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Fatima Sana aims to make Pakistan proud in ICC Women's Cricket World Cup

World Cups are always special, they give every cricketer a chance to test themselves on the biggest stage, and every team the opportunity to show how far they've come, she wrote in a column for ICC.

Rabi-us-Sani moon not sighted in Pakistan

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Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, H.E. Christian Stocker on the sidelines of 80th session of United Nations General Assembly. New York on Tuesday.



Pakistan reaffirms support for Palestine at high-level conference in New York

Spokesman Report

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan on Tuesday reaffirmed it's historic solidarity with the Palestinian people and reiterated support for the establishment of an independent, viable, and contiguous Palestinian state, Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, in accordance with relevant UN

and OIC resolutions. Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar represented Pakistan self-determination and stateat the High-Level International hood.

Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia and

The conference gained particular significance as several countries, including based on pre-1967 borders with France, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and Portugal, announced their recognition of the State of Palestine, reinforcing global consensus on the Palestinian people's right to

Minister/Foreign Minister urged all countries that have yet to recognize Palestine to take similar steps in accordance with international law. He stressed that Pakistan has consistently supported Palestine's cause since it was among the first countries to recognize the State of Palestine in 1988.

Pakistan also endorsed the Conference's Outcome Document, the *New York Declaration*, reaffirming its commitment to a just and lasting peace.

Welcoming these announce- Dar emphasized that the decla- historic solidarity with the Palesments, the Deputy Prime ration must be followed by concrete international actions to end decades of conflict and achieve stability in the Middle

> Reiterating Pakistan's longstanding stance, he strongly condemned the ongoing Israeli aggression in Gaza, calling for an immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire across Gaza and all occupied Palestinian territories, along with full humanitarian access to the

besieged civilian population. Dar underlined Pakistan's tinian people and reiterated support for the establishment of an independent, viable, and contiguous Palestinian state, based on pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, in accordance with relevant UN and OIC resolutions.

Mohammad Ishaq Dar represented Pakistan at the High-Level International Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia and France.



ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court of Pakistan has fixed for October 7 the hearing of petitions filed against the 26th Constitutional Amendment. An eight-member larger bench, headed by Justice Aminuddin Khan, will hear the

The bench also includes Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar,

On October 20, 2024, Federal 26th Constitutional Amendment legislation carries several reforms legal framework.

Crown Prince Performs Funeral Prayer for Saudi Arabia's Grand Mufti



跨 Bureau Report

RIYADH.: Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, performed on Tuesday the funeral prayer for Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Al-Sheikh, whose passing was announced by the Royal Court earlier in

at the Imam Turki bin across the Kingdom.

Abdullah Mosque in Riyadh. Following the prayer,

Crown Prince Mohammed and the deceased's sons received condolences from princes and religious scholars. Custodian of the Two

Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud had ordered that funeral prayers in absentia also be performed at the Grand Mosque in Makkah, the Prophet's Mosque in The prayer was performed Madinah, and in all mosques

President, PM condole demise of Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia

B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, calling it a great loss for the

entire Muslim Ummah. The president expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the deceased, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the people of Saudi Arabia. He also prayed that Allah Almighty grant the deceased Sharif said.

a high place in the hereafter. The prime minister

while paying tribute to the late Grand Mufti said the deceased was a great religious scholar who spent his entire life promoting the Quran and Sunnah, explaining the Holy Sharia and guiding the Ummah.

"His efforts and scholarly insight for the unity of the Muslim Ummah will always be remembered. The Pakistani people and government share equally in the grief of the people of the brotherly country of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi leadership," PM

PAC sub-committee grills finance ministry over audit irregularities

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Public Accounts Sub-Committee of Parliament, chaired by Syed Naveed Qamar, turned heated Tuesday as serious audit objections were raised against the Ministry of Finance and the Federal Treasury Office (FTO).

Audit officials highlighted glaring discrepancy of Rs122 billion in receipts and payments at the FTO, stating that receipts from banks were being collected daily but mismatches were found in several instances where payments exceeded purchases. However, Secretary Finance later clarified that the disputed amount was Rs122 million, not Rs122 billion.

Convener Syed Naveed Qamar expressed dismay that the issue was first detected seven years ago, yet even after four more years, no progress had been made. "Why has this issue not been resolved in the last four years? How much more time do you need? I do not like pending audit paragraphs," he remarked sharply.

In response, FTO officials assured the committee that the matter would be resolved before the next meeting, though they admitted they had only become aware of the audit paragraph three days earlier.

"If the Finance Ministry itself is in this condition, then God bless it," Qamar retorted, warning that if the issue remains unsettled by the next session, the committee will fix responsibility.

The session also exposed violations of austerity measures by the Ministry of Finance itself. According to the audit brief, the ministry incurred unauthorised expenditures of Rs17.9 million and overspent significantly in multiple categories: 29 percent more on travel allowance, 36 percent more on stationery, 134 percent more on entertainment, and 87 percent

more on utilities.

"The very institution that preaches austerity to others is itself violating those principles," Naveed Qamar observed, stressing that the Finance Ministry should set an example for other departments.

Govt departments increasingly 'defying' presidential orders 80th UNGA

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Some federal government departments have been found not complying with the orders issued from the President House, reported 24NewsHD TV channel on Tuesday.

And despite the fact that the President House as well as the Cabinet Division, through a special office memorandum, have barred all government departments from challenging the orders given by the president in courts, still one of these departments, PMDC, has moved the Islamabad High Court (IHC) against one such order.

The president had given relief to a complainant against the federal ombudsman's decision and ordered the PMDC to comply with its order within 30 days.

However, the department challenged the president's order in the IHC.

On the other hand, Irfan Qadir, a legal adviser at the President's House, has said that the president is the executive authority of the federation, and all federal ministries and departments are subordinate to the federation.

"Nowhere in the world do we witness ministries and departments going against the orders of their president. Pakistan is the only exception where such things happen," Irfan has said and added that defying the presidential order shows a bad intention on the part of the government.

People, he went on to say, got relief from the President House, but the government wanted them to suffer.

"What is the situation in our courts is an open secret. It takes ages for people to get justice," the legal adviser has said.

PM to attend opening of



Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will join the world leaders at the opening ceremony of the United Nations General Assembly, as the 193-member body starts its 80th session today.

The prime minister, who arrived here late Monday night mainly to attend the UNGA session, will also attend a special summit of Arab and Islamic countries, co-hosted by the United States and

The prime minister has been specially invited to participate in the summit, Future of Global Development".

which will also be attended by US President Donald Trump.

During the day, he will hold meetings with Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker, Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid, World Bank President Ajay Banga, and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

He will also participate and address the high-level meeting of the Global Development Initiative (GDI) on the theme "Recommit to our Original Aspirations, United to Build a Brighter

SC to hear petitions against 26th Amendment on October 7

B City Desk

Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Musarat Hilali, Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan and Justice Shahid Bilal.

Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar introduced the long-awaited Bill 2024 in the Senate. The aimed at reshaping governance and strengthening Pakistan's

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Azad Kashmir Information Minister joins Gaza Flotilla, earns flood of online praise

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

ITALY/MUZAFFARABAD: Azad Jammu and Kashmir Information Minister Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah is being showered with immense praise from social media users for his courageous act.

The Information Minister is on a journey to Gaza with the global "Samood Flotilla", where he is setting a practical example of the spirit of humanitarianism and global solidarity.

Citizens on social media platforms have termed Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah's act as a wonderful message of peace, justice and solidarity with the Palestinian people. Users say that this son of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is a source of pride not only for his region but also for the entire Muslim Ummah.

and comments that this act of Pir a beacon for future generations. Users Mazhar Saeed Shah is a source of pride not only for Azad Jammu and Kashmir but also for the entire Pakistani nation and the Muslim Ummah. Saeed Shah's joining the flotilla convoy



say that at a time when the oppressed people of Palestine are calling for global conscience, Pir Muhammad Mazhar

Users have said in their messages He has set an example that will serve as is actually to further strengthen his

His move is a strong message of peace, brotherhood and unity. Political and social circles also paid tribute to the Information Minister, saying

that the determination and courage with which he has decided to become a part of the global convoy is worthy of imitation.

His role will highlight the positive image of Pakistan not only at the state but also at the global level. "Global Samood Flotilla" consists of human rights activists, political leaders and volunteers from different regions of the world, who have come together to sympathize with the people of Palestine and awaken the global conscience.

The presence of Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah is a historic addition to this convoy, which proves that the Kashmiri people stand not only with their freedom but also with the oppressed people of the world.

Thousands of users on social media have shared messages in favor of the Information Minister, calling him the "pride of the nation", "brave son of the Muslim Ummah" and "ambassador of peace and solidarity". Public circles say that the courage and fortitude shown by Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah is undoubtedly a shining example.

