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Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to visit Pakistan later this year!

Pakistani and Saudi foreign ministries are finalizing the dates for Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's visit to Pakistan later this year, quoting diplomatic sources.

Pakistan is celebrating **China's National Day**

China's National Day is being celebrated in Pakistan in a dignified manner and on this occasion, the federal capital amabad was beautifully decorated. The President's House, decorated with beautiful red lights.

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Celebration of National Day of People's Republic of China

ISLAMABAD: A stunning view of the Monument illuminated with red color in connection with the celebrations of National Day of People's Republic of China, which is observe annually on 1st October.



Pakistan yet to decide on sending troops to Gaza peace force

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has not yet taken a final decision on sending its troops to Palestine as part of a proposed peace force, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, he confirmed that the leadership would decide on the matter, reiterating that Pakistan's position on the Palestinian involves establishing an indeissue remains unchanged.

Dar explained that while the

peace plan, ground operations would mainly be managed by Palestinian law enforcement. The plan, backed by President Donald Trump and reportedly accepted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, calls for a ceasefire and the release of hostages. However, its success depends on whether Hamas agrees to the terms.

Dar revealed that the proposal pendent technocrat government in Palestine, supervised

body. He underlined that Pakistan had not engaged with Israel directly, clarifying: "If we had to deal with Israel, we would have done it directly. We dealt with the United States, and the United States dealt with Israel."

He added that five countries believe Hamas may accept the plan, saying their assurances should be trusted. Pakistan, along with seven other nations, agreed to the Gaza agenda during meetings with President Trump. A secret under-

United States has floated a Gaza by a largely Palestinian oversight standing was reached for foreign in the West Bank, ensure the ministers of these countries to hold further consultations with Trump's team.

Dar said Pakistan stands firmly united with the other seven countries involved, including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Turkiye. Together they issued a joint statement supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state on pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Sharif as its capital. The statement also highlighted commitments to halt Israel's annexation attempts

return of displaced Palestinians, and secure humanitarian aid for Gaza.

He noted that eight Muslim leaders met President Trump to present their detailed agenda, which included calls for an immediate ceasefire, aid delivery, resettlement of Gaza's displaced population, and reconstruction of devastated areas. Trump, according to Dar, asked his team and the representatives to develop a workable proposal.

10 martyred, 6 terrorists killed in Quetta suicide attack

👺 Bureau Report

QUETTA: A powerful explota on Monday, killing at least 10 people and injuring over 30 others. Security forces responded swiftly, foiling a major terror attack and killing six terrorists linked to the group "Fitna-e-Hindustan," according to security officials.

among the dead militants was a suicide bomber, while two Muhammad Kakar declared a reflects their failures on both

were injured in the gun battle.

The attackers, dressed in FC sion rocked Zarghoon Road uniforms, attempted to storm in Balochistan's capital Quet- the area before being neutralized. "We will continue to crush the evil designs of anti-Pakistan elements working on India's agenda," security sources said.

Police reported that the blast was so intense it shattered windows and doors of nearby buildings, spreading panic Authorities confirmed that among residents. Following the forces, adding that the frusattack, Health Minister Bakht tration of Pakistan's enemies

Frontier Corps (FC) soldiers citywide emergency, summoning all doctors, consultants, and medical staff to hospitals. He later visited Civil Hospital, confirming that six of the injured are in critical condition.

> President Asif Ali Zardari strongly condemned the suicide bombing, vowing that "Fitnae-Khawarij and Fitna-e-Hindustan cannot harm Pakistan's peace and stability." He lauded the swift action of the security



regional and global fronts.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif hailed the bravery of security personnel, praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. will face exemplary punishment," he said, reaffirming recovery of the injured troops.

the nation's resolve to root out terrorism and safeguard Pakistan's integrity.

Interior Minister Mohsin Nagvi praised the FC soldiers "Those who shed innocent blood for their courage in killing all six attackers and prayed for the

AJK protests gain momentum after govt shuts down mobile, internet services

👺 Abdul Majeed Tahir

shutter-down and wheel-jam strike was observed in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) for the second consecutive day on Tuesday. According to the report, protest sit-ins continued in all cities of Azad Kashmir on Tuesday on the call of the Joint Public Action Committee. A large number of people utive day.

protested on the streets of Azad Kashmir under the aegis of the MUZAFFARABAD: A complete Joint Public Action Committee. All markets, shops and business centres in the region remained completely shut, public transport remained suspended and roads remained deserted.

Also, the AJK government kept the internet services suspended in all cities of Azad Kashmir for the second consec-

The Joint Public Action Committee announce on Tuesday it would march on Muzaffarabad, the capital of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The strike across Azad Kashmir would continue until protesting people's demands are accepted.

The protesters removed the obstacles on their way at Kohala. They threw the containers. which were used to block their way, into the Neelum River. They committee also decided that the also removed other obstacles on shutter-down and wheel-jam the road and cleared the way. The public participating in

the march kept raising slogans against the government. Secu-A convoy of protesters from rity agencies were deployed Bagh advanced towards Muzafaround Kohala Bridge in big farabad and reached Kohala. numbers.

Speaking to the media, the protesters said the government was not serious in solving people's problems. They said the protest would continue until demands are met.

The protesters are likely to call for a sit-in after reaching Muzaffarabad. Due to the prevailing tense situation in the region, an atmosphere of uncertainty is prevailing in Muzaffarabad and the surrounding areas.

Pakistan Army successfully test-fires Fatah-4 cruise missile



Naveed Ahmad Khan

RAWALPINDI: stan Army has successfully conducted the training launch of the newly inducted indigenously developed Fatah-4 Ground Launched Cruise Missile, achieving a range of 750 kilometres

The advanced weapon system, integrated with modern avionics and sophisticated navigational aids, demonstrated its precision strike capability during the

The military's media wing said that the missile - equipped with terrain-hugging features - has been designed to evade enemy missile defence systems, thereby enhancing operational survivability. The system's accuracy and long-range capability are expected to further strengthen the conventional missile arsenal of the Army Rocket Force Command,

Public Relations (ISPR).

According to official details, the Fatah-4 combines state-ofthe-art navigation and guidance technology with high precision engagement ability. Its design allows low-altitude flight paths, making detection and interception more challenging for adversary systems. This capability, paired with its long reach, adds significant lethality to the Pakistan Army's strike options.

The launch event was observed by the Chief of General Staff, senior officers from the Pakistan Armed Forces, as well as scientists and engineers involved in the programme.

Pakistan's President, Prime Minister, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Services Chiefs extended their congratulations to the participating troops, scientists, and engineers on the successful conduct of the Fatah-4's according to Inter Services training fire.

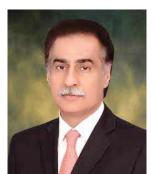
Speaker NA congratulates on successful test of Fatah-4 Ground-Launched Cruise Missile

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, has extended heartfelt congratulations to the entire nation, the Armed Forces, scientists, and engineers on the successful test of the "Fatah-4" groundlaunched cruise missile.

In his congratulatory message, Speaker NA stated that the successful test of the Fatah-4 missile marks a significant milestone in strengthening Pakistan's defense capabilities. He noted that this achievement is a testament to the country's growing military strength and scientific advancement.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq emphasized that the success of the Fatah-4 missile test once again proves the competence and self-reliance of Pakistan's scientists and engineers in the motherland," he added.



field of advanced defense tech-

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq further remarked that Pakistan's Armed Forces remain the cornerstone of the nation's impregnable defense. "The entire nation takes great pride in the capabilities and unwavering commitment of Pakistan's Armed Forces to safeguard the

PML-N firmly stands by 18th constitutional **Amendment: Azam Tarar**

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar on Tuesday reiterated that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) firmly stood by the 18th Constitutional Amendment. Responding to various points raised by lawmakers in Senate, the minister recalled PML-N's central role in the drafting and passage of the amendment, noting that the then leader of the House Mohammad Ishaq Dar, and the party's team had actively participated in clauseby-clause deliberations.

