRC Co-Founder Bilal Ehsan said, "This wait to welcome even more runners next 5KM run is the beginning of something special. Our race series is designed

to bring the community together, encourage fitness, and create a safe space for everyone especially women to enjoy running. The turnout is a strong reflection of Islamabad's growing running

In Men's 5km results, Muhammad Qasim (1st position, 15:20), Shehbaz Masih (2nd position, 15:28) and Muhammad Irfan (3rd position, 15:38).

In Women's 5km results, Iram Shehzadi (1st position, 21:30), Bisma Batool (2nd position, 22:56) and Sabrina Saltanat (3rd position, 22:59).

IRC announced that the next race in the series will be a 10km run on October 12, promising an even larger and more competitive event. "We are thrilled with the success of today's 5KM race and can't month for the 10K," Ehsan said.

Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir



Huzaifa shines in defeat as Pakistan fall 3-1 to Paraguay in Davis Cup tie

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Davis Cup hopes were dimmed as Paraguay sealed a 3-1 victory in their World Group II tie, but young Huzaifa Abdul Rehman emerged as a bright spot, showing grit and resilience against a higher-ranked opponent.

The tie opened with a thriller as Huzaifa pushed Paraguay's Alex Santino Nunez to three sets, according to information received here from Asunción, the capital

Despite losing the opener 6-1, the 22-year-old Pakistani roared back to level the contest 7-5 before going down 6-4 in

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"I felt I was right there in the match. If I had converted a couple of break points in the third set, the result could have been



different," Huzaifa told APP after the at — tough matches where every point match. "But this is the level I want to play counts."

Muzammil Murtaza, however, found the going tough against Paraguay's top-ranked Daniel Vallejo, suffering a 6-0, 6-2 defeat that left Pakistan trailing 0-2.

The experienced doubles pair of Aisamul-Haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan briefly raised hopes by taking the first set 6-3 against Vallejo and Martin Antonio Vergara. Yet the Paraguayans stormed back to win 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, clinching the tie for their side.

With the overall contest already settled, Huzaifa returned to the court on Sunday and finally gave Pakistan something to cheer about. Displaying remarkable composure, he defeated Martin Antonio Vergara 2-6, 6-4, 10-5 in the reverse singles. "I just wanted to fight for every point and finish on a high note for Pakistan," Huzaifa said. "This win gives me confidence that I can compete with international players at this stage."

Internal, external forces plotting against Pakistan's stability will be defeated without mercy: Asif declares

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He added that terrorist training camps remain operational in Afghanistan and called on Afghan authorities to clarify their position. "If Afghanistan insists these terrorists are not sheltered within its borders, it should provide concrete proof," he said.

Khawaja Asif further blamed foreign elements, including

abilize Pakistan, with PTI allegedly aiding in the efforts. Still, he expressed strong confidence that these designs would fail. "By the will of Allah, Pakistan's stability is untouchable," he said. He claimed that a "triangle"

India and Afghanistan, for being behind attempts to dest-

had emerged involving PTI, India, and Afghanistan, which he said was being exploited to undermine Pakistan's stability.

The Spokesman



Pakistan, China to continue expansion in defence, aviation collaboration: President

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Zardari on Sunday reafative partnership.

and Operation Bunyan-um- in a press release.

On the 128th day since the ceasefire with India, President tion, further deepening their Industry Corporation of had greatly strengthened the design and production of a throughout the visit. Pakistan Air Force, a fact wide range of military and

The President was accompanied by Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party firmed that Pakistan and Asif Ali Zardari, constitution- Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, First China would continue to ally the Supreme Commander Lady Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, expand collaboration in of the Armed Forces of Paki- Senator Saleem Mandvidefence production and avia- stan, visited the Aviation walla, Pakistan's Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi and all-weather strategic cooper- China (AVIC), China's flag- China's Ambassador to Pakiship aerospace and defence stan Jiang Zaidong, who is He said the J-10 and JF-17 conglomerate engaged in the travelling with the president

During the visit, the presclearly demonstrated during civilian aircraft, President ident toured the sprawling in the J-20 stealth 5th-gen-May 2025's Ma'raka-e-Haq Secretariat Press Wing said complex in its entirety, which eration fighter aircraft, complex.

produces the J-10C fighter jet that played a crucial role during the recent conflict.

He also met AVIC's engineers and scientists, listening to their insights on innovation, production and future technologies.

President Zardari was briefed on AVIC's advanced capabilities, including the China. J-10 fighter jet, the co-production of the JF-17 Thunder with Pakistan, as well as progress

unmanned aerial vehicles, fully automated units, and integrated command-andcontrol systems for modern multi-domain operations.