Muslim Conference celebrated 95th National Day of Saudi Arabia, attended by Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan



DHIRKOT: Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has said that the long-standing relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are based on brotherhood, sisterhood and Islamic ties. Saudi Arabia has supported Pakistan in every difficult time and Pakistan has also always stood with Saudi Arabia and played a role in strengthening the unity and solidarity of the Muslim Ummah. A ceremony was organized by the Muslim Conference on the occasion of the 95th National Day of Saudi Arabia at Mujahid e Awwal House, Ghaziabad. Major (R) Nasrullah Khan, Irfan Abbasi, Ashfaq Abbasi, Raja Munir Khan, and other Muslim Conference leaders and workers participated in the ceremony. Addressing the ceremony, President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the importance of the Pak-Saudi defense agreement was highlighted and the relations between the two brotherly countries were declared a milestone for the peace and security of the region. Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that Saudi Arabia is not only the center of the Islamic world but also a symbol of devotion and respect for the entire Muslim Ummah, including Pakistan. He said that the Pak-Saudi defense agreement is a reflection of the depth of mutual trust and relations between the

Azad Kashmir government should resolve the dispute with the Public Action Committee: Shah Ghulam Qadir



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The leadership of the Muslim League (N) Azad Jammu and Kashmir has demanded that the government of Azad Kashmir and the Public Action Committee resolve the current dispute through talks instead of force. Addressing an emergency press conference in Islamabad, PML (N) Azad Kashmir President Shah Ghulam Qadir, Secretary General Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, Dr. Najeeb, Iftikhar Gilani, Raja Sher Afgan expressed deep concern over the tense situation in the region. Shah Ghulam Qadir said that tension is increasing in Azad Kashmir after the lockdown call given by the Public Action Committee on September 29. He warned that "there should not be an atmos phere of chaos in Azad Kashmir nor can matters be resolved through the use of force. Such a situation will only benefit the enemy." He said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has already formed a special party committee for the political affairs of Azad Kashmir and a meeting was also held with Federal Advisor Rana Sanaullah in this regard today. He said, "We are giving the message that the Azad Kashmir government and the Awami Action Committee should immediately sit at the negotiating table. The Action Committee should also not be made an ego issue because the solution to the problems lies only in talks." Secretary General PML-N Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Tariq Farooq said that his party does not consider the Awami Action Committee to be an enemy of the country or an Indian agent in any way. He said, "Many of the demands in the Action Committee's charter of demands can be fulfilled immediately, while some points require time and further consultation. All this is possible through talks." He added that the Pakistani government should conduct a high-level inquiry into the chaos that has arisen in Azad Kashmir in the last two years so that the facts can be brought to the fore. Shah Ghulam Qadir, in response to questions, said that at present the real tension is in Azad Kashmir, not in the federation, so the solution to this problem will have to be found by the Azad Kashmir government.

Mazhar Saeed Shah's boat damaged in sea, rescued and transferred to the Italian island



Spokesman Report

ITALY/ISLAMABAD: Azad Kashmir Information Minister Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, who accompanied the Gobel Samud Flotilla convoy carrying food and medicine for the victims of Gaza, is present at the port of the Italian island of SiraCusa. Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah's boat was damaged in the sea and has been rescued and transferred to the Italian island. Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah has vowed to continue his journey to break the cruel siege of Gaza and establish an aid corridor despite the difficulties. In his video message from the Italian island of SiraCusa, he said that our hearts are beating with Gaza, God willing, we will be with the victims of Gaza very soon, just as our boat was damaged in the sea, we were in great trouble for seven to eight hours, but help came from God Almighty and we have safely reached an island. There are supports on the shore by the mercy of God. Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah said that everyone's courage and morale are high, and prayers are requested from the people of love.

Peace rally

BHIMBER: A rally was held for strengthen the Kashmir Freedom Movement and promote peace in Kashmir. Hundreds of people participated.



Azad Kashmir Leaders Decry 'Ideological Sabotage' at Pakistan Zindabad Convention in Bagh

👺 Bureau Report

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. Condemn-Rajnath Singh, I want to tell him that this area was liberated by our ancestors



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 indifference to the strike. The traders ing the statement of Indian Minister of Dhirkot have decided that they are not ready to become anyone's tools.

He said that everyone has freedom through eighteen months of jihad. If to raise whatever slogan they want, anyone dislikes Pakistan, he should go 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 raising slogans but they never abused Pakistan or the Pakistani army, Yasin Malik has chosen Pakistan as the safest place for his daughter and wife.

Raja Muhammad Farooq Haider Khan said that we will go from village to village and expose the conspiracy of

this group. Traders do not become fuel for the anti-national group. Have faith in yourself. We will stand with honor and dignity as long as we live.

President of the Muslim League (N) Azad Kashmir Shah Ghulam Qadir has said that the people of Bagh proved that they are ideologically Pakistanis, if there is Pakistan, then we are, today Pakistan is in strong hands, with the efforts of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, a mutual defense agreement was signed with Saudi Arabia.

Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Sardar Mir Akbar said that there is a creature whose only job is

Pakistan Muslim League (N) Political Committee meeting held in Islamabad

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The meeting of the Political Committee of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) for Azad Jammu and Kashmir was held in Islamabad todav.

The meeting was attended by the members of the committee, the newly elected Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Political Affairs, Senator Rana Sanaullah Khan, the Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Ameer Mugam, the President of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Azad Jammu and Kashmir Shah Ghulam Qadir, the Secretary General Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, the Central Vice President Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Naqi Khan, the Secretary Information Barrister Syed Iftikhar Gilani and the former Prime Minister Jammu and Kashmir should handle

of Azad Kashmir Raja Muhammad the situation in accordance with the traditions of political tolerance. In the Farooq Haider Khan participated in the meeting through video link, while the Senior Vice Presidents of Pakistan Muslim League (N) Azad Kashmir Raja Mushtaq Ahmed Minhas and Abdul Rehman Arain could not attend the meeting due to being abroad.

The meeting discussed the current political and administrative situation of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in detail. In the meeting, the members of the committee from Azad Jammu and Kashmir demanded from the central members of the committee, who are part of the federal government, that the use of force will not be appropriate in the current situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The government of Azad

constitution and law. The issues agreed upon between the Action Committee and the government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir should be implemented. The demands of the Action Committee that have been added later, if they are feasible and can be implemented immediately, should be resolved through negotiations with the government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The Action Committee should also fulfill the democratic requirements in accordance with the constitution and law and peacefully present its demands to the government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir with arguments. Pakistan Muslim League-N wants to maintain the situation of public order in Azad Jammu and Kashmir and is eager to maintain the

past, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Azad Jammu and Kashmir has played its full role in achieving the constitutional and fundamental rights of the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and will continue to play its role in resolving all political and public issues through democratic struggle. The Advisor on Political Affairs and Minister for Kashmir Affairs assured the delegation that their suggestions would be considered at the highest level and better decisions would be taken soon in the public and national interest and the negotiation process between the parties would be encouraged. The Government of Pakistan will take every step as usual for the betterment and welfare of the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.





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Suthra Punjab of the arranges cleanliness awareness programme in university of Kamalia

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: In accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, a ceremony and walk wa organized by the Suthra Punjab Kamalia Awareness Program Activity at the University of Kamalia. In which, Project Manager Suthra Punjab Kamalia Chaudhry Mudassir Ehsan gave an awareness briefing to the students of the University of Kamalia regarding cleanliness. Project Manager Mudassar said that the main objective of the Suthra Punjab program is to provide the best possible cleanliness. He asked the students to improve the cleanliness of the University of Kamalia and its surroundings and to throw used plastic bottles and shopping bags, etc. in the places where the Suthra Punjab garbage bins are located. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Yasir Nawab, Registrar University of Kamalia Dr. Raees Ashraf, Admin Officer Suthra Punjab Kamalia Ali Jabran Dogar and other dignitaries were also present.

2nd Chief of the Naval Staff International sailing regatta 2025 commences in Karachi

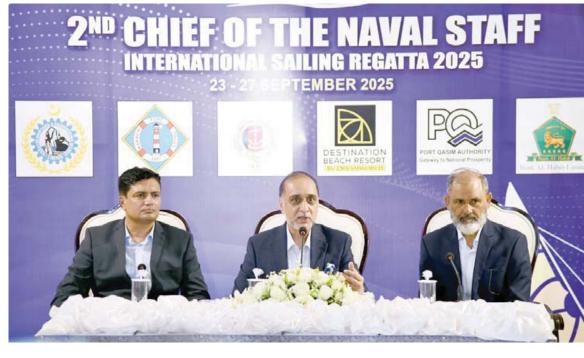
跨 City Desk

KARACHI: The 2nd Chief of the 23 to 27 September 2025, featuring Naval Staff (CNS) International Sailing Regatta 2025 was formally inaugurated today by Commander Karachi, Lanka, Thailand and Pakistan. Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abba-

si, at PNS RAHBAR, Karachi.

The championship will be held from nineteen sailors from five countries including Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Sri

Lauding the enthusiastic partici-



Guest extended a warm welcome to all athletes and officials.

He underscored the importance of lighted Pakistan Navy's continued RSX. The event serves as a unique plat-

pation of the visiting teams, the Chief commitment to strengthening regional form for national and international and global ties through sporting engagements.

The five day Sailing Regatta at sports, particularly sailing, in fostering Karachi Harbour, features races in the peace, international cooperation and categories of Laser Standard/ILCA 7, maritime awareness. He also high- Laser Radial/ILCA 6, and Windsurfing

athletes to showcase their skills while promoting water sports in the region.

The opening ceremony was attended by serving and retired officers, civil dignitaries, organizers, sponsors, sportsmen and members of the media

ree plantation drive

ISLAMABAD: British High Commissioner Jane Marriott watering the plant after planting it during an event to promote environmental conservation and cultural heritage at Lok Virsa Heritage Museum in Federal Capital.