He said PML-N continued to uphold the amendment its spirit and implementation. added.

He said that mines and minerals were a devolved subject under the Constitution, with the federation's role limited to external trade, investment, and agreements. Citing the Reko Diq case, he said Pakistan had faced an \$8 billion penalty due to earlier court intervention, but the federal government later renegotiated the matter. He explained that while

federation-backed companies made the investment, the major share was allocated to Balochistan, whose assembly formally adopted the agreement alongside Parliament. The deal was also validated by the Supreme Court through because it was the custodian of a presidential reference, he

Electric buses will soon be provided to Tehsil Hazro: Governor Punjab

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan has said that electric buses will soon be provided to Tehsil Hazro. In addition, the establishment of a passport office will also be implemented very soon. He expressed these views while addressing a public gathering in Tehsil Hazro, organized by President Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Tehsil Hazro, Naseer Khan Jadoon.

On this occasion, district leadership of the PPP including District President PPP Attock Sardar Asher Hayat Khan,

Riyasat Sadryal, Sardar Muhammad Ali Khan, former Vice Chairman Malik Tahir Awan, Sajid Khan, Khurram Shehzad, and other leaders were also present. Stage secretary duties were the poor masses, which always gives performed by Malik Imdad Hussain respect to its workers. He said that he



(shawl) was also presented to Governor Puniab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan.

While addressing, the Governor Punjab said that PPP is the party of

Sardar Zulfiqar Hayat Khan, Malik Awan. A traditional Chhachh chadar did not do any kind of lobbying to get the position of Governor, but rather this position was given to him as a result of the prayers of the poor people. He added that since assuming the office of

Governor, he has never done anything

that would bring embarrassment to the

people of his area.

He further said that the journalists of Attock are his brothers and are highly respectable, and they have guided him at every stage.

Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan announced that a passport office will soon be established in Tehsil Hazro and, along with that, electric buses will also be launched for easy and affordable travel. He said that he would contact the Punjab Government for the initiation of electric buses, but if the government did not start them, then he himself would play his

role in this regard. He also assured that the issue of

gas load-shedding would be resolved within a week. Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the office of Governor is a trust of the people, and he will take utmost care of this trust.

Commissioner Faisalabad reached FDA City Sargodha Road

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Commissioner Faisalabad Raja Jahangir Anwar during his visit to FDA City Sargodha Road said that the modern facilities of world-class indoor games in FDA City Sports Complex are very impressive and commendable. Anwar said that FDA City Sports Complex is of great importance and usefulness for the promotion of healthy activities. FDA's efforts in this regard are commendable and will be expanded further. The sports complex will be made more attractive for the interest of citizens, interviews of candidates for membership of the sports complex will start soon, the commissioner directed to make the cafeteria functional soon. Director General FDA Muhammad Asif Chaudhry informed about the completion stages of the sports complex, available facilities, salient features, further development plans and some of the problems faced.

Ghulam Bilal Javid, welcomed the government's decision to allow the commercial import of used vehicles

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the All Pakistan Car Dealers & Importers Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Ghulam Bilal Javid, has warmly welcomed the government's decision to allow the commercial import of used vehicles and the issuance of a formal notification by the Ministry of Commerce in this regard.

Ghulam Bilal Javid stated that this achievement is the result of the tireless efforts of our group leader Mian Shoaib and his team. Mian Shoaib, former Chairman of APDA, has always struggled for this long-standing demand, and today his efforts have borne fruit.

According to the notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce, necessary amendments have been made to the Import Policy Order 2022, under which the commercial import of used vehicles will now be possible, subject to strict compliance with environmental and safety standards.

Toba Tek Singh Price control magistrate Tehsildar Ali Abbas Bharwana fines profiteers

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the special directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, strict measures are being taken to ensure the provision of essential commodities to citizens at affordable government fixed rates. Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, Assistant Commissioners and Price Control Magistrates are actively monitoring markets to curb profiteering.

Tehsildar Toba Tek Singh, Ali Abbas Bharwana conducted surprise visits to various markets in the city and inspected the prices of daily use items. During the inspection, he imposed a fine of Rs. 4,000 on shopkeepers found selling goods above the official rates. On the occasion, Tehsildar Ali Abbas Bharwana reiterated that, in line with the Chief Minister's directions, illegal profiteering will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He said that providing relief to the public is the government's top priority and strict compliance with the official price list will be ensured. He further assured that immediate action would be taken on complaints received from the public regarding overcharging and violators will be dealt with according to the law.

President of Takhte Bahi Press Club, Muslim Khan Sabir honored



Tariq khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Takht Bahi Press Club was honored for its efforts in becoming an active and strong institution and for providing excellent professional journalistic services. In this regard, the Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) Takhte Bahi presented an honorary shield to senior journalist and President of Takhte Bahi Press Club, Muslim Khan

A graceful ceremony was held at the office of TMA Takhte Bahi under the chairmanship of Tehsil Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Saeed. The event was attended by Tehsil Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, T. O. R. Usman Ali Shad, Jamiat Business Forum District Mardan Convener Haji Dost Muhammad Darvesh, JUI Takhte Bahi General Secretary Muhammad Shafiq, President Takhte Bahi Press Club Muslim Khan Sabir, Vice President Hidayatullah Mohmand, General Secretary Akbar Khan Yousafzai, Joint Secretary Javed Alam Mohmand, Finance Secretary Muhammad Shahid, senior journalist Izzat Muhammad Khpalwak, Haji Wazirzada Amjad, Ibrahim Syed Yousafzai, former President of Shergarh Press Club Jamilur Rahman Shaheen, Abdul Qadeer Mamond, Matiullah, Imtiaz Takkar, Tariq Yousafzai, Faisal Zada, Khalilur Rahman Darvesh, Iftikhar Usmani Khail, Zahid Akhunzada, Imran Zaman, Zahidur Rahman, as well as VCs Chairmen Dr. Asghar, Mufti Iftikhar, Khanzada Manay, and many others.

Press Conference

ISLAMABAD: Imamia Students Organization Pakistan (ISO) Central President Syed Amin Shirazi, along with scholars and student leaders, is holding a press conference at the National Press Club:



Dr Kalsoom Paracha Leadership Sets Benchmark: Governor Punjab

👺 Quratulain Asim

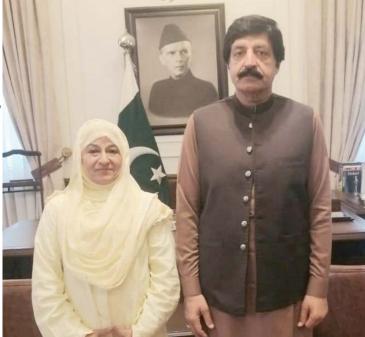
University Multan Professor Dr Kalsoom Pracha, held a meeting with ment in the university. Governor Puniab, Sardar Saleem Haidbriefed the Governor Punjab Sardar tuality within the Women's University

Haider Khan, lauded Vice Chancellor called on Governor Punjab Sardar taining the discipline and punctuality and staff with balanced routine.

the Women University Multan Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha for her broad and wise MULTAN: Vice Chancellor Women initiatives to strengthen discipline and ensure a productive academic environ-

During the meeting, the Governor er Khan, at Governor House Lahore. Punjab expressed that universities can During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Pracha only progress when academic excellence is coupled with strong administrative Saleem Haider Khan about the academ- discipline. He appreciated Dr Kalsoom ic progress, research initiatives, commu- Pracha's vision of introducing punctunity outreach programs, and ongoing ality, transparency, and effective monireforms to ensure discipline and punc- toring in academic and administrative

Vice Chancellor of Women Univer-



Saleem Haider Khan and briefed him are the backbone of academic excellence. on the university's recent initiatives and Every initiative ensures that students get Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem sity Multan Prof Dr Kalsoom Pracha, achievements. She explain that maintheir rights while also faciliting faculty

Joint efforts are needed to increase the area under cultivation across Pakistan

Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Ensuring food security and reducing dependence on imported pulses requires joint efforts to increase the area under cultivation across Pakistan. Agricultural role in introducing new pulse varieties and modern production technologies in response

Agricultural Research Institute that targeted expansion is (AARI), Faisalabad.

