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Written order issued: Justice Tariq Jahangiri barred from work

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has issued a two-page written order stopping Justice Tariq Mahmood Jahangiri from performing judicial functions until a decision is made by the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC). The order, signed by Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar and Justice Azam Khan, stated that the matter involves sensitive questions, including the judge's eligibility.



Crackdown on violations in Punjab Bar Council elections initiated

A crackdown has been initiated on code of conduct

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Meeting

RIYADH: Deputy Governor of Riyadh H.E. Muhammad bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz in a meeting with Prime Minister Muhammad



Saudi jets accord escort, 21-gun salute at airport as PM Shehbaz arrives for state visit

Spokesman Report

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday arrived in Riyadh of Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Saudi armed forces. of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

special aircraft entered the Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Saudi airspace, the F-15 jets of bin Abdulaziz, while Saudi Royal Saudi Air Force escorted as gesture of warm welcome.

King Khalid Airport, Riyadh, RIYADH: Prime Minister a 21-gun salute boomed in the matic officials were also present. background to herald his arrival which followed the salute by the on a state visit to the Kingdom smartly turned out contingents

Prime Minister Shehbaz minister. was warmly received by As the prime minister's Deputy Governor of Riyadh, Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf

Later, as the plane landed at Ambassador to Saudi Arabia minister and his delegation. Ahmed Farooq and senior diplo-

The green crescent flags of Pakistan were fluttering throughout the city along the motorcade of the prime

Prime Minister Shehbaz will visit the Royal Diwan, Yamama Palace to meet Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman where a formal welcome recepbin Saeed Al-Maliki, Pakistani tion will be held for the prime

He will hold a bilateral meeting with Saudi Crown Prince to review all aspects of Pakistan-Saudi Arabia relations in detail. The two leaders will also discuss regional and global developments of mutual

Earlier, as the Saudi jets escorted the prime minister's plane, he spoke onboard the special flight to express gratitude to Crown Prince Mohammad

Bin Salman and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin AbdulAziz for the gracious aerial welcome.

The prime minister is accompanied by a high level delegation including Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and federal ministers Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Attaullah Tarar, Musadik Malik, and Special Assistant Tariq

Kashmiri leader Abdul Ghani Bhat passes away



Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: Prof Abdul Ghani Bhat, a prominent figure in Kashmir's political and freedom movements, passed away at his residence in Sopore, North Kashmir, on Wednesday evening.

According to family sources, Bhat, who resided in Botingoo in Baramulla district, died after a brief illness. Details of his funeral prayers have not yet been shared by his family.

Bhat had a longstanding role in the region's polit ical landscape. In 1986, he co-founded the Muslim United Front (MUF), and later became chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), a coalition of Kashmiri groups formed in 1993.

He also served as president of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (MCJK), an organization banned by the occupying Indian

government. He dedicated his entire life to the struggle for the right to self-determination. His lofty thinking, bold stance and political insight are a beacon of light for the Kashmiri people. His death is an irreparable loss not only for Kashmir but also for the entire freedom movement.

Bilawal for implementing int'l laws to address challenges facing world



👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has stressed the need to implement international laws to address the challenges facing the world. In an interview with CGTN, Bilawal Bhutto said that the second phase of CPEC will promote cooperation between Pakistan and China in the fields of industrialisation, agriculture, and

The Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari is currently visiting China. CGTN interviewed his son, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the chairman of the Pakistan People's Party and former foreign minister.

The young political star shared his views on the Global Government Initiative proposed by China and the bilateral economic relations.

Bilawal Bhutto said China just held the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Tianjin Summit, and President Xi Jinping proposed the Global Government Initiative. What do you think of the initiative?

Religious Affairs Ministry issues list of certified Umrah companies to prevent fraud



ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Religious Affairs has released a list of 113 certified Umrah companies on its official website to safeguard pilgrims from fraud. The list is valid for the Islamic year 1447 Hijri, a spokesperson of the ministry confirmed.

The spokesperson emphasised that before making any bookings, Umrah pilgrims must verify the company's credentials through the ministry's website. Payments should only be made via bank transfer directly to the company's account, while pilgrims must obtain a copy of the payment receipt and agreement for their records. The ministry further advised pilgrims to book complete packages - including visa, air tickets, transport, and accommodation — exclusively

through authorised Umrah operators to avoid scams. Authorities said the step aims to ensure transparency and protect thousands of intending pilgrims from falling victim to fraudulent agents.

Gilani appeals for urgent support for flood-affected people of South Punjab



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Acting President of Pakistan, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani Wednesday, appealed to national and international humanitarian and welfare organizations for urgent relief and rehabilitation support for the flood-affected people of South Punjab.

The Acting President emphasised the need for immediate assistance and timely rehabilitation, stressing that flood-stricken districts are facing alarming challenges.

He warned that stagnant floodwaters have created conditions conducive to the outbreak of epidemic diseases, making medical aid, medicines, and equipment an urgent requirement.

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affected families are also experiencing an acute shortage of food supplies and essential commodities, which necessitates swift national and global cooperation.

Meanwhile, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs and newly elected Senator, Rana Sanaullah, met with the Acting President. During the meeting, the

overall political landscape of the country, the law-and-order situation, and parliamentary matters were discussed in detail.

In a separate meeting, Humayun Khan, Central Secretary General of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), called on the Acting President. He briefed the President on the party's ongoing political activities and organizational matters

Mohsin Naqvi attends funeral prayers of martyred Captain Waqar



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, along with Inspector General Major General Bilal Sarfraz Khan, on Wednesday visited Frontier Corps Headquarters South in Turbat and attended the funeral prayers of martyred Captain Waqar Ahmad and four other

On the occasion, the interior minister paid glowing tributes to the sacrifice rendered by Captain Waqar, Naik Asmatullah, Lance Naik Junaid support to the martyr's body.

Ahmad, Khan Mohammad, and Sepoy Mohammad

Zahoor. Mohsin Naqvi and Inspector-General Frontier Corps Major General Bilal Sarfraz prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to the martyrs' families to bear this loss with fortitude and courage.

courage shown by the martyrs will be remembered forever.

He said that the bravery and

Later, the interior minister and IG FC South give their

Hearing of Toshakhana 2 case at Adiala Jail postponed

跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: The hearing of the Toshakhana 2 case informed about postponeminister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi was scheduled to take place in Adiala Jail Complex.

on Thursday, but it was postponed.

Imran Khan's lawyers were against the jailed former prime ment of the hearing and the new date for the hearing will be announced at the Judicial

PM AJK Ch. Anwarul Haq chairs an all parties conference



👺 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: An All Parties Conference (APC) was held here today with Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Hag in the chair. The APC was attended by the leadership of all political parties of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, including the Pakistan Peoples Party, Pakistan Muslim League (N), All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Party, Jamiat-e-Hadith, Majlis-e-Wahdat-e-Muslimeen, Jamaat-e-Islami, and Tehreek-e-Labbaik Azad Kashmir. At a press briefing after the APC, former Prime Minister Raja Muham-

the joint declaration to the media. The declaration stated that India was in a state of shock after the success of Operation Bunyan-al-Marsoos. This successful operation has boosted the morale of those associated with the Kashmir freedom movement and has given the Kashmir issue a new lease of life in the global arena," he said."In a bid to hide its fiasco, India was shamelessly hatching conspiracies to destabilize Azad Kashmir and create unrest, as it has done in Balochistan", Khan said.

The APC also decided that from September 21 onwards, all political parties will launch a public relations campaign to express solidarity with the mad Farooq Haider Khan read out people of occupied Kashmir and with

the armed forces of Pakistan. The first public meeting will be held on Sunday, September 21, in Rawalakot, followed by one in Pir Bagh on September 22, where leaders of all political parties will address. Speaking on the occasion, former Prime Minister Sardar Atiq Khan said all institutions established in Azad Kashmir were the achievement. of national leaders and political leadership. People's Party Azad Kashmir President Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin said, "We all agree that no one can be allowed to undermine our sacrifices. This cipher is clear evidence of India's attempt to destabilize Azad Kashmir."-Former Prime Minister Sardar Tanveer

PML-N President Shah Ghulam Qadir said that while political manifestos differ, all parties are united on the identity of the state.

The Jammu and Kashmir People's Party President Sardar Hassan Ibrahim,. Jamaat-e-Muslimeen Azad Kashmir President Sved Yasir Abbas Sabzwari, Bunyan-al-Marsoos. Azad Kashmir, Jamiat Ahle Hadith Nazime-Ala Daniyal Shahab Madani, Senior Minister Col. (retd) Waqar Noor, along with government ministers Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Sardar Aamir Altaf, Ahmed Raza Qadri, Nisar Ansar Abdali, and Zafar Malik, were also present on the

Certificate of appreciation

Muzaffarabad: Justice of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Justice Raja Saeed Akram Khan, is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Staff Officer Taimur Mumtaz Mir for his excellent performance during the Golden Jubilee



Parliamentary delegation of AJK Legislative Assembly calls on NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Avaz Sadig met with Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Ch. Latif Akbar, who was accompanied by a parliamentary delegation. The delegation included former Prime Minister of AJK Raja Farooq Haider Khan, Ahmad Raza Qadri, Hafiz Hamid Raza, and Dewan Ali Chughtai.

During the meeting, both sides strongly condemned Indian water aggression and the grave human rights violations being committed and Kashmir (IIOJK). Speaker



Custodian of the House, he ensured the issuance of production orders of in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu MNAs without discrimination. He underlined that resolving the issues

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq reiterated that as of parliamentarians is his foremost

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq emphasized that the Parliament of Pakistan has always forcefully highlighted the

Kashmir issue at all regional and international forums. He expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and property caused by recent torrential rains in Azad Kashmir and said that the people of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir share the same heartbeat. Speaker AJK Legislative Assembly,

Ch. Latif Akbar, highlighted that due to climate change, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir are among the most affected regions, with a looming threat of flash flooding caused by melting glaciers. He expressed solidarity with the flood-affected people of Punjab, adding that the hardships of the people in this testing time can

Attock DC sends convoy of relief trucks for flood affectees

ATTOCK: Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza has said that the people of Attock district stand with the flood affectees and every possible step is being taken for their early rehabilitation. He expressed these views on the occasion of sending off a convoy of relief trucks from Attock for the flood affectees.