IFJ and FES organised a one-day gender training workshop

跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: International Federation of Journalists (IEI) in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organised a one-day gender training for women journalists in Faisalabad. More than 10 participants attended the gender training which was held at a local hotel.

Trainers Lubna Jerar Naqvi, IFJ's Pakistan Gender Coordinator from Karachi and journalist and Aneela Ashraf, IFJ's Women's Media Forum, Pakistan (WMFP) regional coordinator from Multan, conducted the sessions that focused on topics like gender in the workplace and media industry; gender bias in hiring, assignments, promotions; sexual harassment and workplace safety; inclusive newsroom and union policies; gender representation in unions;



strategies.

Aneela Ashraf, co-trainer and WMFP regional coordinator, said, "The participants were eager and interactive with the trainers which showed their interest. They requested we bring them Lahore, Multan, Peshawar, similar training every month."

Lubna Jerar Naqvi, IFJ's and leadership, diversity and Pakistan Gender Coordinator FES in this phase of the project future."

working in Pakistan on gender and labour rights and union strengthening for five years. $\,$ IFJ has engaged women journalists in most major cities including Karachi, Islamabad, Quetta, Hyderabad and Faisalabad. IFJ collaborated with

and trainer said, "IFJ has been to develop the gender training to Peshawar and then Faisalabad, and I am happy to see how bold and vocal women journalists are in Faisalabad."

Naqvi added, "Women journalists and media worker are now part of the WMFP family and events will continue online as well as offline in the

Fateha held in Nagarparkar for the Brother of Manzar Nagvi



Correspondent

THARPARKAR: A solemn Fateha Khwani was held yesterday at the central Imambargah in Nagarparkar, organized by the devoted caretaker of the Imambargah, Mujahid Ali Khokhar Dudani, to pray for the departed soul of the brother of Syed Manzar Naqvi, Secretary General of the Karachi Editors Club and Executive Editor of The Financial Daily International.

On the occasion, participants gathered to recite verses from the Holy Qur'an and offer special prayers for the maghfirat (forgiveness) of the deceased. The gathering reflected a spirit of unity and compassion as friends, community members, and well-wishers expressed heartfelt condolences to Syed Manzar Naqvi and his family, sharing in their grief and extending words of comfort during this difficult time.

The participants reaffirmed their solidarity with Syed Manzar Naqvi, acknowledging his distinguished role in journalism and community service, and conveyed their prayers for his family's well-being and

Distribution food items and medicines to flood victims

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: For the rehabilitation of flood victims, the Chinese company Green Crockery and Houseware Faisalabad formed its special team and distributed more than 200 food items, medicines and other gifts worth 2.3 million to the flood-affected families of Pindi



Bhattian and Chiniot under the leadership of Director Mr. Thu, Manager Filex, Engineer Mr. Rehan and Focal Person suleman.

Director Mr. Thu, Manager Flex and others expressed their views and said that the ties of friendship and love between Pakistan and China are eternal. China has always supported Pakistanis in every difficulty and trouble and this will continue in the future. The company will continue to help the flood victims beyond its means. Director Mr. Thu Manager Filex later visited the flood-affected areas and expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the family present there and said that we are with you in this hour of sorrow and trouble and the flood victims should not consider themselves alone and we will continue to alleviate the suffering of the flood victims in every possible way and will not rest from China until recovery.

Rana Tanveer Hussain highlights role of biosciences in strengthening Pakistan's Agriculture

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain said that agriculture is the backbone of the economy and modern biosciences can give new life to this sector.

This he stated while addressing as a Chief Guest at the first international academic and research conference on biosciences held at Allama Iqbal Open University on

The Minister expressed regret that Paki-

stan is lagging behind India in this field and emphasized that advancing biosciences will open new avenues for development, ensuring a bright future for coming generations.

Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain also praised the university and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nasir Mahmood for their outstanding performance, noting that under his leadership, admissions increased from 800,000 to 1.2 million in a short period which is an extraordinary achievement.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasir tion, resource scarcity and socio-economic Mahmood in his address stated that Paki-

stan is currently facing various serious challenges, including climate change, natural disasters, increasing environmental pollu-

He emphasized that integrative research can provide sustainable solutions to all these

The Vice-Chancellor expressed heartfelt gratitude to the conference organizers and

partner institutions, especially the Higher Education Commission, for their invaluable efforts and support. The conference was organized by the Department of Biology, Faculty of Sciences.



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Pakistan's new rose variety

akistani scientists have developed a new rose variety that can earn farmers up to Rs1.5 million per acre annually, opening a fresh window into the \$60 billion global floriculture market while providing resilience against rising temperatures.

The breakthrough variety, Rosa Centifolia UAF, has been introduced by the Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF). Researchers say the flower's unique resilience and industrial versatility make it a "game-changer" for both local farmers and exporters, said a news release here on Tuesday.

"A single acre of this variety, with about 5,000 plants, can produce around one kilogram of premium-quality rose oil valued at Rs1.5 million," Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Professor of Floriculture at UAF, told Wealth Pakistan. "After deducting costs, the net profit comes close to Rs740,000 per acre per year, making it highly lucrative for large-scale growers.'

For farmers unable to invest in oil extraction, the variety offers multiple alternatives. Selling rose petals alone can generate Rs400,000 per acre in revenue, leaving farmers with a net profit of about Rs260,000 annually from the second year onwards.

Processing the flowers into rose water can yield 50,000 liters per acre, bringing in Rs1.5 million in sales and about Rs600,000 in net profit.

Similarly, converting them into rose jam (gulqand) can generate Rs750,000 in sales per acre, with Rs240,000 net profit.

"These different business models allow both small-scale farmers and industrialists to benefit according to their investment levels," said Dr. Iftikhar.

Unlike the traditional Surkha (red) rose, which struggles in high heat, Rosa Centifolia UAF continues to bloom even in temperatures above 40°C, producing fragrant, bunch-like flowers throughout the year.

"This is a variety built for Pakistan's changing climate," Dr. Iftikhar said. "It maintains flower size, fragrance, and oil quality even under harsh conditions."

The rose has a lifespan of 12–15 years and yields 500–700 flowers per plant annually, making it a long-term investment crop for farmers seeking stable income.

Globally prized products such as rose oil, rose water, dried petals, and gulqand give the variety high export value. The oil's fragrance and purity are comparable to the globally renowned Rosa Damascena, while its rose water and jam qual ity surpass the Rosa chinensis commonly grown in Pakistan.

With Pakistan seeking ways to diversify its exports and raise farmer incomes, the new rose variety offers a promising solution. Large-scale growers cultivating 50 acres or more could tap into international markets, while smallholders can strengthen livelihoods by supplying domestic demand.

"Ultimately, Rosa Centifolia UAF is not just a flower," Dr. Iftikhar said. "It's a 15-year cash crop that can transform Pakistan's floriculture sector and help farmers bloom into profit."

Saudi-Pakistan Defence Wall Against Tyranny

Qamar Bashir

confront its greatest weakness. What was meant to be another ritual of solidarity for Gaza instead exposed the Ummah's impotence in the face of systematic slaughter. The massacre of Palestinians, the destruction of homes, schools, and hospitals, and the displacement of millions have become recurring tragedies. From Bosnia to Burma, from Kashmir to Gaza, the blood of Muslims has been shed while their states, though wealthy and numerous, stood helpless. Doha stripped away excuses: the Muslim world possesses extraordinary resources, yet it has failed to transform them into a shield.

That is why the defence agreement signed between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is a turning point. More than a symbolic pact, it represents a union of wealth and capability — the Gulf's immense financial muscle combined with Pakistan's proven strategic and military strength. For the first time, a major Muslim monarchy and the only declared nuclear state in the Islamic world have pledged to stand together against threats. The presence of the Saudi Crown Prince, Pakistan's prime minister, and the army chief at the signing sent a signal that this was not a ceremonial gesture but a strategic compact with teeth.

The contours of such an Ummah force are clear. Gulf states can fund joint research and industrial hubs; Pakistan provides strategic depth and a trained scientific-industrial workforce; Turkey contributes high-tech systems, training, and logistics; while manpower-rich nations such as Egypt, Indonesia, and Bangladesh can field disciplined soldiers and peacekeepers. Together, this combination could deliver not just a defensive

the Muslim world to face annihilation, genocide, or ethnic

This dual mandate — defence and rescue — is not adventurism but moral duty. Islam commands believers to protect the oppressed. The Qur'an tells us that saving a single life is as if saving all of humanity. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) likened the Ummah to a single body: if one part suffers, the entire body

with examples where Muslim rulers defended non-Muslim communities from tyranny, offering sanctuary and protection. That moral foundation makes it incumbent on the Ummah to act not just for Muslims but for any oppressed people -

Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or otherwise. The legitimacy of such a force rests on its universality and humanitarian mission.

But to achieve this, the Ummah must first break its chains of dependency. For decades, Muslim nations have hosted foreign bases justified as protective umbrellas. In practice, these installations often served other strategic purposes. When Gaza was bombarded and when sovereign airspace was violated, these bases stood silent. Worse, they sometimes enabled aggression rather than preventing it. No collective Muslim force can rise while strategic autonomy is compromised by dependency on external patrons. The Saudi-Pakistan pact challenges that old paradigm, but it must be followed by broader moves to reduce foreign military footprints and replace them with ioint Muslim institutions.