Dr. Khalid Hussain, Chief Scientist, Pulses Section, said that pulses enrich soil fertility through nitrogen fixation. He informed that new varieties and pest management trials scientists must play a frontline are being carried out during new chickpea and lentil variethe Rabi season.

National Coordinator Pulses, to changing climatic conditions. PARC Islamabad, said that to cutworm. This was stated by Prof. Dr. increase the area and produc-Nadeem Akbar, Chairman, tion of chickpea and lentil Department of Agronomy, during the Rabi season, agri-University of Agriculture Fais- cultural experts have idenalabad, while presiding over the tified new potential regions Annual Rabi Pulses Research in Potohar, Sindh, and

essential for meeting the country's demand for pulses.

During the briefing, Dr. Khalid Hussain further shared that AARI scientists are conducting 42 field experiments for the development of ties and for the effective control Dr. Muhammad Mansoor, of insect pests including termite, pod borer, aphid, and

Dr. Qamar Shakil, Chief Scientist, Biotechnology, highlighted that alongside the introduction of new high-yielding pulse varieties,

need of the hour.

He stressed that ensuring fair market prices for pulses will encourage farmers to increase the development of modern production, and all available Program 2025 at the Ayub Balochistan. He emphasized production technologies is the resources are being utilized to Research and Development tists including Dr. Allah Nawaz, of farming communities.

achieve this goal.

The Annual Rabi Pulses Research Program 2025 was attended by Muhammad

Scientist, AARI Bhakkar, Dr. Ramzan, Dr. Asif Ali, Director Abid Niaz, Chief Scientist, Agriculture Information Fais-Soil Chemistry & Environ- alabad, as well as agricultural Arif Zahid, Chairman, Pulses mental Sciences, senior scien- scientists and representatives

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Peoples want rule of law, affordable quality education and *healthcare:* Chaudhry Inaam Zafar



RAWALPINDI: Political and social leader Chaudhry Inaam Zafar stated that Pakistan's development and the prosperity of its people are only possible when affordable and quality education, healthcare, dignified employment, and access to resources for the common citizen are ensured. For this, the rule of law is absolutely essential in the country. The people of Pakistan have stepped into the arena to rid the nation of class divisions and hereditary politics.

In his statement, he said that if Pakistan develops and becomes prosperous, the people will benefit the most. But it is important to understand what the people of Pakistan truly want. We enter parliament as representatives of the people, while they continue to suffer the same old hardships. The people of Pakistan desire rule of law, affordable and quality education, healthcare, employment, and the benefits derived from national

CM Maryam addresses inaugural ceremony of Honhaar Scholarship & Laptop Scheme Phase-II in Chakwal

Bureau Report

addressed inauguration ceremony of High Achievers Scholarship and Laptop Scheme Phase-II in Chakwal. She announced distribution of 80,000 scholarships next year and establishment of more Centers of Excellence across the province. She further announced that students Gilgit-Baltistan, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would also receive scholarships and laptops under this initiative. To combat malnutrition, she also announced provision of dates to students in government schools located in affected areas.

declared establishment of 6,000

Eminence across Punjab. For CHAKWAL: Chief Minister Chakwal city, she announced Punjab Marvam Nawaz Sharif launch of electric buses and revealed that 118,000 Core i7 laptops will be distributed to students. She said, "I am delighted to be among students once again. Congratulations to all the talented scholars and laptop recipients." She added, "This is not a favour; these scholarships and laptops are your from Azad Jammu and Kashmir, right. Students have earned these through hard work and should receive them with pride."

She stated that she personally chose Chakwal as the venue for this prestigious event. She noted,"If it were up to me, I would personally hand over scholarships to every student Chief Minister Punjab in Punjab."Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif recalled STEAM (Science, Technology, that 30,000 scholarships were structure development remain

matics) labs and Schools of appreciated tireless efforts of parents, who despite limited resources, strive day and night for their children's success. She stated, "Hard times teach us everything. Good times rarely teach anything. My resolve is to stand by every son and daughter of this province."

She mentioned that during recent flood crisis, the entire provincial cabinet, administration and herself worked tirelessly to aid flood victims, unlike other provinces that only held press conferences. She underscored that crime rate in Punjab has decreased after establishment of CCD. She emphasized that we are working to make Punjab such an exemplary province where women feel safe and protected.

She concluded by emphasizing that education, health, and infra-



Engineering, Arts & Mathe- distributed last year and deeply her foremost priorities adding that entire provincial resources will be fully utilized to fulfill students' dreams and goals.

Dynamics of Security and stability 2025

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Commerce Rana Ihsann Afzal Khan addressing during the Session "Dynamics of Security and Stability 2025" at South Asian Strategic Stability



Khawaja Imran Nazeer commended by CM Punjab for flood relief efforts

ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, has praised Provincial Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare, Khawaja Imran Nazeer, for his exemplary role in providing immediate medical relief to flood-affected areas through the government's flagship Clinic on Wheels project. The recognition comes amid large-scale devastation caused by recent floods across Punjab, which have resulted in significant loss of life and property.

Under the leadership of CM Maryam Nawaz, the Punjab government has launched extensive relief and rehabilitation operations in the affected regions. As part of these efforts, Khawaja Imran Nazeer played a key role in mobilizing Clinic on Wheels—a mobile health-



care initiative designed to deliver primary medical services directly to communi-

Nikah Registrars in Gujrat call for effective laws to end child marriages



City Desk

GUJRAT: Participants of a training session for Nikah Khawans and marriage registrars, organized in collaboration with the District Population Welfare Office, Guirat, called on provincial legislators to urgently strengthen legal frameworks to protect the rights of girls and boys in Pakistan. Referring to the ICT Child Marriage Restraint Act, the participants stressed that all provinces should adopt and implement similar legislation to curb the practice of underage marriages.

The training, which brought together a large number of Nikah Khawans and registrars, provided a platform to reflect on the social, legal, and health implications of early marriages. Many participants expressed concern that child marriage continues to undermine fundamental rights, particularly the right to education, health, and personal

Umer Farooq, District Population Welfare Officer, Gujrat, described child marriage as a serious health risk. He noted that due to complications such as fistula, sudden increases in blood pressure, and excessive bleeding during pregnancy and childbirth, the rates of maternal and infant mortality in Pakistan remain alarmingly high.

Advocate Khawaja Zahid Nasim, legal consultant for PODA, Advocate Khawaja Zahid Nasim, Nabeela Aslam and Sohail Yousaf also

Maryam Nawaz should fix punjab before criticizing Sindh: Ishrat Hassan

Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: Reacting to the recent statement of PML-N leader and Chief Minister of Punjab, Maryam Nawaz, Pakistan People's Party Ladies Wing Hyderabad leader Ishrat Hassan said that Maryam Nawaz should first improve the performance of her own province. Instead of criticizing the Sindh government, she should focus on providing facilities to the people of

Ishrat Hassan said that the PPP leadership has always prioritized public



the people of Sindh are well-aware and they do not make decisions based on promises or slogans, but on practical service. The PPP leader said that Maryam Nawaz's remarks reflect her unease with the progress being made in Sindh. She asserted that the

people of Sindh are satisfied with the performance of the PPP, and time will once again prove that the real strength of the people rests with the People's Party.

