**Barkat Rice Mills** 



## NA session convened on Monday, Speaker summons parliamentary leaders meeting

The National Assembly session will be held on September 29 at 5pm. Speaker National Assembly Ayaz Sadiq has summoned a meeting of parliamentary leaders at parliament house in Islamabad at 4pm. The strategy of the National Assembly session will be decided in the meeting chaired by Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq.



PPP senator lashes out at PML-N leaders for doing politics on floods Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leaders on Saturday came down hard on the PML-N government in Punjab for what they called the use of inappropriate language by its ministers against their

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#### Meeting

NEW YORK: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting to review damages and relief operations in the wake of



## PM directs expediting relief, rehabilitation activities in flood hit areas

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday directed acceleration of relief and rehabilitation operations in flood-affected people.

The prime minister chaired a review meeting on the current flood situation and ongoing rehabilitation efforts immediately after his address at the United Nations General Assembly in added. New York, PM Office Media

Wing said in a press. The prime minister reiter- Iqbal to strictly monitor relief and

complete rehabilitation of the people in flood-affected areas.

He said that he had raised the voice of Pakistanis affected by the adverse impacts of climate change before the world at the UN General Assembly.

"Developing countries like Pakistan are continuously suffering from natural disasters caused by climate change," he

The prime minister directed Minister for Planning Ahsan

hold regular review meetings in this regard.

He also directed the Chairman NDMA to provide full cooperation to provinces and PDMAs.

The prime minister further directed the completion of damage assessments in the affected areas on an emergency

Assessment of crops and infrastructure damages after the floods possible to facilitate comprehensive planning for relief and reha-

ated that they would not rest till rehabilitation operations and to bilitation efforts, he stressed.

The prime minister instructed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to expedite restoration work on the section of the M-5 Motorway affected by flooding from the Sutlej River.

The breach near Jalalpur Pirwala on the motorway should be repaired immediately, he further directed.

The prime minister directed the secretary communications should be completed as soon as and the NHA chairman to immediately visit the affected section of M-5 and assess the damage.

He also ordered all necessary measures to be taken to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases in the flood-affected areas.

Special measures should also be taken to cultivate appropriate crops in flood-hit areas, he emphasised.

Chief secretaries of all four provinces, including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir, also participated in the meeting.

The NDMA chairman briefed the prime minister on the current situation in flood-affected areas and the rehabilitation plan.

## Israeli drone targets LPG tanker with 24 Pakistanis aboard at Yemen port: Naqvi

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on Saturday that a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanker with 27 crew members, including 24 Pakistanis, was attacked by an Israeli drone while it was docked at a port in Yemen earlier this month.

After the Foreign Office (FO) said earlier today that Pakistanis aboard the LPG tanker were safe and sound and making their way out of Yemeni waters, Interior Minister Naqvi posted on X at the Ras Issa port, which was September 17 while it was docked rebels.



that the vessel was attacked on under the control of Houthi

Israel launched repeated attacks on Houthi targets during the Gaza conflict, as the Iran- he said.

backed rebels fire missiles and drones at Israel and Red Sea shipping, claiming solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

According to Interior Minister, apart from Pakistanis, the LPG tanker's crew included two Sri Lankans and a Nepali. He said the vessel's captain was also a Pakistani.

Naqvi added that an LPG tank had exploded following the attack, but the crew managed to extinguish the fire. "The vessel was subsequently stopped by Houthi boats and the crew were held hostage aboard the ship,"

Earlier, the Foreign Office spokesperson said 24 Pakistani nationals aboard an LPG tanker that caught fire off the coast of Yemen were safe and sound and making their way out of Yemeni

The FO also said that the tanker had caught fire off the coast of Yemen on September 17, adding that upon receiving the news about the incident, the relevant Pakistan embassies had established contacts with the authorities in Yemen to ensure the well-being of the crew. Efforts were made to set the tanker underway again, FO added.

## Court indicts PTI's Azam Swati in controversial tweets case

#### **Example 2** Court Reporter

ISLAMABAD: A court in Islamabad on Saturday not only rejected PTI stalwart Senator Azam Swati's acquittal plea in the controversial tweets case against the state institutions, but also indicted him. Additional District

Afzal Majoka heard the case. Swati pleaded not guilty, saying he was innocent.

The court summoned witnesses from the prosecution at the next hearing of the case. Later, the court adjourned the hearing until October 14.

A district and sessions court and Sessions Judge Muhammad in the federal capital had on

September 20 reserved its verdict on Senator Swati's acquittal plea in the controversial tweets case.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka conducted the



The senator, a senior member the Prevention of Electronic controversial tweets he allegedly of PTI, is facing two cases under Crimes Act (PECA), related to posted on social media.

## **Security forces eliminate 17** militants in KP's Karak



#### 👺 City Desk

KARAK: The security forces on Saturday killed 17 militants during an operation in the Darsha Khail area of Karak, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The officials said that several injured militants fled and went into hiding in nearby villages.

The District Police Officer (DPO) reported that a large cache of weapons was recovered during the search operation and urged residents not to leave their homes or shelter

He said that any information about injured militants should be reported to police immediately.

Meanwhile, curfew has been imposed in Darsha Khail and surrounding villages of Karak.

President, PM praise security forces for eliminating 13 terrorists in DI Khan

According to sources, the intelligence-based operation targeted the extremist group Fitna al-Khawarij in Darsha Khail, which lies on the boundary between Lakki Marwat and Karak.

The security surrounded a 22-member militant group on the basis of secret information in the area. As many as 17 terrorists

were killed in the operation. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif praised the security forces for eliminating 17 militants in Karak and prayed for the speedy recovery

The prime minister lauded the professionalism and timely action of the security forces.

of wounded personnel.

"The government and security forces are determined to eradicate terrorism completely. We will soon uproot the monster of terrorism," he said.

### DPM/FM Dar, Moroccan FM agree to enhance cooperation in trade, investment



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister / Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar and Foreign Minister of Morocco Nasser Bourita on Saturday agreed to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, connectivity and regional peace.

The DPM/FM met with the Moroccan foreign minister on the sidelines of UNGA in New York, Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

Both sides also reaffirmed their shared commitment to deepening Pakistan-Morocco relations and further strengthening collaboration at multilateral fora.

#### Pakistan, China, Iran and Russia voice strong concern over terror groups presence in Afghanistan

#### Spokesman Report

NEW YORK: Pakistan, China, Iran, and Russia have jointly expressed deep concern over the continued presence and operations of terrorist organisations in Afghanistan, including Al-Qaeda, the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), and other such outfits.

The statement was issued following the fourth quadrilateral meeting on Afghanistan, convened by Russia on the sidelines of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

During the meeting, the four countries underscored the threat these groups pose to regional stability and urged for coordinated international efforts to neutralise terrorist infrastructure operating from Afghan territory. According to Foreign Office,

the meeting reaffirmed the collective commitment of the four nations to support Afghanistan as a free, sovereign, united, and peaceful state. The four foreign minis-

ters emphasised the need to improve Afghanistan's economy and alleviate the humanitarian suffering of its people.

## 41 Modern Air Quality **Monitoring Stations Installed** in Punjab

#### 👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: As directed by Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's first air quality forecasting system, equipped with the latest technology, has been developed in Punjab to predict weather conditions and air pollution across Punjab, and a weekly report will be issued in this regard.

Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said that this air forecasting system works in line with international models like "Windy", "Euro", global air index and local needs by combining real-time monitoring with modern scientific models.

She added that the air quality forecasting system would also help reduce pollution in major cities of Punjab like and air quality of urban areas will from modern monitoring stations Lahore and Faisalabad as the level of air pollution, weather conditions modern equipment by including data that 41 modern air quality monitoring this modern air forecasting model.



be continuously monitored through installed this year. She highlighted

stations had been installed in Punjab, and their number would reach 100 in coming days.

Minister Marriyum Senior Aurangzeb said that the modern system will also inform citizens about health protection and precautionary measures, besides measuring the amount of air pollution and record changes in weather conditions.

She said, "Thanks to Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision, this modern system will help in researchbased policy making on scientific

She urged elderly people, children and respiratory patients to take special precautions during smog. She praised Secretary Environment Saulat Saeed, DG Environment Imran Hamid Sheikh and EPA team for preparing

Protest

ISLAMABAD: Activists Civil Society holds placards during demonstration to express solidarity with "Global Sumud Flotila" which is on the way to GAZA carrying massive humanitarian aid and life saving medicines.



## Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali inaugurates modern Dialysis Center

#### Shaukat Ali

**KOTLI:** Minister for Public Health, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali inaugurated a stateof-the-art Dialysis Center at the District Headquarters Hospital Kotli, established through a generous donation. The facility will provide advanced dialysis services to kidney patients in the region, significantly improving their treatment and care.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Sardar Rehan Mustafa, Medical Superintendent Dr. Nasrullah Sadiq, District Health Officer Syed



hospital staff, and a large the Minister toured various Shafqat Shah, Mayor Ch. number of citizens. After wards, met patients, and Muhammad Taj, Councilor formally opening the "S. R. inquired about the quality commended donor Sardar

Tauheed Akbar Ch., doctors, Mustafa Dialysis Center," of healthcare facilities being provided.

Dr. Rashid Hussaini

Rehan Mustafa for his humanitarian services. calling such philanthropic contributions a beacon of inspiration for other affluent individuals. He also praised the efforts of Medical Superintendent Dr. Nasrullah Sadiq and his team successfully managed welfare-oriented projects at the hospital. On the occasion, the

Minister also inaugurated a modern Gymnasium at the DHQ Hospital, constructed with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO). He was briefed in detail

about the facilities and Dr. Nisar Ansar Abdali equipment installed in the

#### Traders are the backbone of the country: Sheikh Aftab

ATTOCK: Member of the National Assembly and member of the Supreme Judicial Commission, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, said that traders are the backbone of the country. We have always ensured the rights and protection of traders. The government of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) has always worked to reduce the difficulties of businessmen and create ease so that the business community can receive relief from the government and run their businesses properly, which will strengthen the economy and help our country move toward stability.