Modern warfare also demands shield but an offensive rescue capability, forward-looking investment. AI-guided

he Doha summit forced able to respond wherever communities drones, cyber capabilities, autonomous vehicles, and satellite surveillance now define the battlefield. If Muslim states pooled even a fraction of their estimated \$3.5 trillion in sovereign wealth funds into defence innovation, they could leapfrog into the cutting edge of military technology. Pakistan's research base, Turkey's industrial ecosystem, and Gulf financing could together establish drone factories, AI defence labs, and secure space-based monitoring systems. responds. Islamic history itself is filled This would not only strengthen deter-

rence but also reduce dependence on foreign suppliers, who often impose restrictions or cut supplies at critical moments.

The structure of such a force must be carefully designed. It should begin with an Ummah Defence Council to draft

doctrine and oversee pooled financing. Within two years, a rapid deployment brigade could be fielded for humanitarian rescue and deterrence missions. Within five years, joint industrial hubs could begin producing interoperable drones, missiles, and electronic warfare systems. Within a decade, a fully integrated command structure, backed by advanced intelligence and space-based assets, could serve as the core of a formidable, autonomous Ummah shield.

Yet power without legitimacy can be as dangerous as weakness. This force must be accountable to peoples, not just rulers. Democracies should involve parliamentary oversight; monarchies should seek consultative legitimacy through representative bodies. Rules of engagement must prioritise civilian protection and humanitarian rescue. Without such safeguards, the project risks becoming another tool of oppression rather than a shield against it.

The stakes could not be higher. The humiliation of watching Israel, a state of fewer than ten million, impose its will on 57 Muslim nations with a combined population of two billion is intolerable. The continued slaughter of Palestinians, the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya, the marginalisation of Indian Muslims, and the insecurity of Muslim minorities worldwide are not just tragedies but indictments of Muslim leadership. If leaders fail to act, history will remember their silence more harshly than their speeches. Wealth will be seen as squandered opportunity, and populations will inherit only shame.

But if leaders seize this moment if the Saudi-Pakistan pact becomes the nucleus of a wider force, if Turkey's technology is scaled with Gulf capital, if manpower is organised into disciplined, accountable units — then the Ummah could finally reclaim its dignity. More than a shield, it could be a beacon: a force that defends the Middle East, deters aggressors, and rescues the oppressed anywhere in the world, fulfilling the Qur'anic injunction to stand with the weak and the Prophet's teaching to protect victims of tyranny. That vision, if realised, would transform helplessness into strength, lament into action, and humiliation into dignity.

Doha revealed the weakness. Rivadh and Islamabad have begun the remedy. The rest of the Ummah must now decide: will this be another moment of rhetoric, or the beginning of a historic transformation? The answer will determine whether Muslims remain spectators of their own tragedies or become agents of their own security and defenders of universal human dignity.

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Rebellion Paradox: People, Power and the Way to Peace

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cross Asia and beyond, from Kathmandu to Dhaka to Colombo, the last few years have witnessed a young generation pushing back against economic collapse, political corruption, social exclusion, and censorship. Specifically, in South Asia, we see something new: the mobilization of youth under slogans like "enough is enough," "stop corruption, not social media," and "Shut down injustice." These protests are not isolated; they draw on shared grievances, similar triggers, and modern means of mobilization. They also highlight the recurring paradox of state power: the more rigid and opaque a regime, the more likely it is to face rebellion.

Going further back, the mid-twentieth century witnessed anti-colonial revolutions sweeping through Asia and Africa, as nations like India, Algeria, Kenya, and Vietnam fought for independence from European empires; these movements across Asia and Africa secured independence. These struggles were driven by demands for political sovereignty, economic self-determination, and cultural revival, reflecting centuries of resistance to imperial domination.

Even earlier, the great revolutions of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; the American Revolution (1776), the French Revolution (1789), the Haitian Revolution (1791), and the 1848 revolutions across Europe established the modern vocabulary of liberty, equality, and nationalism. These uprisings overturned monarchies, abolished slavery in places like Haiti, and inspired anti-colonial thinkers worldwide. Marx and Engels' Communist Manifesto (1848), emerging amid this revolutionary age, linked political emancipation to struggles against capitalist exploitation, shaping later socialist and communist movements across

Russia, China, and beyond. As Martin Luther once stated, "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the

The recurrence of rebellion across centuries suggests common dynamics. Political theorists from John Locke to Hannah Arendt have argued that when governments lose legitimacy by denying rights, concentrating wealth, or silencing dissent, rebellion becomes not only likely but morally justified. Modern scholars like Ted Robert Gurr emphasize relative deprivation: people revolt not only when they are poor but when they feel promises have been broken, opportunities denied, and dignity ignored. Economic shocks such as debt crises or food price inflation intensify this sense of betrayal, while triggering events—a police shooting, a censorship law, a corrupt court ruling—often turn passive resentment into active resistance. Digital technology now accelerates this process, enabling rapid mobilization but also prompting governments to experiment with censorship, surveillance, and disinformation, sometimes triggering more unrest rather than less.

The cumulative lesson from these episodes, past and present, is that rebellion signals both political failure and democratic possibility. As Albert Camus famously wrote, "I rebel — therefore we exist," capturing the paradox that revolt expresses not only anger but also the human demand for dignity, freedom, and collective belonging. Preventing future uprisings, therefore, requires more than temporary repression or cosmetic reforms. Yet rebellion is not destiny. The same states that provoke dissent through injustice can prevent future uprisings by addressing their root causes. First, governments must practice transparency in economic management, public hiring, and lawmaking so citizens trust institutions rather than viewing them as tools of elites. Second, they must invest in youth oppor-

tunity-education linked to employment, fair hiring practices, and protection of digital freedoms so young people see peaceful avenues for dissent and participation rather than feeling silenced or ignored. Third, independent courts. free media, and accountable policing are essential to ensure that protests are met with dialogue rather than violence, since repression often radicalizes movements instead of quelling them. Fourth, social safety nets must protect citizens during economic crises, providing food, fuel, and medical security when markets fail, so desperation does not turn into revolt. Finally, governments should institutionalize forums for negotiation with civil society, students, labor unions, and marginalized groups so that conflicts are mediated before they erupt onto the streets.

The rebellion paradox teaches that power breeds resistance when it is hoarded rather than shared, when it excludes rather than empowers, when it answers criticism with force rather than reform. From Nepal to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka to the Arab Spring, history shows that people will endure hardship but not humiliation, poverty but not indignity, authority but not tyranny. The way to peace lies not in suppressing rebellion but in removing its causes through justice, inclusion, and accountability. As Thomas Jefferson once declared, "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty." To escape the cycle of revolt and repression, governments must turn duty into dialogue, power into service, and protest into participation, ensuring that the energy of rebellion gives birth not to chaos but to a just and lasting peace.

"People, power and the way to peace" is not just an aspirational slogan but a necessary framework: meaning citizens demand power to be exercised with justice.

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Rise of Regional Cooperation and Ongoing Tensions Pose a Serious Threat to the Post-World War Order

Shahnawaz

istorically, the period of after world war II was considered an era of peace, stability, cooperation, economics and progress. However, in recent times, peace has become a stranger in the world. The global order that emerged after WW II was marked by cooperation, stability and solidarity for the main two reasons. Firstly, the devastation caused by World War I and WW II resulted in the major humanitarian crisis. Secondly, there was an economic collapse, which was a mental crisis for humanity, espe-

cially for those who had experienced the wars. Following WWII, a new unipolar world order emerged. The Soviet Union collapsed, and the United States became a super power in the international arena. Several organisations were founded, such as the United Nation (UN) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ), with the primary purpose of maintaining peace, stability, diplomacy and cultural exchange programmes.

Additionally, BRICS has played a pivotal role in cooperation and economic development.

Founded in 2009 by Brazil, Russia, India and China, South Africa joined in 2010. In 2024 BRICS achieved a major milestone with the inclusion of Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and UAE. BRICS represents over 45% of global GDP and hosts more than 50% of the world's population. These factors have seriously chal-

lenged the post-WWII order. Historically, led by the US, the post-WWII

world order is now facing serious challenges. Several factors, such as regional cooperation, economics, war, technology and climate

change, have created obstacles and mental crises among the world's superpowers, including the United States, Russia, China and India.

Unfortunately, what we see today is a series of ongoing conflicts, from Israel-Gaza to Russia-Ukraine and Iran-Israel. In Gaza, the Zionist state has been carrying out killings since 2023, and the situation continues to escalate. There is blind support from the US and European countries. This represents a moral collapse of an entire human civilization.

For a long time, the West has wielded terms like "justice," "human rights," and "democracy" as the instrument of global influence. The genocide in Gaza has revealed the hypocrisy of the West, as many powers either actively support of passively condone this genocide.

In conclusion, the post-WWII order is facing a serious wave of resistance not coming through war. Instead, it is emerging through economics and regional cooperation, led by groups, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and BRICS. In today's era, peace has become a stranger in the international arena. The post world war II period was initially an era of peace, stability, prosperity, diplomacy and cooperation. During that time, no major wars were fought between the world's superpowers.