AIOU Launches 'Encyclopedia of Translation Studies' on World Translation Day

City Desk

Translation Day with a memorathis occasion the University's Center for Language and Translation Studies together. also organized a seminar titled "Trans-

lation, Shaping a Future you can."

The chief guest of the event, ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and University (AIOU) celebrated World Humanities, Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Sahir hailed the publication of the ble ceremony for the launch of the encyclopedia as a remarkable achieve-Encyclopedia of Translation Studies, ment and an academic milestone for which the event speakers described the Center. He emphasized that transas a significant milestone in the lation is not merely the transfer of advancement of translation knowl- words but a strong bridge between edge and literary development. On civilizations, cultures and fields of knowledge, bringing people closer

Dr. Ghulam Ali, Director of the renowned columnist and political

Center for Language and Translation analyst Dr. Shehzad Iqbal Sham and Studies highlighted that translation is a fundamental tool for scholarly, social and cultural development in the contemporary era, urging the younger generation to take a keen interest in this field.

Other distinguished speakers included Secretary of the National Book Foundation Murad Al, Director General of the National Language Promotion Department, Professor Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar; Dr. Farukh Abbas who highlighted the scholarly and research significance of translation. The speakers emphasized that a strong command of both languages is essential for effective translation. They congratulated AIOU's Center for Language and Translation Studies on the successful publication of the encyclopedia and expressed hope that this scholarly endeavor would open new avenues

for teaching and research. The event was skillfully hosted by



Dr. Lubna Umar with a large turnout students who recognized the publicaof faculty members, researchers, and tion as a historic academic milestone. Group Chairman/Chief Editor: Almass Ayoub Sabir Vice Chairman:

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Sportsmanship, the Dignity of the Trophy, and the Indian Team's **Hateful Attitude**

atred, at any level, when fueled, transforms everything, whether it be the players or the game itsel, f through the lens of hostility. In South Asia, no one has promoted hatred more than the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Although Modi's politics of hate and arrogance suffered a humiliating defeat on May 10, 2025, instead of learning from it, he and his four wicked cronies further fanned the flames of hatred, which the world recently witnessed in the Asia Cricket Cup in Dubai.

Just as winning and losing are part of the game, sportsmanship is an essential moral component of sports. Yet, during the closing moments of the recent Asia Cup cricket tournament, when fans should have seen joy and the dignity of the game, the Indian team adopted such pathetic behaviour that cast a shadow on the beauty of cricket. Refusing to receive the trophy from the chief guest, PCB & ACC Chairman Mohsin Naqvi, was not just a momentary act, but a reflection of a mindset and attitude. Sadly, this mentality has seeped into the Indian cricket board, players, and management. However, Chairman ACC Mohsin Naqvi immediately gave them a fitting response on the spot.

The Indian Cricket Board is considered the world's wealthiest board but where money brought resources, it also bred arrogance and obstinacy. This attitude is now clearly visible among Indian players. Refusing to accept the trophy, refusing pre- and post-match handshakes and quarrelling with the match referee are proof that the Indian team has disregarded the basic ethics of the sport. While shaking hands is not a law. it is a tradition and part of sportsmanship. Players refusing to shake hands goes against the very spirit of the game. Cricket is called the "Gentlemen's Game," but the conduct of Indian players has shown the world that they lack the courage to embrace respect and dignity. This sets a dangerous precedent for the younger generation of cricket because the real lesson of sports is tolerance and mutual respect.

Through arrogance and obstinate behaviour, the Indian team not only violated discipline but also turned the game into a battle of egos. The silence of the Indian team management made matters worse. It was their duty to rein in the players, correct their behaviour, and present a positive image to the world but unfortunately, they too became part of this

The Asia Cup was not just a cricket tournament; it was an event that could have united countries in the region through sport and taught lessons of tolerance. But the behaviour of the Indian team not only tarnished the reputation of this major event but also turned their country's representation into embarrassment.

China at 76: It's Global Leadership & Vision for Shared Prosperity

fonding national anniversary with remarkable pomp and ceremony, projecting an image of unity and strength under the leadership of President Xi Jinping. More than just a commemoration of its national journey, the event became a statement of political, military, and economic confidence directed at the global audience. It reaffirmed China's image as a symbol of international peace and prosperity.

The celebrations were not confined pursuit of multipolarity, to parades or festivities. They took place against the backdrop of shifting global dynamics, reaffirming Beijing's determination to consolidate its position as a leading force in world affairs. At home, the ceremonies showcased China's resilience and achievements. Abroad, through forums such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, China underlined its intent to promote multilateralism, balanced development, and inclusive growth.

President Xi's introduction of the Global Geopolitical Initiatives (GGI), an expanded vision building on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and related frameworks, reflects China's aspiration to craft a new world order based on cooperation over confrontation and prosperity over inequality. Running parallel to the anniversary, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit reaffirmed China's active role in regional and international cooperation. What began as a modest security platform has evolved into a comprehensive regional bloc addressing security, economics, and cultural exchange.

Security cooperation against terrorism, extremism, and separatism.

Economic integration through not be exploitative or limited to a priv-

hina is celebrating its 76th improved connectivity and trade. Cross-cultural exchange to strengthen mutual trust among member states.

By encouraging dialogue and common solutions, China positioned itself as both a mediator and facilitator of peaceful development. The SCO's growing membership and partnerships reflect its expanding relevance and China's ability to anchor certain loans, Beijing has reassured partregional cooperation.

China views the SCO as part of its broader global strategy — the where decision-making is decentralized and not monopolized by a select few powers.

The BRI has already Syed Ali Nawaz Gilani built extensive networks of roads, railways, ports, and pipelines across Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, boosting trade and interdependence. The newly proposed Global Geopolitical Initiatives (GGI) takes this vision further. While the BRI concentrated on physical infrastructure, the GGI broadens

the scope to include cultural, digital, stra-

tegic, and environmental cooperation. The GGI is closely aligned with other frameworks such as the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and the Global Security Initiative (GSI), creating a layered vision of governance rooted in inclusivity, fairness, and sustainability. Together, these initiatives represent China's ambition to reshape globalization itself — moving it from a competition-driven model toward one based on cooperation and shared

At the heart of China's vision lies the principle of inclusive development. Its leadership maintains that growth should

holders.

Through investments in education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, and climate resilience in regions such as Africa, South Asia, and Latin America, China has sought to extend its developmental model abroad. By restructuring or even forgiving

ners of its commitment to cooperation rather than exploitation.

Domestically, China's success in lifting more than 800 million people out of poverty through targeted industrial policies and rural revitalization provides a case study for other developing

nations. This achievement, unmatched in scale, offers a blueprint for countries struggling with inequality and underdevelopment.

China's global message emphasizes that prosperity must be balanced. The "Digital Silk Road" aims to reduce technological divides, while green development corridors promote environmental sustainability. Balanced growth is not restricted to GDP expansion but includes progress in healthcare, education, culture, and environmental protection.

Through its policies and initiatives, Beijing underscores that global prosperity should be shared, and peace maintained through collaboration, not conflict. Unlike zero-sum frameworks where one country's rise means another's decline, China advocates a multipolar world where multiple civilizations thrive, and challenges such as terrorism, trade disputes, and climate change are addressed collectively.

China's global leadership ambitions are

ileged few, but beneficial to all stake- not without hurdles. Polarization among major powers, economic protectionism, climate threats, and widening technological divides complicate the path toward inclusive globalization. Some nations remain skeptical of China's intentions, viewing its outreach as strategic expansion rather than altruistic cooperation.