He expressed these views while addressing a delegation of traders  ${\bf led}\ {\bf by}\ {\bf Sheikh}\ {\bf Javed}\ {\bf Iqbal}, {\bf President}\ {\bf of}\ {\bf the}\ {\bf Central}\ {\bf Traders}\ {\bf Association}$ Registered Attock. On this occasion, SDEO Para Force Attock Rehmat Ali Warraich, Iftikhar Ahmed Sarraf, Sajid Khan, District Information Secretary PML(N) Attock Mian Rashid Mushtaq, Haji Muhammad Akram Khan, Malik Khurram, renowned and bold journalist Sheikh Faisal Javed, and other traders and businessmen were also present.

#### PPP South Punjab Strongly Reacted the Statement of CM Maryam Nawaz

#### 👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan Peoples Party South Punjab Chief Coordinator Abdul Qadir Shaheen and Media Coordinator Muhammad Saleem Mughal have strongly reacted to the recent statement of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, terming it a sign of narrow-minded and divisive politics. The leaders said that at a time when millions of people of Punjab are affected by the flood disasters, the responsible leadership should show unity and compassion instead of division. They said that Maryam Nawaz's tone and style do not befit a person holding the highest position in the province. PPP leaders said that it is regrettable to use a national tragedy like the flood for political point scoring. "We have no duty, debt or compulsion to support the PML-N's display narrative. Those who are giving the impression of relief by putting pictures on juice boxes and making TikTok videos are actually doing politics, not service.

Abdul Qadir Shaheen said that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has always focused on real and practical assistance in disaster-hit areas. He demanded immediate financial assistance from the federal government under the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) for the flood victims, as was done in 2022.

#### World Tourism Day 2025 showcases Punjab's heritage

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

LAHORE: "Under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif and the guidance of Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb, concrete steps are being taken to inject new life into Punjab's economy through tourism. World Tourism Day 2025 showcases Punjab's heritage, culture, and new tourism initiatives. Tourism not only highlights our heritage and culture but also serves as a strong driver of sustainable development, job creation, and economic growth," said Secretary Tourism, Archaeology & Museums Punjab, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta in his address on World Tour-

Tourism, Archaeology and Museums Department Punjab, along with its allied bodies, marked World Tourism Day 2025 with a series of vibrant celebrations across Lahore. Major events were held at Alhamra Arts Council, Allama Iqbal Museum (Javed Manzil), and Lahore Museum, introducing new tourism initiatives while ensuring public participation.

The ceremony also featured addresses by McDonald's Pakistan CMO Raza Ali and Punjab University's Dean Prof. Dr. Sajid Rashid, highlighting public-private collaboration for tourism and hospitality growth.

The Directorate General of Archaeology Punjab organized a special ceremony at Allama Iqbal Museum (Javed Manzil). The event began with a flag hoisting and national anthem led by Secretary Tourism, Archaeogy & Museums Dr. Ehsan Bhutta and DG Archaeology Zahid Abbas Malik. The program included cultural performances and the distribu-

## Diplomacy reaches historic peak,world acknowledges Pak stance: Talal Chaudhary

FAISALABAD: Interior State Minister Senator Talal Chaudhary on Saturday said that Pakistan's diplomacy had reached its historic peak for the first time due to joint vision and strenuous efforts of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir.

Addressing a press conference, he said that global powers, including the United States, Gulf States and Arab world, are now recognizing Pakistan's position while the recent defence agreement with Saudi Arabia would soon bring tangible benefits for people of Pakistan.

"This is a crucial moment in the history as Pakistan's voice is being heard and respected

at international stage", he added.

Highlighting diplomatic successes, he cautioned that the internal front was still dominated

by the fight against terrorism which continued to prolong due to the incomplete implementation of the National Action Plan.

He criticized the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government and said that despite receiving Rs 600 billion for counter terrorism measures, the province has failed to modernize the Counter Terrorism Department, complete Safe City project or adequately equip security forces.

"In Tirah Valley, the militants are using women and children as human shields and deploying modern drones to attack Pak forces. Such elements can only be dealt with force as writ of the state cannot be compromised under any circumstances", he added.

Referring to recent operations, he mentioned that 17 militants were killed in Karak as a result of coordinated efforts between federal and provincial forces.

## PEACE Muslim Ummah & Trump mindset....

llah Almighty has The Presidency, had proposed a ban multiple times in the on Muslims entering the United States. Holy Quran, given admonitions to the Muslims. O you who have believed, do not take

the Jews as allies, for they are allies of one another, and whoever among you takes them as allies, then indeed, he is one of them.

As we review, it appears in the light of these verses.

Ummah, disregarding these commands of Almighty Allah are deceiving and betraying Muslims only for the sake of their own interests. A simple example muslim Mayor, Mr. Sadiq Khan, who is admired by both Muslims and non-Muslims, criticized Donald Trump in 2015 for his anti-Muslim intentions and actions.

The Presidency, had proposed a ban Trump stated that he had never liked Mr. Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London. During his recent visit to the UK, while speaking on the plane, he further said: 'At my request, Sadiq Khan was not invited to the royal banquet, even though he wanted to attend. I did not want to see him there."

This shows the mindset of Trump, who is considered a global figure, yet That the leaders of the Muslim due to prejudice, he counted a Muslim Mayor, Sadiq Khan, among the worst mayors in the world. In response to Trump's hostile remarks, Sadiq Khan said: "I have more important things of this can be given: London's popular to worry about than Trump. I have no spare time to pay attention to his claims, and I remain indifferent towards him."

> (Ref: Daily Jang, 23 September 2025). We can clearly see the hostility of Jews and Christians. Another

has remained unresolved for nearly minister's channel—via Marco Rubio seventy years. The United Nations has — to send Pakistan a message seeking already given its verdict, but the global a ceasefire, otherwise Pakistan would

with the backing of these so-called guardians, continues to unleash oppression upon the Muslim land of Kashmir.

In the month of " May "this year Pakistan demonstrated brutal force in the dark of night. After we

sion, within a few hours we inflicted a crushing reply: six or seven of its Rafale jets were destroyed and many of its missile systems were put out of action. Faced with this, it quickly raised a white ration in Balochistan have been signed flag and falling at the feet of its master

example is the Kashmir issue, which Donald Trump, used the U. S. foreign have delighted India's rulers. powers pay no attention, while India, have leveled it completely. The ceasefire

promises made at that time have, however, been largely consigned to oblivion even after several months.

In recent days Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asif Munir have held

responded firmly to that serious aggres- multiple meetings. The field marshal even had a one-on -one dinner with Trump. Yet nothing concrete has emerged on a Kashmir settlement. Instead, agreements for resource explowith the United States — deals that

At the UN General Assembly, six Muslim leaders told Donald Trump that they had come together only to stop the fighting and secure the return and release of prisoners. The Emir of Qatar was among them; he emphasized the importance of the Gaza issue and said talks had gone well. Trump acknowledged that this group could help bring back prisoners. Around the same time, a positive report came that the UK and Canada have recognized Palestine, and it is expected that roughly 150 other countries may follow by the end of next week. Our defense experts warn, however, that mere recognition is not enough — the Muslim Ummah wants an immediate two-state solution and the reconstruction/rehabilitation of Gaza.

Returning to Sadiq Khan and Trump: Mr. Khan says Donald Trump move at our signals.

is a racist and anti-Muslim, and that Trump has had it in for him for a long time. Khan's spokesperson rejected Trump's accusations, adding that London is one of the world's greatest and safest cities — safer even than many large U.S. cities - which is why a record number of Americans are moving to London and are warmly welcomed. We see Islam spread rapidly through

our religious and missionary movements, but sadly many leading figures of the Muslim Ummah have set aside the path of Allah and His Messenger. The Quran urges: "Hold firmly to the rope of Allah... help one another in goodness and piety." If all Muslim leaders followed this counsel, believe me, the truth would prevail across the world, our economic influence would grow, and even Washington would



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#### Meeting reviews electric buses project in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: A high-level meeting on the electric buses project was held here on Saturday bringing together parliamentarians, Pakistan Muslim League-N leaders, and district officials to discuss practical measures for providing the residents of Rawalpindi with modern and eco-friendly transport facilities.

The participants included MNAs Tahira Aurangzeb, Malik Abrar Ahmed and Engineer Qamarul Islam; Punjab's parliamentary secretaries Farah Naz Akbar, Ziaullah Shah, Malik Iftikhar and Shazia Rizwan; Chairman of the Chief Minister's Inspection Team Raja Muhammad Hanif Advocate, former mayor Sardar Naseem Ahmed Khan former MNA Haji Pervez, MPAs Chaudhry Naeem Ijaz, Malik Mansoor Afzal, Shaukat Bhatti, Chaudhry Imran Ilyas, Zaibun Nisa Awan, Tahseen Fawad, Tahira Mushtaq, Asma Naz Abbasi, and Riffat Abbasi; as well as PML-N leaders Pirzada Rahat Qadoosi, Farooq Khattak, and

## NORI holds first radiotherapy awareness event

ISLAMABAD: The Nuclear Medicine, Oncology and Radiotherapy Institute (NORI), a leading cancer hospital of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), organized the first World Radiotherapy Awareness Day event in Pakistan on Saturday.

