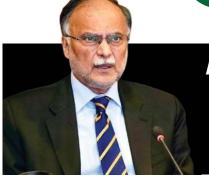


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Ahsan departs for China to attend 14th CPEC JCC meeting

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday departed for Beijing to attend the 14th Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), scheduled for September 26.



Sharjeel Memon slams Centre, Punjab government over wheat crisis

Senior Sindh Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon on Monday harshly criticised the federal and Punjab governments over the wheat shortage in the wake of devastating floods. He said that Rs300

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76th anniversary of Founding Day of China

ISLAMABAD: Chief Guest Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong, Governor Sindh, Kamran Tessori, Governor KPK, Faisal Karim Kundi and others cut the cake during ceremony regarding the 76th anniversary of the Founding of the People Republic of China, at local hotel in Federal Capital.

brating the 76th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of



SC registrar office raises objections on petitions of five IHC judges

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of Pakistan's registrar's office on Monday has raised several objections and returned the constitutional petitions filed by five judges of the Islamabad High Court (IHC), citing multiple procedural objections.

According to court sources, the petitions, which challenged the powers of IHC Chief Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar, were filed under Article 184(3) of the Constitution.

Article 184(3) of the Constitution of Pakistan grants the Supreme Court original jurisdiction to hear matters of public importance concerning the enforcement of any of the funda-Chapter I of Part II of the Consti-



several objections and observed that the concerned judges mental rights guaranteed in failed to specify any matter of tions stated that the petitions which does not permit petitions public importance or to identify appeared to be motivated by which fundamental rights were The registrar's office raised affected to justify invoking the issues of public interest. The office

diction. Sources said the objecpersonal grievances rather than

Supreme Court's original juris- cited the Supreme Court's precedent in Zulfiqar Mehdi vs PIA, based on personal disputes under

Article 184(3). The registrar further observed Jahangiri from judicial work.

that the applications did not meet the essential requirements of Article 184(3), lacked a clear explanation for issuing notices to respondents and failed to provide solid reasons for filing constitutional petitions.

The five IHC judges had sought to challenge the administrative powers of Chief Justice Dogar

through their petitions. Earlier, five IHC judges went to the SC in person to file separate constitutional petitions, challenging several administrative steps taken by IHC Chief Justice Dogar. The judges — Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, Babar Sattar, Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, and Saman Rafat Imtiaz-filed the petitions under Article 184(3) of the Constitution, making eleven different prayers, including one seeking quashing of an IHC order barring Justice

DPM/FM Dar meet with the

NEW YORK: The Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, held a meeting with President of the UN General Assem-

steadfast commitment to multilateralism and the leading role of the UN in international affairs. He called for strengthening global governance and reforming the UN in a manner that meets the expectations of the entire international community.

The DPM/FM and the PGA exchange views on a wide range of issues including ures in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the situation in the Middle East, developments in Iran, Afghanistan and the wider region, as well as other key matters on the agenda of the United Nations including

The DPM/FM commended PGA's

Future and the UN80 Initiative, emphasizing the need for synergy between these efforts to ensure a more effective, inclusive and responsive UN that is well placed to meet the challenges of our times. The issue of Security Council reform, including the need to make the Council more democratic

The DPM/FM expressed his serious concerns over India's aggressive posturing, disinformation campaigns, and violation of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), which threaten regional peace and stability. He called for urgent international attention to India's actions, including its illegal measits support of terrorism against Pakistan through its proxies. He further underscored the need for a peaceful resolution of all disputes between Pakistan and India through dialogue, in accordance with international law, the UNSC resolutions and Arrest warrant issued for ex-Governor Sindh Imran Ismail

Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan Chishti issues arrest warrant of PTI

The court ordered arrest and production of Imran Ismail before the court. Imran Ismail was a named Bara Kahu case. PTI founder, several PTI leaders acquitted in related

PM leaves for New York from London to attend 80th session of UNGA



Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has left for New York from London to attend the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

At London's Luton Airport, to the United Kingdom, Dr General Assembly session.

Muhammad Faisal, along with diplomatic staff, bid farewell to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister will address the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly. He is likely to hold meetings with world leaders Pakistan's High Commissioner on the sidelines of the UN

Gaza belongs to Palestinian people and inseparable part from Palestine territory: China

Spokesman Report

BEIJING: Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said on Monday that ending the conflict early and building lasting peace is the shared aspiration of the people of Palestine. Israel and the Middle East, as well as an urgent priority for the international community. Gaza people and is an inseparable part of Palestinian territory.

He made these remarks during his regular briefing when asked to comment an inquiry concerning the recently escalated Palestinian-Israeli conflict that caused significant casualties and displacement among Palestinian civilians.

Moreover, several countries, including the UK, Canada and Australia, have announced recognition of the State of Palestine.

He said that China believes that under the current circumstances, there must be an a ceasefire in Gaza, firmly utmost sense of urgency to promote a comprehensive of the Palestinian people in ceasefire in Gaza to alleviate restoring their legitimate

ence over Israel should take Palestinians governing Pales-



and safeguarding the legitimate rights of the Palestinian nation in post-war governance and reconstruction arrangements, Guo urged.

The "two-state solution" must be unwaveringly upheld, with greater international consensus gathered to reject any unilateral actions that undermine its foundation. the spokesperson said.

Guo stressed that force cannot bring peace, nor can violence ensure security. China is willing to work with the international community to continue efforts toward supporting the just cause the humanitarian catastrophe. national rights. China will Countries with special influmake unremitting efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just their responsibilities seriously, and lasting resolution to the ensuring the principle of "the Palestinian issue as soon as

Toshakhana II case: Last two prosecution witnesses record statements

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf(PTI) founder and his wife Bushra Bibi were presented before a court in Rawalpindi on Monday in connection with the hearing in the Toshakhana II case. Special Central Judge Shahrukh Arjumand presided over the hearing in Adiala Jail.

During the hearing, the final two prosecution witnesses recorded their statements, including a National Accountability Bureau (NAB) officer and an Assistant Director from the Federal Investiga-

Defence lawyers are sched-

witnesses on September 24. With these statements, the

prosecution has completed the testimony phase of the case. No further witnesses will be

In total, 20 witnesses have recorded their statements in the case, while cross-examination has been completed for 18 of them.

The PTI founder's three sisters, as well as Bushra Bibi's sister-in-law Mehr-un-Nisa, attended the hearing.

Defence lawyers Arshad Tabrez and Zaheer Abbas Chaudhry also attended the proceedings.

The court adjourned further hearing in the case until September 24.

Arrest warrants issued for Iman Mazari, Hadi Chattha Advocates

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: District and Sessions Court Islamabad has issued arrest warrants for Iman Mazari Advocate and Hadi Ali Chattha Advocate in controversial tweet case against state and national security institu-

tions. Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Maiuka issued arrest warrants and

directed that both accused should be produced in court on September 24.

The court had earlier issued summons notices to Iman Mazari and Hadi Ali Chatha. Hadi Ali Chatha and Iman Mazari's lawyers file a petition for the cancellation of arrest warrant but court had rejected their petition to cancel the warrant. The court adjourned the case for further hearing till September 24.

President of the UNGA

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bly, Philémon Yang in, New York.

The DPM/FM reaffirmed Pakistan's

the promotion of sustainable development.

leadership in advancing the Pact for the

and effective, also came under discussion.

the UN Charter.

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ISLAMABAD: District and Sessions Courts Islamabad has issued arrest warrant for former Sindh Governor Imran Ismail in PTI Azadi March case.

leader.

tion Agency (FIA). uled to cross-examine these

Sardar Attique Labels Region the "Jugular Vein" of Pakistan, Slams Indian Minister's

BAGH: Speaking at the Pakistan Zindabad Convention in Bagh, President All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that it is necessary to prevent ideological sabotage in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Mujahid e Awwal had long ago pointed out the danger that at any time the enemy can hatch a

conspiracy for ideological sabotage. Condemning the statement of Indian Minister Rajnath Singh, I want to tell him that this area was liberated by

our ancestors through eighteen months of jihad. If anyone dislikes Pakistan, he should go to India and leave our lives. Despite all the efforts of

India, Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan are the arms of Pakistan. He

said that I salute the traders of Dhirkot who have expressed their indif-

ference to the strike. The traders of Dhirkot have decided that they are not ready to become anyone's tools. He said that everyone has freedom

to raise whatever slogan they want, we do not agree with your opinion or your strategy but remember that you are still a child, you are only two

years old in politics, Amanullah Khan and Maqbool Butt also kept rais-

ing slogans but they never abused Pakistan or the Pakistani army, Yasin

Malik has chosen Pakistan as the safest place for his daughter and wife. Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Sardar Mir Akbar said that there

Remarks

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CM Maryam Visit Technical Training Institute Flood Relief Camp, Bahawalnagar

Asim Tanveer

BAHAWALNAGAR: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif Visited at the Technical Training Institute Flood Relief Camp in Bahawalnagar met the parents of the children born in the camp, congratulated them and offered many prayers. The boy born in the flood relief camp was named Nawaz Sharif and the girl was named Maryam. She sat with the women and expressed her affection for the children.

Visited the Industrial Center in the flood relief camp, had a pleasant conversation with the women doing sewing and embroidery, and presented gifts to the flood-affected women and children.

Chief Minister Marvam Nawaz Sharif mingled with innocent children in the temporary classes of the flood relief camp. The children presented pencil sketches to the Chief Minister.