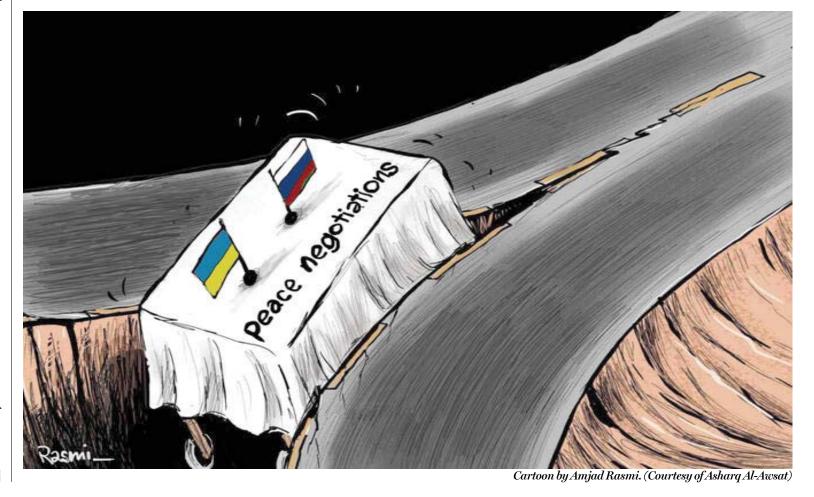
> Nevertheless, Beijing appears determined to use its economic weight, political resolve, and cultural influence to advance a model of governance that is more balanced and equitable. The GGI, GDI, and GSI are all parts of this evolving paradigm, signaling China's effort to redefine globalization in ways that prioritize equality and mutual prosperity.

> The 80th anniversary celebrations, combined with China's global initiatives, send a clear message: China intends to play a central role in shaping the 21st century. Its vision is not one of domination but of partnership — an invitation to share in prosperity, enhance connectivity, and create a more inclusive world order.

Whether the world embraces this vision remains to be seen. Yet, China has already positioned itself as a key architect of new global structures. As geopolitical and economic uncertainties intensify, Beijing's message is consistent: prosperity must be shared, and peace maintained through collaboration, not rivalry.

In this sense, China does not present itself as an isolated power but as a partner ready to work with others - offering not only the blessings of its own development but also a model of collective progress for the century ahead.

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CPEC, the Promotion of Investment in the Country

he friendship between Pakistan and China spans several proudly call it an "iron brotherhood." To strengthen this relationship in the economic and practical fields, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was launched in 2015. This project is not only being regarded as a game at the mouth of the Arabian Sea, it offers changer for Pakistan's economy but also as a new dimension for the region's geopolitical importance. CPEC is, in fact, the most impor-

tant component of China's global vision, the Belt and Road Initiative, through which China will gain the shortest trade route to the Gulf and the Middle East.

The total value of CPEC is approximately 62 billion dollars, which includes projects in energy, infrastructure, ports, and industrial zones. Gwadar Port is at the heart of this project

transit hub. For Pakistan, the significance countries in the Middle East, Central Asia, of CPEC lies in ending the energy crisis, building modern highways and railways, developing Gwadar Port with access to global trade, industrial progress, and the creation of millions of employment opportunities.

One of the biggest challenges for Pakistan's economy has been electricity shortages. Under CPEC, 21 major energy projects were launched with a total capacity of around 17,000 megawatts. These projects include coal, hydropower, wind, and solar sources. As a result, electricity generation has increased, reducing the energy deficit faced by indus-

At the same time, CPEC has accelerated the construction of new roads and motorways across Pakistan. Projects such as the Kara-

chi-Lahore Motorway, the Havelian-Khunjerab Highway, and the expansion of the decades, and both nations Karakoram Highway are connecting the northern and southern regions. This development is not only boosting domestic trade but also providing Pakistan with access to the Central Asian republics.

Gwadar Port is the heart of CPEC. Located the fastest access routes to the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. The connectivity of Gwadar to China's Xinjiang province means

that China's imports and exports will see a significant reduction in both time and cost. Developments such as the free zone, a modern airport, and the coastal highway are attracting investors to Gwadar.

CPEC has made **Ahsan Ansari** Pakistan more attracand is rapidly emerging as a major trade and tive for foreign investors. Apart from China, and even Europe are showing an interest in investing in Pakistan. The establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is expected to revolutionize the industrial sector. These zones provide investors with incentives such as tax exemptions, assured provision of electricity and water, and simplified regulations. This is expected to increase Pakistan's exports

> and reduce its trade deficit. So far, CPEC has created employment opportunities for hundreds of thousands of local people. According to various estimates, more than two million jobs will be created once the project is fully completed. This is not only a source of economic improvement but also an important milestone for poverty alleviation and social development.

This project is not limited to Pakistan and China alone but will also provide opportunities for Afghanistan, Iran, and the Central Asian republics. If these countries gain access to global markets through Pakistan, prospects for peace, stability, and prosperity throughout the region will increase. Pakistan can serve as a bridge connecting East and West, North and South.

Although CPEC promises a bright future, there are still some challenges in its path. These include security concerns, political differences, mounting debt burdens, and the lack of preparedness of local industries to compete globally. To overcome these challenges, transparent policies, national consensus, and effective governance are

The second phase of CPEC is focused on industrial development, modernization of agriculture, and the promotion of digital technology. In this phase, Special Economic Zones will be completed, and Pakistan will be integrated into the global supply chain. If Pakistan wisely seizes this opportunity, its economic growth rate could rise to seven percent in the next decade.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is not just a project; it is a guarantee of Pakistan's economic future. Through it, the energy crisis can be overcome, employment opportunities can be increased, investment can grow, and Pakistan can emerge as an economic hub at the global level. However, for this to happen, national unity, transparency, and policy continuity are essential. If the project is fully successful, Pakistan will rank among the region's emerging economies and CPEC will prove not merely a "game changer" but a true "fate changer."

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Oval Office Diplomacy: Pakistan, the United States, and the Changing Global Landscape

Dr. Muhammad Tayyab Khan Singhanvi

critical juncture in the theater of international politics. The recent American visit carries exceptional weight in this context, as Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field projects such as CPEC have long been a source of

encounter has stirred new currents in diplomatic circles, particularly because it marked the third official meeting within just two days an unusual frequency that speaks volumes. The discussion lasted over eighty minutes, characterized by striking warmth and mutual respect. President Trump described the Pakistani Prime Minister as a "remarkable personality" and Field Marshal Asim Munir as a "fine human being"

compliments rarely extended in diplomatic settings, suggesting that these were not mere courtesies but signals of a new chapter in bilateral ties.

Middle Eastern affairs were also discussed at length. President Trump declared that he would not permit Israel to annex the West Bank and expressed optimism about an imminent ceasefire in Gaza. He also voiced hope for a prisoner-exchange agreement. These statements are being read as signs of a shift in U. S. policy toward the Middle East, particularly as Turkish President Recep Tayyab Erdogan has thrown his support behind similar peace efforts. Pakistan reaffirmed its unwavering support for the Palestinian right to self-determination, with Prime Minister Sharif urging President Trump to play a more proactive role in resolving the conflict.

From a regional geopolitical perspective, the meeting assumes even greater significance. Washington's close ties with India are well known, yet its renewed warmth toward Pakistan suggests a desire

elations between Pakistan and the to maintain balance in South Asia. Pakistan's mili-United States have always stood at a tary performance during the May war bolstered its standing as an effective regional force, and the United States now appears to recognize this reality. Meanwhile, Pakistan's growing closeness with China and Marshal Asim Munir held a detailed meeting with U. American concern. Strengthening ties with Islam-S. President Donald Trump in the Oval Office. This abad thus seems part of Washington's strategy to dilute Beijing's influence.

Looking ahead, both opportunities and challenges lie in wait. Economic cooperation and U.S. investment could open new pathways for Pakistan. Intelligence-sharing and defense collaboration could help mitigate regional terrorist threats. Yet internal political instability, persistent tensions with India, and Afghanistan's uncertain trajectory all threaten to undermine progress.