(Science), PAEC, was the chief guest. He paid tribute to PAEC's 20 Atomic Energy Cancer Hospitals, especially NORI, for their crucial role in serving cancer patients. He termed the IAEA "Anchor Centre" status for NORI a remarkable achievement and urged the hospital to extend its expertise to other cancer centers nationwide. He also highlighted the urgent need for around 200 Linear Accelerators (LINACs) in Pakistan, stressing that with each machine costing about Rs. 650 million, indigenous development has become essential.

Earlier, Dr. Humera Mahmood, Director and Chief Oncologist, NORI, welcomed participants and underlined the vital role of radiotherapy as the most important non-surgical cancer treatment. She noted that almost all cancer patients including one-third of children — require it at some stage.

Citing the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), she said Pakistan now faces nearly 195,000 new cancer cases annually, while globally 70% of cases occur in low-income countries where only 30% of patients have access to radiotherapy.

She highlighted NORI's pioneering Dr. Shakeel Abbas Rofi, Member interventions such as 4D simulation for tumor tracking, MR-based image-guided brachytherapy (the only facility in Pakistan), and advanced services including CyberKnife, PET Scan, Digital Mammography, PCR Labs, Blood Bank, Tumor Boards, and telemedicine networks.

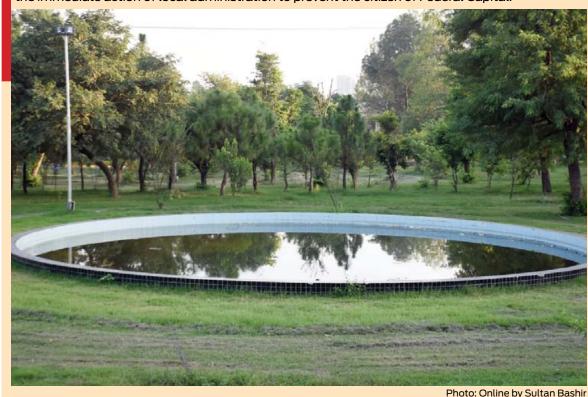
The event also featured a poster competition titled "Radiotherapy: A Fundamental Pillar in Cancer Care", followed by an awareness walk. The chief guest later inaugurated a DEXA Scanner machine

World Radiotherapy Awareness Day, launched globally on September 7, 2025, commemorates the first patient treated with a linear accelerator. Under the theme "One Voice for Radiotherapy," the initiative calls for equitable access to safe, modern cancer treatment and highlights gaps in infrastructure and workforce, particularly in developing countries.



#### Attention for concerned authority

ISLAMABAD: A view of the broken water fountain on green belt along the road side at Old Zoo Chowk as the accumulated water in it, is causing the augmentation of the dengue, which needs the immediate action of local administration to prevent the citizen of Federal Capital.



## Fastest Growing International Examination Board OxfordAQA

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: OxfordAQA, a fastest growing international exam board of UK, has unveiled three essential subject offerings: International GCSE Islamiyat, International GCSE Pakistan Studies, and International GCSE Urdu through OxfordAQA. This development marks a notable step forward in delivering relevant and contemporary educational content for Pakistani students pursuing International GCSE qualifications.

OxfordAQA is a unique partnership between Oxford University Press, and AQA, the UK's largest provider of GCSEs and A-levels. Combining the assessment and educational expertise of these world-renowned institutions, OxfordAQA offers qualifications that are recognised by universities around the world. With a vision to foster equity, inclusivity, and high-quality education, OxfordAQA empowers the future gener-



their local communities, and on the global

Expanding on this vision, Salma Adil, Director of OxfordAQA Pakistan, tional institutions and students across the nation: "The introduction of Urdu,

ations of Pakistan to thrive both within Islamiyat, and Pakistan Studies within the OxfordAQA framework represents a significant achievement in terms of cultural relevance for Pakistan. This initiative allows students to engage with highlighted the significance for educa-subjects fundamental to their cultural heritage while accessing internationally recognized academic credentials."

## Pakistan's First Mangrove Biodiversity Park Opens in Karachi

**№** News Desk

KARACHI: Located along Korangi Creek in Karachi, the Mangrove Biodiversity Park, conceived & designed by Mr. Shah Murad Aliani-Environmentalist, and developed in house by TPL Developments in consultation with Tariq Alexander Qaiser-Architect, brings under conservation 50HA of Mangrove cover and serves as a vital step in raising awareness about Pakistan's unique and diverse coastal ecosystems. Established in partnership with the Sindh Forest Depart-TPL Properties, it marks the inauguration of a dedicated mangrove biodiversity park. The independent governing board comprises distinguished individuals from academia, environmental organisations, the arts, sustainabil-



ity committees, and the government. ment (SFD) with sponsorship from uniting diverse expertise to provide the best possibility guidance to protect and grow the mangrove ecosystem.

Mayor of Karachi, Murtaza Wahab, commented on the initiative, "Karachi's coastal belt has long been neglected, and this park is an important step

towards reclaiming it for our citizens and for nature. It demonstrates our commitment to a green future, using urban forest projects to counter the effects of climate change and provide a healthier and more beautiful environment for everyone."

This initiative is a powerful example

of public-private collaboration, backed by an MoU between the SFD and TPL Properties to ensure its longterm protection and management. The park aligns directly with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including climate action, life on land, gender equality, sustainable cities & communities, Life below water, Decent work & economic growth, and Good health & wellbeing.

"Mangroves are our first line of defence against coastal storms and a vital ecosystem to protect," said Mr. Babal Khan Bhayo, Advisor to the CM Sindh Forest and Wildlife Department. "Through sustainable design and community participation, this park proves conservation, and recreation can go hand in hand, inspiring a national commitment to nature and climate action.

#### RPO suspends police officials

TOBA TEK SINGH: Faisalabad RPO Zeeshan Asghar took on Saturday action against police officials for charges of corruption and overstepping their authority. A press release said that SHO Sadar Jaranwala Inspector Asim Mahais and SHO City Gojra Inspector Muhammad Sarfraz had been suspended. SHO City Toba Tek Singh Sub-Inspector Muhammad Nadeem Jutt had been demoted to ASI rank for poor performance, incompetence and failure to register a case in time.

#### A mock exercise conducted to deal with an emergency situation managed by Faisalabad International Airport

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: A mock exercise was conducted to deal with an emergency situation managed by Faisalabad International Airport. On this occasion, various organizations participated and demonstrated their joint performance in an emergency situation. The Rescue 1122 team participated fully in the exercise under the leadership of District Emergency Officer Engineer Ehtesham Wahla. Civil Aviation, Edhi, Airport Security Force, Anti-Narcotics and Civil Defense teams also played an active role.

Airport Manager Tasneem Akhtar Jameel Sahiba said that the purpose of conducting the mock exercise was to test the mutual cooperation of the organizations in the event of any emergency situation and to ensure timely and effective measures in an emergency.

During the mock exercise, immediate rescue and firefighting operations were carried out in the event of a fire, the affected people were classified, first aid was provided and later a practical exercise was conducted to transfer them to a nearby hospital. District Emergency Officer Engineer Ehtesham Wahla said on this occasion that the Rescue 1122 team is always ready to deal with any emergency situation and is working day and night to ensure the safety of public life and property.

#### RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar holds an Open Court in Jaranwala



Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: Regional Police Officer Faisalabad, Zeeshan Asghar, along with Commissioner Faisalabad Division, Raja Jahangir Anwar, conducted an open court at Jaranwala Municipal Committee. A large number of citizens participated and voiced their grievances. The purpose of the open court was to hear public grievances firsthand and ensure their prompt and effective resolution.

RPO Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar stated while addressing the public issues that "Police is here to serve the people, and we are addressing public complaints on a priority basis." He emphasized that the open court provides a direct platform for citizens to raise their issues without fear or hesitation.

Commissioner Faisalabad, Raja Jahangir Anwar highlighted that such joint open courts will help improve governance across the division and ensure the provision of public services. Both senior officers issued directions to the concerned officials to take immediate action on every complaint and submit follow-up reports.

#### Sindh Governor's message on World Tourism Day

KARACHI, SEP 27 (APP): Governor Sindh Kamran Khan Tessori, in his message on World Tourism Day, on Friday said that this year's World Tourism Day is being celebrated under the theme 'Tourism and Sustainable Change".

He said that Pakistan is a paradise for tourists due to its location. Tourism has a direct impact on social, cultural and economic development. He said that Tourism is a source of employment, increased exports and global prosperity.

The promotion of tourism is indispensable for the economic development of any country. Tourism is the second largest employment generating industry in developing countries, he observed.

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## **President Tayyip** Erdogan earns gratitude from the people of Kashmir

e are encouraged whenever someone speaks about the cause of Kashmir, but it is especially touching when they do so consistently over the years. Such unwavering commitment deserves the utmost appreciation from the nation of Kashmir. And that person is none other than President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the President of republic of Turkie.

The words of President Erdogan at the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly have become source of inspiration and given hope to millions of hopeless people of the region. His statement at the United Nations General Assembly was the true reflection of the aspirations of the people of Kashmir. His reference to Kashmir is a statement of facts when he said, "The issue of Kashmir should be resolved on the basis of resolutions of the UN for the best for our brothers and sisters in Kashmir, through dialogue, we hope.'

President Erdogan merits recognition from the people of Kashmir for his statement, he made during the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in September 2021. "We maintain our stance in favour of solving the ongoing problem in Kashmir for 74 years, through dialogue between the parties and within the framework of relevant United Nations reso-

Yet again at the 75th session in September 2020, he said, "The Kashmir conflict, which is also key to the stability and peace in South Asia, is still a burning issue. Steps taken following the abolition of the special status of Jammu & Kashmir further complicated the problem."