Maryam Nawaz Sharif visited the patients admitted to the temporary hospital set up in the flood relief camp and presented gifts. 26 union councils of Bahawalnagar were affected by the flood, more than one lakh people were affected. Safe evacuation of the population from the flood-affected areas was ensured in a timely manner.

Chief Minister Punjab Maryam PDMA Irfan Ali Kathia and DC Baha- that 26 union councils and more than been affected by the flood.



Nawaz Sharif was briefed by the DG walnagar. It was informed in the briefing one lakh people of Bahawalnagar have

Hanif passed away **Bureau Report**

Former AJK minister Lala

RAWALPINDI/MUZAFFARABAD: Former Azad Kashmir minister and prominent political leader Lala Hanif passed away in Muzaffarabad today after a prolonged illness. Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of Lala Hanif Khan. In his condolence statement, he said that Lala Hanif's death has created a

is a creature whose only job is to gossip.

political vacuum which is difficult to fill. He prayed for the forgiveness of the late Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan and expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Hurriyat Conference Calls Global Bodies to Halt India's "Illicit" Policies in Occupied Kashmir



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The All Parties Hurriyat Conference (Azad he bold and factual statement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shehbaz Sharif, in which he clearly stated that without a solution to the Kashmir issue, neither lasting peace is possible in the subcontinent nor can there be any improvement in relations with India.

The Information Secretary of the All Parties Hurrivat Conference. Mushtaq Ahmed Butt, termed this stand of the Prime Minister of Pakistan as a true expression of the Kashmiri people and said that this statement is not only the voice of the heart of the Kashmiri nation but also indicates the only viable path for peace and stability in the subcontinent. \\ He expressed the hope that the Pakistani state will further strengthen its political, moral and diplomatic support until a just, sustainable and accurate solution to the Kashmir issue is achieved, in line with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

The All Parties Hurriyat Conference reiterates its resolve that the Kashmiri people will continue their struggle for freedom at all costs, until the day comes when the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir can decide their own political destiny in a free atmosphere.

Attock Police recovered hashish and liquor

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Remarkable actions by Attock Police: Over 5 kg of hashish and 10 liters of liquor recovered from 6 accused, cases registered

According to details, on the instructions of District Police Officer Attock, Sardar Moahran Khan, the Attock Police are continuing their operations against drug dealers. In this regard, Assistant Sub-Inspector Bilal of Attock Saddar Police Station recovered 1,600 grams of hashish from Ali Raza, son of Muhammad Ashraf, resident of Kali Dali, Tehsil Jand, District Attock, during checking.

Similarly, in two other operations, Attock Saddar Police arrested Jahangir, son of Sher Afzal, resident of Mohalla Owaisia, Shen Bagh, Tehsil & District Attock, with 400 grams of hashish, and Haris Bashir, son of Bashir Masih, resident of Mohallah Awan Sharif, Attock, with 540 grams of hashish.

Likewise, ASI Adil Rabbani of Injra Police Station recovered 1,440 grams of hashish from notorious drug dealer Waseem Iqbal, son of Muhammad Iqbal, resident of Alamabad Lakkar Mar, Tehsil Jand, District Attock.

On the other hand, Hasan Abdal City Police recovered 1,200 grams of hashish from Kareem, son of Ghulam Akbar, resident of Mohalla Sakhi Nagar, Hasan Abdal. Meanwhile, Rango Police arrested Fazal Muhammad, son of Tai Muhammad, resident of Dhoke Amirabad (formerly Tehsil Hazro, District Attock), after recovering 10 liters of

Fateh Jang Police Arrest Motorcycle Thief, Recover 5 Stolen Motorcycles

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: According to details, on 15.09.2025, Sohail Zafar son of Zafar Iqbal, resident of Mohallah Masjid Molvi Khair Muhammad, Fateh Jang, submitted an application at Fateh Jang Police Station. He stated that he had gone to participate in the Milad procession at Hattar on his motorcycle (High Speed, Model 2017). He parked his motorcycle near Darbar Baba Ismail Shah without locking it and joined the procession. Upon his return, he discovered that unknown thieves had stolen his motorcycle.

Fateh Jang Police immediately registered a case and started searching for the unknown motorcycle thief. During the investigation, police arrested Muhammad Javed son of Muhammad Iqbal, resident of Mohallah Chishtia Abad, Fateh Jang, and launched an inquiry. During interrogation, the accused confessed and 5 stolen motorcycles were recovered from him. Further revelations are expected.

Makra Peak

MUZAFFERABAD: Tourists are enjoying on the astonishing mountaineer area of the "Makra Peak" of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir.



Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq vows to prioritize Kashmir issue

跨 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq, has said that the government's foremost priority, as a base camp, is the Kashmir issue. Addressparty, held here today, the Prime Ministive Assembly, is actively engaged in was attended by PPP Azad Kashmir

protests, he made it absolutely clear that there would be no compromise

The parliamentary party, on the occasion, expressed full confidence in his leadership. The meeting also ing a meeting of the parliamentary reviewed the prevailing situation in Indian occupied Kashmir, the overall ter noted that a Kashmir Committee, political situation, and ongoing develheaded by the Speaker of the Legisla- opment projects in Azad Kashmir. It

this regard. Referring to the upcoming President Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, Senior Minister Col. (retd) Waqar Ahmed Noor, Deputy Speaker Chaudhry Riaz Gujjar, ministers Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, Sardar Muhammad Hussain, Nisar Ansar Abdali, Chaudhry Yasir Sultan, Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed, Sardar Aamir Altaf, Chaudhry Arshad, Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq, Sardar Javed Ayub, Mian Abdul Waheed, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Javed Iqbal Badhanvi,



Dewan Ali Khan Chughtai, Zafar Iqbal Malik, Raja Muhammad Siddique, Asim Sharif Butt, Ahmed Raza Qadri, Akmal Sargala, Ms. Taqdis Gilani, and Government Advisor Ms. Nabila Ayub.

A grand ceremony held at Approach Public School Kamalia

Zafar Chishti

grand ceremony was held at The Approach Public School al materials such as school bags, workbooks, geometry were provided to the deserving children of the school

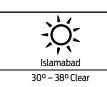
guest of the event was Sajid Kamboh, a renowned welfare TOBA TEK SINGH: A personality of Kamalia and founder of Pyara Pakistan Welfare Society. who distrib-Kamalia under the auspices uted prizes among the chilof Nafen Limited. Education- dren along with the Principal of the institution Hafiz Muhammad Amin given by boxes and school furniture Nafen Limited. This beautiful event was organized with the full support of Nafen Limitat the ceremony. The chief ed. Sajid Kamboh said that ment opportunities. Nafen pursue economic develop-



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KPCMannounces Rs10mn for each Tirah blast victims

PESHAWAR: A delegation from Tirah, district Khyber, called on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur at the CM's House on Monday.

The meeting was also attended by MNA Iqbal Afridi, Chief Secretary Shahah Ali Shah Additi Chief Secretary (Home) Muhammad Abid Majeed, Commissioner Peshawar, and other relevant officials.

The meeting reviewed the law and order situation in the wake of the recent tragic incident in Tirah and expressed deep sorrow over the loss of innocent lives, says a handout.

Fateha was offered for the martyrs. The Chief Minister announced financial assistance of Rs10 million for the families of each of the

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said the loss of civilian lives in such incidents was both tragic and condemnable, stressing that civilian casualties as result of action against terrorists were unacceptable.

The participants held detailed discussions on measures to prevent such incidents in the future. It was decided that a grand jirga comprising elected representatives of the area, political leaders, and local elders would soon meet with senior military officials to finalize a joint strategy for ensuring peace in the region.

Riphah International University to host national seminar on 'Imagine Pakistan 2030'

ISLAMABAD: Riphah International University, in collaboration with the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP), will host a landmark national seminar titled "Imagine Pakistan 2030: Challenges, Opportunities & the Way Forward" on September 24, 2025, at the Jinnah Auditorium, I-14 Campus, Islamabad.

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The high-profile seminar is designed to bring together eminent academics, senior policymakers, and leading thought leaders to deliberate on Pakistan's future outlook. The discussions will revolve around the nation's most pressing challenges, untapped opportunities, and the strategic pathways required to steer Pakistan toward a sustainable and progressive future by 2030.

Prominent speakers at the event country's future.

Chairman, APSUP, Mian Amer Mahmood, Chairman, Punjab Group and Mr. Hassan Muhammad Khan, Chancellor, Riphah International University, who will deliver the closing Organizers have highlighted that the

seminar will serve as a vital platform for dialogue on key national issues such as development, governance, education reform, technological innovation, and inclusive growth. By fostering collaboration between academia, government stakeholders, and civil society, the initiative seeks to inspire actionable strategies for shaping a stronger Pakistan.

