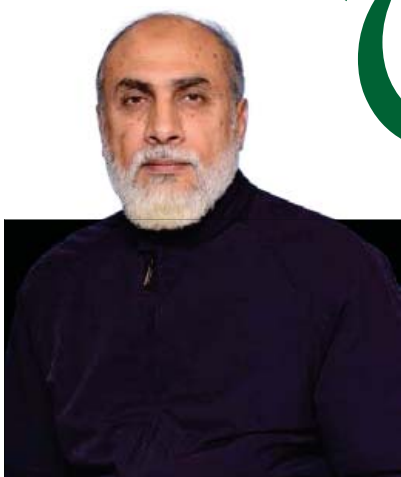


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Nawabzada Khalid Magsi, member of National Assembly has been elected unopposed as the central president of Balochistan Awami Party (BAP). According to Election Committee Chairman Khuda Babar, three candidates had submitted their papers for the post of central president of BAP, but Ejaz Sanjrani and Asmat Tareen withdrew.



Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday formally inaugurated a new National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) office in Kiri Khisor, Tehsil Paharpur, District Ismail Khan. PPP Parliamentary Leader in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Ahmad Karim Kundi, NADRA officials from Peshawar PPP office-bearers and a large number of local residents attended the inauguration ceremony.

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LONDON: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif addresses the overseas Pakistanis based in the UK on Sunday.



Photo: Online

 City Desk

Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanistan, Muhammad Sadiq Khan, has departed for Tehran, Iran, for a series of high-level meetings with Iranian officials. According to diplomatic sources, the discussions will focus on matters related to Afghanistan and aim to strengthen regional cooperation on peace and stability.



Tehran trip is expected to build upon the outcomes of that conference and further advance diplomatic engagement on Afghan affairs.

The visit gains added significance following a recent four-nation meeting held in the United States, which was attended by officials from Pakistan, China, Russia, and Iran.

Muhammad Sadiq Khan's

During his stay in Tehran, Ambassador Sadiq will hold key talks with Iranian counterparts, emphasizing Pakistan's commitment to regional dialogue and collaborative solutions for Afghanistan.

 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said Pakistan is taking the lead on diplomatic, economic, and military fronts as a result of sincere and coordinated teamwork.

Addressing overseas Pakistanis in London today, alongside Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, he emphasized that the country's economy is experiencing stability, growth, and advancement as a direct result of collective efforts.

He reiterated his belief in teamwork, describing it as the foundation for any nation's development. Talking about Pakistan's military achievements, Shehbaz Sharif declared that the nation

has won the war and inflicted a decisive defeat on its adversaries.

The Prime Minister further said he effectively conveyed the sentiments and concerns of the Pakistani people during his address to the United Nations General Assembly. He said Kashmir issue was also highlighted during the speech. He said Pakistan was also part of US President Donald Trump-led efforts to bring peace to Palestine and end oppression against the people of Gaza.

Shehbaz Sharif also mentioned his productive and constructive meeting with President Trump, expressing confidence that it would contribute to strengthening Pakistan-US relations.

Recognizing the vital role of expatriates, the Prime Minister described them as a valuable asset and acknowledged their significant contributions to the country's development and progress.

Speaking on the occasion, Ishaq Dar said government is focusing on the alleviation of poverty and pursuing the agenda of development and progress.

He said the entire world is acknowledging the strenuous efforts of Pakistan on the economic front. He added that interest rate has declined significantly from twenty two percent to eleven percent, while inflation dropped to five percent.

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ISLAMABAD: Toshakhana-II case hearing will be held on Monday (tomorrow) at Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi. Special Judge Central Shah Rukh Khan will hear the case.

PTI founder Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi will appear before the court. Zaheer Abbas Chaudhry, Usman Gul and others will appear in the court on behalf of PTI.

The FIA prosecutor team comprising Zulqar Abbas Naqvi will defend the case. A total of 18 witnesses had been examined in the case. In the previous hearing, the two witnesses were cross-examined by PTT's lawyer Qasin Faisal Mufti.

Spokesman Report

WASHINGTON: The United States desired a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute between Pakistan and India, and is willing to mediate if both sides request it, a senior US official said.

According to a spokesperson for the State Department, the US believes that the Kashmir issue can be resolved through dialogue and considers it a bilateral dispute between Pakistan and India.

The spokesperson added that the US played a role in arranging the ceasefire between Pakistan and India in the May military clashes, and also thanked Pakistan for its efforts in handing over terrorists.

Furthermore, the spokesperson said that the US is working to advance its interests with both Pakistan and India.



The official also mentioned that the US is monitoring investment opportunities in the Reko Diq project, and that millions of dollars in US investments are expected

Two days earlier, a senior

US State Department official said during a press briefing that Kashmir is a direct issue between India and Pakistan, and the US has no interest in getting entangled in it.

Speaking to journalists in Washington, the official

said that the US maintains its longstanding policy that Kashmir is a dispute to be resolved bilaterally between India and Pakistan.

The official emphasised, "We leave this matter to India and Pakistan to resolve among themselves."

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Formation of a broad-based reconciliation committee

 **Bureau Report**

MUZAFFARABAD: In view of the growing unrest in the current situation in Azad Kashmir and the call for a statewide protest and lockdown given by the Public Action Committee on September 29, a broad-based reconciliation committee has been formed to maintain law and order and prevent clashes.

This committee is being described as an exemplary initiative for the peace and stability of the state, in which retired judges, Bar Council leaders, scholars and credible media representatives have been included. The aim of this committee is to revive the stalled negotiation process between the Public Action Committee and the government and pave the way for a peaceful solution.

The personalities included in the reconciliation committee include former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Chaudhry Ibrahim Zia, Justice of the Supreme Court (Retd.) Ghulam Mustafa Mughal, Justice (Retd.) Sardar Hameed Khan, former Chief Justice of the High Court Azhar Saleem Babar, Ameer e Aleh Sunnat Azad Kashmir Maulana Ishaq Naqvi, Ameer Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Maulana Saeed Yousaf Allama Hameeduddin Barkati,



Maulana Qari Abdul Majid Khan, Dr. Yasir Abbas Sabzwari, Vice Chairman Bar Council Uqab Hashmi Advocate, former President High Court Bar Raja Tariq Bashir Advocate, Javed Sharif, President Central Press Club Sajjad Qayyum Mir, Secretary General AKNS Raja Amjad Hussain Khan, Vice Chairman Press Foundation Sardar Zulfiqar Ali and former President

Central Press Club Syed Afaq Hussain Shah, former President Sohail Mughal. In the meeting hosted by the Central Press House, media leaders initiated negotiations with senior leaders of the Public Action Committee and urged them to remain peaceful.

At the same time, both the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Azad Kashmir were urged to im-

mediately resume the process of dialogue so that the peace and tranquility of the state is not affected by any conflict.

Whe briefing media Sardar Zulfiqar Ali Vice Chairman press Foundation said the representatives Reconciliation committee met the leaders of the Action Committee and informed them about the establishment of the committee.

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 **Zafar Chishti**

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the special directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, rehabilitation measures for flood-affected families are being carried out with great speed. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naem Sandhu, Chief Officer of District Council Anwar Baig distributed ration and essential supplies among the affected households. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naem Sandhu stated that the Government of Punjab is fully committed to providing every possible facility to the affected people, ensuring that no one is left alone in this difficult time. He further emphasized that all relief and rehabilitation efforts are being closely monitored so that aid and essential items reach the deserving families without any delay.

Meeting regarding Attock Press Club Building

 **Raza Naqvi**

ATTOCK: A well-attended meeting regarding the Attock Press Club building was held at a local hotel, in which journalists associated with national newspapers and news channels participated actively. Addressing the meeting, former General Secretary of Attock Press Club (Registered), Hafiz Shehzad Akhtar, said that the Press Club Restoration Committee, formed in the previous meeting by journalists, has been fulfilling its responsibilities effectively and has been in continuous contact with the administration.

He said that Deputy Commissioner Attock Rao Atif Raza, ADCG Aneel Saeed, Deputy Director Information Shehzad Niaz Khokhar, and AC Anza Abbasi have shown a highly positive approach and made serious efforts to resolve the longstanding issues of journalists, for which all journalists are grateful to them.

All journalists unanimously demanded that this time, the Press Club elections should be conducted under the supervision of the administration to ensure a transparent and fair process.

Sujawal employees demand reversal of pension decision



 **Kamran Khamiso Khawaja**

SUJAWAL: Scores of government employees hailing from different departments gathered at the main Public Park Chowk of Sujawal city, the district headquarters, to register their protest against the Sindh Government's decision to deduct pension and other allowances of government employees on Saturday. The boycott of office work, followed by a complete lockdown of government offices in the wake of the strike and protest call given by the All Sindh Employees Alliance, entered its fifth day.