Another time while addressing the 74th General Assembly, President said that a solution to the Kashmir issue, which has persisted for 72 years, can only be found through dia-

President Erdogan has been consistent and persistent with his vision of Kashmir when he said at UN General Assembly in 2019, "In order for the Kashmiri people to look at a safe future together with their Pakistani and Indian neighbors, it is imperative to solve the problem through dialogue and on the basis of justice and equity, not through clashes." He added that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are "virtually under blockade with 8 million people, unfortunately, unable to step outside of Kashmir," referring to an Indian government clampdown imposed on August 5, 2019.

The vision of President Erdogan needs to be pursued by the United Nations-the engagement of a multilateral effort one or two permanent members of the Security Council along with India, Pakistan, Kashmiri leadership and Turkey. Turkey can play an effective role in bringing parties together, being friendly to both India and Pakistan.

# PM Shahbaz UN Address: Pakistan paid a staggering price in its unrelenting fight against terrorism

rime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's address to the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York carried the weight of history, diplomacy, and national resolve. It was not merely the the collective voice of a nation that has stood at the frontline of global conflicts, endured sacrifices for peace, and now seeks recognition and justice in a turbulent international order.

In his speech, Shahbaz Sharif reminded the world that Pakistan has paid a staggering price in its unrelenting fight against terrorism. The nation has lost more than 80,000 precious lives, both civilians and soldiers, and suffered economic losses exceeding 150 billion dollars. These figures are not abstract statistics but a painful testimony of resilience, where entire generations bore the scars of violence, extremism, and foreignfueled militancy. His words underscored that while Pakistan did its part to protect the world from terrorism, it continues to await equitable acknowledgement and support for its sacrifices.

The prime minister spoke of Pakistan's journey as one of courage amidst adversity, emphasizing that the people did not allow extremism to overwhelm their spirit. He reminded the global community that Pakistan, situated at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East, continues to face complex geopolitical challenges. Yet, despite daunting odds, the nation remains committed to the ideals of peace, cooperation, and mutual prosperity.

of Pakistan's role in the broader Islamic world. Shahbaz Sharif highlighted the struggles of the Palestinian people, reiterating Pakistan's unwavering support for their right to statehood with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as their capital. In a global statement of a head of government, but climate where Palestinian suffering often through projects like the China-Pakistan disappears from headlines, his insist-

> ence on justice for Palestine reaffirmed Pakistan's place as a principled voice in defense of oppressed peoples. The speech also

addressed the shifting

realities of global power politics. Shahbaz Sharif cautioned against unilateralism, rising xenophobia, economic inequities that have deepened divisions between the developed and developing worlds. He urged the international community to pursue

The message resonated particularly in an era when great power rivalries and new cold wars threaten to undermine multilateralism. fairer international financial systems that from external shocks, climate disasters,

dialogue over confrontation, trade over

sanctions, and cooperation over coercion.

On the economic front, he called for can help vulnerable economies recover and global recessions. Pakistan, having faced devastating floods in recent years, continues to argue for climate justice insisting that nations least responsible for carbon emissions should not bear the heaviest burdens of its consequences.

resilience is not merely an environmental necessity but a global security imperative.

Beyond highlighting grievances, Shahbaz Sharif projected a vision of hope and responsibility. He spoke of Pakistan's commitment to regional connectivity Economic Corridor, which seeks to link

> South and Central Asia Pakistan's development agenda is tied to stability, inclusivity, and constructive engagement, not isolation or

Throughout speech, there was a deliberate effort to

present Pakistan not as a victim but as a responsible actor in the international system—one that has contributed to United Nations peacekeeping operations, opened its doors to millions of Afghan refugees for decades, and consistently advocated nuclear restraint in South Asia. In this respect, his address reminded the Assembly that Pakistan's voice remains vital to both regional and global peace.

What made Shahbaz Sharif's words historic was not merely their content but their context. At a time when global attention is scattered by conflicts in Europe, the Middle East, and the Pacific, Pakistan managed to command focus on issues that directly affect over a billion people in South Asia. By linking Pakistan's sacrifices against terrorism with believes in a fairer world order.

Equally significant was his articulation His words were a reminder that climate its demand for justice on Kashmir and Palestine, the prime minister framed a coherent narrative that merged national interests with universal principles of freedom and dignity.

> The tone of the address was sober but firm, avoiding unnecessary confrontations vet refusing to remain silent in the face of injustice. It was a delicate balance—asserting Pakistan's posiwith global markets. tion without retreating into defensive-He underlined that ness, and offering cooperation without compromising sovereignty.

For the domestic audience, the speech reaffirmed Pakistan's stature on the global stage and its determination to resist marginalization. For the international community, it served as a reminder that global peace and prosperity remain incomplete without addressing the aspirations and sacrifices of nations like Paki-

The prime minister's words at the UNGA did not merely echo within the walls of the Assembly hall; they reverberated across the conscience of the international community. They challenged the  $world \ to \ rethink \ its \ priorities, to \ measure$ justice not by the strength of the powerful but by the rights of the oppressed, and to acknowledge that Pakistan's sacrifices for global security demand more than symbolic appreciation.

In the final analysis, Shahbaz Sharif's address will be remembered as a historic moment in Pakistan's diplomatic history. It encapsulated the grief of a nation that has suffered immensely, the pride of a people who have endured with dignity, and the hope of a country that still



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

## The United States, China, and **Regional Politics**

n global politics, the United States and with Pakistan, attempts to limit India's role in taken on a multidimensional shape, where China are two major powers whose world. If the 21st century is called the "Asian Century," it would not be an exaggeration, because the focus of the global economy and politics is rapidly shifting toward Asia. the resulting vacuum is being filled by China China, with its economic growth, technological and Russia. Following the Taliban takeover, advancements, and expanding influence in the concerns about peace, terrorism, and economic

the United States. Meanwhile, the United States still claims global leadership through its military power, influence in international institutions, and traditional alliances. This rivalry has made regional politics more complex and uncertain.

The United States has **Muhammad Asif** always pursued a policy of maintaining a balance of power in its favor merely political or military but also involves in every region of the world. During the Cold War, this role was directed against the Soviet Union, and today the same policy is aimed at China. The U.S. seeks to elevate India as a major strategic power to counter China. On the other hand, China is strengthening its economic roots in the region through initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). This situation has given rise to a new kind of cold-war atmosphere between the U. S. and China.

cant aspect of U. S.-China politics. The U. S. sees India as a natural ally against China. The QUAD alliance which includes the U.S., India, Japan, and Australia is evidence that America growing influence. In contrast, China, together demonstrates that regional politics has now

the region. The impacts of this rivalry are not influence is not confined to their limited to political and defense domains but borders but directly impacts the entire extend into the economic sphere as well.

The situation in Afghanistan has also deeply influenced regional politics. After a prolonged war, the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan, but region, has emerged as the greatest challenge to hardships have forced regional countries to

adopt new strategies. China is exploring investment opportunities in Afghanistan, while U.S. influence there continues to decline. Pakistan, being a direct neighbor, is deeply affected by Afghanistan's situation, as it influences both its security and economy. The competition between

the U. S. and China is not technology, economics, and influence over international institutions. The U.S. seeks to retain its supremacy in high-tech industries, artificial intelligence, and defense technologies, while China is rapidly advancing in these fields. In areas such as 5G technology, electric vehicles, and modern infrastructure, China has already attracted many countries. For this reason, the U.S. is pressuring its allies not to adopt Chinese technology, especially from

companies like Huawei. Other regional players such as Iran, Turkev, India's role in the region is also a signifithe Central Asian republics, and Gulf states are also affected by this great-power rivalry. Iran is attempting to ease U.S. pressure by signing agreements with China, while Gulf countries longstanding U.S. allies are simultaneously is building a coalition in Asia to counter China's expanding economic ties with China. This

countries prefer to maintain relations with both major powers rather than rely solely on

For Pakistan, the greatest challenge is how to safeguard its national interests in this global and regional struggle. Through CPEC, Pakistan is gaining access to energy, infrastructure, and employment opportunities. However, strained relations with the U.S. could mean difficulties with international financial institutions and increased diplomatic pressure. Therefore, Pakistan not only needs to move toward economic self-reliance but also adopt a balanced foreign policy that allows it to maintain ties with both powers

Climate change is another issue that has brought the U.S., China, and regional countries closer or farther apart. Nations like Pakistan are among the worst affected by climate disasters but lack the resources to tackle them alone. In this context, Pakistan must persuade global powers to provide support under the principle of climate justice. China has increased investments in green energy, while the U.S. has also made several international commitments on climate change. This dimension is now

becoming an integral part of regional politics. The future of politics depends on how far the U. S.-China rivalry goes. If this confrontation escalates into open conflict, regional countries will face severe difficulties. However, if it largely remains confined to economic and diplomatic domains, smaller countries could benefit from it. For nations like Pakistan, the opportunity lies in using their geo-strategic location, economic potential, and diplomatic role in such a way that they can draw benefits from both powers without being drawn into