Moreover, U. S. domestic politics particularly the upcoming elections will also weigh heavily on the future of bilateral relations.

In conclusion, the recent U.S. visit has proven to be of great diplomatic consequence for Pakistan. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir have infused bilateral ties with a new dimension. President Trump's extraordinary compliments and the warm Oval Office atmosphere point to the possibility of a renewed partnership. However, the success of this process depends not only on the political leadership of the two countries but also on the shifting realities of the region and the interplay of global powers. Should Pakistan manage to preserve its sovereignty while maintaining a balanced relationship with Washington, these diplomatic endeavors could indeed pave the way for peace and stability in the region. Otherwise, like so many encounters of the past, they risk being relegated to the archives of history as little more than symbolic gestures.

We Need a Just, Comprehensive Peace: Palestinian Authority Sets Out Roadmap

Spokesman Report

GAZA: We highly value the sincere efforts exerted by President Donald J. Trump to end the war in Gaza, and the State of Palestine affirms its readiness to work constructively with him and with all relevant partners to achieve a just and comprehensive peace.

We also affirm that the State of just and comprehensive peace with its partners in the International Coalition for the implementation of the two-state solution, with the Presidency in New York and the heads of the working groups, as well as with Palestine's new partners who have recently recognized the State of Palestine and

any proposal, when transformed into its responsibilities and implement its

an implementation plan, take into account the following fundamental principles:

· Gaza is an inseparable part of the State of Palestine, and Palestinian laws must be applied uniformly in both Gaza and the West Bank.

• There must be a clear political, administrative, and security linkage between the West Bank and the Gaza Palestine is working in a coordinated Strip, ensuring the unity of the land framework to achieve the goals of and Palestinian institutions under one government, one law, and one legitimate authority.

• International stabilization forces should only be deployed pursuant to of the International Peace Conference a United Nations Security Council resolution, guaranteeing international legitimacy and preventing any unilateral arrangements.

• The Palestinian Authority must all those who had previously done so. not be undermined, but rather At the same time, it is essential that supported and empowered to fulfill



reform program, as committed by the State of Palestine.

• Israel must stop withholding Palestinian tax revenues and release more than USD 3 billion owed to the Palestinian Authority.

• The blockade imposed on the land of the State of Palestine must be lifted, ensuring the free movement of

the strangulation of the Palestinian including the deployment of any intermentary elections within one year

 All unilateral measures that undermine the two-state solution must cease, including settlement expansion, settler violence, land annexation, displacement, and assaults on Islamic and Christian holy sites.

• Irreversible steps must be taken to implement the two-state solution, based on a clear timeline leading to the end of the occupation and the independence of the sovereign State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions, alongside the State of Israel, in security, peace, and good neighborliness.

• It is crucial that a United Nations Security Council resolution be issued. based on the consent of the State of Palestine as the legitimate sovereign, individuals and goods, domestically to confer international legitimacy and internationally, and preventing on any transitional arrangements,

national mechanism or stabilization after the end of the war, drafting

 A clear timeline must be established for the return of the State of Palestine to Gaza to assume full responsibilities, in parallel with a full Israeli withdrawal in agreed stages. At the same time, steps must be taken to consolidate the ceasefire, facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid through international organizations, secure the release of all hostages and prisoners, and implement a recovery and reconstruction program, with emphasis on the return of Palestinians to their homes and the prevention of displace-

The State of Palestine also affirms that it continues to implement the reform programs to which it committed at the International Peace Conference in New York, including:

• Holding presidential and parlia-

and security mission in the Gaza Strip. a temporary constitution, and updating the electoral law so that no party or individuals may run unless they adhere to the culture of peace, political programs, international commitments, and the two-state solution in line with international

> • Developing educational curricula in line with UNESCO standards and the culture of peace.

> Establishing a unified social welfare system and ending the previous payment scheme for the families of prisoners and martyrs, which is now ready for international auditing.

> The State of Palestine renews its commitment to being a modern democratic, non-militarized, pluralistic state, based on the peaceful transfer of power, guaranteeing freedom and justice for all it's citizens.

Pak-China Friendship Association celebrate,76th anniversary of founding of the People's Republic of China

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: In connection with the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, a dignified ceremony was held at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House, Islamabad, under the auspices of the Pak-China Friendship Association.

Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Mr. Babar Saleem Swati, Provincial Minister for Revenue Mr. Nazir Abbasi, Ambassador of China to Pakistan Mr. Jiang Zedong, and President of the Pak-China Friendship Association Mr. Yousaf Ayub Khan participated in the event. A cake-cutting ceremony was also held on the occasion.

In his address, President of the Pak-China Friendship Association Yousaf Ayub Khan said that the friendship between Pakistan and China is an everlasting bond that continues to grow stronger at the public level. He termed the "Sister City Program"



shining example of promoting people-

Zedong, in his speech, said that the relations between Pakistan and China have deepened and strengthened with is offering a large number of scholar-

between Peshawar and Urumqi as a the passage of time. He stressed that promoting educational, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges is the need Chinese Ambassador Mr. Jiang of the hour so that this friendship can be passed on to future generations. The ambassador further said that China

projects can be completed successfully and on time. The Chinese Ambassador informed that China's economy has reached 140 trillion dollars this year, which is the result of the relentless hard work of the Chinese people. He added that economic ties between Pakistan and China will expand even further in the future. Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Babar Saleem Swati, in his remarks, said that Pak-China relations are a guarantee of peace and development in the region. He said that China's development model is an excellent example for Pakistan, from which we can learn and take better steps for the welfare of

ships to Pakistani students so they can benefit from opportunities for modern education and research. 跨 🛮 Zain Khan Malghani He also emphasized ensuring the MULTAN: On the directives of Punjab Secretary Housing, Capt. (R) security of Chinese experts and workers engaged in ongoing CPEC projects Noor-ul-Amin Mengal, a decision has been taken to introduce modern in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa so that the IT reforms in WASA Multan. In this regard, a high-level meeting was held under the chairmanship of WASA Managing Director Khalid

along with all Deputy Directors of Engineering. The meeting decided to implement modern technology and IT systems across all departments of WASA. It was agreed to shift disposal stations and tube wells to the SCADA system, monitor offices and infrastructure through a central dashboard, and integrate the online complaint cell 1334 with a digital complaint management system. MD WASA Khalid Raza further stated that digital rain gauges will

Raza Khan, attended by DMD Engineering Zeeshan Shaukat Gondal,

Director Recovery Abdul Salam, Director Engineering Rabia Mahfooz,

Decision to Implement Modern IT Reforms in WASA Multan

be installed before the upcoming monsoon to ensure modern monitoring of rainfall. Moreover, underpasses and key points will be monitored through live cameras, while the billing system will be shifted to real-time banking with geo-tagging of consumer properties to facilitate customers.

The meeting also emphasized enhancing the effectiveness of desilting operations, adopting a zero-tolerance policy regarding manhole covers, and ensuring 100% repair and availability of covers across the city through an immediate survey.

MD WASA Khalid Raza Khan directed that a comprehensive strategy be adopted for a permanent solution to the issue of water supply mixing in the city. He stressed that all available resources should be utilized for the implementation of IT reforms and development of dashboards so that WASA can provide more transparent and faster services to the public through modern technology.

Forced Statelessness of Bengali Muslims in Ässam: A Humanitarian and Legal Crisis

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a roundtable held at Institute of Regional Studies expressed grave concern over the escalating dispossession and statelessness of Bengali-speaking Muslims in Assam, India. The discussion highlighted how discriminatory policies, arbitrary legal practices, and systemic marginalization under the BJP government have created a humanitarian crisis with regional and international

Ambassador Jauhar Saleem underscored that India, despite branding itself the "world's largest democracy," has stripped nearly 1.9 million people of citizenship under the 2019 National Register of Citizens (NRC). He noted that Foreigners' Tribunals exploit clerical errors to render people stateless, while entire families, including children, are denied their fundamental rights. "Citizenship—the foundation of all other rights—has been eroded in Assam," he stated, calling these measures a violation of international human rights law.