The event will commence at 10:00 AM and is open to all participants eager to engage in thought-provoking and forward-looking discussions about the



dengue-Fever

RAWALPINDI: A view of the Dengue Ward at Benazir Bhutto Hospital as the cases of dengue-Fever are increasing day by day, for which people need to have to follow the precautions efficiently in the



Tajikistan among the world's safest countries

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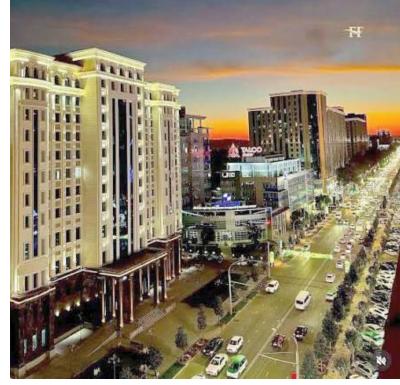
ISLAMABAD: According to Gallup's Global Safety Report – 2025, Tajikistan has ranked second among the safest countries worldwide. The survey, conducted in 142 countries, found that 95% of Tajik citizens feel completely safe walking alone

Tajikistan

The top ten safest countries include Singapore (98%), Tajikistan (95%), China (94%), Oman (94%), Saudi Arabia (93%), Kuwait (91%), Norway (91%), Bahrain (90%), and the UAE (90%).

This achievement reflects the successful policies of President Emomali Rahmon, under whom Tajikistan has become a country of peace, stability, and social trust. The nation's calm cities and villages, combined with traditional Tajik hospitality, are now recognized as key societal values on the international stage.

Repeatedly appearing in the global top ten, Tajikistan's ranking highlights the international community's appreciation for its efforts in maintaining security, protecting citizens' rights, and strengthening public order, while enhancing the



country's positive influence worldwide. Earlier, it was reported that Tajikistan since 2010.

topped global safety ranking for 5th time

FBR and LUMS sign landmark agreement

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has signed a landmark agreement with the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) for the design and delivery of a customized Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) Programme for FBR officers. The initiative is aimed at strengthening the professional capacity of Pakistan's tax administration.

The signing ceremony was held at the FBR Headquarters, Islamabad, and was presided over by Chairman FBR, Mr. Rashid Mahmood Langrial. It was attended by Members of the Board,



senior FBR officers, Director Generals of Inland Revenue and Customs Academies, and officers of the Transformation Delivery Unit (TDU). Representing LUMS, Provost Dr. Tariq Jadoon and Dean of Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB), Dr. Adeel Zafar, were present

on the occasion. In his remarks, Chairman FBR, Mr. Rashid Mahmood Langrial, congratulated both FBR and LUMS teams for designing a rigorous and customized diploma programme which shall equip FBR officers with essential skills in modern tax administration, particularly in the domains of digitalization and data analytics.

Farhan Saeed Unveils New Single 'Andron Kha Jana'



Example 2 City Desk

KARACHI: Multi-talented singer, songwriter, and actor Farhan Saeed continues his artistic journey with a double treat for fans this weekend.

Farhan has officially released his much-anticipated single "Andron Kha Jana", a soulful track that delves into themes of love, longing, and emotional depth. The music video, featuring Urwa Hocane, captures the raw intensity of the song and is now available across all leading

Speaking about these twin releases, Farhan Saeed shared "Music and acting are two sides of the same creative journey for me. With 'Andron Kha Jana' I wanted to give my fans something deeply personal, while 'Luv Di Saun' reflects my passion for storytelling on screen. I'm thrilled to share both with my audience this weekend."

US-Europe alliance is hierarchical when it comes to the Middle East says experts

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: In an webinar, organized by Institute of Regional Studies Islamabad, experts analyzed the ramifications of "snapback sanctions" on Iran. Dr Sika Sadoddin, former fellow at Portland University (USA) was of the view that the US had always treated Europe as a secondary partner in the Middle Eastern affairs. She analyzed Europe's quest for strategic autonomy as aspirational but limited in practice due to the financial and security dependence on the US. Dr Sadoddin pointed out that the US exploited secondary sanctions as a leverage against Iran and left little room for European diplomacy. Dr Sadoddin explained that any attempts by Europe to trade with Iran while bypassing US sanctions were rather symbolic. That's why Europe criticized Trump's withdrawal from JCPOA but was forced to adopt the sanctions regime against Iran. While comparing the approaches of different US presidents towards Iran, Dr Sadoddin mentioned that apart from Obama who preferred multilateral diplomacy, both Trump and Biden adopted unilateralism and US dominance in diplomatic spheres.

Ms Silvia Boltuc, Founder and Managing Director of Special Eurasia (Italy) argued that Europe's policy towards Iran was contradictory. Europe's silence on Israeli attacks against Iran but condemnation of Iran's retaliatory attacks created mistrust in Europe-Iran relations, she mentioned. Ms Boltuc also alluded to the fact that giving space to banned opposition of Iran like National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) in Europe's pubic spheres would further complicate the relations with the Islamic Republic. Within Europe, the views varied as Italy intended to keep more commercial ties with Iran while Germany and France despised the policy of appeasement, she said. However, Europe's insistence on negotiations was because of its own strategic interests to access Iran's energy reservoirs especially after the Ukraine

Federal Govt Appoints Mian Tajammul Hussain as a member Flood Relief Verification Committee

跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The federal government has nominated Mian Tajammul Hussain as a member of the verification committee established to provide financial assistance to flood-affected workers from the quota of the Workers Welfare Fund. The Ministry of Overseas Pakistan and Human Resource and Development has issued a notification of his appointment. This committee will work under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioners at the district level. Labor leader Mian Tajammul Hussain has been nominated as a representative of the National Labor Federation. Prem Union Chief Organizer Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry, former UC Nazim and Chairman Mian Tahir Ayub, former UC Naib Nazim Saqib Farooq Butt have appreciated the nomination of NLF Central Vice President Mian Tajammul Hussain to the District Verification Committee of the Workers Welfare Fund and termed this decision of the Government of Pakistan as a good move. He said that Mian Tajammul Hussain is a metaphor for trust and honesty. His past is a witness that as the chairman of the CBA Union of EOBI, he has rendered valuable services for the betterment of the institution and its employees.

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Electric Buses For Sahiwal

hief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, during the inauguration ceremony of the Electric Bus Project in Sahiwal, made several key announcements for Sahiwal city and the entire division. She announced 30 electric buses for Sahiwal city and 62 buses for Sahiwal division along with free travel for women, students, senior citizens and persons with disabilities. She also announced plans to launch an interventional cardiac surgery program at District Headquarters Hospital Sahiwal along with starting angiography and angioplasty procedures in Sahiwal DHQ's new Cath Lab. She announced to fix Rs. 20 per ride fare for general passengers of electric buses, besides providing services like special ramps, separate compartments for women, CCTV cameras and free wi-fi in electric buses.

Madam Chief Minister said while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the electric bus project,"Sahiwal residents will no longer need to travel to other cities for cardiac treatment. This is a historic day for Sahiwal." She added that electric buses in smaller cities like Sahiwal are a gift of modernity and comfort, comparable to any European country's transportation system. She emphasized,"I will not rest until every city in Punjab is developed equally. I came to Sahiwal to give this gift even before Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, or Faisalabad." She thanked former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Pakistan's military leadership for their efforts in 'Operation Bunyan-um-Marsus,' and noted that this operation has enhanced Pakistan's dignity across the globe. She called Saudi Arabia a true friend of Pakistan. She highlighted that by the grace of Allah Almighty, Pakistan is now a protector of 'Haramain Sharifain.' She underscored that they had introduced multiple public welfare initiatives across Punjab. She announced a monthly Ration Card Scheme worth Rs. 3,000 for 1.5 million individuals, and revealed that under 'Apri Chhat, Apna Ghar' program, 80,000 homes are under construction, while 100,000 houses are expected to be completed by December.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif said, "From Lahore to Rahim Yar Khan, marks of Nawaz Sharif's service are everywhere including motorways, expressways, Orange Line, Metro Bus and even Pakistan's nuclear program." She added that a strong bond between Nawaz Sharif and the people of Pakistan is unbreakable and growing stronger every day. The electric bus is just one part of our mission to provide comfort, safety, and modern services to all citizens of Punjab." She extended her heartfelt congratulations to the people of Sahiwal on being given the gift of electric buses.

Trumps Want Bagram Base Back to Protect Israel

lives: May those who hold the levers of power choose restraint over rashness, and may the suffering of ordinary families be spared the thunder of renewed war.

President Trump's recent declaration that the United States "wants [Bagram] back" - and his warning that "bad things are going to happen" if the demand is not met — is not merely a rhetorical flourish. It is a public ultimatum aimed at a sovereign state now governed by a regime that China is trying to build has repeatedly insisted on its independence and territorial integrity. To speak of "getting it back" without acknowledging the scale of what that implies is to invite a darkness of consequence that cannot be measured simply in dollars or troop

This urgency — presented as if the cost could be traded away for strategic advantage — deserves a sober pause. Ask plainly: why, at this perilous moment, should the United States risk lives and treasure to re-establish control over a base it abandoned amid humiliation just four years ago? The calculus offered is blunt and chilling: the perceived need is to neutralize threats before they can reach Israel, to blunt Iranian influence that allegedly "barters" through Afghan soil, and to deter Pakistan's conventional and nuclear capabilities from shaping the outcome of conflicts in the Middle East. That rationale, if true, places Israel's security at the center of an American sacrifice that would demand fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers be risked abroad — a

for sound judgment that the base "belongs to those that built and for the protec- it" treats sovereignty like a ledger entry tion of innocent rather than a lived reality; it treats bodies and futures as collateral.

An American kinetic return to Bagram would not be an isolated operation; it would be a whiplash event that could environmental protections, fund voca-

militant actors, diplomatic pushback from regional capitals, and a strategic confrontation with Beijing over the very infrastructure through soft power. The result would not be merely a regional skirmish; it would be a cascade of destabilising moves with

human costs that ripple across borders.