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Pakistan reaffirms

global challenges

Spokesman Report

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commitment to strengthen Commonwealth role in tackling

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan on Tuesday reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen the Commonwealth role in tackling global challenges and

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar addressed the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

Welcoming the Secretary-General to her first CFAMM since assuming office in April 2025, Dar commended her efforts in accelerating the implementation of CHOGM-2024 outcomes and pushing forward reforms

Dar highlighted the importance of the forum as a platform for dialogue, peace-building, and cooperation in the face of overlapping global crises such as conflicts, climate change, economic vulnerabilities, and disrup-

The climate crisis is an existential threat to many of our members. Paki-

stan, as one of the most climate-vulnerable countries, has experienced this

reality firsthand," Dar said, calling for sustained focus on climate action, adaptation, financing, and resilience-building across the Commonwealth.

He also underscored Pakistan's leadership in advancing the Common-

 $we alth youth agenda, digital \, transformation, trade, and \, entre preneurship. \\$

"Our young people must be empowered to shape a more prosperous and

peaceful future," he stressed, while reaffirming Pakistan's role in driving

the Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda to strengthen digital, physical,

PM seeks stronger bilateral ties with Kuwait in various sectors

Spokesman Report

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed Pakistan's keen desire to further strengthen bilateral ties with had always stood by each other Kuwait, particularly in trade, investment, agriculture, livestock, manpower export and health.

The prime minister, who is currently following the recent floods in Pakistan. on a visit to New York to participate in the 80th session of the UN General Assembly, held a bilateral Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait.

During their warm and cordial meeting, the prime minister recalled

between Pakistan and Kuwait.

He conveyed his respects and good NEW YORK: Prime Minister wishes for the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. While recalling that both countries through thick and thin, the prime minister thanked the crown prince for Kuwait's expressions of solidarity

He said that Pakistan was looking forward to hosting the Kuwaiti Crown Prince for an official visit to Pakistan meeting with Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled later this year, dates for which are being finalized through diplomatic channels.

The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and international the longstanding, historic fraternal ties issues, including the situation in the



Middle East.

The crown prince appreciated Pakistan's diplomatic efforts to effectively project the plight of the Palestinian people before the international

community as well as playing an important role for peace in the region. Both leaders affirmed their resolve to collaborate closely, both bilaterally as

regulatory, and supply chain links among members. Concluding his remarks, Dar emphasized Pakistan's readiness to work closely with the Secretary-General and all member states to promote peace, sustainable development, climate resilience, and inclusive growth, ensuring that the Commonwealth remains impactful and relevant for

SaudiAmbassadorinauguratesbuses gifted to IIUI

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: H. E. Nawaf Said Al-Malki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to Pakistan, inaugurated four buses gifted by the Saudi government to the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) in a ceremony held at the university's new

Speaking on the occasion, the ambassador said that the brotherly ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are exemplary and acknowledged worldwide, while IIUI has a special place in the heart of Saudi Arabia. He thanked the IIUI President and the university

administration for their hospitality. President IIUI, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Saad Alahmed, extended gratitude to the government of Saudi Arabia for the generous endowment. He said such support further strengthens bilateral relations and contributes to facilitating students and staff at the university.

Earlier, H. E. Nawaf Said Al-Malki was briefed on IIUI's transport facilities by Syed Hassan Aftab, Director of the Central Transport Unit (CTU). The ceremony was also attended by IIUI Vice Presidents, Saudi faculty members, and senior university officials.

The inauguration was also an expression of interest in the growth and development of the university, particularly in facilitating its students through improved transport facilities.

Aga Khan University's SIMPACT 2025 concluded



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 $KARACHI: The Aga \, Khan \, University'sy \, (AKU) \, Centre \, for \, Innovation$ in Medical Education (CIME) recently concluded SIMPACT 2025 - a healthcare simulation conference held simultaneously in Karachi and Nairobi, on September 19 and 20. The hybrid event created a powerful platform for real-time knowledge exchange and innovation between Pakistan and East Africa.

As the largest simulation centres in their respective regions, AKU's CIME facilities are at the forefront of transforming health care education through simulation. This year's theme, "Sustainability in Simulation," addressed critical financial, operational, and environmental challenges essential for long-term impact in health care training. The conference drew strong participation across two continents, with 43 capacity-building workshops for healthcare professionals; over 300 research abstracts submitted and 100 oral and poster presentations delivered, showcasing the vibrant academic and research landscape.

"Simulation is not just a teaching method, it is an investment in the future of health care," said Dr Faisal Ismail, Director, CIME Karachi. "With Karachi and Nairobi connected, SIMPACT provides a truly global platform where experts, students, and industry leaders come together to ensure our innovations are both impactful and sustainable.

A highlight of the conference was the inaugural SIMVENTION showcase, which featured 16 student-led projects. This initiative effectively bridged the gap between academia and industry by demonstrating innovative, student-developed health-tech solutions.

"This gathering is more than a meeting of minds; it's a commitment to action," said Dr Tania Bubela, Provost of the Aga Khan University. "Let's challenge assumptions, share practical tools and ensure simulation is effective, resilient and aligned with the global imperative of sustainability."

Keynote speaker, Professor Sharon Weldon, President-Elect of the Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare (ASPiH), emphasized a broader perspective on the conference's theme. "Sustainability in simulation is about more than reducing our footprint," she said.

Career Counseling Talk on Cloud Technologies at UET Lahore

Tahir Amin Malik

LAHORE: The Al-Khawarizmi Institute of Computer Science (KICS), University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore, in collaboration with IEEE ComSoc Lahore Chapter, organized a highly impactful Career Counseling Talk on Huawei Cloud Technologies. The seminar served as a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, industry exposure, and career guidance in emerging ICT domains.

Mr. Kashif Bashir, Senior Manager Trainings at KICS and Chair IEEE ComSoc Lahore Chapter, welcomed the participants. In his address, he highlighted the transformative role of cloud computing and artificial intelligence in shaping smart cities, modern industries, and future career paths, inspiring students to align their ambitions with global technological advancements.

The keynote was Speaker was Mr. Rizwan Malik, Director of Cloud Ecosystem Development at Huawei, who shared Huawei Cloud's vision of providing technology, infrastructure, and expertise as services. He also introduced the Huawei Cloud "Kooverse" ecosystem and explained its wide range of 240+ services designed to support diverse industries.

Hand-in-hand

Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan with Ambassadors Of ASEAN member states, standing hand-in-hand symbolizing unity, partnership and a shared commitment to stronger trade and economic ties.



International conference on two-state solution resumes in New York

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NEW YORK,: The High-Level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and Implementing the Two-State Solution resumed on Monday evening at the United Nations headquarters in

The meeting is co-chaired by Saudi Arabia and France, with the participation of President Mahmoud Abbas via video conference, alongside several heads of state, government leaders, and representatives of international and regional organizations.

Saudi Arabia, in partnership with France, had led the preparatory meetings for this high-level conference during April and May 2025. Specialized working groups were formed to prepare for the sessions and identify practical



The conference, originally scheduled for June 2025, was postponed due to the Israeli war on Iran. France and Saudi Arabia later agreed to hold it in two stages: the first on July 28 at the UN headquarters at the level of foreign ministers, which produced the "New York Declaration."

The declaration outlined key commitments regarding the peace process and the two-state solution, emphasizing "concrete, time-bound, and irreversible steps" toward the establishment of two states.

Among its core points, the New York

Declaration stressed the need for collective action to end the war in Gaza, called for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and its transfer to the Palestinian Authority under the principle of "one government, one law, one weapon," and reaffirmed that war, occupation, and forced displacement cannot bring

peace or security. The declaration reiterated that Gaza is an integral part of the State of Palestine and must be united with the West Bank. It called for the immediate formation of a transitional administrative committee to operate in Gaza under the umbrella of the Palestinian Authority following

Additionally, the declaration committed to mobilizing political and financial support for the Palestinian Authority to strengthen its institutional capacity, advance reforms, and assume responsibilities across the occu-

pied Palestinian territories. It urged the immediate release of withheld Palestinian tax revenues, the establishment of a new framework for revenue transfers. and the integration of Palestine into the global monetary and financial system

to secure long-term banking relations. The declaration also stressed the need to preserve the legal and historical status of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, and to adopt restrictive measures against violent extremist settlers and entities supporting illegal settlements in line with international law.

Furthermore, it urged Israel to issue a clear public commitment to the two-state solution, end violence and incitement against Palestinians, halt all settlement activity, land confiscation, and annexation measures in the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, and abandon any annexation or settlement expansion policies.

Women University Multan host Annual Art **Exhibition**

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: With a burst of colors and creative energy, the Department of Art & Design the Women University Multan in collaboration with Zaiton and Silkoshine hosted the 2nd Annual Young Artist Exhibition (South Punjab) at Katchery Campus. A two-day cultural exhibition has now become a hallmark of the university's calendar, celebrating imagination, talent and innovation of emerging artists from across

The exhibition was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. nated by Teacher-in-charge Ms. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha, accompanied by Registrar Dr. Malika members Ms. Urhamish Ansari Rani and Director Student and Ms. Alina Ansari.