Ambassador Naela Chohan emphasized that this manufactured statelessness is driven by ethno-religious discrimination.

Dr. Natalie Brinham drew parallels between the plight of Bengali Muslims in Assam and the Rohingya in Myanmar, stressing that both groups face dispossession through manipulated citizenship and identity systems. She termed this crisis "mass citizenship stripping," describing it as a deliberate, state-led process that criminalizes communities with deep roots in their homeland.

Mr. Asad Shabbir highlighted the toxic propaganda environment, where senior BJP officials label Bengali Muslims as "termite infiltrators" to justify exclusion. He cautioned that such rhetoric normalizes dehumanization and fosters Islamophobia, not only in Assam but across India and South Asia.

ISSI hosts session on Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations and Regional Cooperation

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The India Study Centre (ISC) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) organized an In-House Round-table, titled "Pakistan-Bangladesh Relation and Regional Cooperation." The Round-table featured Maj. Gen. (R) Fazle Elahi Akbar, Chairman Foundation for Strategic and Development Studies, Bangladesh, as the Distinguished Speaker. It was attended by former diplomats, practitioners, academics, and area specialists.

The participants reviewed the recent upward trajectory in the bilateral ties between Pakistan and Bangladesh, opportunities and challenges in geopolitical dynamics of South Asia, and the likely future shape of regional cooperation architecture. Commending the recent warmth in fraternal relations, participants emphasized the importance of pursuing a forwardlooking, future-oriented approach and expanding mutual cooperation beyond traditional spheres. They noted promising developments in productive, multi-sectoral engagement from the government to people's levels. The participants were optimistic that common historical and cultural roots, shared interests, and similar challenges give solid basis to pursue shared future



objectives. It was suggested that, in order to further strengthen people-topeople exchanges, the two countries should resume direct flights; further ease travel barriers; diversify trade to arenas of their respective strengths; promote bilateral tourism; encourage cultural cooperation; inter-connect youths; open up academic and thinktank exchanges; and learn from each other's experience and expertise in

erated, regional cooperation remains pensable.

The participants agreed that both imperative and the revival of SAARC Pakistan and Bangladesh share the remains crucial. At the same time, the perspective that regional cooperation prospects for regional cooperation in can no longer be allowed to remain myriad formats should be proactively hostage to the whims of one country. pursued. The recent Bangladesh-Chi-The rapid global transformation to a na-Pakistan trilateral was an innovative multipolar world order requires this step and could be replicated in different region to move in tandem and also other geometries. Participants agreed deepen ways of economic integration that reimagining South Asia in terms and connectivity. As the leaderships of of security, development, and regional the two countries have recently reit- cooperation architecture was now indis-

CM Sindh Lauds Ethiopian Airlines as Key Instrument of Look Africa & Engage Africa Policies

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: H. E. Dr. Jemal investment, aviation, tourism, Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of the Federal Democratic Republic of nership, specifically in agriculture Ethiopia (FDRE) to the Islamic and agro-processing, education, Republic of Pakistan, called on H. E. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister of Sindh, Pakistan at his office in Karachi on Tuesday.

various sectors, including trade, culture, and climate change. They also explored new areas for partand health, to further strengthen bilateral relations.

The Ambassador commended the Chief Minister's recent initi-The two sides discussed the ative to host a high-level Ethigrowing bilateral cooperation opian delegation for a Green

between the two countries across Dialogue at the Chief Minister Sindh House recently. This visit, he added, plays a crucial role in formalizing bilateral cooperation against climate change. Ambassador Dr. Jemal Beker

also briefed the Honorable Chief Minister on the preparations underway in Addis Ababa to host a large number of delegates for Pakistan's Single Country Exhibition scheduled for October in Ethiopia.

He also praised the increasing connectivity between Pakistan and Africa facilitated by Ethiopian Airlines, underscoring its key role in Pakistan's Look Africa and Engage Africa policies.

The Honorable Chief Minister called the Ethiopian Airlines as a game-changer for Pakistan-Africa relations, lauding the carrier as a key instrument of the Look Africa and Engage Africa policies. The CM Sindh also appreci-



countries.

The Honorable Chief Minister vowed to further enhance bilateral cooperation to elevate the relationship to the high degree.

Mr. Ibrahim Khalid Tawab, Honorary Consul of the FDR Ethiopia in Karachi, was also present during the meeting.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index	
Current	Prev. Close	
165,493.58	163,847.68	
Day's High	Day's Low	
166,556.29	164,208.33	
Index Value	Change	
58,410,362,072	+1645.90	
Percentage	Time	
+1%	30 Sept, 2025 4:30 pm	
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index	
Index Value	Change	
9,350.43	+50.59	
Percentage	Time	
+0.54%	30 Sept, 4:35 pm GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
46,200.16	-115.91	
Percentage	Time	
-0.25%	30 Sept, 1:00 pm GMT-4	

	GIVI 1-4		
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			
Index Value	Change		
44,932.63	-111.12		
Percentage	Time		
-0.25%	30 Sept, 3:45 pm GMT+9		

Open Market Forex Rates

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185	190
Bahrain Dinar	746.4	753.9
Canadian Dollar	206	212
China Yuan	39.52	39.92
Danish Krone	44.15	44.75
Euro	333.5	334.50
Hong Kong Dollar	36.27	36.62
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8760	1.9760
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.35	922.35
Malaysian Ringgit	67.15	67.75
NewZealand \$	164.7	166.70
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.05	738.55
Qatari Riyal	77.22	77.92
Saudi Riyal	75.15	75.80
Singapore Dollar	216.25	221.25
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	379.5	383.5
US Dollar	282.25	282.35

Deadline for Filing of Income Tax Returns Extended till October 15

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: FBR has extended the deadline for filing of Income Tax Returns for Tax Year 2025 till October 15, 2025.

This decision has been made under Section 214A of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. The extension in the deadline has been granted in response to requests made by various trade bodies, tax bar associations, and the general public.

Euro gas acquisition cleared by CCP

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved the acquisition of a majority shareholding in M/s. Euro Gas (Private) Limited by M/s. BBE D Pte. Limited.

BBE D Pte. Limited is a Singapore-based investment holding company and a wholly owned subsidiary of BB Energy Group Holding Limited, a global energy trading company. Under a Share Purchase and Share Subscription Agreement, it will acquire majority ownership in Euro Gas (Private) Limited, said a release issued here on Tuesday.

Euro Gas (Private) Limited, incorporated in Pakistan in 2022, has not yet commercial operations but intends to enter the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sector, subject to regulatory approvals. After the transaction, the sellers will retain a minority shareholding in the

The CCP conducted a comprehensive review of the transaction and determined that it does not raise competition concerns at this stage. Since Euro Gas has not yet entered the market, the transaction is not expected to create or strengthen a dominant position in the LNG import and distribution sector.

The Commission also noted that Euro Gas's entry into the LNG market could enhance competition and diversify supply in a sector currently dominated by stateowned entities.

UBG chief for new federating units to evolve strong federation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Patron-in-Chief of the United Business Group (UBG), S. M. Tanveer, has said that even after 78 years we are still standing at the same point; only by changing the system will the country move forward. New provinces should be created and powers must be transferred to the grassroots level. He said he will soon arrange a meeting between the ICCI delegation and the Interior Minister. "Together we will resolve the issues of the business community."