Representative and President of APCA Health Wing, Khamiso Muhammad Khan, described the Sindh Government's decision as an onslaught on the rights of employees who had been relentlessly performing their duties despite a lack of facilities.

Ashraf Shair of GASTA said that the movement launched through the platform of the All Sindh Employees Alliance would leave a long-standing impact on the social and political landscape of Sindh and that this would become a decisive movement of government employees across Sindh. Naseer Memon and Asim Rasheed said that the Sindh government's decision was unjustified; despite the press conference of PPP Chairman Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, they would continue their protest until the quashing of the decision by the Sindh Government is issued in black and white. During the course of protest President of GASTA GHulam Qadir Baghi fainted following scorching heat.

Meanwhile, the All Sindh Employees Alliance, through a notification on Saturday, announced an extension of the strike and lockdown of offices till October 6. However, the Sujawal District Bar Association issued a circular to condemn the Sindh Government's decision and express their solidarity with the government employees protesting for their rights across Sindh.

Survey of flood losses in Punjab to be completed in a month: Khawaja Salman

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health and Chairman Cabinet Committee for Disaster Management, Khawaja Salman Rafique, has said that the survey of flood-related losses in the province will be completed transparently within one month. He added that compensation will be provided to the affected families through Punjab Bank.



He expressed these views on Sunday while attending the Qul Khwani ceremony of PDMA officer Shaheed Abdul Rehman, who embraced martyrdom while performing duty during floods. The minister attended the ceremony on the special instructions of Chief Minister Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, and conveyed her condolence message to the bereaved family. On behalf of the chief minister, he also handed over a cheque of Rs. 10 million in financial assistance to the father of the martyr.

Khawaja Salman Rafique said that Shaheed Abdul Rehman, "the crown jewel of the Punjab government," will be honored every year on September 22 as his memorial day. He added that the services of martyr AC Furqan Ahmed and PDMA officer Abdul Rehman would never be forgotten. The minister also announced that the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) would provide an additional Rs. 2 million to the family, while advance preparations have been initiated to counter floods in the coming years.

On the occasion, DG PDMA Irfan Ali Kathia announced financial aid of Rs. 1 million and a job for the martyr's brother. Member Punjab Assembly Asghar Hayat Hira, Deputy Commissioner Khanewal Dr. Salma Suleman, along with a large number of PDMA officials, district administration officers, and local residents, also attended the ceremony.

Protest

LAHORE: Residents of Bao Wala hold a banner during protest in favor of their demands outside press club, in the Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Dr. Iqbal Ahmed's research puts Pakistan on the global map

 **City Desk**

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Iqbal Ahmed, a distinguished scientist from the Department of Chemistry at Allama Iqbal Open University and President of the Academic Staff Association has once again brought glory to Pakistan on the international stage. His name has been included in Stanford University's "Top 2% Scientists of the World 2025" list. This list is considered the most authentic and credible global ranking, featuring only those scientists whose research carries the high-



est international citations and impact.

Dr. Iqbal Ahmed's research contributions are particularly significant in the field of modern and sustainable energy. He is working on the development and testing of advanced energy materials that have the potential to revolutionize future energy storage and conversion technologies. His efforts are illuminating new horizons of sustainable energy not only for Pakistan but for the entire world.

Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood congratulated Dr. Iqbal Ahmed stating that his inclusion in the list of the world's top scientists is a milestone for the university. This achievement is clear evidence of his hard work, dedication and high-quality research.

On this occasion, the Academic Staff Association and the Employees Welfare Association also paid rich tribute to Dr. Iqbal Ahmed stating that this success is not only an honor for Allama Iqbal Open University but also a symbol of pride and distinction for the entire nation.

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CCD Police Station Multan Action

So-called Journalist Shoaib Iftikhar Arrested on Extortion Charges

 **Zain Khan**

MULTAN: On the complaint of Ashiq Hussain, a case FIR No. 205/25 under section 384 ppc has been registered at Multan's CCD Police Station against a gang involved in extortion. According to the FIR, Ashiq Hussain stated that after he leased a mango orchard, the accused, bearing a grudge, resorted to illegal tactics to force him to give it up.

The complainant alleged that the four accused repeatedly came to his farmhouse, issuing armed threats and harassing him. About two months ago, an accused named Shoaib Iftikhar allegedly threatened that if his demands were not met, he would destroy Hussain's reputation through the media and social media.

Ashiq Hussain further claimed that

the accused forcibly took 30 yeti of mangoes, 90 maunds of wheat, and 70,000 rupees as extortion, and is still blackmailing him to pay an additional 500,000 rupees.

The FIR also stated that so called journalist Shoaib Iftikhar posed as a close relative and friend of senior police officers, taking photographs with the Multan CPO, Add. IG and other officials to convince criminal elements of his influence. Moreover, he allegedly published false and fabricated reports against the police and the CCD to pressure government departments and cover up his extortion activities.

Acting promptly on the citizen's complaint, the police arrested Shoaib Iftikhar. Citizens remarked that such extortionists, disguised as journalists,



are spreading disorder in society and must face the strictest action. Police officials affirmed that everyone is equal

before the law and that no one will be granted leniency based on media connections or personal influence.

Shoaib Iftikhar has established a self-styled "Crime Reporters Association" that is not registered with any government department. He uses the platform of this unregistered association to meet police officers and to incite people to stage protests against the business community.

Journalist circles state that although every citizen has the right to form an association, its formal registration with the authorities is mandatory. Under Section 3 of the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance, 1961, operating an unregistered association is considered a criminal offence. Action should be taken.



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Riphah celebrated World Pharmacists Day, 2025

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: World Pharmacists Day, 2025 was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Riphah Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RIPS), Gulberg Greens Campus, Islamabad. The celebration commenced with a vibrant Pharmacist Walk under the slogan "Think Health, Think Pharmacist", reflecting the vital role of pharmacists in healthcare.

Inspiring speeches were delivered by the Campus Director, Dr. Sarwat Jamila, and the Director RIPS, Dr. Umair Ilyas, who highlighted the significance of pharmacy education, research, and ethical values. Eminent guest speakers, Prof. Dr. Nadia Shamshad (Professor & HOD, Pharmaceuticals, CUST, Islamabad) and Dr. Reem Altaf (Assistant Professor & HOD, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, CUST, Islamabad), shared valuable insights on the role of pharmacists, research, and innovation.

Dr. Shifa Khan Bangash (Vice President, PPA) and Dr. Alishba Khan (Secretary, PPC) further addressed the importance of professional advocacy and quality education in the pharmacy profession.

Women's University Multan Flood Relief Drive

VC Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha leads aid distribution to flood affected people in Alipur

Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The Women University Multan continues its humanitarian mission to support communities devastated by recent floods. Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha, a dedicated team of faculty members staff and media officials reached Alipur City with relief goods for flood-affected families. The buses loaded with food items and essential supplies, the WUM relief team arrived in Alipur, where they were warmly welcomed by local social workers and community leaders. The WUM team, comprising Dr. Samina Akhtar (Focal Person), Mr. Irfan Mehmood (PS to VC), Mr. Aqeel, Muhammad Arshad, Dr. Ruqia, Dr. Tanzila, Dr. Javeria Ahmed, Dr. Hina Munir, and Dr. Uzma Manwar to distribute aid directly to the affected camps.

The occasion was further marked by the presence of Mr. Jehangir Tareen (Senior Journalist, APP) and Mr. Asim

Tanveer Associated Press Of America (AP) Miss Kiran Asim Daily The Guardian London and Daily the Spokesman Islamabad and Mr Javed iqbal Ansari Personal Staff Officer to Additional incinerator General Police For South Punjab They lauded Women University Multan spirit of service and praised the university for setting a rare example of academic institutions actively engaging in social responsibility.

Over 300 families received relief packages containing flour, sugar, rice, dry ration, clothing, personal hygiene products, medicines, water and other necessities — a lifeline for those who lost everything to the devastating floods.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha said, natural disasters test not only the strength of communities, but also the conscience of institutions. Today we have come to Alipur not just to distribute food or cash, but to share the pain of our people. These families have lost so much, yet their courage gives us strength.



Women University Multan stands with them in this difficult time.

Speaking to the media and flood-affected families, Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha

said:

Dr. Samina Akhtar, Focal Person of the Flood Relief Campaign said, "Under the leadership of our Vice Chancellor,

Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha, we have tried to ensure that both essential items and financial support reach those who need them most.

Over Speed

ISLAMABAD: People stand near an overturned vehicle due to over speed at Iran Avenue, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Launch Ceremony of Kulliyat-e-Qadri and Naatia Mushaira

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The launch ceremony of Kulliyat-e-Qadri, a distinguished selection from eleven books of senior poet, and scholar Allama Tanveer Qadri, along with a Naatia Mushaira, was organized by Markazi Mehfil-e-Naat Islamabad in collaboration with the Pakistan Academy of Letters.

