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#### **President Zardari meets Chinese Consul General**

President Asif Ali Zardari on Friday met with Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi, Yang Yundong who paid a call on and congratulated him on his successful visit to China, regarding it as a milestone in further deepening the long-standing friendship, time-tested and strategic partnership between the two countries.

WMC urges UNHRC to act on systematic human rights violations by India in IoK

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Washington: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir Chief of Army Staff met President of the United States, Donald Trump in White House on 26 September 2025.



# Shehbaz Sharif, Asim Munir meet Trump at White House

**Spokesman Report** 

WASHINGTON, D. C: The meeting between Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief Field Marshal Syed Asif Munir with US President Donald Trump at White House on Thursday was described as warm and friendly. starting with smiles all around and concluding in the same

During the talks, PM Shehbaz praised the American president as a "man of peace" for his sincere efforts to ation in Middle East, Prime

bilateral front to strengthen the Pakistan-US economic cooperation.

During their "warm and cordial" meeting at Oval Office, the prime minister expressed his deep admiration for President Trump's "bold, courageous and decisive" leadership that had facilitated the ceasefire between Pakistan and India thereby helping to avert a major

catastrophe in South Asia. While discussing the situ-

end conflicts worldwide and Minister Shehbaz lauded Prescommended the steps on the ident Trump's efforts to bring about an immediate end to the war in Gaza, especially his initiative to invite key leaders of the Muslim world in New York, earlier this week, for a comprehensive exchange of

> views for restoration of peace in the Middle East, in particular Gaza and the West Bank. He also thanked President Trump for the tariff arrangement that was concluded

between Pakistan and the United States earlier this year. While fondly recalling the

longstanding partnership between the two countries, he expressed the confidence that under President Trump's leadership, the Pakistan-US partnership would be further strengthened to the mutual benefit of both countries. In this regard, the Prime Minister invited the US companies to invest in Pakistan's agriculture, IT, mines and minerals

and energy sectors. According to a statement the two leaders also discussed regional security including

counter-terrorism cooperation, the prime minister thanked President Trump for his public endorsement of Pakistan's role in counter-terrorism and stressed the need to further enhance cooperation in security and intelligence.

PM Shehbaz also extended a warm and cordial invitation to President Trump to undertake an official visit to Pakistan, at his convenience.

The meeting at Oval Office. issued by the PM Office, as however, was delayed after an earlier presidential engagement overran the scheduled time.

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# FO condemns killing

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Means Committee found

Justice Jahangiri guilty of

obtaining his degree through

unjustified means, leading to

the revocation of his enrollment number (7124/87).

The university clarified

that Jahangiri was never a

registered student of Islamia



Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office has strongly condemned the killing of protesters by Indian forces in the Ladakh and Leh areas of Indian-oc-

cupied Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement, FO spokesperson Shafqat Ali said Pakistan is closely monitoring the

situation. He called India's actions in the occupied valley 'highly condemnable'.

"This shows that Indian authorities will go to any extreme to crush the right to protest," Shafqat Ali added.

He described the incident as yet another example of the Indian government's fascist tactics in the region.

## At UNGA, PM Shehbaz warns India over Indus waters; calls Gaza tragedy 'heart-wrenching'

**Spokesman Report** 

**NEW YORK: Prime Minister** Shehbaz Sharif is addressing the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, presenting Pakistan's stance on global and regional challenges.

At the outset of his address, the Prime Minister remarked that the world today was more complex than ever, with conflicts intensifying, international law being brazenly violated, humanitarian



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are intensifying, international the Prime Minister stated. law is being brazenly violated, humanitarian crises are multiplying, terrorism remains a potent threat, disinformation and fake news undermine trust, climate change threatens our very survival, and more so for countries like Pakistan," he said.

"Today, multilateralism is no longer an option; it is a need of the hour. Pakistan's foreign policy, guided by Quaid-i-Azam, is based on peace, mutual respect, and cooperation. We believe in the peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue and diplomacy,"

He recalled his remarks from last year's UNGA session: "Last year, from this very podium, I had warned that Pakistan would act and act most decisively against any external aggression. Those words of mine prove true. I hoped they would not. But then that is destiny. In May this year, my country confronted unresolved aggression from our eastern front. The enemy came shrouded in arrogance; we sent them back in humiliation, delivering a bloody

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#### PM celebrates as PSX hits record high 160,000 points

Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday expressed satisfaction as Pakistan Stock Exchange's benchmark KSE-100 index surged past record 160,000 mark, lauding his economic team's efforts to put the country's economy on an upward trajectory.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that the historic milestone achieved by the PSX reflected the confidence of the business community and investors in the government's poli-

"The country is moving towards economic growth after attaining economic stability", the prime minister said.

## Youth key to Pakistan's future progress, stability: DG ISPR

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Lieutenant General Ahmed tul-Wusqa in Lahore where he held an interactive session with religious scholars and students, including the seminary's head, Allama Syed Jawad

underlined that the Pakistan Army ring to Operation Bunyan-un-Markeeps a close eve not only on internal peace and security but also on issues facing the Muslim world.

He stressed that the youth are the Sharif Chaudhry, visited Jamia Urwa-real future of Pakistan, and their role in the country's progress and stability is of prime importance.

Highlighting the Army's historic contributions, General Chaudhry said the institution has always stood During the session, the DG ISPR tall in defending the nation. Refer-

soos, he noted that the campaign strengthened Pakistan's image and enhanced its prestige on the international stage.

Allama Syed Jawad Naqvi, while addressing the gathering, said that creating awareness among students about their national responsibilities is the need of the hour so the new generation can play a meaningful role in national development.

Students asked a range of questions during the meeting, and the DG ISPR responded in detail. He assured them that the Pakistan Army is keeping its finger on the pulse of both national and Islamic world issues, and continues to play its part in promoting unity and national cohesion.

The students appreciated the Army's efforts, saying the session cleared their doubts and helped them



see through negative propaganda. They expressed their firm resolve shoulder with its armed forces.

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# **Azad Kashmir Prime Minister** welcomes Shahbaz Sharif and Trump's meeting

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has welcomed the recent meeting between Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and US President Donald Trump, describing it as a moment of pride for the nation. In a special statement, he said the high-profile meeting not only enhanced Pakistan's international standing but also underscored the global significance of the Pakistan Army through the presence of Field Marshal Syed Asim

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#### Masood Khan Welcomes New Momentum in Pakistan-U.S. Relations

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: Sardar Masood Khan, former President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan's former Ambassador to the United States, China, and the United Nations, described Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir's recent meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump as a new "strategic moment" in the trajectory of Pakistan-U. S. relations. Commenting on the important meeting Ambassador Khan highlighted that while optics of the meeting



were encouraging, the substance lay in the new frameworks of cooperation on peace, security, and economic transformation.

He underlined that Pakistan has been assigned a central role in regional peace efforts, particularly in the Middle East. "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia's unity has been pivotal in persuading President Trump and his team to avoid escalation in Gaza and to work instead toward a sustainable solution for Palestine.

He welcomed recent U.S. investments in critical minerals—antimony, lithium, nickel, copper, and rare earths—valued at trillions of dollars, describing them as vital for global industries from smartphones, electric vehicles to defence technology and alternative energy. "Pakistan holds trillions of dollars in untapped reserves. This partnership anchors our relations in a solid economic foundation," he noted.

#### PM Pakistan meeting with US President to enhance the bilateral Relations: Sardar Attique

Spokesman Report



ISLAMABAD: Former Prime Minister and President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan has welcomed the influential meeting of Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Shahbaz Sharif with US President Donald Trump. Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that the prestige of the country has been enhanced by the meeting of the Prime Minister of Pakistan with the US President. The presence of Field Marshal Sved Asim Munir during the meeting of the two leaders is a reflection of the interna-

tional importance of the Pakistan Army. He said that the US President's declaration of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir as an excellent personality is a matter of honor for the entire nation. The meeting of Donald Trump and Shahbaz Sharif is a reflection of strategic elevation.

#### Annual inspection of Peshawar Division's two key railway sections



Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: A two-day annual inspection of Peshawar Division's two key railway sections, Kundian to Jand and Kohat to Attock City, was carried out by the Federal Government Inspector of Railways (FGIR) inspection team from the Railway Headquarters Office, Lahore.

The FGIR inspection team included AGM Mechanical Muhammad Yousaf, Federal Government Inspector of Railways Amir Nisar, Chief Operating Officer Kashif Rasheed Yousfani, Chief Engineer Open Line Farid Ahmad, Chief Signal & Telecom Irshad-ul-Haq, Chief Medical Officer Madam Atika Zigham, along with Divisional Superintendent Peshawar Farman Ghani, and other officers from Railway Headquarters Lahore and divisional officers.

During the inspection, the team thoroughly examined the railway track and its alignment, gauge, signaling system, bridges, tunnels, level crossings, station buildings, passenger facilities at stations, train revenue records, waiting rooms, availability of clean drinking water, fans, lights, cleanliness, and booking offices.

The inspection also covered the Kundian loco shed, staff running room, and the relief train, while staff were questioned regarding rescue operations. At Mianwali Railway Station, orders were issued to install additional fans for passenger convenience.

The team also visited Kohat Sleeper Factory, where instructions were given to immediately install the prepared concrete sleepers on sections. Staff performance at engineering and traffic level crossings was assessed through direct questioning. Employees providing outstanding services were encouraged and awarded cash prizes.