On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Waqas Aslam Marth, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Anil Saeed, Assistant Commissioner Anza Abbasi, DO IPWM Rabia Naseem, Secretary RTA Zaheer Ahmad Khan, District Food Controller Muhammad Hasnat and other concerned officers were also present.

While talking to the media, DC Attock Rao Atif Raza said that in light of the directives of the Chief Minister Punjab, a convoy of 25 trucks has been dispatched in different phases to the flood-affected areas. In the first two phases, about nine trucks had already been sent, and now a convoy of nearly 14 trucks is being dispatched.

CPO Faisalabad Sahibzada Bilal Umar held an open court at the Ghanta Ghar

Abdul Majid ■

FAISALABAD: Supreme Anjuman Sadar Tajran Amin Butt and other trader members welcomed CPO Faisalabad. SP Lyallpur Division, CTO, DSP Civil Line, DSP Kotwali and other officers were present on this occasion. The open court began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. A large number of people were present in the open court. CPO Faisalabad listened to the problems of all the citizens who came to the open court. Immediate orders were issued to the concerned officers to solve the problems faced by the citizens and provide justice. Sahibzada Bilal Umar has said that the purpose of holding the open court is to provide immediate justice to the people. Immediate justice will be ensured on the requests of the petitioners. The recovery of Rs. 98 lakh recovered in the complaint of the police station was also handed over to the owners in the open court. CPO Sahibzada Bilal Umar said that the protection of life and property of the people is the top priority. The plaintiffs and the residents of the area thanked the police for their services and appreciated the services.

Anjuman Tajran Press Market celebrates Birth Anniversary of Prophet Muhammad PBUH

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The 25th annual Milad Mustafa (PBUH) gathering was organized by the Anjuman Tajran Press Market in connection with the 1500th birth anniversary of the Crowned Prophet (PBUH) at Gali No. 3 Press Market. The special guests at the celebration of the birth of the Crowned Prophet (PBUH) and the Milad Mustafa (PBUH) gathering were President Press Market Chaudhry Muhammad Akram, President Printers Association Haji Abdul Rashid, General Secretary Muhammad Shakeel Mughal, candidate member Punjab Bar Council Rana Tariq Mahmood Manj, former Secretary D. B. A. Rana Babar Khan Advocate High Court, Candidate Secretary Bar Mian Amir Nazir Advocate High Court participated, General Secretary of Anjuman Tajran Press Market Mian Sohail Rafi, Lala Asif, Shahid Mahmood, Mian Ashraf Javed, Advocate Mian Ahmed Sohail, Rana Abir Ali, Muhammad Owais, Sajid Daftari, Ustad Asghar, Mian Hamid Iqbal and others welcomed the guests by garlanding them with flowers. On this occasion, Hazrat Allama Dr. Muhammad Abdul Qavi Baghdadi delivered a special address and Muhammad Sufyan Naeemi, Qari Azhar Mahmood Naeemi, Syed Muhammad Qamar Shah, Muhammad Osama Rizvi Qadri and other dignitaries were present. The atmosphere of the Press Market was filled with the fragrance of Durood Salam and slogans of Yaseedi and Murshid. Finally, special prayers were offered for the safety of the country and the nation, the flood victims and the deceased Press Market, as well as the deceased Muslim Ummah. Extensive arrangements were made for langar on this occasion.

Governor Tessori visits Pakistan House in Beijing



KARACHI, SEP 17 (APP): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, is currently in China, paid a visit to Pakistan House in Beijing, where he was warmly received by Pakistan's Ambassador to China, Khalil Hashmi, along with members of the diplomatic staff. Governor Sindh held detailed discus-

sions regarding the issues faced by the Pakistani community in China, particularly students.

Ambassador Khalil Hashmi also hosted a luncheon in honor of Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori, which was attended by officials from the Pakistani Embassy as well as Chinese dignitaries. Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori expressed gratitude to all participants for their presence and appreciated the efforts of the Embassy towards the welfare of the Pakistani community.

During the visit, Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori also recorded his remarks in the guestbook of Pakistan House. He wrote that Pakistan-China relations are growing stronger with time, and that political, economic, and cultural ties between the two nations contin-

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Khalil Hashmi said that the Embassy regularly engages with Chinese investors and industrialists to highlight new opportunities for investment in Pakistan and to promote Pakistani products. He further emphasized that China remains a key trading partner of Pakistan and that there is a need to further strengthen the economic ties between both countries.

The visit of Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori to Pakistan House was aimed at further promoting trade and cultural relations between Pakistan and China, with expectations of continued support from the diplomatic mission.

Kashmir Delegation Calls Out India's "Ghar Wapsi" Campaign as Minority Rights Crisis at UN

Spokesman Report

Kashmiri delegation met with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Minorities, Professor Dr. Lewart, in Gene-Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Shamim Shawl and Muzammil

Indian state and all its institutions were involved in suppressing the GENEVA/ISLAMABAD: A rights and freedoms of minorities. The Hindutva agenda and the "Ghar Wapsi" campaign aim to either become Hindus or leave India. Anti-minority hate va. The delegation included Dr. speeches in India increased by 74% in 2024 compared to 2023 Dr. Shagufta Ashraf, Begum (1,165 incidents). These incidents occurred mostly during political Ayub Thakur. The delegation told rallies and religious processions. the Special Rapporteur that the Over 1,500 Bengali Muslims

dren) were deported to Bangladesh without legal action during May-June 2025. Discrimination and violence: The UN Human Rights Committee (July 2024) expressed concern about discrimination and violence against religious minorities (Muslims, Christians, Sikhs), Scheduled Castes/ Tribes and individuals. These observations are part of the ICCPR review of India. Arbi-

(including women and chil- trary arrests, forced displacement and sexual violence have been carried out in Assam, Manipur, and occupied Jammu and Kashmir under long-standing anti-terrorism laws. Muslim student enrolment in higher education is around 4.6%, even though Muslims constitute around 15% of the country's total population. The Indian Parliament passed the Waqf Act to gain control over Muslim religious sites. India is



changing the demographics of delegation that a recent commu- India. Efforts will be made to occupied Jammu and Kashmir. nication was sent to India in July, contact other mandate holders Professor Dr. Lewart told the but there was no response from and send a joint statement.





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Rain-windstorm likely in upper and northern parts of country:PMD

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast rain, windstorms, and thundershowers in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Pothohar region, northeast Punjab, Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan on Thurs-

Isolated heavy falls and hailstorms may also ccur in upper Khybe Pakhtunkhwa, Pothohar, Kashmir, and adjoining hilly areas. Hot and dry conditions are likely to prevail in other parts of the country.

In Punjab, rain with wind and thunderstorms is expected in Murree, Galliyat, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Attock, Chakwal, Khushab, Sargodha, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Kasur, Hafizabad, Faisalabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujrat, Gujranwala, and surrounding districts. Similar weather is likely in several districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including Dir, Chitral, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Peshawar, Mardan, Swabi, and Waziristan.

Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan are expected to remain partly cloudy with chances of rain and thunderstorms, while Sindh and Balochistan will mostly remain hot and dry, except for light rain or drizzle at isolated coastal areas of Sindh and partly cloudy conditions in southern Balochistan.

CM Maryam Nawaz Sharif visits floodaffected areas of Ahmadpur Sharqia

Asim Tanveer

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif visited Bahawalpur, where she inspected a protective embankment at Bhalla Jhalan near Uch Sharif in Ahmadpur Sharqia. She reviewed those areas which were severely affected due to the rise of water levels in Sutlej River. She met bereaved families who lost their loved ones during recent devastating floods and consoled a grieving woman. She also visited flood relief tent city where she interacted with flood victims and inquired about ongoing rescue operations and available

Madam Chief Minister sat with women in the tents and expressed rejoice by lifting a small child in her arms. She mingled with children of flood-affected families, who expressed happiness upon meeting her. She also distributed gifts among women and children. Director General PDMA briefed the Chief Minister about rescue,



and Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur

relief and rehabilitation operations in flood-affected areas. They informed that 124 villages of Bahawalpur, with a population of over 117,000 had been severely affected due to havoc wreaked by floods. They said that safe evacuation of more than 117,000 people was carried out.

They apprised that a total of 26 flood relief camps were established to provide shelter to 7849 people. They added that additionally, 26 'Clinic on Wheels,' mobile health units and two 'Clinic on Boats' were busy in providing immediate medical services to flood victims. The authorities informed that more than 54,000 flood victims received medical treatment adding that over 68,000 cattle were shifted to safe places, and more than 113,000 animals were vaccinated. They apprised that in order to support livestock, 7765 maunds of fodder, 48,000 kilograms of wheat straw, and 6260 bags of 10 kg animal feed

Protest

ISLAMABAD: Activists of All Pakistan Federation of Trade Unions and All Pakistan WAPDA Hydro Eclectic Workers Union (CBA) holds protest against the privatization of the WAPDA and Utility Store Corporation, outside National Press club in Federal Capital.



MNA Ali Qasim Gillani meet with World Food Program delegation

跨 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Member of National Assembly Syed Ali Qasim Gillani met with a team of the World Food Program (WFP) in Multan. a subsidiary of the United Nations, in which a detailed discussion was held on the ongoing relief activities for the flood victims.

While giving a briefing, the representatives of the World Food Program said that so far 100 metric tons of high-energy biscuits have been provided to 140,000 people in the flood-affected areas of Jhang and Multan so that the victims can get immediate food assistance. Moreover, the organization will soon provide dry rations to 22,000 families in a dignified manner so



that they can meet their basic food needs while staying in

Syed Ali Qasim Gillani itation and fulfillment of and commendable.

appreciated the efforts of the the nutritional needs of the World Food Program and said affected families in this hour that their role in the rehabil- of difficulty is very important

Air University unveils New Business Incubation Center at Kamra Campus



👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: A ceremony was held at Air University Aerospace & Aviation Campus Kamra in honor of the new batch of 2025. Teachers, students, and their parents participated enthusiastically. Among the guests were senior officials of PAC Kamra and Attock Civil Administration, while the Deans of Air University and Deputy Director Public Relations & Information Attock, Shehzad Niaz Khokhar, were also present.