The event was presided over by the country's renowned multilingual poet, Professor Dr. Maqsood Jafri, while Dr. Arshad Mehmood Nashad graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Guests of Honor included Mr. Shamsheer Haider and Ms. Shazia Alam Shazi, who traveled from Karachi to participate. Prominent poets from Rawalpindi, Islamabad, and other cities attended the ceremony in large numbers, adding grandeur to the event. Well-known poets Mr. Akhtar Usman and Mr. Syed Ali Akbar



Abbas (Al-Baseera) delivered insightful speeches on the life and literary contributions of Allama Tanveer Qadri, extending their warm congratulations on the publication of

Kulliyat-e-Qadri.

Renowned Naat Khwan Syed Zulfikar Ali Gilani captivated the audience by reciting Allama Tanveer Qadri's Punjabi Naat "Wa Raf'ana Laka Dhikrak"

(written in Arabic meter), receiving great admiration and applause.

The proceedings of the event were conducted with excellence by Hafiz Abdul Ghafar Wajid.



Rawalpindi: Islamic Scholars inaugurating Malang Jan Pulao and Restaurant in Commercial Market.

Tree Cutting on Hyderabad's Thandi Sarak, environmental experts and citizens express concern

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: On Hyderabad's famous "Thandi Sarak," known for its dense shade and cool breeze, the administration has begun cutting several young trees from the middle. This action was taken at the end of September, sparking serious concern among citizens and environmental activists.

In this regard, environmentalist Zain Daudpoto, who works for forest protection and restoration, has termed the tree cutting an anti-environment act. Zain Daudpoto stated that cutting trees either from the roots or halfway at any season is highly damaging and an environmentally hostile practice. He added that due to climate change, the restoration of forests and trees after natural disasters has become extremely important, and in such circumstances, cutting instead of planting trees is incomprehensible.

Zain Daudpoto noted that these trees take years to grow and mature, and those cut from the middle have very little chance of survival.

Promoting Pakistan's culture is a duty for all of us. Asma Butt

City Desk

RAWALPINDI: Ms. Asma Butt, Chief Executive of Dolphin Communication, said that bridal attire and jewelry offer opportunities to highlight cultural heritage, economic potential, and artistic talent. Traditional bridal dresses and jewelry showcase our customs in celebratory events.

She expressed these views while attending the opening ceremony of a three-day Bridal Bazaar held in Islamabad. The event was organized under the supervision of Mrs. Adila Khoso. On this occasion, she was accompanied by Faad Waheed, President of the National Food Alliance Pakistan, and PML-N leader Naem Gul Pasha. A large number of people from the twin cities participated and greatly appreciated the bridal dresses and jewelry on display.

Asma Butt congratulated Mrs. Adila Khoso on organizing an excellent Bridal Bazaar and stated that such events are crucial for the promotion of culture. Faad Waheed appreciated Adila Khoso's efforts and said that such initiatives connect people with the traditions of their ancestors, enabling them to express their individuality through bridal attire and jewelry during important moments in life. Naem Gul Pasha remarked that bridal dresses and jewelry play a vital role in highlighting our traditions and cultural heritage. In response, Mrs. Adila Khoso extended special thanks to Ms. Asma Butt and all the guests, expressing her deep gratitude for their encouragement.

AKUH Calls for Changes in Habits Amid Rising Cardiac Cases in Young Adults

City Desk

KARACHI: With a concerning rise in heart attacks and cardiac deaths among younger adults, the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) is calling for urgent lifestyle changes through its World Heart Day campaign, 'Heart Over Habit', a movement encouraging people to break harmful routines and embrace heart-healthy living.

Cardiovascular diseases, once consid-

ered illnesses of old age, are increasingly affecting people in their 30s and 40s. Sedentary lifestyles, poor diets, smoking, unmanageable stress and the absence of regular check-ups are all contributing to this alarming trend. In response, AKUH, in collaboration with Docs On Wheels and the wider cycling community, organised a series of public awareness events to inspire healthier choices and encourage preventive action.

"The rising number of cardiac events among younger adults is a reminder that heart disease is shaped by the choices we make," said Professor Dr Farhat Abbas, CEO, AKU Health System, Pakistan. "Heart Over Habit urges us to stay active, eat well, manage stress and address risks like smoking and high blood pressure, because prevention is far more powerful than treatment."

"Heart disease often remains silent until it becomes life-threatening," said



Professor Dr Saulat Fatimi, Cardiothoracic Surgeon at AKUH. "We see many patients who could have saved themselves from angioplasty or bypass

surgery with earlier lifestyle changes and regular screenings."

AKUH's World Heart Day campaign highlights that heart health begins with

the choices you make every day. 'Heart Over Habit' is more than a slogan; it is a commitment to a healthier future where prevention is the priority.

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KWRA urges international action against sexual violence in IIOJK

At a sideline event during the 60th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Kashmiri Women Rights Activist (KWRA) Dr. Shugafta Ashraf has delivered a powerful address on the plight of Kashmiri women under Indian illegal occupation, calling on the international community to end its silence and take urgent action on the issue. Legal rights consulting Women’s empowerment workshops

Speaking on the theme “Women for the Promotion and Protection of Cultural Heritage and the Construction of Sustainable Peace by 2030,” Dr. Ashraf declared: “I rise before you today with a voice that carries the pain of countless silenced women from the valley of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Their cries are drowned by the thunder of gunfire, their dignity shredded by an occupation that uses not only bullets, but also women’s bodies, as weapons of war,” said a message released to the media here on Tuesday.

Dr. Ashraf condemned the systematic use of rape by occupying forces in IIOJK, describing it as a deliberate strategy to break the spirit of women and the soul of an entire people. Highlighting the resilience of Kashmiri women, she noted that despite curfews, violence, and repression, Kashmiri women continued to preserve their heritage through lullabies, embroidery, oral traditions, and their refusal to let identity be erased.

Challenging global narratives of “sustainability” and “peace,” she questioned their meaning for mothers who bury their sons young and for girls who grow up under constant threat to their dignity.

Urging International community to fulfill it’s responsibility, Dr. Ashraf demanded urgent global action to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war against Kashmiris, hold perpetrators accountable under international law and restore the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people, promised by the United Nations. Women’s rights book-Kashmir history books

She stressed that Kashmiri women were not just victims but builders of peace: “Honour Kashmiri women, and you honour the heartbeat of a culture that refuses to die,” she said.

Concluding her address, Dr. Ashraf said, “History will not forgive silence. The soil of Kashmir is soaked with the tears of its women, but it also carries their unbreakable strength. Until Kashmiri women are free, peace is a lie. Until their dignity is restored, heritage is incomplete. And until justice is delivered, humanity itself remains in chains.”

CCD: The Crime Control Department’s Value and the Challenge of Sensational Journalism

In an age when sensational headlines often drown out facts, the true measure of any public institution lies in the service it delivers to the people.

The Crime Control Department (CCD) stands as such an institution—quietly effective, professionally led, and committed to upholding the rule of law even when confronted with criticism from self-styled “reporters.”

The CCD was created to meet some of law enforcement’s toughest challenges: organized crime, extortion rackets, cybercrime, and complex financial fraud. Its role is not merely to react to crime but to dismantle the criminal networks that enable it. By working in coordination with local police units, deploying advanced forensic tools, and maintaining round-the-clock operational readiness, the CCD shields communities from threats that often remain invisible to the public eye.

The department’s success rests on its professional and disciplined leadership. Recruitment is merit-based, continuous training is compulsory, and officers are bound by a strict code of ethics. This culture of integrity keeps the institution above the fray; rather than answering every accusation, it lets results speak for themselves: criminal networks disrupted, extortion rings dismantled, and public safety strengthened.

The Crime Control Department (CCD) possesses no magic lamp that can instantly eradicate crime from society. Therefore, it is imperative that the senior command adopt internationally recognized best practices to curb organized crime. According to verified statistics for the year 2024, there were 1,008 police encounters in which 502 hardened criminals were killed, 710 individuals were injured by gunfire, and

635 suspected offenders were arrested. During the same period, 38 police officers embraced martyrdom while 137 personnel were wounded.

In the past, the Elite Force, Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP), Dolphin Force, and other rapid-response units were mobilized at the provincial level to fight crime, but these efforts yielded no substantial results. Doubts and suspicions still persist, for these same forces were previously tasked with combating organized crime, yet crime not only failed to decline but in fact increased.

Confronting organized crime is an exceedingly difficult task, one that demands intelligence-led policing of the highest order, equipped with modern technology and abundant resources, so that society can be effectively protected. The CCD must stay ahead at every stage and demonstrate its unwavering resolve and professional competence in the fight against crime.

The establishment of the Crime Control Department in Punjab could prove to be a powerful instrument in curbing the surge in crime. This is the moment when the senior police leadership must prove its capability, for all stakeholders look to it with the expectation of maintaining law and order in society.