He lauded AVIC as a symbol of China's technological advancement and of the enduring strategic partnership between Pakistan and

President Zardari's visit also marked a historic first, as no foreign head of state had previously visited the AVIC

DPM Dar meets Egyptian and Bangladeshi FMs to discuss Israeli strikes, regional peace

№ News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar arrived in Doha on Sunday to attend a ministerial meeting ahead of an emergency Arab-Islamic Summit. He was received by Pakistan's Ambassador to Qatar Muhammad Aamer, Pakistan's envoy to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and senior Qatari officials.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar Sunday held a pull-aside meeting with Adviser Md Touhid Hossain on Arab Islamic summit preparadiscussed matters of mutual



Bangladesh's Foreign Affairs the sidelines of the Emergency tory meeting in Doha and interest.

The ministers condemned

other Muslim nations, reaffirmed unwavering support for the Palestinian cause, and stressed the importance of unity across the Muslim Ummah.

Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar meets OIC Secretary General Hussain Brahim Taha in Doha on the sideline of OIC ministerial meeting.

Ishaq Dar said Israeli attacks were a violation of sovereignty and international law. He expressed gratitude to OIC Secretary General for constructive role. He said Pakistan stressed need for joint Islamic response to Israeli aggression.

Country being pushed into lawlessness at the behest of world powers: Fazl

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: JUI Chief Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman has lamented that law and order situation in the country has disappeared, adding that there is no government in the country and the lives of the people are at risk.

Talking to a meeting, JUI chief said now terrorists were roaming in and around, the state has become helpless as it is unable to restore peace.

Fazl claimed that the game of international powers was being played in the country as Pakistan has become centrestage for the conflict.

He said under conspiracy, the path of CPEC was being blocked. He said the interests of international powers were being promoted and today Pakistan's economic path was being blocked.

He said, "We had a problem with Imran Khan's government, but the current government has not been able to change the policy either".

Fazl claimed that international forces were fully involved in Pakistani politics, adding that war like conditions were



created intentionally. JUI chief said imposed here today were brought by there was no such thing as government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, there was no bad government here, there was

only mis-governments. He said the people who have been

the establishment. He said corruption in the province is at its peak.

JUI chief said The establishment itself has admitted that the seats in the national and provincial assemblies were from the 26th Amendment.

He claimed JUI was the largest party in KP province but its mandate was repeatedly snatched away. Fazl said JUI removed the poisonous provisions

snatched from JUI.

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US sends relief items to flood victims



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The United States on Sunday dispatched urgent relief assistance to Pakistan as the country reels from devastating floods that have displaced thousands and destroyed homes and livelihoods. According to the US State Department, food, shelter materials, and other life-saving items are being provided to flood-affected communities.

Essential supplies were delivered to the Pakistani military through US Air Force C-17 and C-130 aircraft, which landed at Nur Khan Air Base.

Natalie Baker, Charge d'Affaires est-hit areas.

of the US Mission in Pakistan, was present at the delivery. She expressed condolences over the loss of lives and widespread destruction, stating: "The United States is deeply saddened by the loss of life and the destruction of homes and economic resources due to the floods. We stand with the Pakistani people in this difficult time."

Baker further confirmed that the US Department of State and the US military have approved external assistance at the request of the Government of Pakistan. The support aims to strengthen ongoing national relief and rescue operations in the hard-

Three hurt as Justice Ayesha Malik convoy met accident in Lahore



跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: A convoy of Supreme Court's female judge Justice Ayesha A Malik met fatal accident in Lahore's Shahdara area on Sunday resultantly three cops of Elite force got critically injured who were rushed to nearby hospital.

Ayesha A Malik was coming from Islamabad to Lahore. The injured police men were identified as Umar, Abdullah and Mubashir.

According to police and rescue officials, Elite force vehicle which was part of the convoy turned turtle after its tyre bursts near Shahdara.

Three police personnel got crit-Justice Ayesha Malik remained ically injured who were shifted to safe during the accident. Justice Shahdara hospital.

Over 30,000 people evacuated from katcha area, says Sindh CM Murad



👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Sunday that more than 30,000 people were evacuated from the katcha area. Speaking to the media in Kashmore, he said he was thankful to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for announcing an agriculture emergency in the flood-hit areas. "So far, no big loss has been reported from anywhere

in the province." The chief minister said that relief camps had been set up, but the flood victims were reluctant to live there and preferred to stay with their friends and families. "Medical camps have been set up where the affected people are provided treatthe katcha area are also being vacci- province every few years.

nated against diseases. He informed that boats were

provided to the people living in the katcha area. He further said that a lot of work

was done on strengthening weak embankments from 2010 to 2025.

Praising the Pakistan Army and the Pakistan Navy, CM Murad said that their personnel stood shoulder to shoulder with the provincial government in these testing times.

He said that now when monsoon spells were over and water levels were dropping in rivers, there was no imminent danger to Sindh.

The chief minister informed that those displaced by floods would be compensated under the Benazir

Income Support Programme. He lamented that due to climate ment," he said, adding, "Animals in change, there were floods in the