The Aerospace & Aviation Campus of Air University Kamra is a special gift from Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu to the people of Attock and Kamra, established through his dedicated efforts. It is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The host of the ceremony was Director of Air University Kamra Campus, Air Vice Marshal (R) Shamsul Haq, who, with his professional capabilities, has enhanced the value of this campus and provided an excellent educational plat-

In his speech, he highlighted the prominent features of the Air University Kamra Campus, mentioning specialized degree programs in Cyber Security, Financial Technology, Software Engineering, and Aviation Management. He emphasized that the campus focuses not only on education but also on the character building and training of students.

Peshawar Traders Chamber praises police chief for direct public engagement

Example 2 Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: President of Peshawar Traders Chamber, Ghulam Bilal Javed, has commended Inspector General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police, Zulfiqar Hameed, for his guidance and direct communication with the public, terming it a positive and exemplary approach.

He said that CCPO Peshawar, Dr. Mian Saeed, upon assuming office, immediately launched a strong crackdown against crime, taking decisive measures to cleanse Peshawar of unlawful activities. Suspicious elements were suspended, key transfers were made, and effective strategies were adopted that have revived public confidence in law enforcement and strengthened the hope for lasting peace in the city.

Ghulam Bilal Javed further highlighted the role of SSP Operations, Masood Bangash, describing him as a highly capable and peoplefriendly officer. The President of Peshawar Traders Chamber also mentioned his own experience of engaging with IG Zulfiqar Hameed

Concluding his remarks, Ghulam Bilal Javed stated: "We pay tribute to IG Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, CCPO Dr. Mian Saeed, and SSP Masood Bangash for their efforts. Officers who are bold, fearless, and people-centric are exactly what Peshawar needs to achieve the goal of a crime-free city."

Internship programs play key role in grooming students to meet future global standards

跨 City Desk

LAHORE: Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said internship program fosters creativity, teamwork, and problem addressing skills, offering students the



opportunity to work with seasoned professionals industry leaders, and manufacturing units.

Addressing the concluding session of summer internship program held the aegis of PFC in collaboration with Chenone, he said by equipping 100 students drawn from various city universities with advanced knowledge and real-world experience, the 6-week duration program contributes to strengthening Pakistan's design sector, enhancing export $potential, and \ positioning \ young \ designers \ to \ compete \ successfully \ in$ international markets with confidence and innovation. Such exposure helps them understand practical market demands and customer preferences, making them industry-ready. He announced that PFC and Chenone to encourage the students will buy back their newly designed products on cash payments or they can display their products at stores

Speaking on the occasion GM Interiors Chenone Ms Maria Taugir highlighting the importance of program, said through hands-on training, and exposure to the latest design software and tools, students gain insights into emerging global trends, sustainable materials, and contemporary aesthetics. This enables them to bridge the gap between traditional craftsmanship and modern technology, a combination that is increasingly sought after in the international furniture and interior

MEPCO restored power supply to 20,925 flood-affected consumers

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) has restored power supply to 20,925 flood-affected consumers in the region.

Power supply has been partially restored from 166 feeders in 13 districts of South Punjab while 7 feeders have been Bahawalpur, Sahiwal and Khanin flood relief camps are ready district administration.

Due to flood water across the region, power supply of 268,000 consumers was disconnected. Due to the flood water, the electricity supply of 93057 consumers of 25 feeders in Multan district is

still cut off due to the flood. In Bahawalpur district. 29683 are connected to 27 feeders, in Lodhran district fully restored. Due to the receding only 7927 are connected to 14 flood water in the districts of feeders, in Sahiwal district 4140 are connected to 5 feeders, in ewal, MEPCO personnel serving Pakpattan district 8698 are connected to 13 feeders, in to restore power and officers of Rahim Yar Khan district 7581 MEPCO circle control rooms are connected to 13 feeders, are in constant contact with the in Vehari district 28347 are

connected to 17 feeders, in Khanewal district 21825 are connected to 13 feeders, in Bahawalnagar district 7366 are connected to 20 feeders, in Rajanpur district 124 are connected to 2 feeders, in D. G. Khan district only 2 are connected to one feeder, in Muzaffargarh district 39131 are connected to 22 feeders and in Kot Addu district 40 are connected to one feeder. Power supply has been cut off. On the instructions of Superintending Engineer Operation MEPCO Multan Circle Amjad Nawaz Bhatti and Executive Engineer Operation MEPCO Cantt Division Babar Ali Gujjar, power

supply has been restored to the flood-affected areas of Cantt Sub-Division Multan. A sub-divisional team led by SDO Cantt Sub-Division Zeeshan Qureshi restored power from 6 disconnected branches of Qasim Bela, Gulshan Iqbal, Suraj Miani and other areas, while on the instructions of Superintending Engineer Operation Muzaffargarh Circle Sajid Hussain Gondal, power supply is being restored in the areas under the administration of Muzaffargarh Circle. Teams have been alerted to restore power supply from transformers and poles in the areas where flood water has receded.



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Doha summits call for Israel to be restrained

arco Rubio, the US secretary of state, arrived in Qatar on Tuesday, a day after Doha hosted two summits, one for Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and the other for members of the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, to discuss Israel's attack on Doha on Sep. 9 and express support for Qatar. Coming a week too late and passing by Israel first to express solidarity there, his reassurances may not have the desired effect.

While the GCC gathering was behind closed doors, the wider summit was public, lasting several hours. Representatives of the 57 Arab and Muslim states, accounting for about 2 billion people, gathered in the tiny emirate to express their unconditional support for Qatar. Without exception, speakers roundly condemned Israeli leaders for the unprovoked violation of Qatar's sovereignty and expressed disappointment that the US, a friend of both Israel and Qatar, had failed to prevent it.

Qatar has been mediating the conflict between Israel and Hamas, together with Egypt and the US, and has hosted Hamas interlocutors at the explicit request of Washington, consistent with Israel's wishes. Israel has never asked Qatar to expel Hamas'

The statements issued following the two summits reinforced those sentiments and suggested several ways to go about preventing future similar attacks, which Israeli leaders have suggested are likely, despite public US statements to the contrary.

Second, they stressed that "GCC security is indivisible," as the GCC Charter and Mutual Defense Treaty stipulate. They directed the Joint Defense Council and the Higher Military Committee to urgently convene in Doha to "assess the defense posture of GCC states and sources of threat in light of Israel's aggression against Qatar." They also directed the GCC Unified Military Command to activate "mechanisms for GCC joint defense and deterrence."

Third, they warned that the "wanton Israeli aggression against the brotherly state of Qatar" represented a "direct threat" to regional security and stability and undermined efforts for regional peace. Continuing such aggressive policies threatens the future of "existing agreements and understandings" with Israel, as such aggressions carry "dangerous repercussions for the entire region." This is a clear reference to the need to reassess agreements already in place between Israel and several Arab and Muslim countries, something made explicit in the public session by Egypt and other countries with long-standing agreements with

Fourth, GCC leaders called on the UN Security Council, the wider international community and specifically its "key players" — a reference to the US in this case — to condemn Israel's aggression, which threatens international peace and security. They called on them to take "decisive steps" to stop and deter Israel's aggression, which has "eradicated" respect for international law and the authority of international institutions. They called for international sanctions against Israel to deter future attacks.

Fifth, linking Israel's attack on Qatar to its actions in Gaza, the GCC leaders said that the Sep. 9 attack could obstruct Doha's "relentless" efforts to mediate between Israel and Hamas to reach a ceasefire, release hostages and detainees, and resume humanitarian aid.

The Toothless Doha Declaration

Qamar Bashir

lamic Summit in Doha convened in the wake of Israel's brazen strike on Qatari territory, ended with a flourish of words. The Doha Declaration was framed as a turning point: Muslim leaders, for once, spoke in one voice, condemning Israel's attack as a cowardly breach of sovereignty and a violation of international law. The United Nations Security Council, in a rare consensus, echoed the outrage, declaring the strike on Doha a threat to international peace and security. For a fleeting moment, it seemed the Muslim world had achieved a diplomatic triumph.

But the triumph is hollow. The ink on the Doha Declaration had barely dried before its emptiness was exposed. For Israel, the condemnation of fifty Muslim states and the disapproval of the world's highest security body carried no deterrent weight. Tel Aviv knows the script too well: declarations, speeches, emergency sessions, and finally, silence. No real countermeasure is ever taken, no cost ever imposed. Israel strikes, Muslims condemn, and the cycle repeats.

The deeper tragedy lies in the fact that many Muslim governments have become so weak, so dependent, that they look outward for protection rather than inward for strength. The Muslim world is littered with American military bases — in Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Turkey - built and maintained with the stated purpose of ensuring security and stability. Yet these same bases, bristling with aircraft and technology, remain silent when Israel violates the sovereignty of the very states that host them. The paradox is stark: Muslim lands shelter the most powerful foreign military presence on earth, but that presence serves American and Israeli strategic interests, not the dignity or defense of their hosts. The bases

symbolize dependence, not deterrence. For decades, Muslim rulers, generals, on 15 September 2025, and businessmen have prioritized self-preservation and personal enrichment

over nation-building. Palaces, skyscrapers, and vanity projects rose, while schools, universities, and factories languished. Sovereign funds bought football clubs in Europe but failed to establish serious strated this principle: sanctions forced it to research parks or defense

industries at home. Military budgets were spent on flashy imports rather than nurturing indigenous capacity. The people were kept in dependency - poorly educated, poorly equipped, and politically silenced — lest an empowered popula-

tion threaten entrenched elites. The outcome is what the Doha Declaration inadvertently revealed: Muslim leaders can condemn, but they cannot compel. Their economies remain tethered to Western markets, their defenses reliant on Western arms, their security outsourced to American bases. Israel knows this. That is why it dared to strike Doha, confident that the response would be verbal, not material.