However, criticism of the CCD began almost immediately after its inception. In Multan, an FIR has been registered against its personnel for the killing of a father and son, while in Kahna, the death of Rohail Masih, also known as Sunny—who was in CCD custody—has been reported during an alleged police encounter. The killing of any suspect in a so-called “police encounter” casts a deep shadow over our system of justice: if suspects are simply to be eliminated in such encounters, then what need remains for

the country’s laws and courts at all?

Public confidence is the lifeblood of both law enforcement and responsible media. By staying focused on its mission and demonstrating performance in spite of unfounded criticism, the CCD shows resilience and maturity. At the same time, society must stand with ethical journalists—those who hold institutions accountable with evidence and fairness, not those who seek personal gain through fear or distortion.

In the past, responsible police officers had imposed a ban on the entry of one or two journalists in Multan into police stations and police offices. These individuals were accused of exerting pressure on the police to facilitate white-collar crimes and other unlawful activities. A formal notification was issued in this regard. Even now, a similar atmosphere can be observed in Multan. Due to factionalism among journalists, only a handful of people have direct access to senior police officers—perhaps the City Police Officer (CPO) is unaware of this, or has chosen to ignore it. When he comes across the letter No. 37118 dated 21-09-2016 issued by his predecessor police officer, he too will have to take action against the so-called journalists in the interest of the public and the department. No doubt, some of these so-called journalists, who maintain influence in respected offices, receive instructions in favor of certain police station staff and then write against the Crime Control Department (CCD).

The worth of the Crime Control Department will not be judged by the volume of its critics but by the security and stability it provides to citizens. By remaining true to its mandate and refusing to be distracted by sensationalism, the CCD proves that integrity and public service create a reputation far more enduring than the temporary noise of rumour and scandal.

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The Diplomat Praises Pak Army & Criticizes KPK Govt’s Policies

According to the comprehensive report by The Diplomat, Pakistan’s counter-terrorism efforts have seen commendable achievements and few critical setbacks, largely influenced by internal political differences and conflicting policy approaches. This report underlines a pressing and multifaceted crisis where military successes are being undermined by strategic misalignments between provincial and federal governments. Pakistan’s armed forces have indeed conducted several highly successful military operations in their campaign against terrorism, the most notable of which are Operation Zarb-e-Azb and Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad. These operations, which were meticulously planned and executed by the Pakistan Army and intelligence agencies, significantly dismantled militant infrastructure across the tribal regions, reclaimed vast swathes of territory, neutralized thousands of terrorists, and disrupted key supply lines and sanctuaries. The International Journal has specifically acknowledged the effectiveness of these operations, noting that they not only degraded the operational capabilities of terrorist groups but also sent a strong message about Pakistan’s resolve to combat extremism.

While the federal government has consistently adopted a firmer stance—advocating for uncompromising military action, strengthened border controls, and the repatriation of illegal Afghan nationals believed to be aiding militants—the KPK government has often pursued an alternative route. According to The Diplomat, KPK continues to emphasize

negotiation and has reportedly been hesitant in launching or fully supporting wide-scale military operations within its jurisdiction, opting instead for selective or limited actions. This inconsistency in strategy has, as per the report, created an operational vacuum that terrorists have quickly exploited. The situation is further exacerbated by the KPK government’s insistence on pursuing dialogue with certain factions, despite repeated failures of similar past attempts. This position, while perhaps politically motivated or based on localized considerations, directly clashes with the federal government’s broader national security doctrine, which recognizes the futility of negotiating with ideologically rigid and violent groups such as those associated with Fitna Al Khawarij. The International Journal has revealed that the Afghan government has integrated hundreds of these extremists into its administrative setup, a move that has been strongly condemned by Pakistan. Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, in his official statement, criticized Kabul’s actions as non-serious and indicative of an unwillingness to take tangible steps against militant organizations that pose a direct threat to Pakistan’s internal security. The incorporation of such radical elements into the state machinery across the border not only legitimizes their existence but also empowers them with resources and political cover—factors that directly impact Pakistan’s security environment, especially in the border prov-

inces like KPK and Balochistan.

The Diplomat has also brought to light another significant area of discord between Islamabad and Peshawar—the return and deportation of illegal Afghan refugees. The federal government has presented strong evidence suggesting that a significant number of illegal Afghan migrants are functioning as logistical and ideological facilitators for terrorist networks operating within Pakistan. These individuals often blend into vulnerable communities, provide safe houses, and assist in the movement of arms and funds. The federal position is based on intelligence assessments that link refugee settlements in urban and semi-urban centers with rising incidents of targeted killings, extortion, and sectarian violence. Despite this, the KPK government has reportedly resisted aggressive deportation drives and border tightening measures, citing humanitarian concerns and political pressure. This disjointed approach, where one level of government views certain populations as a threat while another hesitates to act decisively, creates further operational paralysis and gives terrorist groups ample room to maneuver.

The core message presented by this international publication is clear and urgent: the absence of a unified and coordinated policy between the federal government and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa administration is seriously hampering Pakistan’s ability to defeat terrorism. The Diplomat has gone

so far as to warn that continued defiance of federal directives by provincial authorities cannot shield KPK from the consequences of its inaction. The region remains highly vulnerable, and without a unified approach backed by both military might and political consensus, any isolated effort will fall short of delivering sustainable peace. Terrorists thrive on chaos, confusion, and division, and when state institutions fail to act in unison, they unintentionally create the very environment that extremists seek to exploit. Political bickering, strategic contradictions, and fragmented enforcement of national policy not only weaken the state’s position but also endanger the lives of millions of citizens who have already borne the brunt of violence and instability for far too long.

In light of these findings, it is evident that Pakistan’s war against terrorism requires more than just military strength—it demands political will, institutional harmony, and, above all, national unity that rises above all forms of division. The situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as illuminated by The Diplomat, serves as a sobering example of how internal discord can derail even the most valiant counter-terrorism efforts. The choice before Pakistan’s leadership is stark but simple: act together or fail separately. The threat is real, the enemy is resolute, and time is of the essence. Only through complete alignment—between the federal and provincial governments, between civil and military institutions, and between the state and its citizens—can Pakistan hope to secure lasting peace and permanently rid itself of the scourge of terrorism.



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

Effective Impacts of Social Media on Children

Zunaira Riaz

The role of social media is increasing day by day in our daily lives, but its excessive use is starting to affect mental and physical health, which is unforgettable. This cannot be ignored because if attention is not focused on it and if we do not think about improving it, it will cause mental health problems, depression, social anxiety, and much more in children, young people, and teenagers. We are seeing its effects.

Excessive use of mobile phones in children is making them irritable, and they are growing up to insist on getting everything done. Screen time has eliminated the opportunities for games and sports in children, family time, and playing time. Everything has changed and become a decoration of a mobile phone, due to which social interaction in children has decreased. This has somewhere affected the physical and mental health of children, as well as the importance of close relationships.

“Their idol becomes a role model, and the desire to look like them, to want to be like them, and to adopt a similar lifestyle is affecting the minds of children. Subsequently, teenagers resort to inappropriate methods to fulfill these desires, leading to further problems and anxieties. Furthermore, a lack of self-confidence is also a primary concern, which is of utmost importance. Children lose self confidence. Due to not having or not being able to gain it, they blame themselves, they hesitate to showcase their skills in front of others, and this is a significant reason why people fear moving forward on the paths of life and success.

This includes cyber bullying, as well as not attracting people, not being social, and not communicating. This is directly attributed to social media and mobile phones, which have

eliminated the understanding among children, girls, and their parents about how this is affecting their children and themselves.”

How to protect yourself and children from social media as a human being
The role of schools and colleges

Social interaction should be promoted in educational institutions, which increases self-confidence in children. Along with this, games and sports like speech should be organized.

In addition, a day a week should be given the opportunity to tell a story and comment on a good book, which will highlight the thinking ability in children.

This will help in the mental development of children.

The role of parents and society

Family members should set a time in which they spend time with the children, design some activities which they enjoy together and spend time. Take the children out on the weekend and introduce them to their close relatives, which will provide opportunities for meeting and playing with other children.

And they will learn a lot by spending time with their elders and peers, and also how important these relationships are.

Respect for elders

Children should be told that their elders and their importance in their eyes should be increased, so that they will treat their elders with love and affection and love will be created in their hearts. By meeting the elderly, children will learn a lot by seeing and, most importantly, they will be able to know the adventures that the elderly have gone through in their lives, which will guide them and change their thinking and society. Love, affection, and respect will be created in their hearts for every elder.

It is very important to implement these practices.

Gaza flotilla sails again; Italy's Tajani warns of danger

Reuters

ROME: An international aid flotilla that paused for several days in Greek waters for repairs has set sail again for Gaza, where activists aim to challenge Israel's naval blockade and deliver aid to the Palestinian territory.