It is noteworthy that the annual inspection aims to make the railway system more efficient, safe, and to review the facilities available to passengers and the condition of railway installations, so that better travel facilities can be provided to the public.

#### A session organized by Writers and Readers Cafe was held at the Arts Council Karachi

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KARACHI: The rapidly growing impact of artificial intelligence globally has now become an immediate challenge for Pakistan's social and educational landscape. To discuss these issues, the 135th session of Writers and Readers Cafe was held at the Josh Malihabadi Library in the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi, attended by teachers, writers, and a large number of students. The session was titled: "Artificial Intelligence: An Intellectual Revolution."

Professor Dr. Shams Hamid, philosopher, futurist, poet, and founding director of Hum RI, expressed that about 64% of Pakistan's population is youth, so it is essential to teach them the basic skills of artificial intelligence and future insight to become architects of the coming era rather than mere consumers. He emphasized that elderly citizens must also gain this knowledge to guide the younger generation.

Dr. Salman Ahmed Khatani, Associate Professor at Iqra University, futurist, and poet, said that future insight should be included in Pakistan's education system so youth can understand upcoming changes and chart their course. He noted that in many societies, artificial intelligence is used in education for adaptive learning, in healthcare for diagnosis, in business for operations, and in cities for improved governance. Without insight, this technology can increase social divides, but with guidance, it can foster societal progress.



Photo: Online

# Multan Court Awards Death Penalty and Life Imprisonment in 2023 Murder Case

**Special Correspondent** 

MULTAN: The Multan Sessions Court on last day handed down a death sentence to convict Tayyab and life imprisonment to convict Dilawar alias Baba in a 2023 murder case, after finding them guilty of killing a man over a personal grudge. Announcing the verdict at the

conclusion of the trial, the Additional Sessions Judge ruled that Tayyab must also pay Rs2.5 million in compensation to the legal heirs of the slain Ahmad Baloch.

According to the prosecution, the incident occurred in 2023 within the jurisdiction of Pak Gate Police



Kat area. The convicts, Tayyab and Dilawar alias Baba, allegedly murdered Ahmad Baloch following a bitter quarrel.

Police registered case No. 188/23 under Sections 302, 324, 34 and 337 of the Pakistan Penal Code and launched a search for the accused. Both suspects were later arrested, and investigators submitted a challan to the court backed by solid evidence. Upon completion of the proceedings, the court convicted Tayyab and sentenced him to death, while Dilawar alias Baba was awarded life imprisonment for his role in the

# Ladakh protests shatter India's narrative of normalcy, prompting international outcry

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: India's unilateral and misleading narrative has once again been strongly rejected by the recent public protests in Ladakh.

All Parties Hurriyat Conference Azad Kashmir and Pakistan Branch Information Secretary All Parties Hurriyat Conference Mushtaq Ahmed

Butt said in a statement that New Delhi has been continuously propagating globally that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is "normal" and the people have accepted the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A. However, the peaceful but vigorous protests, hunger strikes and unprecedented expression of public anger in Ladakh in the past few days are exposing the fact that the people of the region are not ready to accept Indian measures

political and constitutional rights. Secretary Information of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Mushtaq Ahmed Butt, further said in his statement that the indiscriminate firing by the

under any circumstances and are determined to protect their fundamental



occupying Indian forces on peaceful human rights. This move is a complete turning the entire area into a military protesters, which resulted in the killing of four unarmed civilians and serious injuries to dozens, is a crime against humanity and a clear violation of

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#### CM orders urgent repair of drainage system, roads of Karachi

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, presiding over a meeting, directed immediate repair and reconstruction of Karachi's damaged internal roads, alongside the installation of proper drainage systems to prevent future deterioration.

The meeting, held at CM House, was attended by Provincial Ministers Syed Nasir Shah, Saeed Ghani, and Jam Khan Shoro, Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Principal Secretary Agha Wasif, Commissioner Karachi Hassan Naqvi, and Secretary Local Government

Waseem Shamshad. The chief minister expressed concern over the widespread damage caused to inner roads during recent monsoon rains, noting that poor drainage infrastructure had worsened the problem. He instructed the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) and town administrations to prepare schemes under the supervision of the Local Government Department for rehabilitation works. "Every damaged road must either be repaired or completely reconstructed, and no scheme will be approved without a parallel drainage plan," he said.

# Punjab University students pledge full support to army during DG ISPR's visit

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Lieutenant General Ahmed received by students and the university Sharif Chaudhry, the Director-General administration. of the Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR), paid a visit to Punjab University in Lahore, where he was warmly

During his visit, General Chaudhry Ali, and other faculty members.



held a special session with students, where he addressed their questions and shared insights. The students expressed their unwavering commitment to standing alongside the Pakistan Army in defense of the motherland.

The DG ISPR also met with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Muhammad

In these discussions, both students and faculty praised the Pakistan Army for its successes, particularly in defeating India in recent confrontations.

Participants of the session affirmed their full support for the armed forces in safeguarding the nation.

The event also served as an opportunity to clear misconceptions and doubts

caused by negative propaganda against the military.

The participants said they got awareness about disinformation and fake news during the session with the DG

They stressed that sessions like these were crucial for countering misunderstandings, particularly among the youth.

#### In Islamabac

ISLAMABAD: A view of the massive garbage dump outside the cricket ground at Sector G-11, spreading the various germs nearly residence and among the youngsters comes to play, which is the open sign of the negligence of CDA as where they are spending billions of rupees for the beautification of Capital city, why not paying attention such bad face of the large part of Federal Capital.



# Gunfire at Balochistan Governor's residence leaves 5, including policemen, students injured

#### B Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: At least five people, including two police personnel and three college students, sustained bullet injuries in an 'accidental firing' on Friday noon at the residence of Governor Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhel, here in Zhob his native town.

District Police Officer Zhob Shaukat Momand confirmed that the incident took place at the governor's private residence, Janan house near the Central jail in Zhob. The gunfire was triggered by the unin-

tentional discharge of a state-issued AK-74 rifle handled by a police constable on duty.

"The police gunman mishandled his weapon, which went off in burst mode, injuring five people," police officer Momand said, adding that all victims were out of danger.

Station House Officer Muhammad Ayoub Mandokhel said that the policeman was attempting to clear a jammed cartridge when his finger inadvertently



pressed the trigger.

"The rifle was set on burst mode, and within a short time multiple rounds were fired. It was sheer luck the weapon was pointed toward the ground, otherwise the outcome could have been catastrophic,"

The injured were identified as police constable Rozi Khan, havaldar Habibur-Rehman, and students Sadiq Shah,

Zulgarnain, and Muhammad Ayaz. All were rushed to the Trauma Centre at civil hospital Zhob, while Muhammad Ayaz, who sustained critical injuries, was later moved to the Combined Military Hospital for further treatment. According to hospital officials, most of the victims suffered gunshot wounds to their limbs; two of them were subsequently referred to Quetta for surgical extraction of bullets.

# PPP Women Wing Special Candles Light Prayer For Flood Victims

#### S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Pakistan Peoples Party Women Multan Ciry PPP Women Wing Special Candles Light Prayer For Flood Victims On the auspicious occasion of Friday, a prayer ceremony was held at the Pakistan Peoples Party Women City Secretariat in which candles were lit to pay tribute to the deceased. The ceremony was presided over by City President Women Wing Abida Bukhari, while Syed Matlub Bukhari, Malik Akram Mason, Qari Munawar Hussain, Malik Kazim Raza, Ajr Abbas, Shah Payand Khan, Aroob Ali, Dua Zahra, Zainab Payand, Asma Payand and others participated. On this occasion, sympathy and condolences were expressed to the families of all the deceased and the government was demanded to provide all possible help to all the families affected by the recent flood without discrimination, especially the families of the deceased.

### PTI's Takht Bhai Secretary Declares Party's Core Slogan a "Jihad Against Corruption"

#### 📂 Tariq khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Haji Saif-ur-Rehman Mehsud, General Secretary of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Tehsil Takht Bhai, has said that PTI's core slogan is a jihad against corruption and strict accountability of corrupt elements, adding that there is no place in the party for the corrupt or dishonest. He was addressing a well-attended press conference at the Takht Bhai Press Club (Registered). On the occasion, former candidate for PK-60 Abdul Razzaq Salarzai, Saadat Khan Tawani, Kaleem Khan, Tahir Khan, Mian Mubarak Shah, Malik Sajid, Nizamuddin Mishal, Zaheeruddin Babar, Iftikhar Khan, Arif Khan Mohmand, and Mian Farman were also present. Haji Saif-ur-Rehman Mehsud said that the position PTI enjoys today is the result of Imran Khan's efforts. No one has the authority to use the party for personal interests or to treat workers like subordinates.

#### PPP committed to supporting flood-affected families: Gillani

#### 👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader and Member of the National Assembly, Syed Ali Qasim Gillani, said that during the devastating floods, it was the people who suffered losses; therefore, creating political rifts at such a time is not appropriate. "We stand with the federal government and want to remain connected with the people," he stated.



He added that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir, the Chief Minister of Punjab, and others had visited the flood-hit areas. All four tehsils of Multan were badly affected by the floods. "The remarks made by the Punjab Chief Minister regarding PPP were disappointing, while in fact PPP members of the National and Provincial Assembly, along with our workers, worked day and night with sincerity, like a team, to support flood victims.