The path forward requires breaking this pattern of weakness. Declarations must be matched with deterrence. For this to happen, three urgent transformations are necessary.

First, human capital must replace elite patronage as the foundation of power. Qatar's humiliation is a reminder that skyscrapers do not defend sovereignty skilled people do. Education, vocational training, and technological research must be funded as a matter of national security. Nations that neglect their youth, their scientists, and their workers cannot hope to project power. Israel's dominance rests not only on U. S. backing but also on the

education and innovation of its citizens. Muslim countries must invest no less in their own.

Second, military capacity must be indigenized. Buying fighter jets and missile systems from Western suppliers creates dependency; building them domestically creates deterrence. Iran has demon-

innovate, and its missiles now give it leverage far beyond its GDP. Wealthy Arab states have the capital and infrastructure to establish joint defense industries. Instead of competing in arms imports, they must pool resources for indigenous production. Until

Muslim countries can respond to aggression with their own systems, their words will remain toothless.

Third, economic power must be harnessed for strategic autonomy. Muslim lands control energy, trade routes, and vast consumer markets. Yet these are rarely used as tools of leverage against aggression. Israel acts with impunity because it does not fear economic consequences from Muslim states. Imagine if energy exports, investment flows, or market access were conditioned on respect for sovereignty and human rights. Such leverage requires coordination and sacrifice, but without it, the Muslim world will remain a consumer market, not a strategic actor.

The role of the business class here is critical. Traders, developers, and financiers must abandon the illusion that personal wealth insulated from politics will keep them safe. The wealth of a few cannot protect the dignity of the many. Only when investment is directed toward industries, skills, and technologies that strengthen the collective will private fortunes align with public security.

Corruption, repression, and nepotism rot societies from within. Leaders who fear accountability fear empowering their people — and thus keep their nations weak. But a state that draws its strength from educated citizens and transparent institutions cannot be easily humiliated. The choice is clear: reform or perpetual dependence.

The Doha Declaration, then, should not be remembered as a diplomatic success but as a wake-up call. It has shown the world that Muslim states can gather, condemn, and declare. But it has also shown Israel — and the world — that Muslim power remains symbolic, not material. If that does not change, future declarations will ring even hollower.

Iran has demonstrated one path: defiance backed by indigenous strength. Now it is the turn of other Muslim nations to prove they, too, can defend sovereignty not with borrowed armies or borrowed words, but with their own capabilities. Qatar's humiliation must not end with prayers for miracles; it must begin with plans for power.

History teaches that no nation is respected for its declarations, only for its capacity to act. The Muslim world has the resources, the population, and the geography to stand tall. What it lacks is will. vision, and integrity. Until these are found, Israel will continue to strike at will, and Muslims will continue to respond with speeches. The choice before them is stark: remain helpless giants in palaces of sand, or build the foundations of a civilization that can finally defend its dignity.

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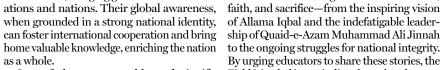


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Field Marshal's Call to Tell Pakistan's Story

he moral and ethical character to include character building and national cohe- in remote regions, and organizing volunteer of a society is profoundly and The values they adopt today such as integrity, tolerance, and compassion—will become the cultural fabric of tomorrow. It is therefore absolutely crucial that young people are guided by positive role models and exposed to constructive influences. Beyond formal education, the entire society-families, institutions, and the media—must contribute to shaping the moral compass of its young citizens. In national defense, the contribution of youth is both historical and ongoing, as they have always been the ones to fill the ranks of those

who protect the homeland. Their service extends beyond the military to include community work, disaster relief, and environmental protection, where their idealism makes them natural volunteers and change-makers. In today's interconnected world, youth also play a vital role as cultural ambassadors, bridging gener-



Abdul Basit Alvi

One of the most notable and significant developments in Pakistan has been the increasing involvement of its military leadership in youth engagement, reflecting a strategic recognition that a strong nation is not merely fortified by its military might but by its patriotic, educated, and motivated citizens. Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir has emerged as a central figure in this crucial effort, consistently emphasizing the critical role of youth in securing the country's ideological, economic, and cultural future. Under his steadfast leadership, the military's focus has expanded well beyond its traditional role of territorial security

sion. This is not a shift in its core mission but irrevocably shaped by its youth. a strategic acknowledgment that the battles of the future will be fought not just with weapons and advanced technology but with narratives and ideas. By engaging directly with students and educators, the military aims to actively counter misinformation, foster a deep sense of national pride, and provide clarity of purpose in an environment where youth are often exposed to a barrage of confusing and divisive narratives. This proactive engagement is a defense strategy for the 21st century.

> Field Marshal Munir's powerful call to "tell the story of Pakistan to the youth" is a profound

directive for a national and ideological revival. He views teachers as the greatest asset of Pakistan, entrusting them with the monumental task of reconnecting the younger generation with the nation's historical and ideological foundations. This story is not a dry collection of dates and events; it is

a living narrative of resilience, faith, and sacrifice—from the inspiring vision ship of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to the ongoing struggles for national integrity. By urging educators to share these stories, the Field Marshal is reminding them that they are, in essence, the builders of the nation, shaping the very identity and moral inheritance of future generations. This is considered a strategic necessity in an age of hybrid warfare, where the battle for hearts and minds is just as crucial as the defense of physical borders. A people who do not know their story are a people who can be easily led astray.

The military's involvement in youth development is also made tangible through practical initiatives that promote skill-building and leadership. By providing robust support for cadet colleges, establishing educational institutions

programs, the military is actively empowering young people and fostering a sense of national integration. These efforts, particularly in areas like Balochistan and the erstwhile tribal regions of KP, are not only creating opportunities but also bridging historical gaps between the army and civilian populations. By redirecting youthful energy away from destructive influences like extremism and towards constructive nation-building, the military is helping to instill a sense of active, informed, and ethical citizenship. This focus on open communication and the promotion of military officers as relatable role models is particularly important in a society where youth may feel disillusioned by political instability and economic hardship, providing them with a renewed sense of purpose and trust in their national institutions.

Ultimately, the importance of youth for Pakistan's future is a matter of profound survival and progress. The nation's strength lies not in its tanks and jets, but in the minds, hearts, and hands of its young generation. They are the innovators, the thinkers, and the defenders of the nation's highest aspirations. Investing in them is not just a favor; it's a fundamental necessity. Listening to their concerns is not a courtesy; it's an act of wisdom. Empowering them is not a gamble; it's the only viable path forward. Pakistan can only truly thrive if it builds a generation of young people who are not only technically skilled but also ideologically strong and morally grounded. The alliance between the military and the youth is a powerful and deeply promising one, demonstrating a shared and evolving vision that the nation's future security rests firmly on the strength of its people, their cherished values, and their shared stories. It is only by knowing who they are that they can truly decide where they are going, and this profound realization is the most powerful weapon in the nation's arsenal, a weapon that, once forged, can never be broken.

Dr. Singhanvi: A Beacon of Knowledge

Laiba Khan

here are certain individuals in this world whose personalities, intellect, and contributions do not merely serve as a guiding light for their own time, but also set a standard of enlightenment and guidance for generations to come. Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi belongs to this rare category of personalities, who, through a harmonious blend of knowledge, literature, religion, and ethics, have walked every step on the path of illumination and established intellectual, scholarly, and moral benchmarks in every endeavor.

His footsteps are firmly and steadily placed on the towering edifice of knowledge and thought. He is a discerning Islamic scholar, researcher, writer, educationist, and intellectual whose very presence exudes the fragrance of wisdom, insight, eloquence, and ethical refinement. His scholarly vision and intellectual illumination inspire respect and admiration in every heart and leave profound impressions on the minds and consciences of scholars and readers alike.

His teaching, speeches, and writings reflect a seamless blend of intellectual insight, literary elegance, scholarly depth, religious awareness, and scientific understanding. He is among the distinguished few who have dedicated themselves to the service of religious sciences while simultaneously addressing contemporary societal and intellectual issues. His contributions continue to serve as a guiding light, providing future generations with a model of conscientiousness and guidance.

Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi is not only a scholar and literary figure but also a thinker who actively promotes the preservation and enhancement of societal and ethical values. His writings, lectures, and scholarly works are not merely informative but intellec-

tually stimulating, inspiring reflection and critical thought. He maintains a keen awareness of modern challenges, scientific and intellectual issues, and social concerns, providing illumination to diverse audiences through his literary and scholarly resources.

The harmonious integration of scholarly, literary, ethical, and religious dimensions in his personality renders him a complete and exemplary leader, a model rarely found in contemporary society. His academic and literary accomplishments, research papers, books, columns, and speeches serve as guiding lights for future generations, positioning him as not only a scholar but also an educator and mentor of national and international repute.

Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi is a personality whose every action, writing, and speech emanates scholarly and intellectual light. His scholarly, literary, religious, and social journey is not only a beacon for the present but also a steadfast standard for generations to come. He serves as a guiding lamp for scholars, students, and readers alike a beacon of knowledge, a lamp of intellect, and a shining

exemplar of morality and insight. His life and contributions teach us that the harmonious integration of knowledge, literature, religion, and ethics can endow a person with unparalleled dignity and nobility. They demonstrate that, guided by intellectual and ethical principles, one can not only achieve personal growth but also illuminate society, the nation, and the world.

The writings, speeches, and intellectual insight of Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi are like a radiant flame, illuminating every heart, enlivening every mind, and elevating every thought. He stands as a living example of how the fusion of knowledge, ethics, and intellectual vision can not only shape a person's own life but also serve as a guiding light for generations vet to come.

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Pakistan, Palestine sign landmark MoU to boost healthcare cooperation

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Palestine have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Islamabad to strengthen cooperation in the health sector, expanding their bilateral partnership beyond political and humanitarian spheres.