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### Flood Devastation in Rivers and **Government Measures**

tive natural disasters faced by countries across the world, and Pakistan is no exception, every year the monsoon season brings heavy rainfall which swells rivers and causes them to overflow their banks, resulting in widespread devastation in riverine areas where millions of major rivers such as the Indus, Chenab, Ravi

and Sutlej have once again highlighted the vulnerability of rural communities as thousands of acres of fertile farmland were submerged under floodwaters, standing crops of wheat, cotton, sugarcane and rice have been completely washed away leading to financial despair for farmers and creating a looming food insecurity crisis, according

to official reports over 3.2 million acres of agricultural land has been affected this year alone and the direct economic loss to the agriculture sector is estimated at more than 350 billion rupees, in addition nearly 600,000 livestock have perished further deepening the economic misery of rural households, the Prime Minister and provincial chief ministers have personally visited the affected regions and announced immediate financial compensation including 500,000 rupees for families who lost their homes and 200,000 rupees for the loss of livestock while 25 billion rupees have been earmarked for rehabilitation and the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure such as roads, bridges, irrigation channels and embankments, despite these efforts experts emphasize that short-term relief is not enough and Pakistan needs a long-term comprehensive strategy to tackle recurring floods, this includes strengthening embankments along major rivers, modernizing the drainage system in flood-

loods are among the most destruc- prone areas, implementing community-based disaster preparedness programs, and adopting advanced early warning systems using satellite and radar-based technology, according to meteorological experts climate change is aggravating the situation as rising global temperatures and melting glaciers in the Himalayas are expected to further increase the frequency and intensity people depend on agriculture and livestock for of floods, recent studies indicate that Pakistan their survival, the recent floods in the country's could lose 1.2% to 2% of its GDP annually due to climate-induced disasters if proper adaptation



measures are not implemented, therefore building resilience through sustainable infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, modern water management policies and strong governance is critical, international donors including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and UN agencies have also pledged support worth 1.3 billion dollars

for flood recovery and resilience building, civil society organizations and local NGOs are equally playing their role in distributing aid, raising awareness and supporting displaced communities, the recurring floods in Pakistan are a stark reminder that climate change is no longer a distant threat but a present-day crisis, in conclusion while the government's relief operations have provided immediate support to millions of victims the real challenge lies in formulating and implementing long-term strategies that can prevent future devastation, it will require collective efforts by the government, private sector, civil society and international partners to ensure that vulnerable riverine communities are not left at the mercy of floods every year and that Pakistan can protect its people, economy and natural resources from the recurring menace of climate-induced disasters.

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# World Tourism Day 27th September 2025 -Tourism and Sustainable Transformation

**Sadaf Khalid Khan** 

very year, on 27th September, the world comes together to cele-Day. In 2025, the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transfor- heritage sites, and unstable mountain mation" resonates strongly with the trails disrupt both domestic and interurgent challenges we face in Pakistan. Tourism is not just about travel; that attract visitors — from snowit is about building bridges between capped mountains to fertile valleys people, preserving our environment, are under severe strain. and creating opportunities for future generations. For Pakistan, this year's theme carries deep significance as climate change, resource pressures, and unplanned development are reshaping the very landscapes that make our country so extraordinary.

The Climate Challenge in Pakistan ranked among the top 10 countries competitive edge as a global tourism most vulnerable to climate change. The 2022 super floods displaced millions, causing damages estimated at over and inclusive sustainable tourism poli-\$30 billion USD. In 2025, communicies. Policies that do not just exist on ties in Sindh, Punjab, and Gilgit-Baltipaper but are implemented with strict

droughts, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), and rising heatwaves.

For tourism, this is not just an envibrate World Tourism ronmental crisis — it is an existential challenge. Washed-out roads, damaged national tourism. The very ecosystems

> Why Sustainable Tourism Policies Are Crucial

This is a defining moment. Unless national and provincial tourism departments unite with all stakeholders international experts, local and indigenous communities, the private sector, government bodies, academia, youth, Pakistan has been consistently and media — Pakistan risks losing its destination.

What we need are clear, enforceable,

stan still struggle with the aftereffects monitoring and accountability. Only of changing weather patterns: floods, then can tourism become a driver of sustainable transformation, rather than a contributor to ecological stress.

Pakistan: A Land of Timeless Beauty

Despite these challenges, Pakistan remains a land of timeless beauty and history. From the Mughal heritage of Lahore, the Buddhist UNESCO sites of Taxila, and the royal legacy of Bahawalpur, to the vibrant cultures of Kalash, Kohistan, and Gilgit-Baltistan, our cultural wealth is unmatched.

The Indus Valley Civilization offers a glimpse into humanity's earliest urban settlements. The trails of Alexander the Great cut across our land, linking us to global history. Pakistan is also home to some of the most significant religious tourism sites in South Asia, including the Kartarpur Corridor and Nankana Sahib for the Sikh community, ancient Hindu temples in Sindh and Punjab, and sacred Buddhist sites that attract pilgrims and visitors from across the

And for adventure seekers, Pakistan is



blessed with the world's highest mountains and pristine landscapes. From K2, the second-highest peak in the world, to the breathtaking Himalayas, Karakoram, and Hindu Kush ranges, Pakistan is a natural playground for trekkers, mountaineers, and explorers. at the heart of our tourism strategy.

A Call to Action

Pakistan has everything it takes to become a world-class tourism hub rich culture, diverse landscapes, and unparalleled hospitality. But to unlock this potential, sustainability must be

This requires investment in climate resilience, heritage conservation, eco-tourism initiatives, and capacity building for local communities.

If marketed globally with vision and responsibility, Pakistan could emerge as the top tourist destination of 2026. But more importantly, it could set an example of how a country can use tourism as a tool for peace, prosperity, and environmental stewardship.

My personal vision - through Walnut Travel Tours & Consultancy is to brand Pakistan as a destination of Tourism for Peace." By aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we can create a tourism model that not only preserves our heritage but also builds a better future for our youth and generations to come.

On this World Tourism Day 2025, let us commit to transforming tourism into a force for sustainable development. For Pakistan, the time to act is now.

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## 98 Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks across Gaza since dawn

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GAZA:98 Palestinians have been killed since dawn on Saturday by Israeli airstrikes and gunfire in multiple areas across the Gaza Strip, medical sources reported.

According to the same sources, 23 of the victims were transferred to Al-Shifa Medical Complex, 29 to Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital, 28 to Al-Awda Hospital, nine to Nasser Medical Complex, and nine to Al-Aqsa Hospital. Among the victims were six people who had been waiting for humanitarian aid in central and southern Gaza.

The ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza since October 2023 has so far resulted in at least 65,926 documented Palestinian fatalities, with more than 167,800 others injured.

Thousands more are feared trapped beneath the rubble of destroyed buildings, unreachable by emergency and civil defense teams due to continued Israeli bombardment.



## Pakistan Advances Plastic Pollution Mitigation with Launch of National Plan and IT-Based Monitoring System

👺 City Desk

A pivotal workshop on the National Plastic Waste Management Plan (NPWMP) and the roll-out of Pakistan's IT-based monitoring and reporting mechanism was held today at the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), Islamabad. The NPWMP has been developed under the World Bank-funded Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project.

Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC), in collaboration with Project Procurement International and Techlogix JV. The event convened key stakeholders from across the plastic value chain. session by emphasising the urgent



of EPAs, waste management companies, bulk users of single-use plastics, and academic institutions.

Dr Mohsina Zubair, Director (NEQS/Lab), Pak-EPA, opened the

The event was organized by the Participants included representatives need for sustainable plastic production and consumption, guided by circular economy principles. She highlighted the importance of robust plastic value chain data to reduce environmental leakage

and plastic pollution nationwide. Representing the World Bank, Ms.

Sana Ahmed, Senior Environmental and Social Specialist, described the NPWMP as a transformative initiative for both environmental sustainability and national development. She underscored the critical role of stakeholder collaboration and welcomed feedback to strengthen the plan's implementa-

Mr Ali Abdullah, Senior Research Analyst, provided a comprehensive overview of the plan and demonstrated the newly developed IT-based database for the monitoring and reporting mechanism for the plan.

The workshop marks a significant step forward in Pakistan's commitment to addressing plastic pollution through data-driven policy.

## Israeli forces blow up slain Palestinian's house in Jerusalem



JERUSALEM,: Israeli occupation forces blew up the home of slain Palestinian Muthanna Amro from the town of Al-Qubeiba, northwest of occupied Jerusalem, at dawn on Saturday.

Local sources reported that large forces of the occupation army stormed Al-Qubeiba, imposed a military cordon in the area, closed off main roads, and surrounded the home of Muthanna Amro, whose demolition order was issued last Monday.

The soldiers forcibly evacuated citizens from several residential buildings surrounding the home of the Amro's family. Occupation soldiers began digging holes in the walls of the house before detonating it.

The two Palestinians, Muthanna Amro and Muhammad Taha, wa  $killed\ by\ Israeli\ occupation\ forces\ in\ occupied\ Jerusalem,\ allegedly\ for$ carrying out a shooting attack on September 9.

#### European dockworkers launch campaign to boycott ships carrying arms to Israel

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GENOA: Several trade unions representing European dockworkers convened in the Italian port city of Genoa on Saturday to outline a joint strategy aimed at halting the export of weapons from Europe to Israel, under the slogan "Dockworkers do not work for war."

In a statement, dockworkers declared their opposition to the ongoing bloodshed, saying they stand "against war" and "against the occupation of Palestine," while calling for an immediate end to the genocide in Gaza. The organizing union announced its intention to expand the boycott of military shipments to include all European ports.

"We ask everyone to protest and deliver a clear message that we are not complicit in this war," said a spokesperson of the union, stressing: "We are many and we are strong, and we stand for a free Palestine. We, the dockworkers, protest together."

## Pakistan before the Nations of the World: Regional Challenges and Global Responsibilities

Khan Singhanvi

Minister at the United spotlight of the global stage, but also sive equilibrium, and socio-economic the Indus Waters Treaty, the allegations of terrorism emanating from Afghan soil, and the economic threats posed by climate change these are not isolated dialogues, but components of a comprehensive strategy subject to long-term national interest. To external policy, it is essential that we the ground, and future prospects.