Affairs Dr. Adeela Saeed and This year's exhibition brought together the creativity and innoother faculty members. The event was meticulously coordivation of 30 emerging artists, who collectively presented 50 Sonia Nasir, along with faculty artworks in diverse mediums such as emboss painting, oil and watercolor painting, ceramics, poster color art. Participating institutions included NFC Multan, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Islamia University Bahawalpur, Women University Bahawalpur, along with the host institution.

Speaking at the inauguration, Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha underlined the importance of the exhibition she said, "Art is not just a form of expression; it is the voice of our soul and the mirror of our society". This exhibition is more than a display of talent-it is a celebration of thought, creativity, and the courage to experiment.

The exhibition was judged by seasoned artists Ms. Shagufta Niaz and Ms. Nazish Huma

charcoal, fabric painting, and Khan, who were captivated by the originality of the partici-Ms. Nazish Huma, while

appreciating the initiative, remarked: "This exhibition is a testament to the bright future of our youth. Each artwork is a reflection of courage, creativity, and conviction.

Teacher-in-charge Sonia Nasir noted that exhibitions like this enable students to gain recognition and professional exposure, bridging the gap between raw talent and the broader art industry. The competition concluded with the announcement of winners:1st Position: Muskan Hussain, 2nd Position: Amina Fatima and 3rd Position: Abeera Ahmed.

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Bahrain Dinar	746.4	753.9
Canadian Dollar	202.5	207.5
China Yuan	39.47	39.87
Danish Krone	44.15	44.75
Euro	332.50	336
Hong Kong Dollar	36.12	36.47
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8820	1.9820
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.35	922.35
Malaysian Ringgit	67.1	67.7
NewZealand \$	164.7	166.70
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.05	738.55
Qatari Riyal	77.22	77.92
Saudi Riyal	75.15	75.8
Singapore Dollar	217.5	222.5
Swedish Korona	29.99	30.29
Swiss Franc	355.02	357.77
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.85	77.85
UK Pound Sterling	381	386
US Dollar	282.25	282.45

CCP and IIUI hold Session on Competition Law in the Digital Era



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), in collaboration with the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), organized a session on "Competition Law in the Context of Changing Economic and Digital Landscape" at the Allama Iqbal Auditorium, Faisal Mosque Campus.

The session was part of CCP's ongoing advocacy and outreach efforts to raise awareness among students, researchers, and academia about the significance of competition law and its role in ensuring fair markets, consumer welfare, and economic growth.

Representing the CCP, Mr. Salman Amin, Member CCP, led the delegation, accompanied by Ms. Marryum Pervaiz, Secretary to the Commission/ HOD Advocacy; Ms. Maliha Qudus, Deputy HOD Cartels & Trade Abuse; and Mr. Noman Ahmed, Assistant Director Mergers & Acquisitions. From IIUI, the session was graced by Dr. Zia ul Haq, Director General IRI and Dean, and Dr. H Ghufran Ahmad, Director Students

Speaking on the occasion, the CCP officials highlighted the evolving challenges of regulating markets in the digital economy, including e-commerce, fintech, and online platforms. They emphasized how competition law plays a vital role in preventing cartels, monopolistic practices, and deceptive marketing, while also ensuring that innovation and investment are not stifled.

Mr. Salman Amin underscored that the Commission is working to create a level playing field for businesses in Pakistan, adding that awareness among young scholars and future professionals is key to fostering a culture of compliance with competition law.

Bakhtawari congratulates to newly elected President of ICCI

ISLAMABAD: Patron-in-Chief of the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry and member of the Central Core Committee of UBG, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, along with a large delegation, congratulated the newly elected President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Sardar Tahir Mehmood, Senior Vice President Tahir Ayub, and Vice President Chaudhry

Addressing the gathering, ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood thanked former ICCI President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari and all accompanying dignitaries, stating that as President, he would continue the policies of his brother, former ICCI President Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, and that resolving business community issues would be his top priority. He said traders mostly deal with CDA, therefore demanded that the ICCI President should be given representation on the CDA Board.

Congratulating the newly elected President and his team, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari said that their year will be exemplary. "I always told those who praised me that Sardar Tahir will deliver even better than me. We are available



can perform even better. "The entire business community has great expectations from you to solve their problems," he remarked.

President of Islamabad Chamber of Small 24/7 for your help and support," he said. He Traders and Small Industry, Owais Satti, also said he believes in teamwork and consulta- Qaiser, Zahid Rafiq, and many other distinadded that whatever he learned from the ICCI assured full support to the new leadership, tion, and the new team will make collective guished personalities.

presidency will be shared with them so they highlighting that traders in Islamabad face difficulties mainly due to complexities in the tax system, rising utility costs, and lack of policy continuity.

ICCI Senior Vice President Tahir Ayub

efforts to resolve business community issues. He particularly emphasized policy support for SMEs, calling them the backbone of Pakistan's economy.

ICCI Vice President Chaudhry Muhammad Irfan thanked Ahsan Bakhtawari and all those who joined them for congratulations, saying their target is to make ICCI a strong institution that plays an active role in policymaking.

Those who accompanied Ahsan Bakhtawari for congratulations included: Jinnah Super Market President Asad Aziz, General Secretary Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, I-8 Markaz President Waheed Cheema, Blue Area President Yusuf Rajput, Bhara Kahu President Raja Zahid Dhinial, G-11 President Naeem Akhtar Awan, D-12 President Zargham Shah, E-11 former President Zahir Abbasi, Aabpara Market General Secretary Akhtar Abbasi, I&T Center G-10 President Chaudhry Zafar, ICCI Executive Members Ruheel Anwar Butt, Malik Mohsin Khalid, Zulqarnain Abbasi, Ishaq Siyal, Naveed Satti, Aftab Gujar, Umer Khayyam Abbasi, Aziz Malik, Shumaila Siddiqui, Fatima Azeem, Sadaf Abbasi, Chaudhry Amir Hamza, Faizan Shehzad, Owais Khokhar, Chaudhry Abdul Rauf, Naveed Malik, Ashfaq Chatha, Rana

Graduation ceremony

KARACHI: Federal Minister for IT & Telecom, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, graced the graduation ceremony of 30 startups from NIC Karachi's 12th Cohort, which also marked the center's 1st anniversary on Tuesday.



Telenor Pakistan Contributes to Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Efforts Across Pakistan

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD,: Telenor Pakistan has announced a contribution of PKR. 58 million to support nationwide flood relief and rehabilitation efforts, reaffirming its longstanding resolve to stand with the nation in times of crisis.

The contribution includes a cash donation of PKR. 10 million to Al Khidmat Foundation, enabling immediate relief through the provision of life-saving nutrition, medicines and hygiene packs in severely affected areas. This amount comprises voluntary contributions from Telenor Pakistan employees, as well as funds from the company itself. In addition to financial assistance, in-kind services are also being provided as part of Telenor's overall contribution. Recognising connectivity as a lifeline during emergencies, Telenor Pakistan has facilitated free calls in flood-affected areas to support rescue and emergency operations. The company has also deployed additional resources to



helping families and communities remain connected in these testing times.

Fridtjof Rusten, CEO of Telenor Pakistan, said: "The devastation caused by the recent floods is heartbreaking, and our deepest sympathies are with all those ensure uninterrupted network services, affected. When lives and livelihoods are hope for the future."

disrupted, collective action becomes imperative. At Telenor Pakistan, we are focused on supporting communities to find resilience in adversity, ensuring connectivity when it matters most, and contributing meaningfully to the rebuilding of lives and

Master Changan Motors Limited to Launch Hybrid **Electric Vehicle** (REEV)

Commerce Desk

KARACHI,: A new era of mobility is about to begin. Master Changan Motors Limited (MCML) will roll out Pakistan's first locally assembled Range-Extended Hybrid Electric Vehicle (REEV), the Deepal S05 a premium C-segment 1000+ km combined driving range and pure electric drive powered by an on-board stan. Already a globally self-charging generator.

not only addressing range launched in Pakistan

anxiety but also shaping the future of mobility with an EV-first platform designed for our market," said Danial This November 2025, Malik, CEO of Master Changan. The S05 isn't just another

SUV — it's a game-changer. Built on a next-generation EV-first platform, it boasts the longest wheelbase and widest body in its SUV with a jaw-dropping class, giving passengers the largest cabin space of any C-segment SUV in Pakisuccessful product under the "This launch marks a Deepal brand, the S05 is now defining moment for Paki- arriving to make history as stan's auto industry — we are the most advanced SUV ever

Hyundai Pakistan hosts National Sales **Conference 2025**



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Hyundai Nishat Motor (Private) Limited (HNMPL) successfully hosted its National Sales Conference 2025 at PC Bhurban, bringing together the company's dynamic nationwide sales force under one roof. The event marked a celebration of key milestones while setting the stage for future strategies to further strengthen Hyundai's presence in the Pakistani automotive market.

The conference was attended by Hyundai Nishat Motor's senior and sales excellence.

leadership, including the Yamada Masaaki-Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sohail Nawaz-Chief Operating Officer (COO), and Muhammad Mumtaz Ahmed-General Manager Sales & Marketing Division, alongside 27 dealer sales teams from across the Speaking at the occasion,

senior management highlighted Hyundai's achievements, the growing trust of customers in the brand, and shared a forward-looking roadmap focused on innovation, customer engagement,

NBP Wins UnionPay International Award for Strategic Contribution

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) proudly celebrates another prestigious recognition by receiving the UnionPay International Award for Strategic Contribution - Marketing Promotion. The award was presented by Mr. Nadeem tional, Mr. Kashif Ali, Head of Haroon, Country Head UPI (Pakistan, Qatar, Bahrain & Afghanistan) to Mr. Rehmat Ali Hasnie, President Ali Abbas, Senior Manager (Paki-

& CEO, NBP. The achievement was celebrated in the presence of senior NBP leadership, including Mr. Adnan (Pvt.) Ltd.