The agreement was signed by Minister for Health Syed Mustafa Kamal on behalf of Pakistan, while the Palestinian Ambassador represented his government.

Senior officials, including Federal Health Secretary Hamid Yaqoob, Additional Secretary Health, and Director General Health, attended the ceremony, underlining the importance

According to the Ministry of National Health Services, the MoU covers collaboration in advanced medical fields, professional training, and joint research.

Areas of focus include interventional cardiology, organ transplants, orthopedic surgery, endoscopic ultrasound, burn treatment, and plastic

Pakistan will also extend expertise in infectious diseases, ophthalmology, pharmaceuticals, and medical research, along with training opportunities for Palestinian professionals at top institutions.



Minister Kamal announced the stan beat with Palestine, and we stand and well-being of our peoples," he Health Working Group within 30 days to oversee implementation.

"The purpose of this agreement is to foster closer collaboration for improving the health and well-being of the people of both brotherly nations,"

"The hearts of the people of Paki-

formation of a Pakistan-Palestine ready to assist our Palestinian brothers and sisters in every possible way."

> The Palestinian Ambassador welcomed the initiative and expressed gratitude to Pakistan for its continued

"Palestine and Pakistan are brothwork for the improvement of health in both countries.

remarked.

Officials stressed that the agreement represents a practical roadmap for cooperation rather than a symbolic gesture. By facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise, the partnership is expected to directly benefit erly countries. Together, we will healthcare delivery and patient care

Kartarpur Corridor reopens for pilgrims after flood waters recede

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: With the flood situation now under control, the Kartarpur Gurdwara has been reopened for pilgrims, marking the resumption of visits after disruptions caused by Indian water aggression.

According to the details a delegation of more than ten Sikh pilgrims from the UK, including both men and women, arrived at Kartarpur to perform reli-

Speaking to the media, the group's representative, Swarn Kaur, expressed gratitude to the Pakistani government for swiftly draining floodwater from the shrine and restoring arrangements.

"The government has made excellent efforts to rehabilitate the site. It $feels\,great\,to\,be\,here\,again\,and\,perform$ visiting pilgrims.

Officials confirmed that while are ongoing, ensuring safe access for rience as spiritually fulfilling, appre-journey.



darshan in peace," said one of the Kartarpur did suffer damage due to devotees. water aggression, restoration efforts

The pilgrims described their expe-

ciating Pakistan's commitment to preserving and facilitating their holy

IGHD hosted national seminar on Accelerating Newborn Survival and Care in Pakistan

City Desk

Karachi/Islamabad: Pakistan has an unacceptably high burden of neonatal mortality with 40 lives lost per 1000 live births, each year from largely preventable causes. To confront this crisis, the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at the Aga Khan University united policymakers, clinicians, researchers, and development partners for a National Seminar on Accelerating Newborn Survival and Care in Pakistan.

The seminar highlighted persistent gaps in availability, quality, and equitable coverage of essential services for newborns, and aligned practical, evidence-based actions to save newborn lives nationwide. This includes focusing on district-level solutions, strengthening advanced support i.e. level II care, and a rapid scale-up of proven practices across provinces and regions.



"There is an urgent need to reduce maternal health." disparities in newborn care across provinces and districts," said Dr. Zulfigar A. babies breathe, supporting breast-

Chief Guest Professor Ayesha Isani Majeed, Director General Health at the Bhutta, Founding Director of IGHD. Federal Ministry of Health Services, "Simple, proven practices like helping announced the formation of a National Technical Working group to prioritize feeding, and skin-to-skin care can save newborn care and raise its visibility and newborn receives timely, highcountless newborn lives and improve within government platforms. She

also confirmed that routine immunization has been designated a priority within the National Immunization Management System and called on stakeholders to champion the cause.

"Seminars like this one provide a valuable opportunity to connect research with policy dialogue, so that provinces and institutions can consider which approaches are most practical and effective within their contexts," explained Professor Majeed. "By learning from the data and from each other, we can make meaningful progress for newborn health outcomes."

The event underscored that Pakistan already has the knowledge and tools to prevent most newborn deaths. What is needed, stated Dr Shabina Ariff, Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at AKU, "is consistent implementation, quality assurance, and accountability so that every mother

Pakistan, Poland to cooperate on flood management and recovery



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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Water Resources, Moin Wattoo, held an important meeting with the Ambassador of Poland, Michiel Piszarski, Wednesday to discuss the recent flood situation, its damag-

The minister said Pakistan faced severe floods this year due to 15 percent excess rainfall, which he attributed to climate change. "This flood is a result of climate change, and collective measures are needed to deal with such challenges," he said.

Expressing sympathy with the victims, Poland assured cooperation and support for the people of the flood-affected areas. The Polish side also showed determination to assist in the restoration of flood-hit infrastructure and improvement of management systems.

Ambassador Piszarski noted that Poland had successfully overcome recurring floods through careful planning and effective strategies, offering to share relevant expertise with Pakistan.

Both sides agreed to cooperate in strengthening flood early warning systems, addressing urban flood challenges, and enhancing the capacity of disaster management institutions. Wattoo said practical steps in this regard would be initiated soon.

Special forces from six nations end joint exercise in Azerbaijan



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The multinational Special Forces joint exercise concluded in Azerbaijan with a grand closing ceremony, attended by contingents from Azerbaijan, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Uzbekistan, and

According to the details the exercise aimed at enhancing combat readiness, interoperability, and coordination among elite troops of participating countries.

At the closing ceremony, soldiers who excelled in different segments of the drill were awarded honorary shields in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The event also featured a cultural programme, including traditional music and dance performances, symbolising unity and camaraderie among the nations.

Officials said the joint exercise reflects the shared commitment of participating countries to strengthen regional security and defence

Uzbekistan Expands Cooperation with International Financial Institutions

№ News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Uzbekistan continues to strengthen its cooperation with international financial institutions and leading global companies as part of its efforts to deepen economic reforms and ensure sustainable development. Recent meetings have



highlighted a number of important initiatives First and foremost, negotiations with the World Bank focused on sustainable development, improving transport infrastructure, and reducing risks. Discussions also included large-scale projects such as the construction of the Tashkent-Andijan toll road.

Meetings with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) addressed programs to support the country's economy as well as measures to ensure financial stability.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) placed particular emphasis on public-private partnership (PPP) projects. These included the construction of new hospitals and the modernization of the electricity supply system. Talks with the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) centered on providing guarantees for investment projects and expanding new financing opportunities.

In addition, major investment banks such as JPMorgan, Citi, and Franklin Templeton discussed strengthening Uzbekistan's international image, developing capital markets, and attracting new investors. Global firms like AECOM and BlackRock also explored opportunities to implement joint projects in the fields of energy, transport, and water supply.

Developing Uzbekistan's startup ecosystem was another key focus.

The Garage Startup House incubator and 500 Global venture fund reviewed plans to support the national venture fund and expand the country's participation in the international startup community.

Afzaal Bhatti Takes OPF to New Heights

Bhatti as Managing Director of the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) has injected fresh community. A London-based professional leading a prominent accounting dynamic figure of action and engage-

Shahbaz Sharif, Bhatti has been highly effective in mobilising institutions for the diaspora's benefit. His pivotal role tirelessly to ensure its success. in organising the April 2025 Overseas Pakistanis Convention in Islamabad attended by the Prime Minister and the issue affecting millions of overseas

he appointment of Afzaal Field Marshal—demonstrated both his Pakistanis when my mobile phone was organisational skills and unwavering commitment.

Now, a major programme in London on 20 September 2025, under his superoptimism among the overseas Pakistani vision, is set to further showcase OPF's new direction.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, approach firm, Bhatti has quickly emerged as a Shahbaz Sharif, Federal Minister his style: proactive, Choudhry Salik Hussain, and many accountable, other high-ranking officials, including accessible. Within With close ties to Prime Minister federal ministers and members of the overseas Pakistani diaspora, are expected to attend. Bhatti is working

On a personal note, I first experienced Bhatti's commitment during a critical

Bhatti personally intervened, ensuring senders. Bhatti is reshaping that percepa swift resolution and

those affected. This hands-on reflects and limited resources, Bhatti has begun tackling long-ignored

restoring trust among

concerns, including housing schemes, in thousands of pending cases. property disputes, education, employment quotas, and investment protec-

Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

For decades, overseas Pakistanis titles. He has driven strong educational disconnected due to tax complications. were viewed primarily as remittance tion, presenting them

as stakeholders in Pakistan's progress and future. Since his appointment, Afzaal Bhatti has already achieved commendable progress: He has overseen the recovery of nearly Rs. 8 billion for overseas Pakistanis

Illegally encroached land (450+ kanals) has been reclaimed in Islamabad and Lahore, restoring rights and

reforms, including upgraded teaching methods, certified master trainers through the British Council, improved exam results, and the introduction of tech-based learning in OPF institutions.

He has forged key institutional partnerships (with CCD, ACE Punjab, and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal) to streamline complaint redressal, fight corruption, and improve access to education and welfare.

New services and reforms under his supervision include airport ambulance facilities for deceased overseas Pakistanis, expanding OPF membership to include NICOP holders abroad, and reinstating/enhancing "Green Channel" facilities at major airports. The challenges remain daunting, and

kepticism lingers after years of unfulfilled promises. Yet since his appointment, Afzaal Bhatti has shown remarkable progress through transparency, direct engagement, and tangible results. His efforts are gradually restoring confidence and building stronger ties between Pakistan and its global community.