There is also a moral dimension that many in Washington seem eager to elide. If the objective of recapturing Bagram is to create a buffer for Israel — then that aim must be debated openly in Congress and with the American public. Sacrificing American lives to serve another nation's perceived buffer-zone preferences is a weighty judgment that should not be made in a propagandistic press moment. The American people deserve the facts, the alternatives, and the hard accounting of costs in blood and treasure before such a choice is made. To present threats in cinematic sound bites while concealing the true toll is a betrayal of democratic

actually afford both morally and stramoral choice that must be argued openly, tegically. Influence without occupation matums, rushed deployments, and not imposed as an offhand strategic fait is not naïve; it is prudent. Jobs, roads, the false promise that territory can be

begin with a prayer accompli. The president's public boast hospitals, schools and transparent invest-held without hearts and minds — and ment frameworks win long-term leverage in fragile states far more effectively than boots do. Rather than threatening to seize territory, Washington should marshal humanitarian aid, underwrite infrastructure projects with strict governance and provoke asymmetric retaliation from tional training and support rule-of-law

institutions that make communities resilient to extremist sway. Where extractive industries are concerned, revenue-sharing and oversight can reduce corruption and blunt local grievances that fuel insurgency. In short: rebuild with dignity,

not coerce with force. Such an approach may be slower and less theatrical, but it matches moral legitimacy with strategic

We must also confront the bitter irony: if the United States is prepared to pay any price to protect another country's security ambitions, that willingness will be visible to regional powers and will seed resentment. It will feed narratives that the U. S. acts selectively, that American lives are expendable in service of foreign agendas, and that occupation is a policy tool rather than a last resort. Those narratives will be used by opponents to rally recruits and justify asymmetric attacks that will claim the very lives Washington professes to protect.

The choice facing Washington is, There is a better, more realistic path disturbingly, both strategic and moral. — and it is one the United States can It can choose to replay the mistakes of the recent past — thunderous ulti-

thereby invite a long, painful entanglement whose costs are incalculable in mere budgets. Or it can choose to invest in reconstruction, partnerships and patient diplomacy that respect Afghan sovereignty and build durable influence. The latter requires humility, long-term funding commitments, and a willingness to measure success by human flourishing rather than by signage at a runway.

President Trump's rhetoric — alternately promising peace and threatening occupation — sends the wrong signal to allies and adversaries alike. Tough talk may score at home; abroad it hardens resistance, rallies rivals, and complicates the very diplomacy Washington will need if it truly seeks influence in South and Central Asia. The moral urgency here is not merely about strategy; it is about responsibility to the families who will bear the cost if the siren's call of occupation is answered.

Let us end where we began: with a prayer for restraint, for wisdom, and for leaders who place human life before spectacle. The path that leads through reconstruction, coalition-building and respect for sovereignty is harder, less glamorous and slower — but it is the path that will spare the greatest number of lives and build a legacy worth defending. If America is to remain influential in a changing region, it must learn the hard lesson of Bagram: boots can seize terrain, but they cannot buy the consent that makes security last.

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

Pakistan-Saudi Arabia Agreement: Potential Impacts and Challenges

Defense Agreement between undoubtedly a historic and deciemerged in a context where instability in the and border security.

Middle East and South Asia is increasing, tensions between Iran and Israel are at their peak, and the declining credibility of the United States in the region is highlighting the need for new alliances. In such circumstances, the joint defense agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia holds importance not only for

both nations but also carries consequences fuel an arms race in the region and heighten that may spread across the region and to many countries worldwide.

According to this agreement, if one country is attacked, it will be considered an attack on both. and they will defend themselves jointly. This means Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have linked their security together, which is a bold decision. Pakistan, being a nuclear power, can become a strong defense partner for Saudi Arabia, while Saudi Arabia's financial resources and modern weaponry can provide military and technological support to Pakistan. This relationship will not be limited to military cooperation alone but could also result in intelligence sharing, joint military exercises, and the implementation of coordinated defense strategies.

Alongside opportunities, the pact carries concern is that Pakistan might become directly major diplomatic success. On the other hand,

he recent Strategic Mutual entangled in regional conflicts. If relations opposition parties and some analysts might between Iran and Saudi Arabia deteriorate raise concerns that Pakistan could become Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is further, pressure on Pakistan to side with Saudi Arabia may grow. This would be a difficult sive development in the region. position for Pakistan since it shares a border This pact has not only given a new dimen- with Iran and has cultural, religious, and sion to the relations between the two countrade ties with it. If Pakistan fully aligns itself tries but has also raised many questions and with the Saudi bloc, relations with Iran could possibilities at the global level. The agreement worsen, potentially impacting Balochistan

Another challenge is India's reaction. India may perceive the pact as being directed against it, especially if Saudi Arabia begins providing Pakistan with significant military and economic support. In response, India could deepen its ties with Israel and the United States to counterbalance the alliance. This could

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tensions further. The agreement is not confined to Pakistan-Saudi relations but will also influence global politics. The United States, long considered Saudi Arabia's chief ally, will interpret this pact in the context of its own policies. For Washington, an important question will be why Saudi Arabia entered into such a significant defense agreement with a nuclear-armed state like Pakistan. In response, the U. S. might seek to strengthen its relations further with India and Israel. For China, however, the pact could be seen positively, since both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia support the Belt and Road Initiative, and China could leverage this partnership to serve its own interests.

Within Pakistan, the pact will have diverse effects. On one hand, it could boost the governseveral risks and challenges. The most serious ment's popularity, as it may be presented as a

entangled in a war or conflict that runs against its national interests. Consequently, debates in parliament and civil society on this issue will be inevitable.

The biggest losers from this agreement are India and Israel, because neither country can now attack Pakistan or Saudi Arabia. If India attacks Pakistan, the agreement specifies that an attack on one will be considered an attack on both. After an attack on Pakistan, the government of Saudi Arabia will certainly immediately send Indians from Saudi Arabia to India, and Israel will not attack Saudi Arabia because we will now legally protect Saudi Arabia from everyone in every way. There are about 56 Muslim countries in the world, but Saudi Arabia chose Pakistan for this task because our armed forces recently shot down four of India's Rafale jets. If we alone can surprise and unsettle a country seven times larger than us, then Israel is still 150 times smaller than India. If they make a mistake like

Qatar did, our forces will chew them alive...!!! In summary, the Pakistan-Saudi Arabia agreement is a historic step that could elevate relations between the two nations to new heights. It offers Pakistan an opportunity to play a more significant role in global politics and gives Saudi Arabia a strong military partner. Yet, it also brings multiple risks and challenges that must be handled with wisdom, balance, and careful strategy. If Pakistan maintains equilibrium in its foreign policy and links the pact to its national security and economic development, it could prove to be a golden opportunity. However, if the relationship becomes one-sided, Pakistan may face new hostilities and difficulties in the region.

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Pakistan-Saudi Arabia: A Strategic Bond Enters a New Era

cannot be defined merely as a diplomatic bond between two states: rather, they are rooted in history, faith, culture, and mutual trust. The people of both nations are tied together not only by political and economic interests but also by

spiritual and religious sentiments. From the very inception of Pakistan, Saudi main Sharifain.

Arabia was among the first nations to recognize the new state. At a time when Pakistan desperately needed friends, the Kingdom extended its hand of support. During the 1960s and 1970s, cooperation in defense and economic sectors deepened the bilateral relationship. Saudi Arabia not only ensured oil supply to Pakistan but also extended support in defense equipment and military training.

The strongest aspect of Pakistan-Saudi ties lies in the Pakistan people's deep love and reverence for the Two Holy Mosques. Every year, the warm hospitality, while the Crown Prince millions of Pakistanis perform Hajj and Umrah, strengthening the spiritual bond between the two nations. This devotion is not based on political or economic interests but emerges from faith and belief.

The declaration underscored that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia share eight decades of historic partnership, rooted in strategic interests and close defense cooperation. The agreement reflects their shared resolve for regional stability, global peace, and enhanced security. It also consolidates decades of joint military training, multilateral exercises, and defense industrial collaboration.

A key feature of the pact is that an armed attack on either state will be deemed an attack on both, enabling a united response to any external threat. The agreement is not only a testament

akistan-Saudi Arabia relations to the enduring Pakistan-Saudi security partnership but also a step toward safeguarding the sanctity of the Two Holy Mosques, a respon-

sibility that Pakistan considers a great honor. Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir played a central role in facilitating this landmark achievement, which has now elevated Pakistan to a partner in the defense of the Hara-

During the official visit, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was accorded



Khunais ur Rehman

Prince Mohammed bin Salman personally received the Prime Minister and exchanged greetings along with their delegations.

The Prime Minister expressed gratitude for extended his wishes for the health of the Prime Minister and the prosperity of the Pakistani people. The Pakistani delegation included Deputy Prime Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Federal Ministers Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Attaullah Tarar, Muhammad Aurangzeb, Dr. Musadik Malik,

and Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi. This agreement marks a turning point in Pakistan-Saudi Arabia relations. It is not only vital for the political, economic, and military interests of both nations but also a milestone in ensuring the defense of the Haramain Sharifain. With this development, the friendship between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is expected to reach

new heights of strength and mutual cooperation. The writer is Mphil Islamic Studies from

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Kazakhstan President Tokayev to visit Pakistan in November, aiming to boost \$1 billion trade target



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ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of dent of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart ber this year and his visit will prove defence, trade and tourism. to be a milestone in the expansion of the two countries.