Nasir, SEVP/Chief Digital Officer; Mr. Fouad Farrukh, SEVP/Group Chief, Aitemaad Islamic Banking; Mr. Faisal Ahmed Topra, SEVP, Retail Banking; Mr. Imran Farooqui, SEVP/Group Chief Operations; and Mr. Nabeel Aslam, SVP/Wing Head Cards. From UnionPay Interna-Business Development (Pakistan & Bahrain) and Mr. Muhammad stan, Afghanistan & Qatar) were also present, along with Mr. Fahad Mahmood, CEO, Decagon Pakistan



4th Chief of the Naval Staff all Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2025 held in Lahore

LAHORE: A media briefing for 4th Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2025 was held in Lahore. Commander Central Punjab, Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmad Azmie, shared details of the tournament, which is scheduled to be held from 25 September to 4 October 2025 at National Hockey Stadium, Lahore.

While addressing the media personnel, Commander Central Punjab highlighted that sports instil discipline, patience and tolerance in society. He said that Pakistan Navy provides its officers and sailors equal opportunities to engage in healthy activities, enabling them to represent Pakistan nationally and internationally.

He further stated that while hockey's past has been glorious, the game has unfortunately declined due to numerous reasons. Pakistan Navy has been organizing this tournament in collaboration with Pakistan Hockey Federation to promote hockey and to express national unity since 2016. The 3rd Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan Hockey Tournament was successfully held in Karachi in 2021 and received high

Eight top teams including Pakistan



Army, Pakistan Navy, Pakistan Air Force, Mari Engineers, Rangers, Police, Port Qasim and National Bank of Pakistan are participating in the 4th edition of CNS All Pakistan Hockey Tournament.

Commander Central Punjab underscored that the tournament will provide

players with an excellent platform to show- Goalkeeper of the tournament. He also case their talent, raise awareness about the significance of hockey among youth and offer thrilling contests for spectators. Pakistan Navy will also award cash prizes to the top three teams, along with special prizes for the Best Player, Top Scorer, and Best this event.

expressed heartfelt gratitude to Pakistan Hockey Federation, Sports Board Punjab, Sponsors and the management of National Hockey Stadium Lahore for extending full support to Pakistan Navy in organizing

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in important match in Asia Cup

S Asim Tanveer

ABU DAHBI: Asia Cup Super 4, Pakistan finally wins against Sri Lanka, hopes of final revived, imitation match. Cricket breaking news is that Pakistan's hopes of playing the final in the Asia Cup 2025 have been revived. The Bangladesh match is in the way. Sri Lanka is almost out of the way after its second consecutive defeat in the Super 4. One vague hope remains for it. That is if India loses both matches.

In the most important match of the Asia Cup cricket tournament, i.e. a kind of elementary match of the Super Four, Pakistan defeated Sri Lanka by 5 wickets after an interesting and thrilling match. The match played in Abu Dhabi was a low-scoring show and there was a time during Pakistan's innings when it seemed that the Pakistan team would not be able to score 134 runs, but then Hussain Talat and Muhammad Nawaz pulled Pakistan out of trouble. In response to 133 runs, the Pakistan cricket team's innings started well. Sahibzada Farhan and Fakhar Zaman took the score to 45. Here Sahibzada Farhan was dismissed for 24 runs and from here Pakistan's grip weakened because with the increase of one run, Fakhar Zaman was also dismissed for 17 runs. Both wickets were taken by the increase of four runs, Saim Ayub runs. He played 11 balls. When Paki-



was clean bowled by Hasa Ranga for two runs. Captain Salman Ali Agha was LB. The bowler was so good that he could score five runs. Muhammad Mahesh Thakshana. After that, with Haris was bowled by Chimera for 13

stan's fifth wicket fell, the score was only 80 and the 12th over was underway. Here, Mohammad Nawaz came to join Hussain Talat and gradually took the score to over 100 in the 15th over.

Pakistan needed 26 runs off the last 24 balls. In the 17th over, Pakistan took the score to 120. Pakistan achieved the target by scoring 138 runs for 5 wickets in unbeaten on 38. Both made an unbeaten partnership of 58 runs.

For Sri Lanka, Hasa Ranga and Mahesh Thakshana took 2 wickets each. Earlier, Pakistan won the toss and

bowled first as expected and kept Sri Lanka tied from the start. They created 133 runs for 8 wickets in 20 overs. Afridi took 3 wickets for 28 runs. imitated Hasaranga's action

Hussain Talat took 18 and Haris Rauf took 2 wickets for 37 runs.

Spinner imitations in the Pakistan-Sri Lanka match, good humor, smiles everywhere. The latest cricket news is that Sri Lankan spinner Hasaranga created a sensation by taking wickets of Pakistani players up and down. Not only this, but he repeatedly imitated Pakistani spinner 18 overs. Hussain Talat remained not out Abrar Ahmed and asked the Pakistani on 31 and Mohammad Nawaz remained batters to leave the field and return to the pavilion.

The team also faced difficulties in chasing 134 runs against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup Super Four. In such a situation, the Sri Lankan spinner played a great role. The atmosphere was hot and bitter in the matches with India, but during the problems for Sri Lanka by losing 5 match with Sri Lanka, it was flirtatious. wickets for 58 and 6 wickets for 80. As On several occasions, Abrar Ahmed, who a result, the Islanders could only score was present in the dressing room, also laughed out loud, because Hasaranga Commando Mendis played a good had abandoned his style. At one point, innings of 50 runs off 44 balls. Shaheen Muhammad Haris sat with Abrar and

Sandhu picks six to give Pakistan morale-boosting win

Sports Desk

LAHORE,: Nashra Sandhu clinched career best ODI figures of 6-26 in Women's ODIs against South Africa to restrict to 115 and helped Pakistan gain a morale boosting win prior to the Women's ODI World Cup in India and Sri Lanka from September 30 to Novem-

The match-changing spell by Nashara Sandhu restricted South Africa to their lowest total in the series of 115 in 25.5 overs in the last match of the series as the South Africans had already won the series by winning the first two matches.

The match also gave South Africans some reality check as the pitch was different from the placed tracks in the first two matches and helped the spinners. The South African top order did not find

an answer to the slow left-arm orthodox spin of Sandhu and were reduced to 115 despite a good opening start of 38 runs between openers captain Wolvaardt and South Africa had made five changes

to their eleven in order to check the bench strength in preparation for the Women's ODI World Cup. No batter had an answer to the guile of Nashra Sandhu who managed the second best ODI figures for Pakistan only behind Sajjida Shah who had bagged 7-4 against Japan in 2003.

Pakistan did not have a good start to their chase as Omaima Sohail got a golden duck but Muneeba Ali and Sidra Amin steadied the innings and hit a 64-run partnership. Muneeba fell for 44 runs while captain Farima Sana had another failure as the all-rounder fell



without scoring.

Sidra Amin and Natalia Pervaiz steadied the ship and took Pakistan beyond 100. Natalia fell for hard-earned 14 and fell with the team total AT 104. But Sidra Amin ensured that the team did not have any more blips and took the team across the line with another sterling batting performance for the team. She remained unbeaten on 50 off 93 balls.

Sidra Amin, who had score back to back centuries in the series, became the highest run-getter for the series as she

scored 293 runs across three matches **Scores in brief:**

Match 3 of 3: Pakistan beat South Africa by six wickets at Gaddafi Stadium,

South Africa 115 all out, 25.5 overs (Laura Wolvaardt 28; Nashra Sundhu -26, Syeda Aroob Shah 2-16)

Pakistan 117-4, 31 overs (Sidra Amin 50 not out, Muneeba Ali 44; Nadine de Klerk 2-19, Nonkululeko Mlaba 2-46) Player of the match - Nashra Sundhu

(Pakistan)

Al Karam Sports Advances to Quarter-Finals with Victory Over Nazir Hussain Gymkhana



Sports Desk

KARACHI: Al Karam Sports secured a spot in the quarter-finals of the ongoing Naveed Mehboob Azmi Memorial Zone One Inter-Club T-20 Cricket Tournament yesterday, after defeating Nazir Hussain Gymkhana by five wickets at the KPI Ground. The tournament is Being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi Zone One.

In a low scoring affair, Nazir Hussain Gymkhana, batting first, struggled against a disciplined bowling attack and was dismissed for a paltry 65 runs in just 16.2 overs. Adil Tanoli was the top scorer with 30 runs, while Hasher Hassan contributed 16. The collapse was orchestrated by Shahroz Alvi, who delivered a superb spell, taking four wickets for only seven runs. He was well supported by Waleed and Fasih Khan, who each claimed two wickets. In reply, Al Karam Sports achieved the required target in 10.5 overs, losing five wickets in the process. The successful chase was spearheaded by Aurangzeb Ahmed, who scored an unbeaten 40 runs with the help of two fours and two sixes, while Hameed Khan remained not out with eight. Syed Hasher Hassan was the most effective bowler for Nazir Hussain Gymkhana, taking three wickets for 16 runs. Nasir and Shoaib served as umpires for the match, with Faisal acting as the official scorer.