The first point is that the military Prime Minister's reference to the professional performance of the armed not resolved through documented and forces and the victories achieved on the consensual mechanisms, they become

delivered by the Prime to reinforce national willpower sending a clear message to the people, the military leadership, and international not only brought the grim observers that Pakistan has drawn its situation of South Asia back into the defensive boundaries and emphasized the right of self-defense. Yet, mainilluminated an integrated map of Paki- taining a balance between defense in stan's foreign policy, internal defen- practice and stern criticism of aggression at the UN forum is never simple; and environmental concerns. In this strong rhetoric may serve as a source address, the severe criticism of India, of encouragement in domestic politics, the question of occupied Kashmir, but for reducing regional diplomatic the issue of water in the context of turbulence and hostility, softer strategies, confidence-building measures, and transparency are equally indispensable.

The second issue concerns water linked to the rights of nearly 240 million citizens, the Prime Minister declared it a matter of national survival. comprehend the text of Pakistan's Considering violation of the Indus Waters Treaty as tantamount to a weigh together rhetoric, the reality on declaration of war points towards the looming peril that arises from scarcity or abundance of water: agricultural and political narrative was presented yield, water reservoirs, and economic in a multidimensional manner. The stability will all be affected. Historically, when disputes over water are

he recent statements battlefield was, internally, an attempt the cause of enduring instability. In this context, insistence should not rest merely on international tribunals or suspicions, but must incline towards proactive water diplomacy, expertbased technical commissions, and a practical framework for joint regional water management.

The third crucial theme is Afghanistan and terrorism. The Prime

Minister mentioned alleged operations from Afghan soil and demanded effective action from the interim government. This is a complex issue in which the Taliban, regional actors, and global powers are all involved. In practice, while respecting

Afghanistan's territorial sovereignty, it is necessary to adopt a multilayered strategy for border security, intelligence sharing, and regional stability one that ensures the inclusion of the Afghan government, international assistance.

and participation of local communities. The mention of American intervention or mediation in the region was

also conspicuous describing President Trump as a flag-bearer of peace and lauding his role is undoubtedly an exercise in public diplomacy, aimed at reinforcing Pakistan's position internationally and easing tensions. However, it is worth remembering that the mediation of a single country may provide temporary relief, but sustainable permanence requires the involvement of regional

leaders, the United Nations, and multiple stakeholders. In political destinies, semi-ofdeclarations and gestures such as Nobel nominations are part of internal and external messagesending, but their true impact depends upon practical conciliatory

measures and adherence to international law.

The address also touched upon the Israel-Palestine conflict and the situation in Gaza, framing it as part of a broader humanitarian crisis, reflecting Pakistan's alignment with Muslim nations and its traditional attachment to the global human rights agenda. At

the international level, conventional issues of humanity such as demographic crises, refugees, and human rights can serve as a moral framework to strengthen political negotiations, but genuine progress is only possible when ocal and regional powers converge upon common interests.

A distinct yet related point was the Prime Minister's reference to the growing menace of misinformation and fake news informational warfare today intensifies any conflict. Transparency of facts, free journalism, and the accountability of digital platforms are elements that play a pivotal role in building trust. Pakistan must reinforce the balance between freedom and responsibility in its domestic media policy so that its international credibility is solidified and hostile narratives cannot survive for long.

The economic and environmental aspects were also explicit and forceful: the burden of debt due to climate change and its devastating effects on the economy this is not mere rhetorical emphasis but a reality faced by every developing nation. For Pakistan, it is imperative to promote both adaptation and compensation through internal

reforms, investment in green energy, agricultural restructuring, and access to international climate finance mechanisms. Beneficial negotiations with global financial institutions, green funds, and regional partnerships can help ease the burden of debt.

A review of future prospects indicates that if Pakistan truly wishes for real and consistent progress towards peace, it must shift its focus from bilateral military comparison to confidence-building, economic cooperation, technical solutions to water and border issues, and a sustained framework of regional dialogue. At the same time, internal stability, transparency, and economic resilience will enhance its diplomatic strength.

In the final analysis, stern and impassioned statements at the forum of nations may have immediate impact, but durable solutions will only be possible when such rhetoric is underpinned by practical, technical, and effective policy. If the aspiration for peace remains confined to slogans, reality will not change; for that, a united effort of steadfastness, scholarly research, regional diplomacy, and internal reforms is indispensable.



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%	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	

+0.79%	26 Sept, 1:40 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change	
45,354.99	-399.94	
Percentage	Time	
. 0.070/	26 Sept, 3:45 pm	

#### Open Market Forex Rates

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

#### CCP Issues Advisory on Dealership Agreements and Exemption Compliance

#### **E** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has cautioned undertakings that dealership, distribution, agency, and wholesale agreements containing restrictive provisions may fall within the scope of prohibited agreements under Section 4 of the Competition Act,

Such agreements are void ab initio under Section 4(3) unless specifically exempted, prior to execution, by the Commission under Sections 5 and 9 of the Act. Exemptions are granted only when agreements meet the criteria laid down in Section 9 and the Competition (Exemption) Regulations, 2020-namely, when they enhance production or distribution, encourage technical or economic progress, and allow consumers a fair share of resulting benefits.

The Commission reminded businesses that Exemption Orders are conditional. Undertakings must not use them as a cover for anti-competitive conduct, transfer pricing, economic rents, or practices harmful to consumer welfare. Agreements must strictly adhere to the conditions of the Exemption Order, with undertakings required to notify the CCP of any amendments, market changes, and to submit periodic compliance reports demonstrating efficiencies and consumer

Failure to comply, or to seek renewal before expiry, will render exemptions liable to cancellation under Section 6 of the Act and may invite enforcement proceedings, including financial penalties of up to PKR 75 million or 10% of annual turnover.

The CCP reaffirmed its commitment to promoting free competition, enhancing economic efficiency, and protecting consumers from anti-competitive behavior. Stakeholders are encouraged to report violations or non-compliance of exemption conditions through CCP's online complaint portal at www.cc.gov.pk or by submitting written complaints to the Commission.

## Malik Sohaib, inaugurated the ninth edition of the Pakistan Industrial **Expo (PIE 2025)**

#### **Spokesman Report**

LAHORE: The Punjab Minister for Communication and Works, Malik Sohaib Ahmad Bherth, inaugurated the ninth edition of the Pakistan Industrial Expo (PIE 2025) on Saturday, describing the event as a shining example of the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. The three-day exhibition, held at the Lahore Expo Centre, brings together over 200 leading companies from both countries, showcasing state-of-the-art machinery, tools, and industrial innovations.

In his address at the inauguration ceremony, the Minister—who also holds the additional portfolio of Law-emphasized the importance of such events in fostering economic development, creating job opportunities, and strengthening the national industrial base. He conveyed the appreciation of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif for the successful organization of the expo and reiterated the government's full support for Chinese investors and businesses seeking to collaborate with their Pakistani counterparts. He noted that events like PIE 2025 are



instrumental in accelerating Pakistan's journey toward economic self-reliance and regional industrial leadership.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a number of notable dignitaries, including Chinese Commercial Vice Consul in Lahore Li Haoteng, Commodore Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman, Commodore Mehtab Khan, and senior officials from the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, including Faiz Ahmad Chaddhar and Rafia Sayyed. FPCCI Vice President Zaki Ijaz also graced the occasion, along with Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha Dr. Qaiser Abbas, Managing Partner of Everest Armaghan Muqeem, and Everest's Deputy General Manager Zishan Hashmi.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Fa Wenyan, CEO of Everest International Expo-the organizing body behind the event-highlighted the growing stature of the Pakistan Industrial Expo as a flagship initiative in the country's industrial calendar.

The Pakistan Industrial Expo 2025 continues for the next two days at the Lahore Expo Centre and is open to business professionals and industry stakeholders.

#### Demolished shops at Melody Food Park

ISLAMABAD: Laborers are busy in demolishing the shops at Melody Food Park as Capital Development Authority set plan to make the area more vast for the facilitation of the Citizen in Federal



#### Gold Box's 'Blind **Box' E-Commerce Model Sparks Consumer Caution and Regulatory Questions**

#### Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: As Pakistan's e-commerce market races toward a projected USD 7.5 billion by 2026, the newly launched Gold Box platform is drawing attention—and skepticism—for marketing a "blind box" shopping experience that many observers say feels more like a gaming or betting app than a traditional online marketplace.

Gold Box's own socialmedia campaigns highlight "instant rewards," "quick cash-out" options and team-based earning incencates and consumer-rights materialize.

commentators note that these mechanics-while legal—closely resemble the engagement strategies of gaming applications. Critics worry that this blurring of retail and gaming could leave consumers exposed to financial risk.

Consumer-rights specialists point out that the platform's one-click consignment feature and 24-hour cash-out promises remain difficult to independently verify. Without clear thirdparty escrow or robust government oversight, users may have limited recourse tives. Digital-safety advo- if advertised benefits fail to

# Trade MoU signed between USA Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan

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

NEW YORK USA: A significant step toward strengthening Pakistan-US trade relations was marked with the signing of a trade Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between USA Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, New York and Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan

The agreement was signed during the 2nd Pakistan-USA SMEs Trade and Business Delegation September 2025, led by Mr. Mazhar Hussain Thathal, Chairman and CEO of the Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan. Representing the US side, Mr. Randy Peers, President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, signed the MoU at a special ceremony held in New York.

The partnership aims to promote trade connectivity, facilitate business linkages, and organize joint trade exchange delegation programs and exhibitions on international platforms. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Randy Peers expressed his appreciation for the initiative, noting that the MoU would help create new opportunities for Brooklyn-based American businesses to



The delegation from Pakistan represented multiple sectors, including textiles, surgical instruments, healthcare, solar technology, electric vehicle (EV) mobile charging solutions, and IT services. In the first B2B meeting following the MoU, Mr. Liaqat Ali Thathal, Director of International Trade and Relations at the Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan, presented proposals to connect Pakistani businesses with American companies, such as Irish-

export opportunities in healthcare and technology.