For overseas Pakistanis, Bhatti's tenure represents more than just administrative change. It is a chance to be recognised not only for their financial contributions but also as partners in Pakistan's growth—a bridge finally being built between the diaspora and the homeland.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
156,177.81	156,180.94	
Day's High	Day's Low	
157,196.58	155,960.35	
Index Value	Change	
28,379,866,752	-3.13	
Percentage	Time	
-0%	17 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Index Value Change	

Europe. I for foo muck	
Index Value	Change
9,208.37	+12.71
Percentage	Time
+0.14%	17 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1

USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
45,974.69	+216.79
Percentage	Time
+0.47%	17 Sept, 1:17 pm GMT-4

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Averag	
Index Value	Change
44,790.38	-111.89
Percentage	Time
-0.25%	17 Sept, 3:45 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	187.1	192.1
Bahrain Dinar	749.4	756.9
Canadian Dollar	203.1	208.1
China Yuan	39.46	39.86
Danish Krone	44	44.4
Euro	332.60	337.60
Hong Kong Dollar	36.1	36.45
Indian Rupee	3.13	3.22
Japanese Yen	1.8950	1.9950
Kuwaiti Dinar	917	926
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	76.40
Singapore Dollar	218.50	223.50
Swedish Korona	29.71	30.01
Swiss Franc	350.41	353.16
Thai Bhat	8.62	8.77
U.A.E Dirham	77.25	78.25
UK Pound Sterling	384.50	389.50
US Dollar	282.45	282.65

Chairman PEC meets Chief Secretary AJK

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: During his visit to Muzaffarabad, Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), Engr Waseem Nazir, held a meeting with Khushal Khan, Chief Secretary Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K), to discuss pressing issues faced by engineers in the region. The discussion focused on providing sustainable solutions to the professional and employment challenges confronting the engineering community.

The Chairman briefed the Chief Secretary on PEC's latest initiative, the "Graduate Engineer Trainee (GET) Placement Program." The program aims to generate employment opportunities for young engineers in Pakistan and AJ&K, enabling them to gain practical training and build secure career pathways. The Chief Secretary AJ&K assured full cooperation in resolving the challenges faced by engineers and contractors. Chairman PEC said that PEC will continue to facilitate young engineers through policy reforms, training programs, and stakeholder engagement. He further added that the Council's mission is to empower engineers with opportunities that match their skills and potential.

Pakistan, Malaysia forge new trade frontiers with PMFA and **ASEAN Support**

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: The Pakistan-Malaysia Friendship Association (PMFA) marked a milestone with its 4th Appreciation Awards Ceremony, reaffirming the enduring partnership between Pakistan and Malaysia grounded in friendship, trust, and expanding economic cooperation.

Among notable attendees were Federal Health Minister Syed Mustafa Kamal, Shahid Jawed Qureshi, President PMFA, Malaysia's Consul General, H. E. Herman Hardynata Ahmad, Khalid Tawab, Chairman of Tawab Group; Abdul Rasheed Jan Muhammad, CEO of MAPAK Edible Oil; and other prominent figures. The event also paid tribute to former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who sent a special message for the PMFA Awards Ceremony.

Federal Health Minister Syed Mustafa Kamal, the chief guest, highlighted the urgent need to strengthen economic and trade ties ment opportunities. between the two nations. Commending PMFA's efforts in promoting business-to-business (B2B) links, he said such collaborations could unlock significant new trade and invest-



PMFA President Shahid Jawed Qureshi welcomed the distinguished guests, noting the growing depth of bilateral cooperation. stan stands to benefit from enhanced trade, jeel Goplani, CEO Sharjeel and Brothers; and He drew attention to Malaysia's current Chair-

manship of ASEAN under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability," stating that with over 300 ASEAN meetings planned this year, Paki-

Malaysia's Consul General in Karachi, H. E. Herman Hardynata Ahmad, praised PMFA's role in fostering trade relations and highlighted Highlighting regional opportunities, the Envoy said that Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2025 presents a chance to strengthen ties with partners like Pakistan. He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to expanding regional trade cooperation and emphasized Pakistan's role as a valued economic partner in ASEAN's broader engagement strategy.

Awards were presented to leading figures in recognition of their outstanding contributions in trade, industry, and corporate leadership. The recipients included Abdul Rasheed Jan Muhammad, Director Bulk Management (Rice Project); Mukhtar Hussain Dossani, CEO Dossani Enterprises; Muhammad Moiz Anjarwala, Managing Director Empire Group of Companies; Engr. Shahbaz Qureshi, Director Operations Shahbaz International; Sheikh Umer Rehan, Chairman Pakistan Vanaspati Manufacturers Association; Sharinvestment, education, and tourism oppor- Air Asia X Berhad Malaysia.

Talks

TEHRAN: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan and Iran's First Vice President Mohammad-Reza Aref shake hands ahead of talks on strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation.



Xenith PR and Team Envision PNEC-NUST join hands to strengthen communication and drive fuel-efficient climate action

KARACHI: Team Envision -PNEC-NUST and Xenith Public Relations (XPR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance their 360-degree communication efforts and strengthen the team's participation at the upcoming Shell Eco-Marathon 2026. The MoU, officiated and signed between Ms. Sereen Atif, Faculty Advisor for the student-led engineering society at PNEC-NUST, and Mr. Syed Raheel Nabi, Chief Executive Officer of Xenith PR, aims to not only amplify the project's visibility but also rein-



and climate consciousness.

program, organized in different lenging students to design,

world's leading student engi-Shell Eco-Marathon, a global neering competitions. Chal-

ficient vehicles, it aims to travel the farthest distance on the least amount of energy, testing innovation, engineering skills, and teamwork.

Speaking at the signing, Raheel Nabi Shah, Chief Executive Officer, Xenith PR said: "Xenith PR envisions nurturing the talent of the next decade. This goal can only be achieved through classroom and beyond-classroom learning. Partnership with the talented team is important for us because their focus is innovation, sustainable practices and discovery, a spirit that fuels our foundation."

SBP Extends Pause at 11%, Balances Inflation Control with Flood Fallout

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Monetary Policy Commit-2025, meeting, chose to keep the policy rate steady at 11 percent, continuing its conservative approach in spite of historically low inflation and better macroeconomic signals. In its release, the central bank pointed out that the short-term but substantial shock of the recent floods has further deteriorated the near-term economic prospects.

Release issued from the Significantly, headline infla-PIDE, it was said that tion dipped to 3 percent in major crops like sugarcane, August, the lowest level in rice, cotton, and vegetables over a decade, while the have been widely damaged average inflation for FY2025 in Punjab, increasing the remained at 4.5 percent.

threat of food supply disruptions in the months ahead. While the above risks, the SBP highlighted that the economy of Pakistan is on tee, in its September 15, a stronger footing to withstand the spill over than in previous occasions due to a two-year accumulation of external and fiscal buffers under the IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

This has allowed the central bank to focus on balancing growth with price and exchange rate stability, while maintaining inflation expectations within the target range of 5–7 According to the Press percent in the medium term.

No more local gas connections as govt enforces permanent ban

E Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: A permanent ban has been imposed on new connections using locally produced gas, and instructions have been issued to cancel three million applications already

The Petroleum Division has sent the cabinet-approved framework to Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), under which the ban on new connections using local gas has been formally imposed.

SSGC and SNGPL have been directed to cancel all three million applications already received for new produced gas.

local gas connections.

However, a new framework has been introduced for connections using imported gas, based on 9 specific conditions. Under this framework, 50% of new consumers per year can be provided gas connections under the urgent fee cate-

Consumers who pay the urgent fee will receive a new connection using imported gas within 3 months. Households whose gas supply has been disconnected for over a year will also be given connections using imported gas.

The tariff for imported gas connections will be 70% higher than that of locally

Pakistan, IAEA Step Up Partnership for Peaceful Nuclear Applications

跨 Spokesman Report

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed the fifth Country Programme Framework (CPF) for able Development Goals (SDGs). 2026–2031 on the sidelines of the Covering three Technical Cooperation ongoing IAEA General Conference in Vienna on Wednesday.

The Framework was signed by Dr. Raja Ali Raza Anwar, Chairman resource management, nuclear power, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and radiation and nuclear safety. (PAEC), on behalf of Pakistan, and IAEA, on behalf of the agency.

development. It builds on decades of VIENNA, AUSTRIA: Pakistan and the collaboration and aligns with Pakistan's development agenda and international commitments, including the Sustaincycles, it identifies five key areas: food and agriculture, human health and nutrition, climate change and water

In agriculture, which contributes Mr. Hua Liu, Deputy DG and Head, nearly a quarter of GDP and employs Department of Technical Cooperation, more than a third of the workforce, nuclear techniques will be used to boost The CPF outlines national priorities crop yields, strengthen pest control, where nuclear science and technology improve livestock health, and enhance

will directly support socio-economic food safety. Pakistan's participation in the IAEA's Atoms4Food initiative demonstrates its commitment to food security and climate-resilient farming.

> In health, rising cancer cases and non-communicable diseases make healthcare a central focus. Through the CPF, Pakistan will expand cooperation with the IAEA in nuclear medicine, radiation oncology, medical physics, and radiopharmaceuticals. The network of 20 Atomic Energy Cancer Hospitals (AECHs), already serving over a million patients annually, will be further equipped with advanced therapies, precision diagnostics, and locally produced radiopharmaceuticals for affordable treatment.

On the occasion, Chairman PAEC Dr. Raja Ali Raza Anwar stated: "The signing of this Country Programme Framework reaffirms Pakistan's unwavering commitment to the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. With the support of the IAEA, Pakistan will continue to harness these tools to address food security, improve healthcare, strengthen energy security, and safeguard our environment. We are determined to ensure that the benefits of nuclear technology reach every segment of society."

Mr. Hua Liu, Deputy DG and Head, Department of Technical Cooperation, IAEA welcomed Pakistan's strong



engagement, describing the CPF as a shared vision for sustainable development through peaceful nuclear coop-

The CPF 2026-2031 stands as a testament to the enduring partnership

between Pakistan and the IAEA. Its implementation will strengthen Pakistan's socio-economic development and reinforce its role as a responsible Member State committed to the global mission of the IAEA.

Asia Cup 2025: Pakistan defeats UAE to set up India showdown

DUBAI: Fakhar Zaman's brisk half-century and a dominant bowling performance propelled Pakistan to the super fours, setting up another India clash in the ACC Men's Asia Cup 2025.

Pakistan will face India in the Super Fours on Sunday, September 21, at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Set 147-run target, UAE crumbled under pressure and were bowled out for 150 in 17.4 overs.