The potential of bilateral trade is up to \$ 14 billion and both countical implementation, he said. tries intend to take bilateral trade to \$1 billion in the next two years, that Pakistan should be part of the for which both sides will hold Joint Working Groups (JWGs) meetings in tivity Corridor and the Trans-Cassix different sectors in current month pian Middle Corridor Projects," of September and negotiations on and in future the Gwadar port will

several agreements including trade and logistics will be held, he said.

Addressing the press briefing at the Kazakhstan to Pakistan, Yerzhan Embassy of Kazakhstan, he said the Kistafin on Monday said that Presiagenda of the Kazakhstan President will be discussed in the meetings of Tokayev will visit Pakistan in Novem- JWGs in IT, agriculture, education,

Both sides agreed to strengthen economic and trade relations between cooperation between the relevant agencies and to promptly prepare the necessary agreements in priority areas between Pakistan and Kazakhstan for their subsequent signing and prac-

> Meanwhile, the ambassador said "International, North-South connec

Corridor and Middle Corridor projects.

He said that these regional connectivity corridors will not only connect the East and West directly, but Pakistan will also be connected to the ports of Kazakhstan and transcontinental trade destinations, including European Union and Central and South Asian states.

Ambassador Kistafin said, "We strongly support the Pakistan-Uzbekistan-Afghanistan Transit Railway project."

He said that recently, President of Kazakhstan has announced a roadmap for promoting artificial intelligence and digitalization in the country.

He said that this year, several events are being held in Kazakhstan, Presan action plan on artificial intelligence and digital transformation on September 8 in Astana and expressed his vision for digitalization of Kazakh-

President Totayev is committed to the complete transformation of the country into a digitized state in the

next three years and Crypto Currency will be promoted in Kazakhstan, he said.

Ambassador Kistafin said that according to the vision of Kazakh President digital technology-based projects will be launched on priority and digitization in the Customs and trade facilities as well purgation of the cargo system.

Last week, on September 17, an Kazakhstan participated in the nego-

be connected to the North-South ident Totayev has given the nation important speech at the 8th Congress of World and Traditional Religious Leaders in Astana, the Kazakh President reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening its growing partnership with China, Central Asia, EU, Russia and South Asian Countries, he said.

> He said the Kazakh President Pakistan. also expressed his desire to hold the referendum in 2027 transparently and maintain accountability in the democratic process.

The ambassador stressed the need to prioritize the agenda for food security, secure the Caspian Sea and also renewed his commitment to equipping the new generation with skills in artificial intelligence.

He said that on September 8,

tiations of the Joint Working Group with Pakistan and this year, for the first time, President Kassym-Jomart mentioned Pakistan in his address and wished for completion of the project of the railway system from Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and

The Ambassador said that a large business forum will be organized in Karachi this year and agreements would be signed with Pakistan to promote cooperation in sports, education and culture.

He said that Pakistan and Kazakhstan are located at significant geo strategic locations and both sides would play vital roles in regional economic

and trade integration. Photos by Sultan Bashir

Russian Foreign Ministry statement on UNSC vote to reimpose sanctions on Iran

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: On September 19, the UN Security Council held a vote on a draft resolution submitted by the Republic of Korea in its capacity as UNSC President, following the request made by the United Kingdom, Germany, and France on August 28 regarding alleged material non-compliance by Iran with its obligations under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

The Russian side has repeatedly pointed out the provocative and unlawful nature of the actions taken by the European participants with diplomacy and serve only to Until the very last moment, we provided detailed and wellfounded explanations as to why the meaning of Paragraph 11 of



These actions have nothing to do put forward by the presidency does not meet the requirements of Resosanctions on Iran.

During the September 19 UNSC meeting, Russia, China, the above European request cannot Algeria, and Pakistan firmly be regarded as a notification within spoke in support of maintaining the regime under which the earlier UNSC Resolution 2231, which adopted sanctions resolutions

in the JCPOA and by the South the British and the Euro duo are concerning the Islamic Republic the potentially disastrous conse-Korean UNSC presidency, which shamelessly trying to manipulate. of Iran (IRI) had been revoked. quences of the political campaign pean countries. They will now have is acting under their influence. Accordingly, the draft resolution Predictably, the European instigators of the ongoing and esca- undermine constructive coopera- clear whether they seek a politilating crisis around the Iranian further escalate tensions around lution 2231 and thus cannot result nuclear programme opposed the Iranian nuclear programme. in reimposing the earlier lifted UN this move. Also predictably, they were joined by the United States, which exerted unprecedented pressure on non-permanent Council members, as it tried to strong arm them into aligning with their untenable position. As a result, those who succumbed to black-

mail and threats were unable to previous restrictions against Iran. clearly explain the essence of their The "snapback" in question cannot objections to the continued lifting be considered to have taken place. of obsolete restrictions that had The Western camp's claims to the been in place before the JCPOA contrary go to show that these was concluded.

regarding the "snapback." Osten- must be rejected. sibly, the presidency recognises tion between Tehran and the IAEA cal-diplomatic settlement or are and to push the Iranian leadership once again readying themselves

gations on other states to revivify strikes.

countries are desperately seeking In this context, the position to legitimise their gross violations of the Republic of Korea, which of Resolution 2231 and to impose abstained on its own draft resolu- their confrontational and fundation, is quite notable. We see this mentally erroneous policy on the as the Republic of Korea coming rest of the world. Their diktat and clean on this matter and as a sign their legal nihilism in international that Seoul fully understands the affairs must be resolutely opposed, legal and procedural nullity of and the attempts to exploit the its initiative, as well as the bank- UNSC authority and powers for ruptcy of the European claims settling political scores with Tehran

This is the moment of truth for against Iran which threatens to to finally make it unambiguously towards taking tough reciproca- for engaging in "dirty work" and plunging the Middle East into The outcomes of the vote on another tragedy, similar to the the South Korean resolution show one that occurred in June, when that the document failed to gain unclear facilities in Iran under the traction and was taken off the IAEA safeguards were targeted by table. This fact imposes no obli- Israeli and US missile and bomb



Ambassador of Pakistan to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg H. E Rahim Hayat Qureshi Called on Amb of Palestine to EU Belgium & Luxembourg, Dr Amal Jadou to express solidarity with Palestinian brethren at this difficult time. Reaffirmed Pakistan's support for an Independent Palestinian State in pre 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as Capital.

CEO of AlHuda CIBE UAE Delivers Lectures on Islamic Finance in Azerbaijan

Spokesman Report

DUBAI - UAE: AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE) continued its global mission to promote Islamic finance with a landmark knowledge-sharing initiative in Azerbaijan. Mr. Muhammad Zubair. Chief Executive Officer of AlHuda CIBE - UAE, delivered two highly impactful lectures on the Global Development of Islamic Banking & Finance at two prestigious institutions in Baku: ment. Western Caspian University and Khazar University.

The first lecture was hosted

at Western Caspian University, where Mr. Zubair addressed faculty members, students, and finance professionals on the evolution of Islamic finance globally, its current trajectory, and the significant potential it holds for emerging markets such as Azerbaijan. He highlighted how Islamic banking and finance can play a pivotal role in fostering inclusive growth, ensuring financial stability, and contributing to sustainable economic develop-The second session was held

at Khazar University, where Mr. Zubair engaged with a diverse



presentation emphasized the adaptability of Islamic finance instruments like Sukuk, Takaful,

audience, including academi- and Islamic microfinance, finance is not just an alternative which can support Azerbaijan's financial system but a compresocio-economic transformation hensive model built on ethical and enhance financial inclusion. values, social justice, and sustainability. Azerbaijan has great Speaking at both universities, Mr. Zubair stated: "Islamic potential to integrate Shari-

financial framework, thereby tise. With a presence in more than attracting global investors and offering inclusive opportunities for its citizens."

The sessions generated interactive discussions, with students and professionals showing deep interest in how Islamic banking can be customized to Azerbaijan's context. Both universities praised the initiative as a valuable contribution toward building awareness and capacity in the field of Islamic finance.

efforts to promote Islamic finance

ah-compliant solutions into its knowledge and technical exper-45 countries, AlHuda CIBE has been at the forefront of consultancy, research, and training services, aiming to bridge the gap between conventional finance and Islamic alternatives.

The Azerbaijan lectures mark another milestone in AlHuda CIBE's journey to strengthen partnerships with universities and financial institutions worldwide, paving the way for future collaborations in educa-This initiative is part of tion, research, and the practical AlHuda CIBE's global outreach implementation of Islamic finan-

Court Sentences Jamshid Dasti to Seven Years in Fake Degree Case

跨 Zain Malghani

Once again today, the case of Jamshid Ahmad Dasti dominated media headlines as the District and Sessions Court in Multan sentenced the former Member of the National Assembly to seven years in prison in a fake degree case.

According to the court, Jamshid Dasti contested the 2008 general elections on the basis of a counterfeit religious seminary certificate. The Election Commission filed a prosecution over this serious irregularity, and after reviewing the testimony of all witnesses and irrefutable evidence, the court delivered its judgment.

This incident dates back to the era when General Pervez Musharraf had made a bachelor's degree mandatory for candidates of the national and provincial assemblies. At that time, many



individuals—either illiterate or with only limited educationsought to meet this requirement by obtaining religious seminary certificates. Numerous seminary administrators, in exchange for large sums of money, issued such certificates to people who had never formally studied in their institutions. The consequences of this opportunistic tactic have

now come to light. Fake certifi- Bahauddin Zakariya University cates, forged two decades ago for political gain, have not only lost any legal validity but have also brought severe punishment to their holders. This case is not merely about one individual; it is a stark reminder of an era when the race for power inflicted grave harm on the sanctity of education and on social ethics.