Organisers said on Sunday that Greek vessels had now joined their enterprise, meaning that the flotilla, which counts some 47 civilian boats, was "complete".

"Brothers and sisters in Gaza, we sail with hope in our hearts. Your resilience is our compass, your struggle is our struggle. Together, we will break the silence of the siege," the Global Sumud Flotilla wrote on social media.

Around 40 Italians are aboard the flotilla alongside activists from dozens of other countries, including Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg. They hope to bring humanitarian aid to Gaza in the coming week.

Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani on Sunday repeated a proposal made last week for the flotilla to take the aid to Cyprus for eventual distribution in Gaza by the Roman Catholic Church. The flotilla rejected



the suggestion.

"We have always said... that it is dangerous to approach Israeli waters. We don't know what might happen. Forcing the blockade is dangerous," Tajani told reporters.

The flotilla was struck on Wednesday in international waters off Crete by drones armed with stun

grenades and irritants, which caused damage but no injuries.

Israel did not comment on the incident. It has previously said it will use any means to prevent the boats from reaching Gaza, arguing that its naval blockade is legal as it battles Hamas militants in the coastal enclave.

Italy and Spain have deployed navy

ships close to the flotilla for rescue and humanitarian tasks.

Israel began its Gaza offensive after the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on Israel in which some 1,200 people were killed and 251 taken as hostages back to Gaza. The offensive has killed over 65,000 people in Gaza, Gaza health authorities say.

At least 36 dead in India stampede: chief minister

AFP

At least 36 people were killed Saturday after a stampede broke out at a campaign rally of popular actor-turned-politician Vijay in Tamil Nadu, the state's chief minister said.

"I am deeply saddened and pained to learn that 36 people, including eight children and 16 women, have died so far," M. K. Stalin said in a statement posted on X.

Lawmaker V. Senthilbalaji said some 58 people were injured and taken to the hospital.

Vijay, known by only one name, was addressing the audience at the rally when chaos broke out, forcing him to halt his speech.

The 51-year-old said his "heart is shattered" at the tragedy.

"I extend my deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of my dear brothers and sisters who lost their lives in Karur," Vijay said on X.



The Hindustan Times said a large section of the crowd, eager to catch a glimpse of Vijay, surged towards the stage barricades, triggering the stampede.

Stalin ordered a commission headed by a retired judge to investigate "this tragic incident".

He also announced a compensation of one million rupees (\$11,000) for the

families of the victims.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the incident was "deeply saddening".

"My thoughts are with the families who have lost their loved ones. Wishing strength to them in this difficult time," he said in a statement on social media.

Deadly crowd incidents are a frequent occurrence at Indian mass events, such as religious festivals, due to poor management and safety lapses.

A stampede at India's Kumbh Mela religious fair in January this year killed 30 people and injured several others.

In July last year, 121 people were killed in northern Uttar Pradesh state during a Hindu religious gathering.

And 11 fans were crushed to death this June in Bengaluru during celebrations for the local team's first Indian Premier League title.

'Bushra Ansari Condemns Dowry Practices in Pakistani Society: A Call for Change'

Dowry is a curse. We often hear this, yet our society still fails to break free from these deep-rooted practices. Even parting with a pet, one has lovingly raised is painful, how much more difficult must it be for parents to give away a daughter they have nurtured for 20 to 25 years, only to see her step into an unfamiliar household where she must struggle to adjust with completely different people and routines.

So what is the point of giving heaps of wooden furniture, costly machines, or glittering gold items that are of no real use to the daughter herself?

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: "The best marriage is the one in

which the least expense is incurred."

(Musnad Ahmad, Hadith 24595) This Hadith beautifully reflects that Islam encourages simplicity in marriages, discouraging the burden of material expectations like dowry. Islam never demanded furniture, gold, or machines, a small symbolic gift was enough.

In fact, Allah says in the Qur'an:

"And give the women [upon marriage...] their dowry (mehr) graciously."

(Surah An-Nisa 4:4)

This verse makes it clear, Islam places the responsibility on the groom to give 'mehr' to the bride, not on the bride's family to provide 'jahez'.

Recently, senior Pakistani television presenter, comedian, singer, and renowned actress Bushra Ansari spoke out against the deep-rooted dowry practices in Pakistani society. She emphasized that parents should not burden themselves by giving excessive gifts to the groom and his family, since such material possessions hold no real value for their daughters.



Sadaf Dilawar

According to her, dowry is rarely appreciated, in fact, the groom's family often considers it their right rather than a gift. Bushra Ansari even criticized her ex-sons-in-law for showing no gratitude when she provided countless items at the time of marriage. She remarked that everything depends on 'naseeb' (fate), if a girl is fortunate, her in-laws will give her love and respect, otherwise, no matter how much dowry is given, it will never earn her dignity in that household.

She further added that if parents are wealthy and genuinely wish to give something to their daughters, they should consider gifting a car. Such support, she explained, is far more beneficial as it helps daugh-

ters overcome obstacles, pursue their goals, and move forward with independence. True respect in a household, she stressed, does not come from heavy dowry or gold, but from a woman's education, empowerment, and self-reliance. A car, for instance, can enable her to continue studies or take up a job without depending on others, while the treasure of education equips her to earn and build a future of her own choosing.

Take inspiration from Bushra Ansari's bold condemnation of this practice, a true call for change, which she voiced after her own painful experiences with greedy ex-sons-in-law. It is time to take a stand against this deep-rooted dowry culture. Instead of burdening a girl's parents with unnecessary demands,



give only what you can, something meaningful and beneficial for your daughter's future. If not before, then at least now. Break the cycle, and say No to Dowry.

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2025 China International Confucius Cultural Festival opens in E China

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BEIJING: The opening ceremony of the 2025 China International Confucius Cultural Festival illuminated Qufu, in east China's Shandong Province, on Saturday evening under the theme "For a world of shared peace and harmony with benevolence and ancient rituals." The event also featured the 20th UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, which honored outstanding global projects in education and lifelong learning.

Lin Wu, secretary of the Communist Party of China Shandong Provincial Committee, said the festival

seeks to advance global governance initiatives, foster peaceful coexistence among nations and cultures, and contribute to a fairer international order.

"As a major hub of population, culture, and economy, Shandong is both a birthplace of Chinese civilization and Confucian culture. The principle of harmony and coexistence is central to Confucian thought and deeply ingrained in the Chinese national identity," he noted.

"Shandong plans to leverage its unique advantages to strengthen cultural exchanges, deepen industrial cooperation, and promote governance inno-

vation, contributing to a better, harmonious world." The launch of a Confucius-themed study tour and the unveiling of results from the global Gen Z contest "Confucius in My Eyes" – with photos, short videos and prose – added youthful energy to the event. A dramatic performance highlighted the profound cultural heritage and contemporary significance of Confucianism, telling the story of Confucius and China to the world.

The festival, hosted by the Shandong Provincial Government, China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Chinese National Commis-



sion for UNESCO, continues its dual-site format with main events in Qufu, Shandong Province,

and a sub-site in Quzhou, Zhejiang Province. The festival emphasizes its international

character, deepens the integration of culture and tourism and serves the promotion

of Chinese culture and the exchange of civilizations worldwide.

Uzbekistan, South Africa to expand cooperation in oil, gas sectors

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TASHKENT: A meeting was held between Bahodirjon Siddiqov, Chairman of the Board of JSC Uzbekneftegaz, and members of a delegation led by Dr. Sarushen Pillay, Executive Vice President of the South African company Sasol.

The parties addressed issues of bilateral cooperation. It was noted that Sasol is one of the main licensors of the Uzbekistan GTL project. Within the framework of this cooperation, the synthetic fuel plant has reached its full design capacity.

The Sasol delegation, having become closely acquainted with the operations of the Uzbekistan GTL plant, emphasized that it is currently operating at full capacity and achieving high efficiency. The guests noted that, thanks to the timely support of the government, JSC Uzbekneftegaz has, for the first time in the country's history, mastered the production of synthetic liquid fuel.

Sasol expressed its readiness to provide comprehensive technical support and ensure long-term supplies of catalysts necessary for production. According to JSC Uzbekneftegaz, the parties discussed prospects for further cooperation, particularly addressing issues related to the development and coordination of new investment projects. Following the meeting, it was noted that both sides intend to continue strengthening cooperation in the field of sustainable aviation fuel production.

Afghan govt assures its soil won't be used against neighbours



News Desk

KABUL WELCOMES REGIONAL OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES: Taliban spokesman rejects claims of militants operating in Afghanistan: Says Kabul seeks respectful, positive relations with all neighbouring states

The Afghan interim government has reaffirmed its commitment that Afghan soil will not be used against any other country. In a statement, Hamdullah Fitrat, Deputy Spokesman of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, said that no armed group has been permitted to operate within Afghanistan and that concerns about threats emanating from Afghan territory are baseless.