Despite restricting Pakistan to a low total, UAE batters failed to take advantage. Alishan Sharafu and Mohammad Waseem added 21 for the first wicket before the former was castled by Shaheen on the score of 12.

Waseem followed him after making 14 from 15, whereas Saim bamboozled Muhammad Zohaib for four, which left UAE reeling at 37-3 in 5.3 overs.

Following the early wickets, Dhruv Parashar and Rahul Chopra forged a stand of 48 runs. However, the pair took 51 balls for their partnership, and with the required rate creeping up, the hosts slumped and lost wickets in a heave.

Chopra remained the highest scorer, making 35 runs with the aid of a four

For Pakistan, Abrar Ahmed, Shaheen



Afridi, and Haris Rauf bagged two wickets

Earlier, Simranjeet Singh and Junaid Siddique combined to rattle Pakistan's batting lineup, not before Shaheen Afridi's lusty blows, which took them to a compet-

UAE capitalized on the decision to bowl first as their bowlers displayed a commendable performance, limiting Pakistan to a modest 146-9 in 20 overs.

For Pakistan, it was a miserable start

as Saim Ayub fell for his third consecutive and fifth duck in eight innings. Sahibzada Farhan followed him in the third over after managing to score five from 12 deliveries.

After Green Shirts were reduced to 9-2 in 2.4 overs, Fakhar Zaman and skipper Salman Ali Agha launched a brief recovery with a 61-run partnership.

The duo managed to take Pakistan out of trouble as the scorecard read 70 in 11 overs. However, the stand culminated as Salman Ali Agha's sluggish knock ended, courtesy of a brilliant catch in the covers. He made 20 off 27 with the help of two

The wicket gave UAE an opening, and the hosts penetrated through the middle order with quick strikes. Fakhar Zaman departed after scoring 50 off 36 balls, striking three maximums and two fours.

The wicket sparked a mini collapse until Shaheen Afridi's cameo (29 off 14 balls), which took Pakistan to a respectable total.

For UAE, Junaid Siddique - who made early inroads with the new ball, remained the standout bowler with four wickets in his four overs. Simranjeet Singh was excellent as well with three scalps to his name in four overs.

Playing XIs

Pakistan XI: Sahibzada Farhan, Saim Ayub, Fakhar Zaman, Salman Agha (capt), Hasan Nawaz, Mohammad Haris (wk), Mohammad Nawaz, Haris Rauf, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Khushdil Shah, Abrar Ahmed

UAE XI: Alishan Sharafu, Muhammad Waseem (capt), Asif Khan, Muhammad Zohaib, Harshit Kaushik, Rahul Chopra (wk), Dhruv Parashar, Haider Ali, Muhammad Rohid Khan, Simranjeet Singh, Junaid Siddique

Handshake controversy resolved as PCB confirms Asia Cup match against UAE after referee's apology

₿ Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Wednesday confirmed that the national team's Asia Cup clash against the United Arab Emirates will proceed after ICC match referee Andy Pycroft apologised for the handshake controversy that marred the Pakistan-India encounter.

Addressing a press conference at Gaddafi Stadium, PCB Chairman Mohsin Raza Naqvi-flanked by former chairmen Najam Sethi and Ramiz Raja—said the Board had lodged a strong protest with the International Cricket Council (ICC) over the incident.

The PCB revealed that Andy Pycroft had apologised directly to Pakistan's captain Salman Ali Agha and the team manager, admitting that his instructions regarding the pre-match handshake were a result of "miscommunication."

The ICC has also assured Pakistan that an inquiry will be conducted into the it was a "miscommunication" and person- PCB has "always tried to keep cricket tion system, and we will not allow crickcode of conduct violation that occurred ally apologised to Pakistan's captain and away from politics," while Ramiz Raja eting integrity to be compromised," Naqvi during the September 14 clash

stan-India fixture, Pycroft reportedly of conduct violation. instructed Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha not to shake hands with his Indian hand. We have requested the ICC to let times. That should not be the case," Raja Cup semi-finals.



counterpart Suryakumar Yadav, sparking cricket remain cricket," Naqvi asserted. outrage in Pakistan's cricketing circles. Following India's victory, their players also refused the customary post-match

Naqvi said Pycroft has since admitted team manager. The ICC, he added, has During Sunday's high-voltage Pakiagreed to hold an inquiry into the code Pycroft. "Andy Pycroft has been India's

He thanked former PCB heads Sethi and Raja for joining the consultation process, describing the potential boycott decision as "too big to be taken emotionally."

criticised the ICC's appointment of

The uncertainty had earlier forced PCB to delay the start of the Pakistan-UAE match by one hour, with reports emerging that the Green Shirts might refuse to play. Team staff were even seen loading equipment back onto the bus, awaiting final instructions. However, Naqvi later directed the squad to proceed to the Dubai International Stadium.

The Asian Cricket Council confirmed the match would begin at 8:30pm PKT. Fans at the stadium, initially restless amid confusion, were eventually relieved as Pakistan players arrived for warm-ups.

The controversy has revived memories of past disputes over ICC match officials, notably when India and South Africa attempted to remove referee Mike Denness in 2001—a move the ICC refused to endorse.

While the PCB welcomed the apology it emphasized that such incidents should Najam Sethi told reporters that the never be repeated. "We have a great selec-

With tensions temporarily eased, Pakifavourite referee-he has officiated stan's focus now shifts back to the field "Politics and cricket cannot go hand in in India's matches more than ninety as they aim to secure a spot in the Asia

State-of-the-art padel tennis court to be built at Nishtar Park Šports Complex: Khokhar

Tahir Amin Malik

Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that a state-of-the-art padel tennis court will be constructed at Nishtar Park Sports Complex. Besides this, the padel tennis courts will also be built in Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi.

Provincial Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar announced these decisions while chairing an important meeting at National Hockey Stadium on

The key meeting was attended by President Pakistan Padel Federation Mansoor Ali Khan, General Secretary Fahad Bakhsh Elahi, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial, Director General Sports Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry and Associate Secretary Barrister Bilal Shafiq.

Addressing the meeting, Punjab



Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that the game of padel tennis will be included to the Khelta Punjab Pink Games. "The game of padel tennis is being introduced in Punjab province for the first time".

Punjab Minister for Sports Malik

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that the padel Board Punjab and Padel Tennis Associnational padel tennis match will also be staged at Lahore".

Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that Sports event in near future".

tennis court will be constructed as per ation will make joint efforts to promote international standards. "The first inter- this new game across the province. "The scope of padel tennis will be further expanded next year and a presentation Punjab Minister for Sports Malik should be prepared to hold a padel tennis

Arshad Nadeem qualifies for World Athletics Championship's final round

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Olympic hero Arshad Nadeem has qualified for the final round of javelin throw in the World Athletics Championship in Tokyo with an 85.28-metre throw in the final attempt.



Arshad Nadeem recorded a throw of 76.99 meters in his first

attempt, while the 74.17 meters in the second one. Arshad has been placed in Group B, while his traditional rival,

India's Neeraj Chopra, is in Group A. Neeraj Chopra qualified for the final round in his first attempt with an 84.85-meter throw. The automatic qualification mark was 84.50 metres

Nadeem and Chopra are now set to face each other in the

Out of 37 athletes, the top 12 performers will qualify for the $\,$ final round, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, where the battle for medals will be decided.

"My body feels good, I'm pretty fit. The qualifiers Con Wednesday will show where I stand, and I'll have expectations for the final based on that," Arshad said in a media interview ahead of the qualifying round.

The nation's hopes are pinned on Nadeem, who made history by winning gold at the Paris Olympics and continues to be a standout figure in international athletics.

Punjab Sports Department will make best arrangements for smooth holding of Pink Games: DGSports

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Director General Sports Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry has presided over an important meeting regarding women's biggest sports event Khelta Punjab Pink Games at the National Hockey Stadium, Lahore.

Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Deputy Directors Yasmeen Akhtar,

Chand Parveen and all administrators of Nishtar Park Sports Complex participated in the meeting which was convened to review the preparations of Khelta Punjab Pink Games. During the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth

Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry made several significant decisions and assigned important duties to sports officers for successful organization of Pink Games.

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry directed the sports officers to formulate best accommodation plan for all participating athletes and team officials during the Khelta Punjab Pink Games. The opening and closing ceremonies of Khelta Punjab Pink Games were also discussed in detail during the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry further said that Punjab Sports Department will make best arrangements for participating athletes and smooth holding of Pink Games on the direction of Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Puniah Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that Khelta Punjab Pink Games are a major platform for female athletes of the province to exhibit their multiple sports skills. "All of the events of Khelta Punjab Pink Games will be organised at various venues of Nishtar Park Sports Complex".

Nazir Hussain Gymkhana Colts Win Thrilling Encounter in Naveed Mehboob Azmi T-20 Tournament

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Nazir Hussain Gymkhana Colts secured a 14-run victory over Zaheer Hassan Cricket Club in a closely contested match at the KPI Ground yesterday, as part of the ongoing Naveed Mehboob Azmi Memorial Zone One Inter-Club T-20 Cricket Tournament, Organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi Zone One. Batting first, Nazir Hussain Gymkhana Colts posted a competitive total of 155 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Abdullah Rehman led the charge with a solid 49 runs, while Shariq Ahmed contributed a quickfire 31. Zaheer Hassan Cricket Club's Ibtisam Ayaz was the pick of the bowlers, taking three wickets, with Yasin Ahmed adding two to his tally. In pursuit of the target, Zaheer Hassan Cricket Club was unable to cross the finish line, being bowled out for 141 runs in 19 overs. Umar Sheikh was the top scorer with 43 runs, and Muhammad Yahya added 37. The match-winning performance came from Nazir Hussain Gymkhana Colts' Shariq Ahmed, who not only performed with the bat but also took an impressive 4 wickets for just 10 runs, effectively dismantling the opposition's chase. Daniyal Shoaib also contributed with two crucial wickets. The match was officiated by umpires SM Babar and Javed Jafri, with Faisal Siddiqui serving as the official scorer.