# Emirates receives all-women delegation of ICC match officials ahead of ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025

#### **Sports Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Emirates, the world's largest international airline, received at its Dubai headquarters the all-female Emirates ICC panel of match officials, ahead of their journey to India and Sri Lanka to mark the start of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. The panel of 14 umpires and four and Brand said: "As the Offimatch referees, representing cial Airline Partner of the ICC, 10 nationalities, paid homage to Emirates, the Global part- first all-women team of match ner of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

World Cup, now in its 13th delighted to be associated with edition and taking place from 30 September till 2 November, shared values on many levels. will be hosted in India. Marking Not only is it a great platform Final.

this is the first time a Women's passion for sports, but the sports 50-over World Cup will be officiated entirely by an all-women team of match officials.

Welcoming the ICC match officials at Emirates Group Headquarters in Dubai, Boutros Boutros, Emirates' Executive Vice President for Corporate Communications, Marketing Emirates is proud to support the officials who will preside over the matches in this important The ICC Women's Cricket tournament. We are especially this event as it aligns with our

a notable moment in history, to engage with fans through the event also stands as an ode to gender equity, celebrating inclusivity and equal opportunity on

and off the field. Together with branding and media exposure to cricket fans around the world, Emirates also transports umpires and referees to international events as the Global Partner of the ICC. Emirates' branding is also highly visible at all major events including the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, ICC Men's T20 World Cup, ICC Women's T20 World Cup, ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC World Test Championship



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#### Big powers must change or our world will continue to bleed

he speech made by US President Donald Trump at the UN this week was considered absurd by many, especially when he claimed to have ended seven "unendable" wars during his eight-month tenure. However, his words reflect what everybody in the world is feeling: that the UN, and especially its Security Council, is no longer capable of bringing conflicts to an end. But the reasons for this are not a UN problem, they are a problem of the big powers like the US, China and

World leaders have gathered for the UN General Assembly in New York this week, as they have done for the past 80 years. But unlike the mere talking shops they have held previously, a sense of urgency and pressure could be felt in the speeches of most leaders this year — and for various reasons. However, all of them fell short of calling for an extraordinary summit to redraw the big powers' goals and agree on a roadmap to achieve them. Following such a summit, a less conflictive world could emerge. It could stop the forever wars and their expensive human, material and ecological costs.

From France to South Korea and from South Africa to Suriname, speeches at the UNGA pledged support for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' call to work together to address the global challenges of war, poverty and climate chaos. They backed choosing peace over war, law over lawlessness, and a future where nations come together rather than scramble for their own interests.

The question is how to turn all this rhetoric into practical steps that can lure other nations, especially the superpowers, away from conflict and toward peace? Apart from Trump's speech, which was clearly directed at his domestic "Make America Great Again" supporters, the leaders generally managed to point to the factors fueling the descent of the world into this chaotic state of conflictive narratives, uncertainty and fear.

Leaders of all nations and ideologies should agree on one thing — and that is to meet and disagree, as this would be the first step on the long road to finding common ground and reasonable answers to the questions that initially seem diverse but are in fact the same regardless of color, creed, geography, demography or wealth. The world that evolved after the Second World War has become ever more interconnected and it is in upholding that interconnectedness that solutions and accommodations could be found. Isolation and individual solutions have proven to be untenable.

# Trump's Gaza Peace Plan: A Masterstroke or a Mirage

a devastated Gaza, a bleeding West Bank, and an Israel straining under both military and political pressure, Trump unveiled his 21-point Gaza peace plan. What seemed, at first glance, a humanitarian intervention, quickly revealed itself to be one of the most strategic and far-sighted moves of his presidency—a move that simultaneously advanced U.S. power, unsettled Israel's annexationist ambitions, and reframed the global perception of the conflict.

Trump outlined his plan while meeting with some of the richest and most resourceful Muslim leaders on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly on 24th September, 2025. These leaders had already pledged an unprecedented trillions of dollars of investment in the United States after Trump's second-term visit to the Middle East, a figure that underscored how much economic leverage lay in the balance.

This vulnerability was a lesson as stark as any battlefield defeat. For years, Israel had cultivated the belief that its military dominance and nuclear ambiguity made it untouchable. Yet the events of 2025 showed otherwise. Iran's proxy strikes humiliated Israel's defense systems, and Hamas's underground network proved more resilient than expected.

Trump's gambit also realigned the perception of U. S. power. By gathering Muslim leaders who had pledged trillions in investment, the president reminded the world that America's supremacy was not only military but also economic. Russia, China, and Europe may yield vetoes at the United Nations, but none can marshal the kinetic and financial muscle that Wash- far-sighted. Trump let Iran score tactical

gainst the backdrop of ington can summon in a single summit. humiliations against Israel to prove its Trump's plan was pragmatic precisely because it fused economic interests with security guarantees. It offered Arab leaders both a stake in peace and a chance to rehabilitate their public standing, while reassuring them that the U.S. still held sway in the region.

At the same time, the plan inflicted

immense reputational harm on Israel. The soft power it had accumulated since 1948of a nation fighting for survival—evaporated under the glare of civilian massacres. Images of bombed schools, starving children, and desperate families

fleeing bombardments have seared global consciousness, and Trump's intervention amplified that shift by treating Israel not as a partner above reproach but as a client state that needed boundaries. The mask had slipped, and what was revealed was an aggressor whose survival hinges on Washington's strategic patience.

**Qamar Bashir** 

Yet Trump's move was not only about disciplining Israel. It was also about offering the Muslim world a chance to reclaim agency. By uniting their economic might under U.S. coordination, Muslim states are being invited to humiliate Israel in a way guns and rockets never could: by exposing its diplomatic isolation, by outspending its economy, and by tying its future to concessions it does not want to make. Trump's plan forces Israel to retreat not through battlefield defeat but through geopolitical suffocation.

This duality is what makes the plan

vulnerability. He then stepped in to prevent Israel's collapse, ensuring it remained viable but constrained. And now he is letting Muslim countries flex their combined economic power to block annexation and reshape the regional balance. Israel may see this as betrayal, but for Washington it is a masterstroke:

America retains its central role, Arab states invest heavily in the U.S., and the peace process is reframed around American mediation rather than Israeli diktat.

The future of Jerusalem looms large in this equation. In my considerate opinion the Jeru-

salem should be delcared an international city under U. N. stewardship, open to Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike. Such a step, radical yet logical, would transform a flashpoint into a symbol of coexistence. It would also serve as a litmus test for whether the world is willing to move beyond managing the conflict to actually resolving it. For Trump, embracing Gaza and a humiliated Israel, in boardsuch a vision would cement his legacy as a statesman who turned pragmatism into lasting peace.

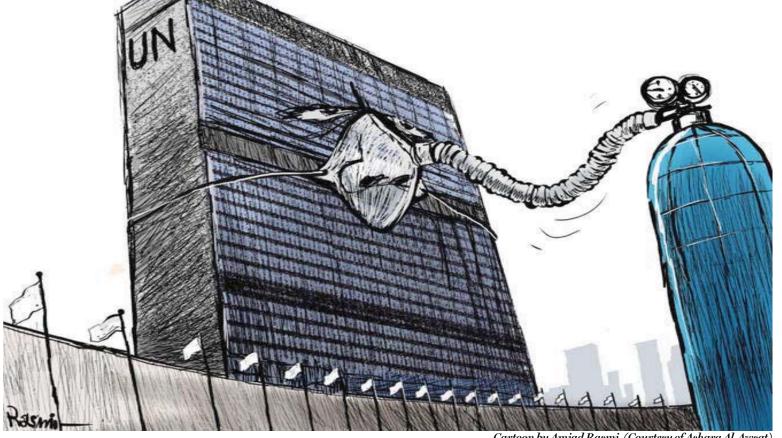
But the road ahead is treacherous. Hamas and its supporters may reject any deal that excludes them. Israeli hardliners will resist ceding any ground. Palestinian civilians, scarred by unimaginable loss, may not trust a plan that does not deliver justice for their dead. The risk of revenge cycles, fueled by grief and trauma, remains high. Yet dismissing the plan outright would be to embrace endless war. Reconstruction without reconciliation will not

end the conflict, but reconciliation cannot begin without reconstruction. The Trump plan, imperfect as it is, creates the scaffolding for both.

In the end, this may be Trump's most remarkable achievement: to show that American power, when wielded pragmatically, can both restrain an ally and empower adversaries toward a common outcome. By blocking Israel's annexationist agenda, securing Arab investments, and reframing the Gaza war as a question of international responsibility, Trump has shifted the terrain. For Israel, the lesson is sobering: without U. S. backing, it is isolated, vulnerable, and mortal. For Palestinians, the plan may open a narrow corridor toward survival, reconstruction, and eventual sovereignty. For the Muslim world, it is an invitation to wield its economic might as a form of political leverage. And for the United States, it is proof that even in a multipolar world, no other power can compel outcomes at this

History will decide whether this 21-point plan becomes a turning point or another illusion. But for now, in a battered rooms pledging trillions and in streets mourning martyrs, one truth stands out: Trump's peace plan has redrawn the map of possibility in the Middle East, exposing vulnerabilities, reshaping alliances, and reminding the world that American pragmatism, at its most ruthless, can still change the course of history.