Mr. Mazhar Hussain Thathal emphasized that the MoU is a landmark achievement for Pakistan's SMEs, opening new doors for international collaboration and trade. "This partnership will not only strengthen bilateral trade ties but also enable Pakistani businesses to showcase their potential in the American market,"

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



Commerced Desk

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

ceremony, Javed Ahmed MD & CEO Jubilee Life

Insurance said, "This partnership highlights our continued commitment to innovation in financial protection. With UBL as a strong

partner, we aim to provide customers with products that safeguard their future while offering long-term financial growth.

Adding to this, Abdul Aleem Qureshi Group Executive - Branch Banking UBL commented "UBL has always been at the forefront Speaking at the signing of delivering highest value through its innovative products and solutions.

## Federal Minister announces ICCI President's inclusion in BOI Board

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

Board of Investment (BOI) Qais- late the newly elected President, er Ahmed Sheikh has said that the Sardar Tahir Mehmood. Chairman President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) Secretary General United Busiwill be included in the BOI Board to ness Group and former President sector in decision-making for the President Tahir Ayub, Vice Presipromotion of trade and investment. dent Mohammad Irfan Chaudhry, He said the BOI is making all-out Executive Members and a large efforts to attract domestic as well as number of business community foreign direct investment to accel- members were also present on this and industry.

erate economic growth. He expressed these views during

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for his visit to ICCI to congratu-ICCI Founder Group Tariq Sadiq,

Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh said that, being a businessman himself, he understands the concerns of the private sector and the hurdles they face in policy implementation and investments. He highlighted that Pakistan has immense potential that can be unlocked through visionary reforms and investor facilitation by assuring that bottlenecks would be removed to ensure smooth development of business



#### **Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2025**

## Pakistan VS India Final today at the Dubai **Cricket Stadium**

DUBAI: The Asia Cup 2025 final between Pakistan and India will be played on Sunday, September 28 at the Dubai Cricket Stadium, Pakistan vs India, 5 finals of big events played, who will prevail? Cricket breaking news is that the teams of India and Pakistan will compete in their sixth multinational final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on September 28.

There is no bigger cricket match than India vs Pakistan. It is about emotions. A lot is at stake. What does it mean to defeat a neighboring country, history and the present are on whose side. Cricket fans, the general public, even governments are involved in it.

Yet India and Pakistan have not often met at the biggest stages of the tournament. When the two teams face each other in the Asia Cup final on September 28, it will be the first time that they will play an Asia Cup final.

India vs Pakistan: Multinational Finals Record

5 finals so far

India won two. Pakistan won 3.

India vs Pakistan. ICC Finals These are the finals of two events. One is equal to the other.

History of India vs Pakistan Finals World Championship of Cricket. India won

the final in Melbourne 1985 by 8 wickets.

Australia Cup 1986 final. Pakistan won by 1 wicket in Sharjah.

Australia Cup Pakistan won by 39 runs in Sharjah 1994.

India won the T20 World Cup in Johannes-

burg 2007 by 5 runs.

Pakistan won the Champions Trophy final at The Oval 2017 by 180 runs.

Was the Asia Cup final played between India and Pakistan? This will be their first Asia Cup final against each other. India has played 11

reached the trophy final 5 times (2 wins and 3 losses, runner-up).

Has Pakistan ever defeated India in an ICC World Cup final?

Pakistan and India have faced each other once margin win against India.

finals (8 wins and 3 losses) and Pakistan has in an ICC World Cup final, in the 2007 T20 World Cup. India won the match by 5 runs in the last over of the match. Pakistan defeated India by 180 runs in the final of the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017. This is Pakistan's biggest run



## PAF dominate army in All Pakistan Hockey Tournament clash

**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Customs held Port Qasim to a 2-2 draw in a nail-biting encounter before Pakistan Air Force (PAF) thrashed Pakistan Army 4-0 in a commanding display on the third day of the 4th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) All Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2025 at the National Hockey Stadium, Lahore, on Saturday.

The opening contest of the day kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

Port Qasim drew first blood in the 3rd minute when Hassan Shahbaz converted a field goal.

Customs regrouped and equalized in the 30th minute through Muhammad Ahmad, also via a field strike.

The intensity rose in the second half as Bilal Aslam put Customs ahead with a penalty corner conversion in the 43rd

However, the lead was short-lived as Aleem Usman brought Port Qasim back into the game just two minutes later, oring from another penalty corner ir

the 45th minute. Despite late attempts from both sides, the match concluded in a fair 2-2 stale-

Meanwhile, Pakistan Air Force delivered a clinical performance to overpower Army in the second encounter of the day.

Yasir Ali led from the front, netting twice with brilliantly executed field goals in the 25th and 59th minutes.

He was well supported by drag-flick



specialists Abdul Manan and Rizwan Ali, who converted penalty corners in the 28th and 43rd minutes respectively.

Army struggled to match PAF's speed, structure and finishing efficiency, ultimately conceding a comprehensive defeat.

Olympian Tahir Zaman attended the matches as the chief guest.

Addressing the players, he praised their passion and fighting spirit, urging them to continue working hard to reach the international stage.

of national hockey, a sport that once made Pakistan a global powerhouse.

"Pakistan Navy's commitment to reviving our national game is commendable," said Zaman.

With such patronage, I am confi-He also extended heartfelt appreciadent we will soon witness the resurgence tion to the Pakistan Navy for its support of Pakistan hockey. More institutions and sponsors should step forward to strengthen this mission."

## Pakistan cricket team undergoes intensive training in Dubai

#### Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan cricket team carried out an intensive practice session at the ICC Academy on Saturday in preparation for the highly anticipated Asia Cup final against arch-rivals India.

With the decisive encounter scheduled for tomorrow (Sunday), the national squad engaged in rigorous net practice under the close supervision of the coaching staff.

Players participated in batting and bowling drills designed to fine-tune

their skills ahead of the crucial match. Coaches focused on helping batters sharpen their shot selection and bowlers polish their line and length to adapt to the Dubai conditions.

The Asia Cup final is expected to draw immense global attention as one of the fiercest rivalries in international cricket reignites on the big stage.

Both teams have shown strong performances throughout the tournament, setting the stage for a thrilling contest. The final will commence at 6:30 pm local time, with fans across



the cricketing world eagerly awaiting the clash.

#### Inter-District Sports Cricket Tournament Organized by Chiniot Police



Majid Majid

CHINIOT: Regional Police Officer Faisalabad Zeeshan Asghar specially encouraged the players and watched the final match. The City Traffic Police cricket team won the final. RPO Faisalabad praised the players for their excellent performance and distributed trophies to the winner and runner-up teams. On this occasion, RPO Zeeshan Asghar said that the encouragement of the players from the platform of the Police Sports Board will continue in the future so that the youth can further hone their skills.

#### Nepal stun West Indies with historic first-ever win over ICC full-member side

#### **₿** Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Nepal men's cricket team etched their name in the record books on Saturday by securing a historic 19-run victory over West Indies in the first T20 international of the threematch series at the Sharjah Crick-



This was Nepal's maiden triumph against a full-member International Cricket Council (ICC) side, marking a watershed moment in their cricketing journey.

Batting first after being put in, Nepal recovered from a shaky start to post a competitive 148 for 8 in their 20 overs.

The associate nation had slipped to 12 for 2 in the fourth over, with both openers - Kushal Bhurtel (6) and Aasif Sheikh (3) dismissed cheaply. However, Paudel's composed 38 off 35 balls, which included three fours and a six, alongside Malla's brisk 30 off 21 with two sixes and two fours, steadied the innings.

The duo's dismissal in quick succession saw Nepal wobble again at 89 for 4 in the 13th over, but the middle-order held firm.

Gulshan Jha chipped in with a valuable 22, while Dipendra Singh Airee added 17 runs in the death overs to ensure the total reached a defendable mark. For the West Indies, Jason Holder spearheaded the bowling attack with a brilliant spell of 4 for 20, while Navin Bidaisee grabbed three wickets to keep the pressure on.

In reply, West Indies faltered in their chase and were restricted to 129 for 9, falling short by 19 runs against a disciplined Nepal bowling effort.

## Matthews at the double as England beat Canada to win Women's Rugby World Cup

#### **Sports Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Alex Matthews hosts and favourites England ended their long wait to win a third Women's Rugby World Cup title with a 33-13 victory over Canada at Twickenham on

Saturday. Victory in front of a record and raucous crowd of 81,885 gave England their first world title since defeating Canada 21-9 in the 2014 final in Paris and third in total following their 1994

England's record run to 33 consecutive wins, with the Red Roses having won 63 of their past 64 matches — the lone blemish Covid-delayed 2022 final.

"It's absolutely unbelievable, to scored two tries as tournament do it here at home," said England captain Zoe Aldcroft after a much-needed win that followed five defeats by New Zealand in the previous six World Cup finals.

"I am just so proud of every single one of those girls."

This was England's best performance of the tournament, with coach John Mitchell, brought in after the team's 2022 heartache specifically to win the World Cup, saying: "I thought we were superb defensively in the tour-This success also extended nament; our attack didn't need to be at its best but it was effective enough to get the job done."

Mitchell added England had "massive respect" for Canada.

a defeat by New Zealand in the "They are a good side, but they hadn't come up against us and we were waiting," he said. Saturday's success gave the

61-year-old Mitchell, a former head coach of his native New Zealand's men's All Blacks and the defence chief of the England side beaten in the 2019 men's World Cup final by South Africa, his first major global title.

"It's not really so much about me," he said. "This has been a very good team for a long time, but I think they deserve to be termed a great side today."