The story of Jamshid Dasti's forged credentials is particularly revealing. First, he arranged for a set of four fake certificates from the religious seminary Sardar-ul-Madaris, located in Shah Rukn-e-Alam E-Block, Multan: Matric (1993), F. A. (1995), B. A. (1997), and M. A.—the Shahadat-ul-Alamiyah (1999). All these certificates, prepared in the name of "Jamshed Ahmed, son of Sultan Mahmood," were quickly exposed as fraudulent. A clerk at

was also involved in their preparation. Even Dasti's middle school certificate turned out to be fake.

Notably, the seminary had no legal authority to issue any certificates, since religious credentials can only be granted by the official Madrassa Board. To cover this gap, a clerk close to Dasti obtained an equivalence certificate (No. 289, Book No. 3) from Bahauddin Zakariya University on 23 February 2007 to make the fake credentials appear officially recognized. But political rivals challenged this certificate in the High Court. It was revealed in court that Sardar-ul-Madaris had no legal standing whatsoever. Consequently, on 3 March 2010, the Registrar of Bahauddin Zakariya University officially cancelled

the equivalence certificate. Even then, Dasti and his close



associates did not desist from fraud. In 2017, they once again resorted to forgery and impersonation. In the 2017 annual examination, "Jamshed Ahmed, son of Sultan Mahmood," was shown to have passed the B. A. examination from Islamia University Bahawalpur under Roll No. 23966

with 455 marks. At the same time, he was also entered for the dishonesty of an individual but LL. B. examination at Bahauddin also exposes the weaknesses in our Zakariya University to create the impression that his B. A. degree was genuine and reliable. This happened even as the Election a child's plaything. Commission had already filed a petition in court for Dasti's permanent disqualification.

To counter this and discredit the Election Commission, a B. A. degree was obtained from Bahawalpur. But the web of forgery became a trap for its own makers: there was no authentic F. A. certificate on record. To fill this gap, Dasti's facilitators fabricated a fake F. A. certificate from ings, his lawyers repeatedly tried the Karachi Board of Educationdated 2020. They overlooked the obvious flaw that the B. A. degree bore the year 2017 while the F. A. certificate showed 2020, a glaring proof of fraud.

This saga reflects not just the electoral and educational systems. which were repeatedly exploited by a mafia that turned the law into

Eventually, after a formal complaint, Islamia University Bahawalpur revoked Dasti's B. A. degree, and Bahauddin Zakariya University not only annulled his LL. B. examination but also cancelled its result. Thus, Jamshed Dasti was left completely defeated on all fronts.

The case dragged on in the courts for years. During the hearto prove these forged certificates as genuine and valid. Yet, in the face of solid evidence and undeniable facts, all such arguments collapsed, and ultimately truth prevailed on the scales of justice.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

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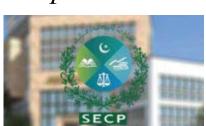
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Open Market Forex Rates

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	184.50	189.50
Bahrain Dinar	746.90	754.40
Canadian Dollar	203	208
China Yuan	39.47	39.87
Danish Krone	44.15	44.75
Euro	331	335.50
Hong Kong Dollar	36.12	36.47
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8750	1.9750
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.9	922.9
Malaysian Ringgit	67.1	67.7
NewZealand \$	164.7	166.70
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.5	739
Qatari Riyal	77.22	77.92
Saudi Riyal	75.15	76.15
Singapore Dollar	217.25	222.25
Swedish Korona	29.99	30.29
Swiss Franc	355.02	357.77
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.9	77.9
UK Pound Sterling	380	385.5
US Dollar	282.35	282.5

SECP Proposes Dedicated Legal Framework for WaqfManagement *Companies*



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has announced its decision to propose a key amendment to the Companies Act. 2017. The amendment is aimed at introducing the concept of Waqf management companies and enabling their licensing and regulation under a dedicated legal framework. The proposed Section 42A empowers the SECP to license companies for managing Waqf assets, which will operate as not-for-profit entities. These companies will be entrusted with the management and administration of Waqf assets strictly in accordance with Shariah principles and the

declared objectives of the Waqf. This landmark initiative represents Pakistan's first formal step towards corporatizing the governance of Waqf, taking inspiration from global best practices in Islamic finance, fiduciary stewardship, and social impact investment. The proposed framework will enable the creation of modern Waqf structures, such as cash Waqf and investment Waqf, thereby paving the way for supporting noble purposes through earnings generated from financial assets. Furthermore, the development of Waqflinked Sukuk and dedicated Waqf mutual funds will help establish a new segment of Islamic social finance within Pakistan's regulated financial markets, enhancing the mobilization of capital for charitable and

developmental objectives. This initiative aligns with the SECP's broader vision to revive Islamic social finance institutions, foster trust-based asset management, and channel Waqf assets for public benefit through structured, transparent, and professionally governed enti-

Rana Tanveer chairs high-level meeting with Chinese delegation on PARC reforms

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, chaired a high-level meeting with a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) to deliberate on the transformation of the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC). The Minister warmly welcomed the visiting experts and reaffirmed the government's commitment to restructure PARC into a modern and vibrant institution capable of addressing emerging agricultural challenges and ensuring national food security.

The delegation was led by Ms. Yan Yan, Level-1 Consultant, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China,

Department of Personnel, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, who also serves as Professor and Director at the Institute of Vege-



and Ms. Long Wanrong, Level-3 Consultant, tables and Flowers, CAAS. They were accompanied by senior experts including Professor Jia Yaxiong, Director, Division of Science and Hussain stressed that agricultural research must stronger collaboration with the private sector

Sciences, CAAS.

Technology Management, Institute of Animal be directly aligned with the needs of farmers and international partners.

and industry, ensuring that scientific innovations are translated into practical solutions that contribute to food security and economic growth. He emphasized that the transformation roadmap for PARC must include clear timelines, measurable outcomes, and sustainable investment mechanisms. The Minister also underlined the importance of rewarding scientists for their innovations, noting that talent retention requires an incentive structure linked to commercialization of research.

The Chinese delegation shared their experience of successfully transforming CAAS nearly two decades ago and offered valuable insights into PARC's reform process. They identified financial constraints, limited incentives for scientists, and restricted international collaborations as key hurdles for PARC.

They emphasized the need for a competitive Speaking at the meeting, Rana Tanveer model supported by long-term investment and

Hard Work

KARACHI: Carpenters work on a fishing boat at the harbor as the fishing industry plays a vital role in the economy of Pakistan.



Jubilee Life and UBL jointly launch Jubilee Traditional Endowment **Products**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD,: Jubilee Life Insurance Company Limited (JLI), Pakistan's largest private sector insurer, and United Bank Limited (UBL), one of the country's largest financial institutions, have entered into a strategic partnership to launch innovative insurance solutions aimed at delivering greater financial security and long-term value to customers.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Javed Ahmed MD & CEO Jubilee Life Insurance said, "This partnership highlights our continued commitment to innovation in financial protection. With UBL as a strong partner, we aim to provide customers with products that safeguard their future while offering long-



term financial growth. Adding to this, Abdul Aleem Qureshi Group Executive – Branch Banking UBL commented "UBL has always

been at the forefront of delivering highest value through its innovative products and

solutions. This strategic collabora-

of Jubilee Life Insurance and UBL to set a new benchmark for customer-focused financial

Pakistan Microfinance Network & UNIDO Announce 9th Annual Microfinance Conference



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Annual Microfinance Conference (AMC) is an annual feature, and its 9th edition is being Karachi. The Annual Micro-9), themed "Renaissance UNIDO ment partners including World

to collectively explore strategic pathways for revitalizing the sector and enhancing its role in inclusive and sustainable growth.

Speaking about the held on Oct 7-9, 2025, in upcoming conference, Mr. Amir Khan, Chairman PMN finance Conference 9 (AMC- and Mr. Ahsan Gaylani, Representative of Microfinance", is being emphasized that AMC-9 organised jointly by the Paki- will serve as a national platstan Microfinance Network form to not only reflect on the (PMN), in collaboration with achievements and lessons of UNIDO-PAIDAR. It will the past two decades, but to bring together industry lead- boldly reimagine the future ers, policymakers, regula- of microfinance in Pakistan. tors including State Bank of By embracing innovation, Pakistan (SBP) & Securities strengthening partnerships, & Exchange Commission of and committing to inclusion, Pakistan (SECP), develop- the sector can position itself as a catalyst for economic trans-Bank and Asian Development formation, social justice, and Bank (ADB), and innovators, sustainable development.

Junaid Anwar Chaudhry for Green energy, ocean protection in maritime development under CPEC

S Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry, has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to deepening maritime cooperation with China, aiming to position Gwadar as a key regional hub for trade and connectivity. Maritime transport logistics

Chairing a meeting on the five-year maritime action plan for 2025–2029, Junaid Chaudhry outlined the framework's focus on advancing marine economy development, sustainable resource use, scientific

research, and environmental protection under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

Describing the initiative as vital for linking Pakistan with Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, the minister highlighted major infrastructure projects such as Gwadar Port expansion, completion of Free Zone Stage II, and fast-tracking East Bay Expressway Phase II to boost accessibility. Integration of the New Gwadar **International Airport with** the port was also prioritized to enhance multi-transit

Lucky Investments Achieves PKR 100 Billion AUMs in Record Time

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Lucky Investments Limited ("Lucky Investments") has crossed PKR 100 Billion (USD 350 Million) in Assets Under Management (AUMs) in under six months of launch of its first fund in April 2025.