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

# **Recognition Amid Ruins**

#### Qudsia Imran

diplomatic turning point is unfolding. As of September 2025, 157 of the 193 United Nations member states about 81 percent—now officially recognise Palestine as a sovereign state. Countries including the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France, Portugal, Andorra, Belgium, Luxembourg, Malta and Monaco have all recently declared their recognition, joining a growing global majority demanding that Palestinian statehood be respected. (Al Jazeera)

Amid the devastation in Gaza—over 65,000 Palestinian lives lost, many children among them, whole neighborhoods razed, hospitals overwhelmed, families displaced-the recognition of Palestine comes not as a victory of peace, but as a moral echo in the ruins. It is a statement of conscience by nations that have watched the images of destruction, listened to pleas for justice, and refused to continue in silence. "We have gathered here because the time has come," French President Emmanuel Macron said at a UN summit. "It falls on us. to do everything in our power to preserve the possibility of a two-state solution." (Al Jazeera)

This wave of recognition carries legal and diplomatic weight. Countries now voting and acting toward Palestine as a state may open embassies, sign treaties, and press more forcefully for accountability through international mechanisms. But symbolic statehood alone cannot stop the bombs, cannot restore destroyed homes, cannot feed the starving. Recognition amid ruins demands follow-through.

In New York, the United States stands increasingly isolated. President Donald Trump has condemned recent recognitions, arguing they would "reward 'horrible atrocities' by Hamas" and undermine the path toward a negotiated peace. "As if to encourage continued conflict," he said at the UN General Assembly, majorities in Israel believe there are "no inno-

groups rather than bring relief. (Reuters) Trump insists the priority must be immediate release of hostages, cessation of violence, and ending humanitarian suffering—yet offers little in concrete diplomacy or policy shifts that alter Israel's conduct or the terms of aid delivery. (The Guardian)

On the other hand, Israel decries the recognitions as gestures that reward violence. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called recent recognitions a "huge reward to terrorism" in response to Hamas' 7 October 2023 attack. "A Palestinian state will not be established west of the Jordan River," he declared. Israel has also proposed potential annexation of parts of the West Bank as diplomatic pressure mounts and international expectations shift. (Reuters)

Recognition, though, must not end in words. It must translate into measures that challenge impunity: lifting blockades, securing unimpeded humanitarian access, implementing war crimes investigations, and imposing diplomatic and economic pressures on actors violating international laws. The UN General Assembly may pass resolutions; countries can impose arms embargoes or trade sanctions, and civil society must sustain attention so that recognition does not become symbolic but becomes transformational.

For Muslim countries in particular, this moment carries religious and moral weight. The Qur'an asks: "And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children?" (Qur'an 4:75). Recognition without action may soothe diplomatic consciences, but faith demands justice. UN Commissioner Navi Pillay reminded the world: "Genocide does not just happen, you dehumanize your victims; they're animals, therefore, without conscience, you can kill them." When Israel's political discourse portrays Palestinians as a "demographic threat," when polls indicate large

critics argue these moves embolden militant cents" in Gaza, it underscores precisely what recognition seeks to counter-the erasure of humanity. (Reuters)

What the US will do now remains uncertain. Trump's administration faces pressure not only from its domestic base that supports unconditional alliances with Israel, but from global opinion that is increasingly vocal, visible, and unyielding. If widespread recognition continues, Washington may have to decide between maintaining vetoes and blocking Palestine's full UN membership—or adapting its foreign policy so as to retain influence in negotiations. It may also seek to extend or redraw peace proposals that blur the lines of recognition, setting conditions that many of these recognising countries may find unacceptable.

Recognition amid ruins must become resistance amid injustice. It must mean not only acceptance of Palestinian statehood, but international accountability, ending of violence. meaningful protection for civilians, and diplomatic courage. The world will judge not merely by how loudly leaders speak—but by how decisively they act in defense of life, dignity, and human rights.

Whether this historic wave of recognition marks the dawn of justice or fades into yet another missed opportunity will depend on what comes next. If it leads to real pressurethrough sanctions, embargoes, and international legal mechanisms-it could pave the way for a two-state solution once thought impossible. If not, it risks joining decades of failed initiatives buried beneath Gaza's rubble. For Washington, the choice is stark: continue shielding Israel and risk total diplomatic isolation, or adapt to a new global consensus demanding Palestinian rights. For the Muslim world, the moral duty is clear: history will not forgive silence when justice demands courage. Recognition amid ruins must become the turning point where humanity finally stood with the oppressed, not merely in words, but through action.

### **Faith and Hate Cannot** Converge

**Muhammad Rabnawaz Awan** 

gogy, the choice was not accidental. It came from shaped by years of living, observing, and questioning across different walks of life. Posters, in their simplicity, distill what is otherwise lost in lengthy arguments. They catch the eye, they pause the mind, and they leave

behind an imprint that lingers. For me, they became the perfect medium to share a message that had crystallized through my own journey: faith and hate should never, and must never, converge. My life has taken me through diverse experiences. At the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), I saw how the integrity of regula-

moral choices of those entrusted with them. In the media, I witnessed how words could either sharpen divides or build understanding. In social work. I saw how communities could heal when could see it and be reminded. In both, the message compassion was present, and how quickly they fractured when it was not. And in education—the field closest to my heart—I realized how every lesson, every word, every gesture sows seeds that grow into either bridges or walls.

Across these domains, one thread remained constant: blind compliance often allows harm to take root, while awakened conscience has the power to resist it. My own path, from a phase of extremism to a place of tolerance, taught me this at a cost, Compliance had once meant silence in the face of prejudice, even acquiescence to division. But conscience, once awakened, became a light I could not ignore. It compelled me to speak, to act, and to teach differently. The posters I designed were born of this realization. One showed two seeds side by side—one blossoming into a tree of faith, the other withering into thorns of hate.

'hen I turned to poster peda- Another depicted children at their desks—some glowing with books of respect and love, others shadowed by prejudice and division. A third cast a deeply personal place, education as a mirror—reflecting either harmony or distortion depending on what we choose to instill. These images were not abstract art; they were reflections of lessons I had learned in institutions, in classrooms, and in life itself.

What they conveyed was simple yet profound:

every space we inhabitwhether a boardroom, a newsroom, a community hall, or a classroom-is never neutral. Each one is shaping values, consciously or unconsciously. Each one is teaching. And the choice before us is always the same: do we allow hate to creep in and harden hearts, or do we nurture faith, compassion, and

tion rested not just on technical rules but on the tolerance that can heal and sustain us? I chose poster pedagogy because it allowed me to make this question visible, immediate, and human. A child could see it and understand. An adult remained clear: hate may divide, but faith has the power to unite. Now that these posters have been published and shared, I hope they serve as small reminders of a truth that shaped me profoundly that the real strength of education, regulation, media, or social service lies not in compliance with what is easiest, but in conscience that dares to choose what is right.

In a world where divisions are becoming entrenched, the need to affirm this truth has never been greater. Faith and hate cannot converge. Where one thrives, the other withers. It is up to us to choose which seed we water.

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# Haleon Pakistan Contributed PKR 27 billion to Pakistan's Economy in 2024

**Spokesman Report** 

ISLAMABAD: Independent global advisory firm Oxford Economics has developed a new economic impact study highlighting the significant contribution to Pakistan's economy in 2024 by Haleon Pakistan Limited, the local subsidiary of the leading British consumer healthcare company Haleon. The report quantifies Haleon Pakistan's contribution of value added (GVA) and the support of 6,600 jobs nationwide. For every 10 people employed directly by Haleon, an additional 106 jobs were supported across the wider economy. The study affirms Haleon's role as a key private-sector driver of economic growth, employment, and access to everyday healthcare in the country.

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Finance. H. E. Jane Marriott CMG OBE, British Marriott, British High Commissioner High Commissioner to Pakistan, Former to Pakistan added, "Haleon's presence

Foreign Secretary of Pakistan and DG in Pakistan is a strong example of how ISSI Amb. Sohail Mahmood (R), Mr British businesses are going beyond Fridtjof Rusten, CEO of Telenor, Ms. Larissa Bruun, Chief of Partnerships at UNICEF, Ms. Sadaf Zulfiqar, Social Policy Specialist at UNICEF, Senator Dr Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, Ambassador Hamid Asghar Khan, Additional Foreign Secretary at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Develop-\$98 million [Rs. 27 billion] in gross ment Policy Institute, senior members of the Diplomatic Corp alongside key business, media and industry thought leaders. The event spotlighted how multinational companies like Haleon are creating shared value by aligning global expertise with national development priorities.

In his remarks at the event, Federal Minister for Investment, Mr. Qaiser The outcomes of the study were Ahmed Sheikh reflected, "Pakistan is presented at the British High Commis-open for business. We look to investors sion in Islamabad in the presence of who share our commitment to long-Federal Minister for Investment, Mr. term sustainability, knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and social progress.

Addressing the event, H. E. Jane

commerce by investing in communities, strengthening local manufacturing, and supporting national supply chains. The UK remains committed to deepening trade and investment ties with Pakistan, especially in sectors that promote resilience, inclusivity, and innovation."

The event also featured a dynamic panel discussion themed on "Investing with Purpose in Pakistan," featuring voices from government, finance and industry including Federal Minister for Investment, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, Senior Research Economist, Ms. Afia Malik and CEO and General Manager of Haleon Pakistan, Qawi Naseer.