Naunehal Seerat Conference held

Sadia Rashid, President HFP, presided over the event

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: A Naunehal Seerat of 'Truth and Trustworthiness: Prominent Aspects of the Life of the Holy Prophet PBUH' comprised of recitation of verses from holy Qur'an, Hamd, Mehfil-i- Na'at, Rasm-i-Bismillah and speeches, was held yesterday at a local hall under the auspices of Hamdard Rashid, President HFP, presided over

children should learn valuable lessons these are the qualities of a successful Hamd Bari Ta'ala and Na'ate-e-Rasulfrom the exemplary life of the Holy Prophet PBUH. He was called Sadiq Conference for children on the theme and Ameen because he never told a lie and never betrayed anyone. The blessed life of the Holy Prophet PBUH is the best source of guidance for us. The Holy Prophet PBUH taught us the value of time, truthfulness, honesty, good manners, tolerance, and patience. Prophet Mohammed PBUH said that Foundation Pakistan (HFP). Ms Sadia lies are the root of all evils; therefore, one should always speak the truth and live with honesty. He also taught us to Renowned intellectual and the chief respect women, admit our mistakes, guest Mehtab Akbar Rashdi said that and practise self-accountability, as

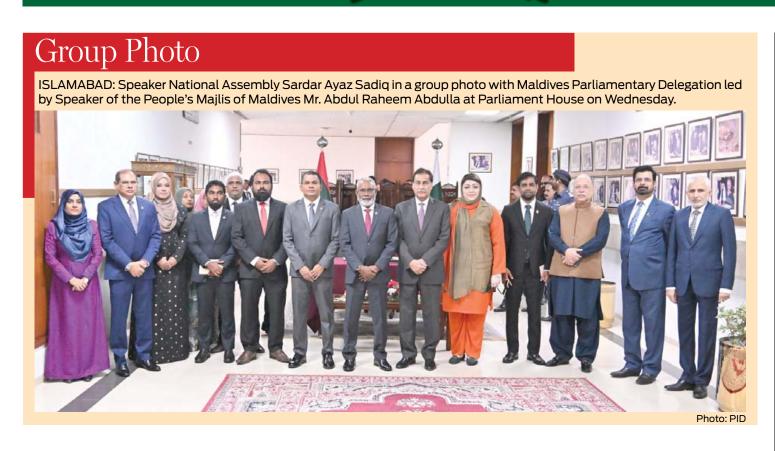
person. From the noble Seerah of the Holy Prophet PBUH, we learn the highest standards of character. The Holy Qur'an shows the believers the path of light, so reading it with translation and acting upon its teachings is the true way to improve our lives.

In Mehfil-e-Na'at, students from Hamdard Public School, Hamdard Village School, The Educators Korangi, Oasis Grammar School, Rose House Grammar School, Ida Rieu, Quaide-Azam Rangers School, GCT Hilal School, St. Joseph's School, and Mama Parsi Girls' Secondary School recited e-Magbool.

The young speakers said that the lifestyle, noble character, and daily conduct of the Holy Prophet PBUH — in fact, every aspect of his blessed life - are golden standards for Muslims until the Day of Judgement. Those who adhere to the Sunnah have been promised worldly success and eternal salvation by Allah Almighty.

The Naunehal Seerat Conference concluded with the traditional Bismillah ceremony of children Lena Sohaib Rashdi, Syeda Aima Arsalan, and Maida binte Anas.





Pakistan, Maldives reaffirm commitment to strengthen parliamentary ties

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: al Assembly Speaker Sardar eral parliamentary relations as Ayaz Sadiq and Speaker of the People's Majlis of Maldives Abdul Raheem Abdulla met on Wednesday to reaffirm their shared commitment to strengthening mutual ties, enhancing inter-parliamentary cooperation and fostering stronger people-to-people connections.

tary delegation, visiting Pakistan at the special invitation, was cordially received upon scored that durable peace further hailed Pakistan's recent ship Group in fostering closer

During the meeting, the two Speakers discussed bilatwell as important regional and global issues.

The Speaker highlighted that Pakistan and Maldives deep-rooted ties grounded in common religion, history, and cultural heritage. He underscored the pivotal role of parliamentary diplomacy in fostering regional The Maldivian parliamen- peace and advancing devel-

without a just and peaceful resolution of the Palestine and Jammu & Kashmir disputes.

He also urged the international community to play its due role for their fair resolution and stressed that the Muslim Ummah must adopt a joint strategy to secure the legitimate rights of the peoples of Palestine and Kashmir.

He strongly condemned the Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) and lauded the courage and resilience The Speaker also under- of the Kashmiri people. He their arrival at the Parliament in South Asia is not possible diplomatic and defense victory inter-parliamentary contacts. the two nations.

against India, attributing it to the unity of the nation and the sacrifices of the Armed Forces.

He reiterated that the Israeli agenda poses a grave threat to global peace and stressed the need for unity among Muslim countries to counter Israeli aggression.

He also emphasized that Pakistan is rich with trade opportunities and highlighted the need to enhance regional cooperation through SAARC. He underlined the important role of the Pak-Maldives Parliamentary Friend-

Abdul Raheem Abdulla, Speaker of the People's Majlis, thanked the Speaker of the National Assembly for the warm welcome and hospi-

tality extended to him and

his delegation. He termed the

relations between Maldives

and Pakistan as brotherly and

based on mutual respect. He also appreciated Pakistan's principled and consistent stance on the issues of Palestine and Kashmir and expressed confidence that closer parliamentary relations will further consolidate the bonds of friendship between

Pak-Iran vow to boost defense and economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Reza Amiri Moghadam, called on Federal Minister for Defence Production, Mohammad Raza Hayat Haraj, in Rawalpindi Wednesday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed matters of mutual interest, with a particular focus on cooperation in the field of defence production.

Minister Haraj underscored that Pakistan attaches great importance to its brotherly relations with Iran, describing it as a close friend and neighbour.

"The two countries enjoy cordial ties that are growing stronger with every passing moment. The Government of Pakistan, especially the Ministry of Defence Produc-



tions," he said.

strengthening these rela- expand ties with Islamabad. economic as well as regional commitment to advancing

The Iranian envoy also enhance relations with Pakinoted. tion, is committed to further highlighted Tehran's desire to stan and intends to broaden

Both sides reaffirmed their

"Iran is keen to further cooperation," Mr. Moghadam collaboration in defence and economic sectors to further consolidate bilateral rela-

Health Minister, Gavi delegation strengthen cooperation on immunization initiatives

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Health, Mustafa Kamal, met with a high-level Gavi delegation led by Thabani Maphosa, Chief Country Delivery Officer at Gavi on Wednesday.

The meeting focused on reviewing Pakistan's ongoing HPV vaccination campaign against cervical cancer and exploring future immunization initi-

The Health Minister expressed satisfaction with the strong start of the HPV vaccination drive.

He noted the encouraging feedback from the field and underlined the need to sustain momentum.

Minister Kamal emphasized that equitable access must remain the cornerstone of the campaign, ensuring all eligible girls nationwide are reached.

He outlined key priorities for the government. These included holding ness, strengthening integration adopting international best practices.



regular press briefings to raise aware- with the Ministry of Education, and

He also called for robust feedback role of helpline 1166 and other chanmanagement systems, highlighting the nels.

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PM inaugurates Pakistan TV Digital to counter propaganda



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday inaugurated Pakistan TV Digital as an English news channel aimed at delivering Pakistani voice to the world and offering country's perspective on national and international developments, besides countering anti-Pakistan narrative and propaganda.

During the visit to the Pakistan TV Digital, the prime minister unveiled stressing their crucial role in counthe plaque to launch the news tering external narratives.

channel which aims at enabling Pakistan to communicate with the world and deliver its perspective first.

The event was attended by Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar, Secretary Information Ambreen Jan, and other senior officials.

The prime minister visited various sections of the new channel, interacted with the young professionals and praised their enthusiasm,

PTI Azad Kashmir announces support for Awami Action Committee, strike on September 29



跨 Abdul Majeed tahir

ISLAMABAD: A high-level meeting of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Azad Kashmir, chaired by party president Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi, concluded with key decisions on political strategy and public mobilisation. According to sources, the party resolved to support the demands of the Awami Action Committee and announced its backing for the planned strike and protest scheduled for September 29.

A special committee has also been formed to deliberate on matters relating to migrant seats and other constitutional issues. The meeting, which saw full participation of assembly members, governing body representatives, and divisional and district presidents, also included consultations on the release of PTI's founder.

Detailed discussions were held on the party's manifesto and strategy ahead of the upcoming general elections, insiders added.

Iraq sets new visa guidelines for pilgrims visiting holy sites

跨 City Desk

pilgrims traveling to the country's age-related conditions for visa issu-

ny's Spokesperson Muhammad for visitors at Iraq's holy shrines.

Umar Butt, Iraq will no longer issue pilgrimage visas to men under the ISLAMABAD: Iraqi authorities age of 50 if they are traveling alone. have introduced new regulations for However, men below 50 years of age will be eligible to apply if they are sacred religious sites, setting specific accompanied by their families, he added.

The updated guidelines are for According to the Ministry of Reli-streamlining the pilgrimage process gious Affairs and Interfaith Harmo- and ensuring orderly arrangements

SC adjourns hearing till Thursday in super tax case

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court's constitutional bench on Wednesday adjourned the hearing of the petitions related to super tax until Thursday. A five-member constitutional bench, headed by Justice Amin Ud Din Khan heard the petitions related to super tax.

During the hearing, taxpayers' lawyer Rashid Anwar argued that "our complaint is that super tax can be levied on any one of the entries, entry 47 or 52."

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar said that "this means that entry 47 begin arguments on next hearing.



should not be in 52 and entry 52 should not be in 47."

Rashid Anwar said that "income tax is not being charged, it is charged

on the term." Later, further hearing of the case was adjourned until Thursday. Taxpayers' lawyer Khalid Javed will