This remarkable achievement makes Lucky Investments the only AMC in Pakistan's history that has achieved this landmark feat.

Since inception, the company has received overwhelming response from both institutional and retail investors across the country.

Commenting on this milestone,

Lucky Investments, said:

"We are grateful to Allah (SWT) and to our valued investors for making this milestone possible. launched four Shariah-compliant With their trust, we've reached PKR 100 Billion AUMs — a milestone that aligns with our vision of Fund becoming the premier choice for Shariah-compliant investments.

This success reflects investors' trust in our strong sponsors & brand equity, robust governance, and professional management team. We remain committed to delivering world-class, Riba-free investment solutions, anchored in

Mohammad Shoaib, CFA, CEO of service excellence, transparency, and trust."

> Within a short span of time, the Company has successfully funds:

- Lucky Islamic Money Market
- Lucky Islamic Income Fund
- Lucky Islamic Stock Fund • Lucky Islamic Fixed Term

Led by Mohammad Shoaib, CFA-a pioneer of Pakistan's Islamic asset management industry with over three decades of experience—the company is committed



to delivering ethical, innovative, Muhammad Hassaan Kaleem, a and sustainable Shariah-com- renowned Shariah scholar, serves pliant investment solutions. Mufti as the Company's Shariah Advisor.

Naqvi urges Pakistan women's team to play fearlessly ahead of ICC World Cup

₿ Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has expressed his best wishes to the national women's cricket team ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, urging them to play without fear or pressure and to fight until the very last ball, 24News-HD TV reported.

During his visit to Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Monday, Naqvi met the women's national players and their coaches following the conclusion of the ODI series against South Africa.

Naqvi presented the series-winfollowing the ODI competition.

He commended the national team's spirited performance and momentum and confidence into the cash reward for the players. upcoming global tournament.

the last ball.

Remember, success is always



ning trophy to South African captain advised the players, highlighting recognition of their collective efforts unity and determination as the keys to success at the international stage.

As part of his encouragement, the encouraged them to carry their PCB Chairman announced a special

He declared a prize of Rs 2 million "You must play fearlessly, without for opening batter Sidra Ameen, who any pressure, and always fight till impressed with back-to-back centuries in the recent series.

In addition, each member of the discipline in the World Cup," he

the outcome of teamwork," Naqvi squad will receive Rs 1 million as and achievements.

> The PCB chief reiterated his full support to the women's side, assuring that their hard work and consistency are being acknowledged at the highest level.

Your performances have brought pride to Pakistan. Keep pushing forward with the same courage and added.



He further underlined that work", encouraging the women crick- their collective strength.

"success is always the result of team- eters to remain united and trust in

Checkmate! 14th Rawalpindi Chess Championship delivers a masterclass in strategic play

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Chess Association Punjab (CAP) and Bravo Foods, in a powerful "knight and bishop" partnership, successfully supported the Rawalpindi Chess Association (RCA) in concluding the 14th Rawalpindi Chess Championship. The event, held at the Bravo Foods Hall in Commercial Market, saw a "full board" of 85 players from various regions make their moves, a true testament to the "resurgent gambit" of chess's popularity and the growing confidence in CAP's initiatives.

The tournament was a "grandmaster clash" of intellect across various categories, with competitors navigating complex positions and seeking the winning

· In the Open Category, National Master (NM) Anis ur Rehman Zeedi the king" and secure the top spot, while Salman Ali Khan positioned himself



· The Under-13 Category saw young prodigies Musa Rizwan and Mikael Shoaib "outmaneuver" their opponents to seize first and second place respectively, executed a flawless strategy to "claim" proving the future of Pakistani chess is in izers' efforts, highlighting the "strategic" pionship was more than a tournament; brilliant hands.

The Women's

champion and Igra Naz as a formidable runner-up.

Mr. Tauhied Shams Abbasi, the District Sports Officer (DSO, praised the organ-Inbal (Treasurer CFP, General Secretary Noor Khalid emerging victorious as the been crucial in the "nationwide revival" milestone.

and development of the game.

This championship is a direct result of the "visionary endgame" of Dr. Naeem Rauf, President of the Chess Association Punjab and Chairman of the Planning & Development Board Punjab. His leadership has "raised the Elo" of chess events in Punjab, setting a new standard for the entire country.

The role of corporate partnership was a "winning move" for the event. Bravo Foods, as the venue partner with CAP and RCA, provided a world-class environment and impeccable hospitality, ensuring every participant could focus solely on their game.

Following this "checkmate of a success," the strategy is to continue the momentum, with plans already in motion to launch similar championships in Attock and Islamabad.

The 14th Rawalpindi Chess Chamvision" of key figures like Raja Gauhar it was a memorable "passed pawn" that successfully promoted the mission of CAP for a strong "checkmate" to finish as the of fierce tactical prowess, with Sara CAP, and President RCA), whose role has pushing it past yet another significant

Pakistan clinch Commonwealth Beach Handball Championship title

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's beach handball team won the Commonwealth Beach Handball Championship, defeating Sri Lanka in the final to secure the coveted gold medal, 24NewsHDTV reported on

The tournament was held in the Maldives, where Pakistan remained unbeaten throughout the competition.

In the decisive final, Pakistan produced a dominant performance, securing a straight-sets victory over Sri Lanka with scores of 26-18 and 28-12.

Pakistan's unbeaten campaign began with strong performances in the group stage and culminated in a commanding semi-final win over Bangladesh, which secured their place in the final.

The team carried that momentum into



doubt about their supremacy.

Muzammil Hussain was the standout performer for Pakistan and thus was adjudged the Player of the Match.

For the unversed, Pakistan started the championship clash, where they left no their Commonwealth Beach Handball unbeaten run at the tournament by sporting circles alike.

Championship 2025 campaign with a commanding 2-0 victory over arch-rivals India before inflicting an equally dominant victory over Sri Lanka.

The Green Shirts extended their

defeating Maldives, while their triumph over South Africa muscled them into the knockout match with a game to spare.

Pakistan opened strongly with a 24-15 win in the first half before pushing up the tempo in the second, crushing the South Africans 28–5 to wrap up the contest.

Despite flashes of resistance from Shaun Mpho Mokhine and Msimelelo Innocent Seti, who scored four points apiece, South Africa were unable to cope with Pakistan's relentless pace.

With the semi-final spot already booked, Pakistan took on Bangladesh in their last group-stage match and registered a 2-0 victory before their semi-final

The gold medal triumph has been celebrated as a source of pride for the nation, with the players' determination and teamwork earning praise from fans and

Uraan Futsal 5-A-Side Cup Kicks Off on 23rd September

₿ Sports Desk

KARACHI: The highly anticipated Uraan Futsal 5-A-Side Cup is set to begin on 23rd September at the KHA Arena, opposite Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology.

The tournament will feature 8 competitive teams, showcasing the city's rising futsal talent in an exciting battle for glory. The event is being organized by AAVA Sports Management Company, which aims to promote and strengthen the culture of futsal and football in Karachi through professional and well-managed tournaments. Sports enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and support young talent as the competition promises action-packed matches and thrilling performances.

Bharara appreciated the efforts made to promote healthy sports among the youth



FAISALABAD: Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Indus $try\,President\,Rehan\,Naseem\,Bharara\,has\,appreciated\,the\,efforts$ made to promote healthy sports among the youth. He said this while addressing the participants of a training camp at Asma Shahzadi Table Tennis Academy at Al-Fath Sports Complex in People's Colony. Rehan Naseem Bharara said that table tennis is the most popular sport among female students, by getting trained in which our girls can prove their God-given talents at the global level. He said that in today's internet era, the young generation should definitely participate in physical sports because a healthy body is essential for a healthy mind. He added that sports also instill a sense of competition, which is essential for moving forward in practical life. Rehan Naseem Bharara also appreciated the services of Asma Shahzadi, the spirit of the academy, and assured his full cooperation. Executive members Farooq Yousuf and Abdul Rehman were also present on the occasion.

Chief coach Wasim confident Pakistan Women ready to shine in upcoming World Cup

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan women's cricket team head coach Mohammad Wasim expressed optimism about his side's progress and preparations for the upcoming ICC Women's World Cup, 24NewsHDTV reported on Monday. Addressing a press conference after the recent ODI match, Wasim praised the performance of Pakistan's spin attack, which he said played a decisive role in today's game. "Our spinners performed very well today, and that gives us confidence. In Sri Lanka, we expect pitches to be similar, which will suit our bowling strength," he remarked.

Bavuma out of Test series in Pakistan as De Kock back for ODIs

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Captain Temba Bavuma has been ruled out of South Afritime to play in the second Test, which ca's Test series against Pakistan next month, but Quinton de Kock has one-day internationals.

Cricket South Africa announced on World Test championship at Lord's in are the other spinners in the squad. London in June, from playing the first series in defence of their title.

team in the two-Test series which starts in Lahore on October 12.

Selection convener Patrick Moroney a recent one-day series in England, would keep him out of action for six to eight weeks.