"The study findings from Oxford Economics affirm our belief that business performance must go hand-inhand with national value creation," said Qawi Naseer, CEO and General Manager of Haleon Pakistan, "We are proud to support Pakistan's economy, through healthcare access and high-impact employment, local procurement and long-term partnerships across the



## US Navy Ship USS WAYNE E. MEYER Concludes Visit To Pakistan

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: United States Navy ship USS WAYNE E. MEYER departed Karachi after a successful two-day port call from 24–26 September 25, further strengthening the enduring maritime cooperation between Pakistan Navy and the U.S. Navy.

During the visit, Commanding Officer of U.S. ship called on Commander Pakistan Fleet, Rear Admiral Abdul Munib and matters of mutual interest were discussed. Visiting ship's crew was also engaged in a range of activities including professional exchanges, sports events, and training sessions aimed at fostering mutual understanding and enhancing professional development. Personnel of both navies also undertook cross-ship visits, which provided valuable insights into each other's operational practices.

The successful visit of USS WAYNE E. MEYER underscored the shared commitment of both navies towards promoting regional maritime security and stability. The engagement is



## British Pakistani Junaid Ali BEM Honoured with BBC Radio's "Make a Difference Award 2025"

Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: British Pakistani social activist Junaid Ali, originally from Multan, has been awarded the BBC Radio London "Make a Difference Award 2025" a distinction that highlights his outstanding commitment to humanitarian service. This latest achievement follows his earlier receipt of the British Empire Medal (BEM) from King Charles III, marking vet another moment of pride for Pakistanis at home and abroad. The BBC Make a Difference Awards celebrate individuals and groups who go above and beyond to improve the lives of others in their communities. Junaid Ali's dedication, particularly through his work with the UK-based charity Hope 4 Humanity, has earned him recognition at the highest levels. Humanitarian Work through Hope 4

Junaid Ali plays a central role in the operations of Hope 4 Humanity, an organisation committed to supporting



nities both in the UK and overseas. Under its banner, he has spearheaded several initiatives, including: Food Banks serving families in Newham,

other London boroughs. Warm Havens and Community Meals, providing food and shelter during the cost-of-living crisis. Youth and Women Empowvulnerable and disadvantaged commu- Barking & Dagenham, Greenwich and erment Projects, designed to give this special moment.

opportunities and skills to marginalised groups. Health and Nutrition Programmes, including vitamin distribution for the elderly and support for vulnerable households. The H2H Law Clinic, offering free legal advice to those unable to afford representation. HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme), supporting underprivileged children with meals and structured activities during school holidays. These initiatives demonstrate Junaid Ali's holistic approach to social service, addressing not just immediate needs but also long-term empowerment. A Moment of Pride and Gratitude.

Speaking exclusively to Daily The Spokesman after receiving the award, Junaid Ali said:"It is an absolute pleasure for me to receive the prestigious BBC Make a Difference Award 2025. I would like to thank Simone Thompson, Senior Manager at Hope 4 Humanity, and Cllr Qaiser Abbas, former Deputy Mayor of Thurrock, for their presence at the event to support me and witness

#### World Contraception Day 2025 Marked in Pakistan



ISLAMABAD: World Contraception Day 2025 in Pakistan carried forward the global message of Made Possible by Family Planning, a campaign that celebrates the countless opportunities, healthier futures, and stronger communities that family planning makes possible. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (MoNHSR&C), in collaboration with FP2030, UNFPA, Greenstar, and national stakeholders, marked the occasion under the theme "Plan It. Own It: Reproductive Rights for Everyone." The high-level event brought together government representatives, parliamentarians, youth  $leaders, health \, experts, and \, development \, partners \, to \, reaffirm \, Pakistan's$ commitment to ensuring universal access to contraception and reproductive health services.

The keynote address by the Federal Secretary, MoNHSR&C, framed contraception as a fundamental human right, underlining the government's resolve to uphold reproductive choice and dignity for all.

The panel discussion, moderated by the CEO of Greenstar, featured distinguished speakers including the UNFPA Country Representative, a Member of Parliament, a youth representative, the Vice Chancellor of the Health Services Academy, and senior government officials.

World Contraception Day 2025 in Pakistan reaffirmed the car truth that so much is Made Possible by Family Planning, healthier families, empowered women and youth, resilient communities, and sustainable development for all.

### Infralectric by Brillanz Group Launches Pakistan's First Green Sukuk for the Telecom Sector

ISLAMABAD: In a landmark development for Pakistan's telecom and energy sectors, Infralectric, a Brillanz Group company, has announced the launch of Pakistan's first Green Sukuk for the Telecom Sector, alongside the successful completion of the nation's first 25MWh AI-powered Energy Storage-as-a-Service (ESaaS) project, powered by Thunder AI.

The event marked two pioneering milestones: the completion of a 25MWh AI-Powered ESaaS and the launch of Green Sukuk of up to

PKR 3 billion for the telecom sector. The successful deployment of the 25MWh AI-Powered ESaaS project signals a significant transformation in telecom tower energy infrastructure. Utilizing Thunder AI-driven battery storage, the tower reduces diesel use, saving more than 5 million liters annually. It also increases uptime, and cuts 13,500 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions each year across the telecom portfolio - which is equivalent to planting more than 220,000 trees every year.

Infralectric also launched the country's first Green Sukuk for the telecom sector in collaboration with InfraZamin Pakistan. The initiative is Shariah-compliant, a 100% principal-guaranteed financial instrument, and introduces a scalable and sustainable financing model to modernize telecom towers with low-carbon, AI-enabled technologies.

Speaking at the event, Bilal Qureshi, CEO of Brillanz Group, said: "Today is a historic moment for Pakistan's digital and energy future. With Thunder AI-powered ESaaS and the launch of the first Green Sukuk for telecom, we're proving that innovation and sustainability can drive growth together. At Brillanz, we remain committed to continuing to invest in solutions that deliver lasting impact."

Fahd Haroon, Minister of State and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media, also addressed at the event and said, "Today is indeed a historic day for Pakistan.

## "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation"

industry stands at the threshold of an extraordinary transformation. From the snow-clad peaks and serene valleys of the north to the cultural heritage and nation offers a diverse canvas of captivate travelers from around the globe.

This year, as we commemoable Transformation", we are

tality and tourism environment. Sustainable transformation is no longer a choice it is an imperative that will define the future of global tourism.

At Pearl-Continental Hotels, under the PC Hospitality Division of Hashoo Group, we are coastal treasures of the south, our embedding sustainability into every aspect of our operations. experiences that continue to From comprehensive Net-Zero programs across properties and large scale tree plantation drives at resort destinations to responrate World Tourism Day under sible water and energy managethe theme "Tourism and Sustain- ment, waste reduction, and sourcing practices that support reminded of the vital role our local producers, PC Hospitality is

hospi- growth while safeguarding the partnership with the Capital Development Authority in Islamabad further reflects our dedication to creating a greener, more sustainable tomorrow.

At Hashoo Group, we remain committed to putting People, Planet, and Prosperity at the heart of our vision. Through the Hashoo Foundation, we have pioneered sustainable and inclusive approaches to strengthen Pakistan's tourism sector by building a holistic ecosystem. More than one million individuals have been equipped with technical expertise in hospitality and tourism, and their work has industry plays in driving inclusive leading by example. Our ongoing been supported by job place-



Mr. Bastien Blanc, CEO, Hospitality Division, Hashoo Group Message on World Tourism Day - September 27, 2025

ments in leading hotels and programs in culinary arts, profes-

hospitality management continue fragile ecosystems, and create that fuels the sector's growth.

the Foundation has also championed entrepreneurship incu-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and tions to come. Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), green skills initiatives, and agribusiness ventures in Sindh and GB. These efforts not only promote responsible travel but also fosters innovation, and drives empower local communities to sustainable transformation. prosper through environmentally conscious practices.

Tourism, when transformed responsibly, has the power to tourism enterprises. Training sional cooking, tour guiding, and elevate communities, conserve

to nurture a skilled workforce lasting prosperity. Pakistan's natural beauty, vibrant culture, Beyond skills development, and the legendary warmth of its people must be preserved not only for the travelers of today bating eco-tourism startups in but also as a legacy for genera-On World Tourism Day, let us

reaffirm our collective pledge to reimagine tourism as a force for good, one that inspires discovery, Together, we can ensure that Pakistan's unmatched landscapes and hospitality remain a gift to

Happy World Tourism Day!

#### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
162,257.00	159,280.09	
Day's High	Day's Low	
162,422.28	159,901.55	
Index Value	Change	
37,506,250,527	+2976.91	
Percentage	Time	
+1.87%	25 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm	
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index	
Index Value	Change	
9,284.83	+70.85	
Percentage	Time	
+0.77%	26 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
46,308.60	+361.28	
Percentage	Time	

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Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average		
Index Value	Change	
45,354.99	-399.94	
Percentage	Time	
ı 0.87%	26 Sept, 3:45 pm	

+0.79%

26 Sept, 1:40 pm

GMT+9

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	184	189
Bahrain Dinar	746.4	753.9
Canadian Dollar	204	211
China Yuan	39.47	39.87
Danish Krone	44.15	44.75
Euro	333.5	334.50
Hong Kong Dollar	36.22	36.57
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8575	1.9575
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	75.2	75.9
Singapore Dollar	216	221
Swedish Korona	29.99	30.29
Swiss Franc	355.02	357.77
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	77	78
UK Pound Sterling	378.5	383
US Dollar	282.35	282.40

Call for Public Consultation on Draft Additionsto Ğuidelines on ESG Disclosures for Listed Companies



#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: As part of its efforts to promote responsible business practices, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has issued draft additions to the Guidelines on ESG Disclosures for Listed Companies for public consultation.