Canada coach Kevin Rouet admitted England deserved to

"I think they were just better

than us. Against England, if you

don't score when you have to

score, you can't win the game," England enjoyed a 21-8

half-time lead after outscoring Canada, appearing in just their second final, three tries to one. Canada's Asia Hogan-Roch-

ester opened the scoring in just the fifth minute before England hit back through Ellie Kildunne, Amy Cokayne and Matthews.

Fly-half Zoe Harrison converted all three of those tries in front of a crowd that surpassed the previous highest attendance for a 15-a-side women's international of 58,498 at Twickenham for England's 2023 Six Nations match against France.

England and Canada, first and second in the world rankings respectively, were unchanged

from their semi-final wins, with Canada hugely impressive in dethroning double defending champions New Zealand.

Canada, who launched a crowdfunding campaign to help bolster their dreams of World Cup glory, struck first against the Red Roses — the best-resourced team in the women's game.

Hogan-Rochester's well-judged grubber kick led to a line-out the Maple Leafs disrupted before the left wing sprinted in down the touchline. Kildunne leads England

Canada's lead lasted just two

minutes, however. Full-back Kildunne, fresh from two tries against France, left two



typical slalom run saw her score between the posts.

England's pack, with player of the match Sadia Kabeya outstanding, then struck in familiar fashion when a driving maul ended with hooker before releasing Matthews, who Cokayne being shoved over for a 19th-minute try.

clubs in England's Premiership Women's Rugby competition, defenders in her slipstream as a knew what was coming but they penalty to cut England's lead.

couldn't cope with their opponents' forward power in the 26th Scrum-half Natasha Hunt

peeled away from the base of a scrum and nearly scored herself dived over for a try.

Canada's goal-kicking lock Canada, with several players at Sophie de Goed, named world player of the year after the final, landed a simple 34th-minute

### Group Photo

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah along with National & International Sailing Officials and Pakistan Navy organizers at the closing cer-



## 2nd CNS International Sailing Regatta 2025 Culminates at Karachi

#### 👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The 2nd Chief onship witnessed enthusiof the Naval Staff (CNS) International Sailing Regatta 2025, held from 23 to 27 September 2025 in the waters off Karachi concluded with nament featured competan impressive closing ceremony held at PNS RAHBAR, of Laser Standard/ ILCA 7, Karachi. The ceremony was Laser Radial/ ILCA 6, and graced by Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Windsurfing RSX. A total Shah, Minister for Culture, Tourism, Antiquities and fully conducted in each cate-Archives, Government of gory, with 38 participants, high level of skills displayed

The week-long champi-Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Pakistan. The touritive races in the categories of twelve races were successtional, showcasing their skills

throughout the event. In his address, the Chief astic participation of sailors Guest congratulated the representing Egypt, Iran, participants for their remarkable performance and extended best wishes to the international teams. He also lauded Pakistan Navy's efforts in promoting sailing and water sports in the region. Later, the Chief Guest awarded prizes to the winners and appreciated the Sindh, who attended as the both national and internathroughout the event.

Khairulnizam bin Mohd Afendy from Malaysia secured first position in the Laser Standard/ ILCA 7 category, while Arthit Mikhail Romanyk from Thailand finished as runner-up. Meanwhile, in the Laser Radial / ILCA 6 category, Noppassorn Khunboonjan from Thailand claimed the top spot, followed by Muhammad Asnavi Iqbal The bin Adam from Malaysia in second place. Moreover, in

Pakistan clinched first posi-Pakistan took the runner-up title. Players from Pakistan and Malaysia topped the list, each securing a gold, silver, and bronze medal. Meanwhile, players from Thailand won a gold and a silver medal each, and Egypt claimed one bronze medal.

Photo: PID

ceremony was attended by a large number of dignitaries from armed the Windsurfing RSX cate- forces, foreign embassies and gory, Muhammad Irfan from civil organizations.

## Ahsan seeks 10,000 PhD scholarships for Pakistani students, ASEAN-level trade access under CPEC 2.0

#### 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has proposed 10,000 joint PhD scholarships in artificial intelligence, engineering and emerging sciences at China's top universities under CPEC Phase-II, citing the need to equip Pakistan's youth for knowledge-driven growth.

Briefing media after the 14th meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of CPEC, televised from Beijing on Saturday, he said "We have proposed that in the next 10 years, 10,000 Pakistani students be trained in China's top 50 universities in artificial intelligence, emerging sciences, engineering and new technologies, so that Pakistan can build



a strong technology and innovation-based economy."

Ahsan stressed that equipping youth with advanced research skills would enable them to pioneer the transformation of Pakistan into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. "The next two decades belong to the youth of Pakistan, and we are committed to invest in their education and skills so they can lead the country's economic transformation," he remarked.

Calling exports the "engine of growth," Iqbal said Pakistan's weak performance in the sector needed urgent improvement. "Out of China's \$2 trillion imports, Pakistan's share is only \$3 billion. We hope to expand this by seeking the same tariff treatment for Pakistani products that ASEAN countries enjoy," he added.

## Navy War College officers call on Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz

#### **Spokesman Report**

LAHORE: Participants of the 55th Staff Course of Pakistan Navy War College met with Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif in Lahore on Saturday. The delegation included officers from all three armed forces of Pakistan and officers from the armed forces of 15 friendly countries.

The delegation of Pakistan Navy War College was led by Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmed

Nawaz Sharif welcomed Pakistan Navy War College.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif reiterated her support for the Palestinians.

Chief Minister Maryam of Palestinian officers in the delegation. She paid tribute to members of the delegation of the Pakistan Navy for its assistance in the floods.

A detailed briefing was given on the steps taken by the Punjab government for

The delegation of Pakistan Navy War College appreciated the innovative steps of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz

Chief Minister Maryam Chief Minister Maryam the welfare of the people Nawaz Sharif gave cheerful

the delegation.

Pakistan Navy played a valuable role in the rescue and relief operation, Maryam Nawaz Sharif appreciated the role of Pakistan Navy.

Punjab is hosting millions of people coming from other appreciated the participation and turning challenges into answers to the participants of provinces, Maryam Nawaz Punjab into the best hospitals.

She said due to economic improvement, the situation is improving day by day and we are moving towards the goal of prosperity.

The world's largest 1000bed government cancer hospital in Lahore will be completed in ten months, Maryam Nawaz said.

The Chief Minister said seeing the effectiveness of the treatment of cancer during her visit to China, she ordered a co-ablation machine.

Cancer is being treated without surgery, chemo and radiotherapy, Maryam Nawaz said.

She said Punjab government is building the first Institute of Cardiology for the entire division in Sargodha and turned 2500 health centers in

## PM for exploring trade potential between Pakistan, Malaysia



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday said that there was immense potential for trade between Pakistan release. and Malaysia, and they were taking concrete steps to capitalize on it.

Chairing a meeting via video link from New York on the promotion of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Malaysia, the prime minister said that Pakistan and Malaysia enjoyed longstanding fraternal relations that spanned over decades.

Malaysia had always stood by Pakistan in times of difficulty, and they held this support in high regard, he

The prime minister directed the relevant institutions to formulate a practical and robust plan for the export of Pakistani beef to Malaysia, PM Office Media Wing said in a press

The meeting held a detailed review of trade relations between Pakistan and Malaysia.

The prime minister was given a comprehensive briefing on Pakistan's export potential in the Malaysian market.

He directed that a solid action plan should be developed and presented, focusing on enhancing trade between Pakistan and Malaysia, particularly the export of Pakistani beef to

## Complaint filed in Judicial Council against IHC Justice Saman Riffat

#### **Example 2** Court Reporter

LAHORE: A complaint has been filed in Supreme Judicial Council against Islamabad High Court judge Justice Saman Riffat on Saturday. The complainant Hafiz Ehtesham Ahmed had demanded the removal of Justice Samana Riffat over

He claimed that Justice Tariq Jahangiri went to Karachi to hear Rifat cancelled the cause list of her—that another judge cannot appe Court.

Saman Riffat delisted cases without removed from the office.



fake degree case and Justice Saman her personal work or case, adding bench from September 24 to 26 and in another judge's case. Justice Justice Saman appeared with Justice Saman Riffat tried to influence the Tariq Jahangiri in the Sindh High Sindh High Court bench and Justice Saman Riffat violated oath and code The complainant said Justice of conduct thefore she should be

## Court upholds CM Gandapur's arrest warrants in liquor case



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The District and Sessions Court Islamabad on Satur-Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur in the liquor and weapons recovery case.

District and Sessions Court Islamthe recovery of liquor and illegal Minister.

Judicial Magistrate Mubashir Hassan Chishti presided over the hearing. As Ali Amin Gandapur day upheld the arrest warrants for did not appear before the court, the magistrate ordered that his arrest warrants remain in effect.

The court adjourned the hearing The hearing took place at the until October 4. The case was registered at Bara Kahu police station, abad, where the case against CM Ali involving the alleged recovery of Amin Gandapur was heard regarding liquor and weapons from the Chief

## China pledges 100 mln Yuan in additional flood relief for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The Government of floods in Pakistan. China has announced an additional package of flood relief supplies worth disaster relief and post-flood recon-

struction. In a statement posted on X

This assistance reflects China's unwavering commitment to stand 100 million yuan RMB to further by Pakistan in testing times, highsupport Pakistan's ongoing efforts in lighting the enduring friendship and all-weather strategic cooperative partnership between the two nations.

China's timely and substantial (Twitter), the Chinese Embassy in support is expected to help alle-Islamabad said that this assistance is viate the hardships of flood-affected in addition to the earlier \$2 million communities while lending significant in emergency aid that was promptly impetus to the government's reconprovided following the devastating struction and rehabilitation efforts.

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