The remarks came in response to the recent Pakistan-China-Iran-Russia foreign ministers' meeting, where the countries rejected the establishment of foreign military bases in Afghanistan. Kabul welcomed this stance, saying it aligned with its own policy of rejecting external bases.

Fitrat stressed that Afghanistan seeks positive relations with all countries based on mutual respect, while also combating corruption, narcotics, and other harmful activities.

He highlighted that Kabul's policy is rooted in trust-building, friendly engagement, and regional cooperation.

He said political observers had noted that regional support for Afghanistan's stability could provide an opportunity for Kabul to strengthen political and economic ties.

Responding positively to the concerns of neighbouring countries, analysts suggest, could further enhance confidence-building and regional trust.

 Bull & Bears

PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation

Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close
162,257.00	159,280.09
Day's High	Day's Low
162,422.28	159,901.55
Index Value	Change
37,506,250,527	+ 2976.91
Percentage	Time
+1.87%	25 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm
Europe: FTSE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change
9,284.83	+ 70.85
Percentage	Time
+0.77%	26 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT +1
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change
46,308.60	+361.28
Percentage	Time
+0.79%	26 Sept, 1:40 pm GMT-4
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average	
Index Value	Change
45,354.99	− 399.94
Percentage	Time
+0.87%	26 Sept, 3:45 pm GMT+9
Open Market Forex Rates	

Shahid Imran, hailed the announcement of the formation of a “Trade Dispute Resolution Commission

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Regional Committee on Food, Shahid Imran, Sunday hailed the announcement of the formation of a “Trade Dispute Resolution Commission,” terming it a landmark initiative and the first of its kind in Pakistan’s history to help international companies resolve their conflicts promptly.

Talking here today to a delegation of industrialists led by Ms Sana Abdullah Arain, he said the establishment of this forum announced by Federal Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan during a meeting with ASEAN ambassadors a couple of days ago in Federal Capital will play a crucial role in addressing trade-related conflicts, particularly those involving international companies, in a timely and transparent manner.

Export of footwear increases 10.95pc in Jul-Aug

ISLAMABAD: The export of footwear from the country witnessed an increase of 10.95 percent during the first two months of the current financial year (2025-26) as compared to the exports of the corresponding months of last year.

The country exported footwear worth US\$ 33.602 million during July-August 2025-26 as opposed to the export of US\$ 30.285 million during July-August 2024-25, showing growth of 10.95 percent, according to the data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

Commemorative Dinner in Honor of Federal Tax Ombudsman and Chief Business Advisor

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Usman Shaukat, President of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) hosted a commemorative dinner in honor of Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah, Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO), and Mr. Sohail Altaf, Chief Business Advisor to the FTO & Former President RCCI, in Islamabad.

The event was graced by President RCCI Usman Shaukat, Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Executive Committee Members, Former Presidents, and a large number of dignitaries, including Additional Foreign Secretary (Africa) Hamid Asghar Khan, H. E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez, Ambassador of the Philippines to Pakistan, Chairman Pakistan Sweet Homes Zamurrad Khan, trade association representatives, and advisors from the FTO office.

In his keynote address, President RCCI Usman Shaukat commended the outstanding performance of the Federal Tax



Ombudsman under the leadership of Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah. He termed the achieve-

ments of the FTO office “historic,” noting that in just four years, 44,370 complaints

were resolved out of 50,903 filed — setting a new national record. This remarkable progress surpassed the combined performance of the previous two decades, during which 37,118 complaints were addressed. He further highlighted that the FTO had reduced the average resolution time to just 34 days, making the process faster, more effective, and business-friendly.

Speakers emphasized the pivotal role of the FTO in addressing the grievances of the business community, serving as a strong deterrent and monitor on the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). Both Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah and Mr. Sohail Altaf were acknowledged for bridging the gap between the FTO and the business sector.

The appointment of Mr. Sohail Altaf as Business Advisor to the FTO was hailed as a highly welcome initiative, facilitating the swift resolution of tax-related issues, promoting collaboration, and fostering a fair and favorable tax culture in the country.

Below the poverty line

ISLAMABAD: An elder vendor is selling kids sweet food items on a road at Aabpara Market in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online

FCCI will continue to play its role for traders and industrialists: Rehan Naseem Bharara

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The Punjab Chief Minister has appreciated the determination of industrialists to achieve the GDP target of \$ 300 billion for Punjab, said President FCCI Rehan Naseem Bharara during a meeting with a delegation of Professional Photographers Association. A delegation of Professional Photographers Association Faisalabad led by Chairman Syed Tanveer Hussain Zaidi, President Muhammad Ahmed and General Secretary Qaswar Munir Sheikh met with President Rehan Naseem Bharara, Senior Vice President Qaisar Shamas Gucha and Executive Member Waheed Khaliq Ramey at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In which the membership of the chamber's studio and professional photographers and their long-standing business issues were discussed. The meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, which was performed by Information Secretary Abdul Majid. The members were introduced by General Secretary Qasur Munir Sheikh. After which Chairman Tanveer Hussain Zaidi explained the aims and objectives of his association.



President Muhammad Ahmed briefed about the service, workshops and annual programs organized by the Professional Photographers Association Faisalabad.

The meeting was attended by Chairman Professional Photographers Association Syed Tanveer Hussain Zaidi, President Muhammad Ahmed, General Secretary Sheikh Qaswar Munir Goreja, Senior Vice President Muhammad Asif, Vice Presidents Kashif Hameed, Muhammad Afzal, Information Secretary Abdul Majid, Finance

Secretary Khurram Shahzad, Media Secretary Rao Mubashir, Joint Secretaries Muhammad Ramzan and Muhammad Zeeshan. Finally, a group photo of all the office bearers of the Professional Photographers Association Faisalabad was taken with the Vice President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Quratul Ain, President FCCI Rehan Naseem Bharara, Senior Vice President Qaisar Shamas Gucha and Executive Member Waheed Khaliq Ramey.

PM and Field Marshal meeting with President USA, warmed up Pak-US ties considerably



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC chamber of commerce and industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said meetings of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir with US President Donald Trump, in prevailing global scenario, have warmed up Pak-US ties considerably.

In a statement here today an octogenarian popular

trade leader of South Asia, said compared to the coldness of the Biden administration towards Pakistan, bilateral relations under Donald Trump have seen positive shifts. He said Donald Trump had earlier in a week met Prime Minister in New York during a meeting with leaders of Muslim states on the sidelines of the UNGA to discuss the Gaza war. He said in June last, the army chief Asim Munir also had an unprecedented lunch with the American President which speaks of success of good diplomatic relations. He emphasized that such interactions signal a thaw in relations and open the door for future cooperation in trade, security, and economic development.

Gwadar port into a regional trade and transit hub: Junaid Anwar Ch



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif ur Rehman Sunday said the five-year Maritime Affairs Action Plan (2025-2029), unleashed by Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Muhammad Junaid Anwar Ch, is poised to transform Gwadar into a regional trade and transit hub.

Speaking to a delegation of women entrepreneurs led by Ms Nida Ejaz he said the plan, aligned with the China-Pakistan

Economic Corridor (CPEC), seeks to enhance maritime cooperation with China while promoting economic connectivity with Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. The framework emphasises infrastructure development, including the expansion of Gwadar Port, completion of Free Zone Stage II, and acceleration of East Bay Expressway Phase II to improve inland accessibility. A key component is the integration of the airport with the port to support multi-modal transit and regional logistics, he added.

Lack of Transparency in Poverty Alleviation Programs: HCSTSI President

Commerce Desk

HYDERABAD: President of Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry (HCSTSI), Muhammad Saleem Memon, has said that the root cause of rising poverty

in Pakistan is the failure to translate national resources into public welfare.

He emphasized that the devastating floods of 2022 and 2023 displaced millions of families and destroyed standing crops and agri-

cultural lands, pushing countless households deeper into poverty.

He noted that another major factor is the large segment of the population employed in the informal sector, where low-paid and insecure jobs lack the potential to lift families

out of poverty.

In addition, the absence of quality education and skills has deprived the youth of better employment opportunities.

Agriculture, which is considered the backbone of Pakistan’s economy,

is also failing to deliver its true potential due to weak value chains, limited processing facilities, poor storage infrastructure, and restricted market access, leaving farmers unable to receive fair returns for their hard work.