The Government of Pakistan, through its updated Nationally Determined Contributions, has committed to climate action targets. To support this transition, the Ministry of Climate Change and **Environmental Coordination recently** released the Pakistan Green Taxonomy to facilitate capital flows to sectors important for climate risk mitigation and adaptation.

Building on this foundation, the SECP has prepared draft disclosure requirements to be incorporated into the Guidelines on ESG Disclosures for Listed Companies. These disclosures will be applicable to all listed companies, regardless of whether they are obtaining green financing. A phased approach has been designed under which disclosures will remain voluntary until 2029, after which timelines for mandatory reporting will be introduced.

To ensure the disclosure requirements reflect a holistic view of all market players, the draft additions to the Guidelines on ESG Disclosures for Listed Companies have been uploaded to the SECP's official website for public consultation. The consultation period will be open until October 22, 2025 (25 days). Feedback may be submitted to esg. reporting@secp.gov.pk.

# FBR Removes Estimated Market Value Column From Income Tax Return Form 2025

ISLAMABAD: The Honorable Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Shareef constituted a Committee, chaired by the Federal Minister for Law Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar to examine the new column introduced by FBR in the IRIS tax return requiring tax filers to declare the estimated fair market value of moveable and immovable assets, assess its implications for the tax filers, and recommend corrective measures or improvements.

The Committee comprised of the Federal Minister for Petroleum, Minister of State for Finance, Attorney General for Pakistan. SAPM on Coordination of Office of DPM, Secretary Finance, Chairman FBR, and Member Customs FBR.

The Committee held a meeting on Friday 26 September. After detailed deliberations, the Committee recommended that the new



column introduced in the IRIS tax return, market value of moveable and immovable requiring the declaration of estimated fair assets by the tax filer, may be removed in the

interest of simplifying the tax filing process. The recommendation was submitted to the Honorable Prime Minister. The Honor-

able Prime Minister has approved the recommendation of the Committee. In pursuance of the directions of the Honorable Prime Minister, and keeping in view the difficulties being faced by taxpayers, the column of "Estimated Fair Market

Value" has been removed from the Income

Tax Return. It is clarified that the said column had been introduced solely for the purpose of data collection to support the Economic Survey and had no bearing whatsoever on the assessment of income or tax liability.

FBR remains committed to facilitate taxpayers in all possible ways and urges all eligible taxpayers to file their Income Tax returns correctly and with honesty at the earliest as the deadline for filing is 30th September, 2025.

#### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhry chairing a meeting of connectivity working group on Friday.



## Pakistan's global achievements a matter of prime: Malik Abrar

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Member National Assembly Malik Abrar Ahmed has said that Pakistan's victory against India, the Pakistan-Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement, and historic advancements in Pakistan-US relations are indicative of the country's successes on international fora. He said the honour of ensuring the security of Harmeen Sharifeen is a matter of immense pride for the entire nation.

He expressed these views during his visit to the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) along with Members Provincial Assembly Punjab Chaudhry Sher Ali, Raja Mohammad Hanif, Malik Iftikhar Ahmad, and Malik Mansoor Afsar. Patron-in-Chief Founder Group Tarnol Chaudhry Wajid Ayub, President Talagang Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malik Shabbir, and other dignitaries also accompanied him to felicitate the newly elected President ICCI Sardar Tahir Mehmood.

Malik Abrar Ahmed said that the sitting PML-N government is taking all possible measures to create a conducive environment for ease of doing business in the country, which is crucial for attracting foreign direct investment and achieving economic stability.



Members Provincial Assembly Chaudhry Sher Ali, Raja Hanif, Malik Iftikhar, and Malik Mansoor also lauded ICCI's efforts in resolving business community issues. ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood highlighted that due to rapid urbanization, the country is facing a shortage of nearly 20 million housing units, a challenge likely to worsen without proper planning and action.

Secretary General United Business Group and former President ICCI Zafar Bakhtawari thanked the dignitaries for Abbasi, among others.

their consistent support to ICCI. He expressed confidence that Sardar Tahir Mehmood's tenure would be exemplary due to his dedication and capabilities.

ICCI Senior Vice President Tahir Ayub and Vice President Mohammad Irfan Chaudhry also thanked the visiting guests for their goodwill gesture.

The event was attended by ICCI Executive Members Zulqurnain Abbasi, Malik Mohsin Khalid, Malik Abdul Aziz, and former ICCI President Mohammad Ejaz

### **Industrial Networking Lunch Held in Honor** of Liaqat Baloch

#### **E** Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The National Industrial Zone Development Association (RCCI) Rawat friends hosted a grand Industrial Networking Lunch in honor of Jamaat-e-Islami Deputy Ameer Liaqat Baloch. The prestigious event was hosted by NMAP Chairman Tariq Malik.

Prominent industrial and business figures attended the gathering, including NIZDA President Arshad Awan, Vice President Taugeer Ahmed, General Secretary Imran, Mansoor Ahmed Khan (MAC Steel), Iftikhar (Ready Pack), Tahir (Max Pharma), ment.

and several other industrial leaders and entrepreneurs. Syed Ismail Shah, Patient Welfare Officer of Alkhidmat Foundation Razi Hospital, also graced the occasion with his presence.

Addressing the participants, Liaqat Baloch said that political instability in the country is causing a serious decline in the industrial sector. He warned that factories are shutting down and workers are losing jobs, and if immediate measures are not taken to resolve industry-related issues, the remaining industries will also collapse, leading to further unemploy-

#### Yango Group showcases its SuperApp at Pakistan largest tech conference ITCN Asia 2025



KARACHI: Yango Group, global tech company, marked a major milestone at ITCN Asia 2025, Pakistan's largest technology conference, by unveiling its SuperApp and offering visitors a live demonstration of its evolving digital cosystem.

The Yango booth, situ-

ated in the VIP lounge, drew strong attendance from famous dignitaries, industry leaders, policymakers, as well as innovators and students. Distinguished visitors included Mr. Khurram Schehzad, Advisor to the Federal Finance Minister; Brig. Nadir, Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC);

Mr. Imran Yaqub, DIG IT Sindh Police; Lt. Col Rizwan Mir, PR Coordinator, SIFC, as well as famous media personalities like Jehan Ara, Founder & CEO of Katalyst Labs; Sahir Lodhi, etc

"Becoming a SuperApp is about transforming user experiences in Pakistan by connecting mobility, commerce, and daily services under one trusted digital roof," said Miral Sharif, Country Head, Yango Pakistan. "Showcasing this at ITCN Asia, which is undoubtedly the biggest tech stage in the country, is our way of reaffirming Yango's commitment to building a smarter digital future together with Paki-

### Multan Chamber Hosts Nestlé Awareness Event, Highlighting the Brand's Economic Impact

#### 👺 Kiran Asim

MULAN: Awareness Event Regarding Nestle products was held at the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in which Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh, Vice President Azhar Baloch. Nosheen Jafri, Muhammad Hassan Khan, Khawaja Salahuddin, Khawaja Muham- and associate. Various events, mad Hussain, Mian Fazal Elahi Sheikh, Jamshed Naqvi, Secretary General Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Muhammad Shafiq and other members partici-

pated. Addressing the meet- also said that Nestle's prod-Commerce and Industry President Mian Bakhtawar Tanveer Sheikh said. Nestle Products Company is Number One Working in Pakistan. Introducing the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mian Bakhtawar said that the chamber has 2200 to 2500 active members and they are divided into two categories-corporate training sessions are organized in the House, while nego-Khawaja Muhammad Islam, tiations are also held with the government on business and industrial matters.

Speaking on the occasion,

ing, Multan Chamber of ucts not only meet quality and global standards but have also become an integral part of daily life. He said that Nestle's products include many well-known and popular products like Nescafé (coffee), Milo (energy drink), Nestlé Everyday (milk powder), Cerelac (baby food), Nestlé Pure Life (drinking water), Maggi (noodles), Milkpak (milk and cream), KitKat (chocolate), and Nestea (ice tea) that meet the various needs of consumers. The speakers emphasized that global companies like Nestle not only live up to the trust of consumers but are also



Muhammad Hassan Khan playing an important role in the stability of the country's economy, social development, and environmental protection.

# **International Cricket Council** Acation Against Pakistani Fast Bowler Haris Rauf and Fine 30% Match Fee

**DUBAI:** The International Cricket Council (ICC) also fined Pakistani cricketer Haris Rauf on the Indian complaint, while no action was taken against Sahibzada Farhan. In the Asia Cup match against India on September 21, Sahibzada Farhan expressed his happiness after scoring a fifty and made a fake gun and signaled to fire.

Fast bowler Haris Rauf, after taking a wicket during the match and fielding near the boundary line, responded to the booing of the Indian spectators by indicating that the plane had crashed.

Despite winning the match against Pakistan, the Indian Cricket Board and fans did not like the style of Haris Rauf and Sahibzada Farhan and India filed a complaint with the ICC against the Pakistani cricketers.