Kohistani meet with Pakistan Blind Sports Federation's delegation



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Religious Affairs, Kheal Das Kohistani, welcomed a delegation from the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation in his office on Monday. The delegation was by Federation President Mr. Wagas and Secretary Chess Mr. Ajeet Kumar.

During the meeting, the delegation briefed the minister on the preparations for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship 2025. They underlined the importance of Pakistan's representation in the prestigious international tournament.

Mr. Kohistani appreciated the dedication of visually impaired athletes and acknowledged their remarkable efforts in the field of sports. He assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed on priority.

The minister further promised to forward the Federation's letter to the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, Mr. Rana Sanaullah, in order to extend official support for the championship. He emphasized that the government is committed to promoting inclusivity and providing equal opportunities to differently-abled athletes.

The delegation expressed gratitude for the minister's encouragement and stressed the need for timely assistance to meet travel, logistics, and training requirements.

Mr. Kohistani reiterated that the participation of blind athletes in global events enhances Pakistan's soft image abroad and reflects the nation's commitment to empowerment of special

The meeting concluded with a mutual understanding of cooperation and joint efforts to ensure Pakistan's successful participation in the Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship.

Women's biggest sports event in November

Sports desk

LAHORE: DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry said that Khelta Punjab Pink Games are being organized on the direction of Punjab Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar and in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. He expressed these views while presiding over an important meeting at the National Hockey Stadium on Tuesday.

Director Sports Rana

Nadeem Anjum, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Deputy Director Chand Perveen and all administrators of Nishtar Park Sports Complex attended the important meeting which was convened to review preparations for Khelta Punjab Pink Games. All the officers gave detailed briefing regarding the preparations Khelta Punjab Pink Games.

Addressing the meeting, Khizar Afzaal Ch said that the trials of Khelta Punjab Pink Games, the biggest sports event of women in Punjab, will be held in all divisions of the province in the first week of November. "A large number of female players from all divisions of the province will be participating in the Pink Games which are scheduled to be organised in the second week

He further said that the holding of Pink Games is important for the development of sports culture among women of the province. "Punjab Sports Department will continue to organize competitive sports events for women to provide them sufficient opportunities to flourish and polish their sports skills".

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Commander Bahrain National **Guard Visits Air Headquarters**

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: General Shaikh Mohammed Bin Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Commander Bahrain National Guard, called on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. During the meeting both sides reaffirmed their resolve for sustained defence cooperation, placing special emphaand deeper collaboration emphasized that Pakistan and and remarkable courage within the aviation industry.

Chief of the Air Staff extended a warm welcome which are reflected in their

tary on the recent advancements of Pakistan Air Force, highlighting its comprehensive plans of modernization through infrastructure knowledge-sharing. development, revamping of training and induction of niche capabilities. He further highlighted that these strategic initiatives are aimed at enhancing PAF's operational preparedness and technoreligious and historical ties

briefed the visiting digni- tary cooperation and reiterated his resolve to expand the bilateral defence collaboration particularly in the spheres of training, joint exercises and

During the meeting, General Shaikh Mohammed Bin Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa congratulated the Air Chief on the outstanding performance of Pakistan Air Force in the recent conflict against India. logical edge in multi-do- lauding the professional excelsis on joint training initiatives main warfare. The Air Chief lence, operational readiness Bahrain enjoy deep-rooted displayed by PAF personnel. Commander Bahrain National Guard expressed his

to the esteemed guest, as he exemplary military-to-mili- earnest desire for enhanced its leadership for safeguarding collaboration in the field of training and emphasized the significance of joint learning through exercises. He also conveyed the keen interest of Bahrain Air Force in undertaking bilateral exercises and joint training ventures with near future. PAF, highlighting that such initiatives would serve as a

> The follow-up visit reinforced the enduring bonds partnership, with the visiting dignitary lauding PAF's indi-

platform for mutual growth

and shared operational expe-

regional balance of power. It was also mutually agreed that as part of the forthcoming series of negotiations, Commander of the Bahrain Air Force will undertake an official visit to Pakistan in the

The meeting between Chief of the Air Staff and Commander National Guard underscored the unwavering commitment of both nations to broaden military cooperation, foster of brotherhood and defence institutional collaboration and strengthen bilateral defence ties in the face of genization drive and praising evolving regional challenges.

> that on September 12, 2025, the 24NewsHD TV channel

> reported that the US State Department also delivered

> flood relief aid for millions of

people displaced by the devas-

In a statement shared on

the US Embassy's official X

account, Acting US Ambas-

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Baker said, "Our hearts go

out to the millions of Paki-

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President Abbas welcomes France's official recognition of the State of Palestine



RAMALLAH: President Mahmoud Abbas warmly welcomed French President Emmanuel Macron's official recognition of the independent and sovereign State of Palestine, describing it as a historic and crucial step toward achieving just and last-

In his speech at the International Conference on a Peaceful Settlement of the Palestinian Question and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution in New York, President Macron said: "Since last July, events have escalated at a frightening pace... It is our responsibility to preserve the two-state solution—Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security. Therefore, in line with nition of the State of Palestine.

Macron added, "It is our collective duty to protect everyone without exception. This is an indivisible obligation. The way to break the cycle of war and destruction is to recognize the other—in their legitimacy, humanity, and dignity."

He also emphasized the international responsibility to fulfill the United Nations' promises to the Palestinian people and acknowledged the shared accountability for past failures in establishing comprehensive and just peace in the region.

He reaffirmed Palestine's commitment to all reforms and obligations previously pledged in his official correspondence to President Macron, emphasizing the ongoing agenda to France's historic commitment in the strengthen governance, accounta-Middle East, I declare France's recogbility, and the rule of law.

Turkish President Erdogan on sidelines of 80th UNGA session

DPM Dar meets



Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Pakistan says it looks forward to elevating strong ties with Turkiye to even greater strategic heights.

This was stated by Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar in a message on social media platform X after meeting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the 80th UNGA session in New York

solidarity with the Syrian people.

The two countries shared the resolve to further deepen their historic friendship through cooperation across diverse domains, including trade, human capital and development.

Meanwhile, during his meeting with Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the two sides highlighted their commitment to strengthen their brotherly relations and shared The Deputy Prime Minister resolve to expand cooperation also met Syrian President Ahmed across multifaceted areas of mutual

China Army sends emergency aid for Pakistan flood victims

ISLAMABAD: The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China has dispatched a major relief package for Pakistan's flood victims, extending a strong gesture of solidarity in the country's hour of need.

According to the TV channel, by sending emergency aid on an urgent basis, China has once again proven itself a trusted friend of Pakistan.

The consignment includes 12,000 special tents, 100 diesel generators, 50 water filter pumps, and 300 solar power systems. Medical camps have also been set up where patients are receiving free medicines.

At this difficult time, Pakistan's neighbour and all-weather ally China has taken the lead in helping the flood-stricken population.



seen as a shining example of stan and China. the long-standing friendship

The aid package is being and solidarity between Paki- are currently being distributed

Relief supplies from China

in the worst-affected regions. It is worth mentioning

US military, the US Department of State is delivering food, shelter, and other forms of lifesaving disaster relief to impacted communities across

Pakistan. We stand with the people of Pakistan during this al-Shara'a and reaffirmed Pakistan's interest.

Court reserves ruling on Hassan Niazi's military custody plea

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court reserved its verdict on the maintainability of a petition filed against the military custody and court-martial proceedings of Hassan Niazi, nephew of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan.

The petition was heard by a two-member bench headed by Justice Syed Shahbaz Rizvi.

During the hearing, Punjab government's counsel Rao Aurangzeb opposed the petition, stating that the objections raised by the Registrar's Office were valid. He argued that the petitioner had not submitted any request for certified copies and that the petition against a military institution was not maintainable.

SC constitutional bench allows civilians' trial in military courts

Hassan Niazi's counsel, Faisal Siddiqi, contended that Niazi was handed over to the military by a him.



Station House Officer (SHO), unlike others who were transferred under Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) orders. He maintained that the Registrar's objections were unfounded and requested the court to dismiss them.

Following the arguments, the Lahore High Court reserved its decision on whether or not to strike down the Registrar's objections.

Niazi had challenged the official notification placing him in military custody and the initiation of court-martial proceedings against

PDMA demands Rs2b more funds for flood rehabilitation

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Punjab requested the government to release an additional amount of Rs2 billion for the rehabilitation of flood-affected people in Punjab.

These funds will be transferred to the flood-affected districts of Punjab. The district administration is providing relief and rescue to flood-affected people. PDMA also expanded relief operations in flood-affected areas of Punjab.

The Punjab government has already released an amount of Rs3 billion and 53 crores for the flood-affected people.

Over 47,00,000 people were affected by the recent deadly floods in Punjab. The PDMA officials said that food and animal foodie being provided to flood-affected people.

PDMA is also providing them with temporary shelter and food items. The officials demanded an additional Rs2 billion from the government.



All the funds are being spent on relief, rescue, and rehabilitation of the flood-affected

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