IS Asia Cup Final Cricket Match Pakistan vs India

Pakistan's middle-order batting and Haris Rauf's bad bowling Pakistan lose the Asia Cup final match against India

Asim Tanveer

DUBAI: Asia Cup final Pakistan's Middle-Order Batting and Haris Rauf's Bad Bowling Pakistan Lose the Asia Cup Final Match against India. In a 41-year history, something that had never happened before happened, Pakistan lost the final to India. Cricket breaking news is that another black paper has been placed on the head of the Pakistan Cricket Board's regime Mohsin Naqvi. What had never happened before, is now. Pakistan has lost the final to India for the first time in Asia Cup history. After a good start against India in the final played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, 9 Pakistani players returned to the pavilion within just 33 runs and set an easy target of 147 runs for India, which India achieved in the bay overs and won their 9th and second Asia T20 title overall. Now India is a one-time champion in ODI and T20 formats.

India's chase of an easy target became difficult at the beginning, when Abhishek Sharma, who became a headache for Pakistan, was caught by Haris Rauf off Fahim Ashraf for just 5 runs. Captain Surya Kumar Yadav was caught by Salman Ali Agha off Shaheen Afridi for just 1 run. This was a difficult catch. Pakistan got their third big wicket at the score of 20 when Shubman Gul was caught by Haris off Fahim Ashraf for 12 runs. From here, India was rescued by Tilak Verma and Sanju Samson. At one point, Hussain Talat dropped Sanju Samson when he was on 12 and India's score was low. Pakistan got their fourth wicket at the score of 77 by Abrar Ahmed, when Sanju Samson was caught by Sahibzada Farhan for 24 runs. Now India needed 69 runs off the



last 42 balls and 6 wickets remained. Shyam Dubey bowled Pakistan out, along with Tilak Verma, they went for victory, even though India needed 17 runs off 12 balls. Pakistan had lost. The 5th victory came on the last ball

of the 19th over at a score of 137 when Shyam Dubey was caught by Shaheen off Faheem's ball after scoring 33 runs. India now needed 10 runs off 6 balls. Haris Rauf's first ball was a double and Tilak Verma hit a six on the second ball



to create excitement. What happened next? India completed the target in 2 balls by scoring 150 runs for 5 wickets in 19.4 overs and became the Asia Cup champion. Faheem Ashraf took 3 wickets for 29 runs and Shaheen

took one wicket, but Haris Rauf was bowled out for 50 runs in 3.4 overs, no wickets.

This is Pakistan cricket, Masha in the pool. Tola in the pool, a brilliant start in the Asia Cup final, then out on

146, cricket breaking news is that what Pakistan did in T20 cricket, never seen and heard. After a good start, Pakistan lost 9 wickets for 33 runs. The last 5 wickets could score 12.

Pakistan offered India to win by lying down despite a good start. There was no justification. There was no perfect bowling and there was no fault of the pitch.

In the final of the Asia Cup 2025 in Dubai, India won the toss and fielded Pakistan, who lost their first wicket after Sahibzada Farhan and Fakhar Zaman started with 84 runs in 9.3 overs. It was a brilliant start, Sahibzada Farhan scored his second half-century against India. This time, the celebration was in a dignified manner. He scored 57 runs off 38 balls, 3 sixes and 5 fours. When Saim Ayub went for 14 runs and played 11 balls, Pakistan's score was 113 for 2 wickets. In the 13th over, Muhammad Haris went for a duck after wasting 2 balls. The score was 114.

The worst shot for Pakistan was played by Fakhar Zaman. He was caught on the next ball after hitting a six. He played an innings of 46 runs off 35 balls. There were 2 sixes and 2 fours. Salman Ali Agha 8 and Hussain Talat could make one, Mohammad Nawaz and Haris Rauf 6, 6 and Shaheen and Faheem were on zero.

Kuldeep Yadav became the fire for Pakistan. He took one wicket for 29 runs in 3 overs, but by giving one run in one over and getting 3 outs, his bowling figure was 4 wickets for 30 runs. Chakravarthy, Axar Patel and Jasprit Bumrah took 2 wickets each.

Pakistan wasted the opportunity of a big score and gave India a target of only 147 runs to win. The team was bowled out for 146 runs in 19.1 overs.

India edge past Sri Lanka in Super Over in Asia Cup Super Four

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a thrilling finish to the last Super Four match of the Asia Cup 2025, India defeated Sri Lanka in a dramatic Super Over to secure their place in the final against arch-rivals Pakistan.

The match ended in a tie as both teams posted identical totals of 202 runs for the loss of five wickets in their allotted 20 overs in Dubai.

Batting first, India reached 202/5, with their top order providing stability and momentum.

Sri Lanka responded with an equally spirited chase, but their innings also concluded at 202/5.

The match went right down to the wire, with Sri Lanka requiring three runs off the final delivery to secure victory.

However, they managed only two runs, pushing the contest into a Super Over.

The game moved into a Super Over, where Sri Lanka faltered, scoring just two runs under immense pressure.

India made light work of the chase, knocking off the runs in a single delivery without losing a wicket, sealing their berth in the final.

The highlight of Sri Lanka's innings was a magnificent knock by opener Pathum Nissanka, who lit up the stadium with the first century of the Asia Cup 2025.

Nissanka scored a blistering 107 off just 82 deliveries, studded with seven fours and six towering sixes.

Despite his heroic effort, Sri Lanka's campaign ended in heartbreak as India



held their nerves to clinch victory.

The result means cricket fans will witness a high-voltage final on Sunday in Dubai, where traditional rivals Pakistan and India will lock horns for the prestigious Asia Cup trophy.

Earlier, India set a 203-run target for Sri Lanka.

Asked to bat first, Indian batters Abhishek Sharma and Tilak Varma helped India to post a big total of 202 for 5 in 20 overs.

Abhishek Sharma smashed 61 runs off 31 balls, while Tilak hit 49 not out off 34.

During the knock, Abhishek became the batter with the most runs in a T20

Asia Cup edition.

He surpassed Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan and India's Virat Kohli for the big record. Sanju Samson also helped the team's cause with a 39-run knock.

Earlier, Sri Lanka captain Charith Asalanka won the toss and opted to bowl first.

Exhibition Hockey match organized by KHA Women's Wing

Sports Desk

KARACHI: An exhibition Hockey match was organized by Karachi Hockey Association Women's Wing at Olympian Hanif Khan and Dr. Junaid Ali Shah Sports Complex, Gulshan-e-Iqbal. KHA Women's Color and KHA Women's White participated in this match. KHA Women's Color won the match 1-0. The only decisive goal was scored by Samina Tabassum. Umpires Irfan Tahir, Kashmala Batool and Rizwan Khan supervised the match. The chief guest of the closing ceremony of the match was Muhammad Faisal Rashid, Additional Registrar, Sindh High Court Karachi. He appreciated Syed Haider Hussain's services for the promotion of hockey and appreciated the efforts of KHA Women's



Wing for providing opportunities to women players to hone their skills through continuous tour-

naments and matches. On this occasion, Olympian Hanif Khan, Secretary KHA presented a shield to the chief guest. Other distinguished guests included Syed Haider Hussain, Asma Ali Shah, President KHA Women's Wing, Dr. Huma Riaz, Vice President KHA Women's Wing, Sameera Nascem, Batool Kazim, Secretary KHA Women's Wing, Batool Rizvi, Junaid Ahmed Khan, Syed Muhammad Saeed, Dr SA Majid, Dr Qamar Raza and Imtiaz Ali Shah Karachi Team Manager. Asma Ali Shah congratulated KHA Women's Wing for organizing the successful event and thanked the distinguished guests for taking out their valuable time to encourage the women players. We all need to work together in the promotion of women's hockey.

The Ice Age Showdown



ISLAMABAD: Players are in action during boxing match title "The Ice Age Showdown" at Liaquat Gymnasium in the Federal Capital. ONLINE PHOTO by Sultan Bashir

PCB grants first-ever Scorer contracts for 2025-26 season

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: In a groundbreaking move, the Pakistan Cricket Board has introduced first-ever Scorer contracts, which run from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, it was confirmed on Saturday.

Before this development the scorers only received remuneration in the form of match fees but the announcement of the monthly retainers will strengthen them financially as they aim to serve Pakistan Cricket with more dedication.

A total of 20 scorers from 16 regions have been granted the contracts for the 2025-26 season.

Aamir Sharif (Abbottabad), Aamer Manzoor Faridi (Multan), Adnan Farooq (Islamabad), Arif Abdul Majeed (Hyderabad), Azhar Hussain (Lahore), Faiz Muhammad Baloch (Dera Murad Jamali), Farrukh Ilyas Raja (Sialkot), Hafeez-ur-Rehman (Bahawalpur), Junaid Shah (Kohat), Muhammad Ammad (Quetta), Muhammad Aslam Sahto (Larkana), Muhammad Atiq (Sahiwal), Muhammad Zeeshan (Rawalpindi), Nadeem Akhtar (Peshawar), Najmus Saeed (Lahore), Nasir Khan (Sargodha), Salman Hussain Kazmi (Karachi), Shakeel Ahmed (Rawalpindi), Syed Imran Ali (Karachi), Tahir Suhaib (Faisalabad)

Director Domestic Cricket Operations PCB, Abdullah Khurram Niazi:

"The PCB is delighted to offer first-ever annual contracts to 20 of our esteemed scorers across the country. I'm confident this move will contribute towards the strengthening of our domestic cricket ecosystem as we look to safeguard all those who contribute towards its well-being and conduct.