National cricketers Haris Rauf and Sahibzada Farhan appeared before the match referee to respond to allegations of violation of the ICC code of conduct by India.

The match referee found Haris took no action against Sahibzada kumar Yadav guilty of controversial match fee.



of Conduct and fined him 30 percent

Rauf guilty of violating the ICC Code Farhan and issued him a warning. Earlier, on September 14, the ICC the Pakistan-India match in the Asia of his match fee. The match referee had found Indian captain Surya- Cup and fined him 30 percent of his

remarks during the presentation after

### LHC adjourns petition against military court decision ill Oct 21

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Assistant Advocate General Farrukh Khan said there was a Section 130 of the Military Rules regarding this which read if the Army Chief does not consider any action to be appropriate for the national interest, then a copy  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ of that action will not be made public.

From which book did you read Section 130? Justice Syed Shahbaz Ali Rizvi questioned. The book of Pakistan Army Rule Section 130 has been issued to me to show to the

The prosecutor read Rule 130 and handed over the book to the court.

Under the decision of the Federal Shariat Court, the military court's failure to give a copy of the decision to anyone is an un-Islamic act, said counsel for the petitioner.

The petitioner said Peshawar High Court had also directed the Military Court to provide a copy of the decision in one of its decisions.

Farrukh Lodhi told LHC that according to the Supreme Court's decision in the Military Court case, court. Mr Prosecutor "If you give me these people can file appeal only and this book, how will I read it? Justice they cannot file any constitutional Syed Shahbaz Ali Rizvi remarked. application, said Assistant Advo-

cate General Punjab Farrukh Lodhi.

He told the court that yesterday, the Federal Secretary Law appeared in the court of Chief Justice Aalia Neelum and told the court that he would amend the law within 10 days and send it to the federal government for approval.

"Those convicted by the military court will be given the right to appeal, they cannot file a constitutional petition", Farrukh Lodhi told

Lahore High Court after hearing arguments from both sides. adjourned the hearing of the case until October 21.

#### Karachi University cancels IHC Justice Tariq Jahangiri's degree

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The development follows a petition submitted to Karachi University by a citizen invoking Article 19 of the Constitution and the Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act, 2016, seeking Justice Jahangiri's academic records. The request came shortly after Justice Jahangiri, along with five other IHC judges, signed a letter in March last year addressed to the Supreme Judicial Council. The letter alleged serious interference by intelligence

Justice Jahangiri was also part of a threemember IHC bench that rejected a petition seeking the disqualification of former Prime Minister Imran Khan over failing to disclose his alleged daughter, Tyrian White, in election nomination papers.

#### Secretary Sports Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial chairs an important meeting

LAHORE: 47 best players of Punjab are being included in the Sports Endowment Fund: Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial

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important meeting of Departmental Development Sub-committees (DDSC) and Sports Endowment Fund Punjab at Punjab

Several important decisions regarding Sports Development Schemes and Sports Endowment Fund were made during the

Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry, Additional Secretary Mian Usman Ali, Director Admin Abid Shaukat, Director Sports Rana Nadeem Anjum, Project Director PMU Qaiser Raza and officers from P&D and Finance Department participated in the meeting. Director General Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry gave detailed briefing in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial said that 47 best players of Punjab are being included in the Sports Endowment Fund. "Sports Endowment Funds were approved for 11 volleyball players, 9 hockey players, 7 swimming, 4 kabaddi, table tennis and weightlifting players each, 3 wrestling, 2 athletics and one player each of squash, karate and powerfighting games".

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial said that overall 106 players are being given scholarships from Rs 2 billion Sports Endowment Fund. "Top performing players are being given scholarships of Rs 70,000, Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000 in three categories of Platinum, Gold and Silver".

Three sports development schemes including Multipurpose Sports Complex at Basheen, Wagah Town, two sports complexes in District Jhang including Haveli Bahadur Shah in tehsil Shorkot and Malkana in tehsil 18-Hazari were also

#### Major blow to West Indies as Shamar Joseph ruled out of India Tests

In a major blow for West Indies, fast bowler Shamar Joseph has been ruled out of the upcoming Test series against India.

The news came via Cricket West Indies (CWI) social media handle, which stated that the pacer has been out of the series due to an injury. However, the board did not disclose the nature

Meanwhile, the 22-year-old uncapped all-rounder Johann Layne has been named as Joseph's replacement.

Layne has so far played 19 first-class matches in which he has taken 66 wickets at an impressive average of 22.28. Besides this, he has 495 runs to his name at an average of 19.03.

For context, after the two Test matches against India, West Indies have a busy schedule ahead, as they are scheduled to play three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and T20Is, starting from October 18.

After the Bangladesh tour, the West Indies will head to New Zealand for an all-format tour.

# Shehbaz Sharif, Asim Munir meet Trump at White House

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#### **India-Pakistan escalation**

Shehbaz Sharif accused India of politicising tragedy, saying: "India sought to extract political gains from a human tragedy by spurning my sincere offer of an independent international investigation into the Pahalgam incident. Instead, it attacked our cities and targeted our innocent citizens. When our territorial integrity and national security were violated, our response was in accordance with the right of self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter."

Praising Pakistan's military response, he continued: "Our valiant armed forces under the leadership of Field Marshal Asim Munir mounted an operation of stunning professionalism and bravery, repulsing the enemy's attack under the air chief marshal. Our falcons took flight and etched their answer across the skies and resulting in seven of the Indian jets turn to scrap and dust, a decisive response. A decisive response to the aggressor that will echo through the annals

He paid tribute to the armed forces and the public, declaring: "To the fairness architect of this victory, to every officer and soldier, heirs of our martyrs, their names are forever engraved in glory. The mothers of our martyrs, their courage guides our path forward and their sacrifice shall never be in vain, God willing. And to every Pakistani, you stood as one unbreakable wall - Bunyanum Marsoos."

#### Ceasefire and diplomacy

The prime minister noted that Pakistan had agreed to a ceasefire after four days of escalation with India in May, from what he called "a position of strength." He also expressed gratitude to US President Donald Trump and his team for their role in mediating peace.

"President Trump's efforts for stan's peace helped avert a ... war in vened timely and decisively. United Arab Emirates, and the emphasised the need for respon-



fledged war would have been catastrophic," Shehbaz said. "Therefore, in recognition of President Trump's wonderful and outstanding contribution to promote peace in our part of the world, Pakistan nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is the least we could do ... I think he truly is a man of peace." PM Shehbaz, Field Marshal Asim Munir hail Trump as peace

He further thanked Pakipartners, including China, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Azerbaijan, Iran, the

diplomatic support during the

Concluding this part of his address, Shehbaz Sharif told the assembly: "We have won the war, and now we seek to win peace in our part of the world. This is my most sincere serious offer before this august assembly of the world nations. Pakistan stands ready for a composite, comprehensive and result-oriented dialogue with India on all outstanding

**Indus Waters Treaty** Turning to another critical issue, the prime minister

"South Asia requires proactive rather than provocative leadership. India's unilateral and illegal attempt to hold the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance defies the provisions of the treaty itself as well as the norms of international law'

He added: "Pakistan has made it abundantly clear and led there be no doubt once again in anybody's mind, as I said last year in this hall from this podium, we will definitely and ardently defend the inseparable right of our 240 million people on these waters. To us, any violation of this IWT repre-

#### **Pakistan stands with Kashmiris**

'Through this house, I wish to assure the Kashmiris that I stand with them, the people of Pakistan stand with them, and one day soon India's tyranny in Kashmir will come to a grinding halt, Kashmir will gain its fundamental right to self-determination through an impartial plebiscite under the auspices of this very organisation, the UN."

#### **Gaza conflict**

Turning his attention to Gaza, the prime minister said the plight of the Palestinian people was one of the "most heartwrenching tragedies of our time."

"This prolonged injustice is a stain on the global conscience

and our collective moral failure," he remarked. "For nearly 80 vears, the Palestinians have courageously endured Israel's brutal occupation of their homeland. In the West Bank, each passing day brings new brutality."

In Gaza, he said, Israel's genocidal onslaught had unleashed unspeakable terror upon women and children in a manner unprecedented in history.

nefarious goals, the Israeli leadcampaign against innocent war."

Emphasising the need to raise a united voice against atrocities in Gaza, he said: "We must speak, and speak loud and clear." He continued: "Our words are

chapters," he added.

Palestinians, which history will remember as one of its darkest

too little and too late for Hind Rajab. A child, nay a little baby... My agony, the agony of the entire Muslim ummah, and the agony of nations across the planet, is that we failed Hind Rajab. And she will not forgive us.

"The smallest coffins are the heaviest to carry. I know this pain, as I carried the coffin of Irtaza Abbas during the recent confrontation with India. He was only six years old. Therefore, we cannot and must not fail the children of Gaza, or any child anywhere in the world. We must find a path to a ceasefire now."

He reaffirmed Pakistan's support for a sovereign Palestinian state with pre-1967 borders and Jerusalem as its

"Palestine can no longer remain under Israeli shackles. It must be liberated, and liberated with full commitment and full force," he stressed.

He also welcomed the recent recognition of Palestine by several countries and urged others to follow suit.