"The focus is on giving him the best chance to be fully ready for a tour of

India in November," said Moroney.

leading spin bowler Keshav Maharaj for the first Test but it is hoped he will have recovered from a groin strain in starts in Rawalpindi on October 20.

Off-spinner Simon Harmer has made himself available again for the been recalled to the Test squad for the first time in two years. Prenelan Subrayen, recently cleared after being Monday that a calf injury will prevent reported for a suspect bowling action, Bavuma, who led the Proteas to the and left-armer Senuran Muthusamy

The Test series will be followed by three Twenty20 internationals and Aiden Markram will captain the three one-day internationals.

Wicketkeeper-batsman De Kock, 32, was selected for both white-ball series. He retired from one-day intersaid Bavuma's calf strain, suffered in nationals in 2023 and has not played in the T20 team since he was South Africa's leading run-scorer in the 2024 T20 World Cup in the West Indies and United States.

His return is a signal that he is likely to be a part of South Africa's campaign South Africa will also be without for the T20 World Cup in India and



Sri Lanka in February and March next year.

"Quinton's return to the white-ball space is a major boost for us," said head coach Shukri Conrad. "When we spoke last month about his future

it was clear that he still has a strong ambition to represent his country."

Most of the all-format players in the Test squad will be rested for the whiteball games. Veteran David Miller will captain the T20 team and Matthew

Breetzke will lead the one-day side Kock (wkt), De Zorzi, Ferreira, Bjorn for the first time.

Big-hitting Donovan Ferreira will captain South Africa in a one-off T20 international against Namibia in Windhoek on October 11.

Squads

Tests: Aiden Markram (captain), David Bedingham, Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Tony de Zorzi, Zubayr Hamza, Simon Harmer, Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharaj (second Test only), Wiaan Mulder, Senuran Muthusamy, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickleton, Tristan Stubbs, Prenelan Subrayen, Kyle Verreynne (wkt)

T20Is: David Miller (captain), Bosch, Brevis, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock (wkt), Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, George Linde, Kwena Maphaka, Lungi Ngidi, Ngaba Peter, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Andile Simelane, Lizaad

ODIs: Matthew Breetzke (captain), Bosch, Brevis, Burger, Coetzee, De

Fortuin, Linde, Maphaka, Ngidi, Peter, Pretorius, Sinethemba Qeshile (wkt)

T20I v Namibia: Ferreira (captain), Burger, Coetzee, De Kock (wkt), Fortuin, Hendricks, Rubin Hermann, Maphaka, Rivaldo Moonsamy, Peter, Pretorius, Simelane, Jason Smith,

Pakistan fixtures:

October 12-16, first Test, Lahore October 20-24, second Test, Rawal-

October 28, first T20 international, Rawalpindi

October 31, second T20 international, Lahore November 1, third T20 interna-

tional, Lahore November 4, first one-day interna-

tional, Faisalabad November 6, second one-day inter-

national, Faisalabad

November 8, third one-day international, Faisalabad

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani in a meeting with Australian High Commissioner, Mr. Neil Hawkins



Chairman Senate emphasis on strengthening bilateral ties between Pakistan & Australia

👺 Kiran Asim

ISLAMABAD: Chairman ship groups more effective to Senate Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani met the Australi- links. an High Commissioner at Parliament House in Islamamultiple sectors.

enhancing cooperation in Chairman Senate Gilani hightrade, education, defense and lighted export opportunities parliamentary engagement. They noted that diplomatic ments, IT services and food High Commissioner for his were highlighted as priority ties date back to 1948 and products while proposing a service and acknowledged areas. The Chairman proposed have expanded over time, and

make parliamentary friend- commercial avenues. strengthen people-to-people

Pakistan Australia relations were discussed in pracbad on 22 September 2025 to tical terms, with a focus On defense, both sides agreed discuss ways to deepen Paki- on growing bilateral trade there is wide scope for collabstan Australia relations across currently valued at around The leaders emphasized potential for expansion. in textiles, surgical instrujoint forum for chambers of

erate high-level exchanges and stakeholders to unlock new ation for relief efforts. The working groups to sustain

The meeting also covered cooperation in agriculture technology, renewable energy, mineral resources and information technology. oration, including cybersecu-\$2.5 billion and significant rity, maritime awareness and joint participation in peacekeeping missions.

Chairman Gilani commended the outgoing and inclusive development Australia's development assisunderlined the need to accel- commerce and private sector tance, underscoring appreci- tary meetings and thematic

two officials held a detailed exchange on the recent floods, noting Pakistan is among the countries most affected by climate change. They stressed the importance of international cooperation and a shared strategy for climate resilience, and recalled the Chairman's visits to affected areas and meetings with flood victims.

Empowerment of women annual joint parliamenmomentum and invited Australian parliamentary leadership to participate in the ISC conference launching in November, where Australian participation was described as particularly important.

Both sides pledged to consolidate historical ties, boost parliamentary and private sector exchanges, and work together for regional and global stability. The meeting reaffirmed that stronger Pakistan Australia relations will be advanced through targeted cooperation, increased delega-

SC directs govt to legislate appeal rights for military court convicts within 45 days

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Monday ordered the federal government to enact legislation within 45 days to grant appeal rights to civilians convicted by military courts, ruling that while the Army Act contains a basic framework, it lacks a proper appellate forum for ordinary citizens.

The directive came in a detailed majority judgment issued on intra-court appeals against military trials of civil-

The 68-page decision was authored by Justice Aminuddin Khan, with an



by Justice Muhammad Ali

additional 47-page note Hasan Rizvi, Musarrat Hilali, and Shahid Bilal agreed with the additional Aminuddin, note, while Justices Jamal

Khan Mandokhail and Naeem Akhtar Afghan wrote dissenting opinions.

The written order recalled that on May 7 the Supreme Court's constitutional bench had accepted intra-court in high courts for citizens appeals, overturning an earlier five-judge verdict that had declared the military trials unconstitutional. General repeatedly sought The court had also permitted special trials to proceed under certain conditions.

In its latest ruling, the vention was not to invalidate the Army Act altogether but to ensure constitutional safe-

"There is no adequate forum for appeal available to civilians," the judgment stated, adding that legislation must guarantee independent appellate review convicted by military courts.

The judgment noted that during hearings, the Attorney time to obtain government instructions regarding appeal

On the final hearing of apex court emphasised that May 5, he submitted that if the purpose of judicial inter- the court issued directions, Parliament could legislate accordingly, assuring that the order would be taken seriously.

DPM/FM Dar participates in Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers **Meeting in New York**



Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: The Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, participated in the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting (CFAMM) at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York today. The gathering was organized on the sidelines of the 80th UN General Assembly session.

In his remarks, the DPM/FM reiterated Pakistan's steadfast support for the Commonwealth and commitment to playing its part in strengthening this unique family of nations. sustained focus on helping member The DPM/FM welcomed efforts states build climate resilience.

to re-orient the organization for responding effectively to the evolving global context, ensuring its continued ability to deliver tangible benefits to all its members.

Recalling the multiple and overlapping crises confronted by the international community, the DPM/ FM underscored that the Commonwealth must continue to serve as a platform for peace-building and dialogue, where consensus and cooperation can help resolve disputes and promote understanding. He strongly supported the Commonwealth's work on climate action and called for

Speaker Ayaz Sadiq to persuade PTI back into NA committees



ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has decided not to accept the resignations of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)backed members from the standing

effort to bring them back into the parliamentary parties should resolve parliamentary committees.

The sources said the negotiations mentary forum.

are expected to begin during the National Assembly session scheduled for September 29.

During these discussions, PTI members will be persuaded to withdraw their resignations and rejoin the committees.

Sources added that if PTI According to sources, the NA lawmakers refuse to return even after speaker has resolved to initiate talks negotiations, their resignations will with PTI-backed lawmakers in an then be accepted. They stressed that all issues amicably within the parlia-

Pakistan Dispatches 23rd Consignment of Relief Goods to Gaza

跨 Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: Under the special directives of the Government of Pakistan, the 23rd consignment of relief goods has been dispatched to the people of Gaza, reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian brothers and sisters.

The relief operation has been spearheaded by Alkhidmat Foundation, with facilitation provided by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Ministry of Foreign

A departure ceremony was held in Lahore where the Governor of Punjab graced the occasion as the chief guest. Senior officials including the Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Director, NDMA, and the leadership of Alkhidmat Foundation attended the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor of Punjab extended heartfelt gratitude to all institutions, organcommended Alkhidmat Foundation for its tireless efforts and acknowledged



izations, and individuals who have the critical facilitation role of NDMA contributed to this noble cause. He and MoFA in ensuring smooth coordi-

nation of the consignments. Pakistan has consistently maintained that supporting the people of deep-rooted bonds of faith and frater- humanitarian solidarity.

nity. The continuation of relief consign-Gaza in their hour of need is both a ments is a testament to Pakistan's prinmoral obligation and a reflection of the cipled stance and its commitment to

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Lawyer's request to put off case hearing irks IHC judge



B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Expressing indignation over the request made by a lawyer for an adjournment of the hearing of the petition filed against the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), the Islamabad High Court (IHC) judge, Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, on Monday said it saddened him when hearing at the lawyer's request.

any lawyer requested the adjourn-

He said he was at a loss to understand as to why lawyers and judges did not want to do work. "I feel ashamed of myself. I even want to fine the court," he said, adding, "Already, hearing of the petition has been adjourned 20 times."

However, later, he adjourned the