"It is also a testament of the PCB's vision to recognise all the cogs of the wheel in Pakistan's Cricket fraternity and help them grow and give back to our sport with more enthusiasm and dedication than before.

Pakistan achieves big success in diplomatic

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Ishaq Dar said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif effectively highlighted all issues, including the Kashmir dispute and the ongoing oppression in Gaza, during his address to the UN General Assembly session as well as all the other engagements, on the sidelines of this event.

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar said that Prime Minister's speech at the United Nations was being appreciated world-

wide. He said Pakistan's case was presented in the best possible manner on all forms of the United Nations.

Ishaq Dar said Gaza genocide continued but he hoped there will be a positive outcome soon. He said the meeting of the leaders of 8 countries with Trump will have a positive outcome. Ishaq Dar said Pakistan was the 24th largest economy during Nawaz Sharif's tenure and PM Shehbaz led government saved Pakistan from bankruptcy.

Chinese Assistance

ISLAMABAD: Two Chinese aircrafts carrying monsoon relief assistance landed at Nur Khan Base today, received by Federal Minister Eng Ameer Muqam and Chairman NDMA Lt General Inam Haider Malik.



Photo: PID

Two Chinese aircraft carrying flood relief items arrive in Pakistan

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Two Chinese relief flights carrying humanitarian assistance for Pakistan's flood victims arrived on Sunday, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said, praising the gesture as a reflection of the warm ties between the two countries.

Heavy monsoon rains and excess water released by Indian dams have killed over 130 people in Pakistan's Punjab province since

late August. The deluges also destroyed thousands of acres of crops, affected over 4.5 million people and forced authorities to evacuate over 2.5 million people to safer locations.

"Two Chinese relief flights carrying 300 tents and 9,000 blankets landed today at Nur Khan Air Base, Rawalpindi, to support families displaced by the recent floods," the NDMA said in a statement.

"This gesture underscores China's enduring solidarity with Pakistan in times of diffi-

culty."

The disaster management authority said the assistance will help augment the NDMA's relief support for Punjab's flood-affected areas.

Pakistan's Federal Minister Amir Muqam received the items at the air base, along with NDMA Chairman Lt. Gen. Inam Haider Malik and China's Ambassador to Pakistan Jian Zaidong. Senior officials of the NDMA and the Pakistani foreign ministry were also present on the occa-

sion. Muqam thanked the people and government of China for their "prompt support," noting that the assistance will bring much-needed relief to thousands of flood-affected families.

The minister said Pakistan is mobilizing all available resources to ensure swift relief and recovery efforts in the flood-hit areas, the disaster management authority said.

"The minister reaffirmed the Government of Pakistan's resolve, in coordination with NDMA and with the support

of friendly countries like China, to overcome the challenges posed by the floods and ensure the rehabilitation of the affected population," the statement said.

The relief items arrived days after the Chinese embassy announced on Friday that Beijing would offer Pakistan humanitarian items worth \$14 million.

This was in addition to Beijing extending \$2 million in emergency assistance to Islamabad last month to deal with the deadly floods.

Pakistan Navy Launches Mangrove Plantation Campaign 2025



Bureau Report

KARACHI: Pakistan Navy launched the Mangrove Plantation Campaign 2025 at Bin Qasim, Gharo. Commander Coast, Rear Admiral Faisal Amin, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and planted a sapling.

The campaign has been

launched in collaboration with the Forest Departments of Sindh and Balochistan and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

While addressing the ceremony, the chief guest underscored the critical role of mangroves in combating climate change, preserving

biodiversity, and protecting coastal communities from erosion and natural disasters. He appreciated the collaboration of the Forest Departments of Sindh and Balochistan, as well as IUCN, with Pakistan Navy, and highlighted that the campaign aims to promote environmental awareness

and strengthen coastal resilience.

The mangrove plantation campaign is part of Pakistan Navy's environmental protection programme, under which the Navy has planted 8.7 million mangroves from Shah Bandar to Jiwani. These plantation drives have also created employment oppor-

tunities for the local populace.

Marine conservation and sustainable development are integral to Pakistan Navy's environmental initiatives, and this campaign stands as a testament to the Navy's unwavering commitment to preserving the country's coastal environment for future generations.

NA Speaker offers condolences to Maulana Haideri on family bereavement

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Sunday visited the residence of Member National Assembly and Jamiat Ulema e Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Secretary General Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri to offer his condolences on the passing of Haideri's mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

The Speaker offered Fateha for the departed souls of Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri's close relatives. He expressed heartfelt sympathy, stating that he shares in the grief and sorrow of the bereaved family during this difficult time.

The Speaker prayed to Almighty Allah for the forgiveness of the departed souls and for granting patience and strength to the bereaved family, so they may endure this irreparable loss with grace and fortitude.

Uzbek parliamentary delegation arrives in Pakistan on 5-day visit

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary delegation of Uzbekistan led by Speaker of Upper House of Legislative Assembly Nuriddin Ismoilov has arrived in Pakistan on a five-day visit.

The delegation is visiting on the invitation of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq. During the visit, the delegation will hold important meetings with the Speaker National Assembly and political leadership of Pakistan.

The meetings will discuss cooperation in the field of law making and regional connectivity. The delegation will also meet members of the Pakistan-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Friendship Group and visit historical and cultural sites in Pakistan.

The visit will prove to be a milestone



in further strengthening parliamentary relations between the two countries and promoting peace and stability in the

region. Pakistan-Uzbekistan relations are based on mutual respect, cultural harmony and shared values.

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Gujranwala Corps Commander inspires students with message of unity

Bureau Report

GUJRANWALA: The Corps Commander Gujranwala, Lieutenant General Syed Imdad Hussain Shah, met students at the Punjab University Gujranwala campus, delivering a special talk on the significance of the battle for truth and justice.

During his address, he emphasized that unity, hard work, and a positive mindset were the true guarantees of success.

He also paid glowing tribute to the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people, highlighting their resilience and courage.

The students, in turn, expressed their admiration for the Pakistan Army, particularly acknowledging the historic victory of Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad (Bunyan al-Mar-sous).

On the occasion, a special exhibi-



tion of military equipment was also arranged, giving students an opportunity to witness the Army's preparedness.

The students laid floral wreaths at the Martyrs' Monument, offering heartfelt homage and respect to the nation's fallen heroes.

CM Maryam will give gift of green buses to people of Faisalabad: Rana Sana



Adviser to the Prime Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan reached the venue to review the arrangements ahead of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz visits to Faisalabad on Monday.

Talking to media at Bohranwali Gorund on Sunday, Rana Sana said CM Maryam Nawaz was coming to give the gift of green buses to the people of Faisalabad. He said Kisan

card for disabled card, housing project and now green busses project proved that PML-N was providing all out help to the poor citizen. He said PML-N was investing in the common man. Rana Sana said eco-friendly buses will start on two routes from tomorrow. There will be a fare of 20 rupees for students and the elderly disabled people will be free.

India Violates UN Resolutions Since 1947, Cannot Preach Peace: APHC Pakistan

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Information Secretary All Parties Hurriyat Conference Mushtaq Ahmed Butt has said in a statement that the Indian Foreign Minister's speech at the UN General Assembly is the worst example of hypocrisy. A country that is committing the worst state terrorism in occupied Jammu and Kashmir and is continuously trampling on the resolutions passed by the UN, under what moral justification can it teach the world a lesson in peace and humanity?

He said that the international community is well aware of the fact that India itself has the biggest role in the promotion of terrorism in South Asia and around the world.

The Indian intelligence agency "RAW" has been found involved in target killings and sabotage not only in Pakistan but also in countries like the US, UK and Canada. The terrorist incidents in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces are clear evidence of Indian interference. The arrest of Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav and his own confessions are undeniable evidence before the world.

Mushtaq Ahmed Butt said that India has turned occupied Jammu and Kashmir into an open prison. Millions of Kashmiris have been martyred, thousands have been disabled and displaced, and thousands of youth have been imprisoned in prisons for decades.

Islamabad to vaccinate over 461,000 children in October polio drive

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad's district administration has finalised plans for the upcoming anti-polio campaign, aiming to vaccinate 461,125 children across 80 union councils from October 13 to 19.

Officials said the week-long effort is part of the city's goal to eliminate the virus once and for all.

A meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad reviewed the preparations for the October campaign.

Senior officers from the district



administration and health department attended the session.

The officials received a briefing on the targets, past performance, and overall situation of polio in Pakistan.