Referring to a meeting of Donald Trump with leaders of some Muslim countries earlier this week, he appreciated the US president's "timely initiative" to

convene a moot on Gaza. "I was also part of that consultative process, and I hope and pray to God that it rekindles hope for a ceasefire in the near future," PM Shehbaz said.

He also condemned Israel's recent attack on Doha targeting Hamas leaders and expressed solidarity with Qatar.

The premier further expressed support for efforts to peacefully resolve the Ukraine conflict in In the blind pursuit of its line with the UN Charter, "to end human suffering and global ership has unleashed a shameful turmoil caused by this protracted

# The Spokesman



# Mohsin Naqvi dares Imran Khan name person behind 'deal' offer

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi on Friday challenged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan to disclose the name of the person who allegedly brought him an "exit deal"

According to the details, responding on social media platform X to Imran Khan's earlier posts, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi asked, "Can you name just one person who came to you with an offer that we are ready to allow you to leave the country?"

Mohsin Naqvi's remarks trap in this matter. came after two tweets by Imran

leave the country in exchange for the withdrawal of cases, but he had refused.

"I will only fight my cases in courts, never through deals," he said, adding that over 300 fabricated cases had been filed against him. In the tweets, Imran Khan

said, "I am deeply grieved by the loss of lives of innocent children, women, and ordinary citizens due to the bombardment of Tirah Valley. For the past one year, I have repeatedly conveyed the message that no operations should be conducted in these areas, nor should innocent lives be wasted under the pretext of The interior minister also collateral damage, as this only added that the public had fuels further terrorism. It is already grown weary of what unfortunate that the Khyber lost, and 90 percent of those treating them with dignity, and he called Imran Khan's false- Pakhtunkhwa government has who join the Taliban do so in drone strikes were carried out fallen into the establishment's

The example of our neigh-



because innocent people are killed. Earlier, Hamid Karzai had warned the Americans that whenever operations are grief and anger.

with Afghanistan during our deals time and again, told either be approved, as she is a woman Khan in which he claimed that boring country, Afghanistan, tenure in government, which to leave the country or remain and is facing nothing but basehe had repeatedly been offered is before everyone. During our also brought peace to our silent, and in return my cases less allegations of aiding and deals to either remain silent or tenure, Ashraf Ghani himself tribal regions. However, upon would be withdrawn. Yet from abetment."

assuming power, Asim Munir ment. He issued threatening statements against Afghanistan, forcefully expelled Afghan refugees who had been residing carried out, innocent lives are here for decades instead of there which further damaged We improved relations relations..... I have been offered bail for Bushra Begum should

the very first day, my position

case has now completely collapsed. Witnesses presented by the prosecution, Brigadier Ahmad and Colonel Rehan, themselves admitted that the Toshakhana gifts were not taken to my residence but deposited in the Toshakhana, and all documentation is complete.

Therefore, acquittal in this case should be granted in a single day and in particular

#### has been that I will only emerge from these cases through the courts, never as the result of any deal. This is why 300 fabricated cases have been filed against me. Any other person could not have withstood such persecution, but I know that I am innocent and that I stand on the side of truth. Even the false Toshakhana

Ladakh and Kashmir. She said that the flames of Indian

those who claim to be the guardians of global peace.

She further stated that the oppres-Mullick, wife of Hurriyat leader Yasin sion in Ladakh is exposing the real Malik on Friday urged the internation face of the Modi government before tional community to immediate- the world, and that firing on peaceful protesters is a blot on the forehead of

She added that the people of

# LHC issues stay order on cybercrime agency's notices to six journalists

👺 Bureau Report

Aalia Neelum on Friday notices served by the Nation- ident Muhammad Ashfaq, al Cyber Crime Agency to six

Raising questions over the hte NCCI created?" The Chief Justice also notices issued by the National

summoned the investigating Cyber Crime Agency, the ists were present in the courtofficer on October 14. Among Chief Justice expressed room during the hearing. LAHORE: Lahore High those who received the notices concern about the transpar-Court (LHC) Chief Justice are Lahore Press Club Pres- ency of the investigation. She ident Arshad Ansari, Courts asked the investigating officer issued a stay order against the Journalists Association Pres- under which law these notices against YouTubers who complaint and the complete had been issued, remarking: malign various institutions What kind of spectacle has

A large number of journal-complaints—has the same detail.

The Chief Justice further questioned whether the same action had been taken on a daily basis. She noted that the NCCI has 50,000

action been initiated in all

Chief Justice Aalia Neelum directed the investigating officer to present a copy of the record before the court at the next hearing so the matter can be examined in greater

# Sindh govt reveals major reshuffle in the provincial cabinet

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Sindh government on Friday announced a major reshuffle in the provincial cabinet, with several key ministers and advisers reassigned new portfolios. According to a notification, Saeed Ghani was removed from the Local Government Department and appointed as Minister for Labour and Social Protection, while Nasir Hussain Shah was handed the Local Government portfolio in addition to his existing charge of the Energy Department. Shahid Thaheem, who previously held the Labour Ministry, has been made Minister for Health.

Four more special assistants included in Sindh cabinet. Special assistants include Dr. Sham Sundar Advani, Faraz Abid Lakhani, Muhammad Tariq Hassan and Atta Muhammad Panhor. Meanwhile, Jam Khan Shoro was given additional responsibility for the Planning and Development (P&D) Department.

În another change, Makhdoom Mehboob was moved from Relief Department to become Minister for Food, while adviser Jabar Khan had was inducted as Minister for Universities



the Food portfolio taken back and was reassigned as Adviser on Relief.

Special Assistant Ali Rashid was given the IT Department, and Ismail Rahu

and Boards. Additionally, Sham Sundar Advani was appointed as Special Assis-House Karachi, where the new minis- dignitaries in attendance.

ters took oath of office. Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori administered the tant. The reshuffle was formalised at a oath, with Chief Minister Syed Murad swearing-in ceremony held at Governor Ali Shah, provincial ministers, and other

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# **Druzhba-VIII:** Pakistan and Russia stage joint counter-terror drills

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Army and Russian Army are engaged in the eighth edition of joint military exercise 'Druzhba-VIII', being conducted from 15 to 27 September 2025 in the counter-terrorism domain.

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the Vice Chief of General Staff was the chief guest from Pakistan, while senior Russian military officials also attended the ceremony. The troops from both nations showcased the highest levels of professional excellence during the drills.

The exercise aims to strengthen expertise in various aspects of counter-terrorism operations. These exercises, now in its eighth edition, include drone warfare, combat continues to serve as a platform for in built-up areas, and countering threats from landmines and impro- the reinforcement of defence coopvised explosive devices (IEDs). Joint eration between the two countries.

training sessions are being carried out to enhance tactical coordination and operational readiness in diverse scenarios.

During the manoeuvres, soldiers from Pakistan and Russia demonstrated precision, skill and adaptability across different environments. Their coordinated performance reflected rigorous training standards and a shared commitment to refining techniques and procedures essential in modern counter-terrorism oper-

ISPR noted that beyond tactical gains, Druzhba-VIII is also deepening the longstanding military-to-military relations between Pakistan and Russia. The series of mutual learning, interoperability and

## World must take notice of Indian atrocities in Ladakh: Mushaal Mullick



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Mushaal Hussein ly take notice of Indian atrocities in

in Ladakh are a slap in the face of and Kashmir.

Indian democracy.

brutality in the occupied valley Ladakh are now also being pushed to have now engulfed Ladakh as the wall, and called upon the internawell. She added that the atrocities tional community to take immediate being committed by Indian forces notice of Indian atrocities in Ladakh

# LHC adjourns petition against military court decision till Oct 21

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Lahore High Court heard constitutional petition against military court decision on Friday. Justice Sved Shahbaz Ali Rizvi heard the constitutional petition of Arzam Junaid. Assistant Attorney Gener-Farrukh Khan appeared on behalf of the Punjab Government. The Prosecutor Rai Sarfaraz appeared along with

the records of the Military Court while Advocate Junaid Razzaq appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

During the hearing, Assistant Advocate General Punjab Farrukh Khan raised objection to the admissibility of the application and said that according to previous decisions, this case is inadal appeared on behalf of the Federa- missible. This is correct to the extent of tion while Assistant Advocate General objection number 6 but what do you say about giving them copies?, Court observed.

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### Atta Tarar says PM advocates for entire Muslim Ummah's sentiments on Palestine at UNGA

NEW YORK: Federal Minister for cause received widespread apprecia-Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Friday congratulated and praised Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for his historic address to the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The prime minister had advocated for the sentiments of the entire Muslim Ummah and effectively presented the case for Palestine and Kashmir on the international forum, Atta Tarar said while talking to the media here on Friday after the address.

The minister said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had strongly condemned the "agonizing" brutality inflicted upon a Palestinian child Hind Rajab, who was tragically martyred by Israeli forces.

Tarar emphasized that the Prime Minister's speech on the Palestinian climate change.

tion from the delegates present at the UN General Assembly.

He stated that the Prime Minister also effectively highlighted the plight of the people of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), specifically mentioning the martyred seven-year-old innocent child, Irtiza Abbas, who lost his life due to Indian aggression.

The Prime Minister also briefed the forum about Indian bellicosity in the region, and Pakistan's Armed Forces response under the leadership of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir to Indian aggression by shooting down seven of its fighter jets, the minister noted.

He said the prime minister addressed global issues in impressive manner especially the losses caused by