He expressed these views today while visiting the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with a large delegation of traders to congratulate the newly elected President Sardar Tahir Mehmood, Senior Vice President Tahir Ayub, and Vice President Irfan Chaudhry on their remarkable victory. On this occa- his best wishes.

sion, S. M. Tanveer also presented bouquets to the newly elected leadership and extended every division has its own product, and each ICCI President Ahsan Buktawari, he said that



division can generate 5 to 6 billion dollars in in taxes, but 25% of the education and health Addressing the participants, he said that exports. Agreeing with the proposal of former budget is wasted."

very soon a representative delegation of traders would meet the Interior Minister, and together they will resolve issues related to CDA, FBR, and other matters.

He questioned, "If India can have 36 states and the U.S. 50 states, then what are we waiting for?" Despite huge spending on education and health, nothing has been achieved. Defense expenses amount to 2.3 trillion. while all four provinces combined spend 3.2 trillion on education and health, yet the quality remains very poor. "Our armed forces, however, have raised the nation's head high in the battle for truth."

He stressed, "We are the largest taxpayers; we deserve respect. The only solution to trade deficit, IMF dependency, and domestic debt lies in boosting business, imports, exports, and remittances. We are paying 14 trillion

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Call on

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Magbool Ahmad Gondal, Auditor General of Pakistan, today paid a courtesy call on Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, following his assumption of office on Tuesday.



Photo: Online

Mobilink Bank, TPL Life collaborate to provide critical healthcare at flood affected areas

S Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's leading digital microfinance bank, Mobilink Bank, has collaborated with TPL Life, a digital insurance provider, to extend much-needed healthcare support to flood-affected communities across Punjab. The partnering institutions set up medical camps across Pakpattan, Sialkot, and Minchinabad (Bahawalnagar) to deliver essential healthcare to people who had lost access to medical facilities-either destroyed or rendered inaccessible by the recent

Commenting on the initiative, Atta Ur Rehman, Chief Business Officer, Mobilink Bank said, "In the wake of the recent floods, we recognized the urgent need to restore access to healthcare where infrastructure had been most affected.

Sharing thoughts on the initiative, Saad Nissar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TPL Life Insurance Limited, stated, "This initiative stands as a testa-



ment to the impact that can be created ship with Mobilink Bank, we were able able moments."

when like-minded institutions unite for to provide essential healthcare services to a greater cause. Through our partner- communities during their most vulner-

Rehan Naseem Bharara assured to resolving the issues of the business

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: With the tireless efforts of the leadership of the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, this elected body of traders has achieved valuable achievements during the current year, while the new office bearers will make the current struggle better and more fruitful with the cooperation of the executive to maintain this continuity. This was said by Faisalabad Chamber President Rehan Naseem Bharara in his closing remarks on the occasion of the annual general meeting today. He mentioned the events that took place during this year in detail and said that the series of meetings with Prime Minister

addition to resolving the issues of the business community, all relevant departments would be mobilized for the comprehensive development of Faisalabad and said that all possible cooperation would also be provided for the establishment of a passport sub-office in the Chamber.

Rehan Naseem Bharara said that Federal Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan also visited the Faisalabad Chamber and during this time, in addition to inaugurating the NADRA office, e-facility and newly renovated chamber complex in the chamber, he also unveiled the foundation stone plaque of the new chamber complex on 5 acres in FIEDMC. Newly elected Pres-Shahbaz Sharif continued to ident Farooq Yousuf Sheikh resolve economic issues, while paid tribute to the perforthe Prime Minister was repremance of the outgoing officials sented by Special Assistant and said that the completion Haroon Akhtar at the Gold- of the projects initiated by the en Jubilee celebrations of the current President would be the Chamber. He assured that in top priority in his roadmap.

Pakistan Business Summit to Debut in Peshawar

PESHAWAR: The historic city of Peshawar is set to host the first-ever PAKISTAN BUSINESS SUMMIT at the Serena Hotel on Thursday, October 2, 2025. Under the patronage of Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Summit is co-hosted by the Nutshell Group and Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited, with Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) as Strategic Partner.

With the theme "Shaping What's Next," the Summit will gather thought leaders, policymakers, and corporate executives to highlight the desired directions for Pakistan's economy, innovation ecosystem, and global competitiveness.

The inaugural session will have keynote addresses by H. E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, Chairman Senate

Kundi, Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Muhammad Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue; Senator Dr. Musadik Malik, Federal Minister for Climate Change & Environmental Coordination: Muhammad Ali, Federal Minister for Privatisation; Muzammil Aslam, Minister for Finance, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Zarrar Hasham Khan, Federal Secretary, Ministry of IT & Telecommunication; Kaan Terzioglu, Group Chief Executive Officer, VEON; Muhammad Atif Hanif, CEO, Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited; and Muhammad Azfar Ahsan, Founder & Chairman, & Pakistan's former Minister for Investment.

Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Pakistan's Chief of Air Staff (2015-2018) & Chief Executive Strategic Engagements, Nutshell Group, will be delivering the closing address of Pakistan; Faisal Karim for the esteemed affair.

Cheese Processors in Pakistan Explore Sustainability and Profitability Through Whey Valorisation

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Cheese processors in Pakistan are being nue streams but also contribpresented with a unique opportunity to enhance both sustainability and profitability through whey valorisation. Traditionally treated as a waste by-product of cheese and dairy processing, whey has immense potential to be transformed into a wide range of high-value products such as beverages, protein powders, and func-

can not only create new reveute to reducing environmental impact and meeting the growing demand for nutritious and sustainable food products.

To support this transformation, the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is implementing the Whey-2Value Project in Pakistan. As part of this initiative, GAIN, in collaboration with the Pakitional food ingredients. By stan Council of Scientific and

investing in whey-based prod- Industrial Research (PCSIR), stan Standards and Quality Group Meeting cum Training Session on "Whey Valorisation and Product Innovation" on 30th September 2025 at GAIN and PCSIR aim to the Food and Biotechnology Research Centre (FBRC), PCSIR, Lahore.

The session was attended by key stakeholders, including Ms. Amna, ADG Technical, Punjab Food Authority (PFA), Ms. Farrah Athar, Deputy Director Standards, PFA, representatives from the Paki-

uct innovation, the dairy sector organized a one-day Focus Control Authority (PSQCA), along with representatives from GAIN Pakistan.

Through such initiatives, encourage innovation, minimize environmental impact, and promote sustainable dairy practices in Pakistan. The Whey Valorisation Project demonstrates the potential for transforming challenges into opportunities, paving the way for a more profitable and sustainable future for the dairy industry.



18 Members of Pakistan Cricket Team Squad announced for Home Test Cricket Series against South Africa: PCB Official Says

Asim Tanveer

has named an 18-member squad for the two-Test match series, part of the ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 against South Africa, commencing on 12 October. The squad will be further trimmed before the start of the

Shan Masood will continue to lead the side, while three uncapped players - Asif Afridi, Faisal Akram and Rohail Nazir are also part of the squad.

South Africa, champions of the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25, will take on Pakistan in the first Test at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore from Stadium in Rawalpindi from 20 to 24 Shahzad, Mohammad Rizwan (wick-Stadium, Faisalabad

October.

The two-Test match series will be ISLAMABAD: The National Selection followed by three T-20 and as many Committee Of Pakistan Cricket Team One Day International Matches to be played from 28 October to 8 November. The squad for the white-ball series will be announced in due course.

> The players for the pre-series camp will undergo training under red-ball head coach Azhar Mahmood and NCA coaches later today till Wednesday, 8 October. The players who featured in the recently concluded ACC Men's T-20 Asia Cup will join the squad on 4 October.

Pakistan squad

Shan Masood (Captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Asif Afridi, Babar Azam, 12 to 16 October, while the second Test Faisal Akram, Hasan Ali, Imamwill be staged at the Rawalpindi Cricket ul-Haq, Kamran Ghulam, Khurram

et-keeper), Noman Ali, Rohail Nazir (wicket-keeper), Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel and Shaheen Shah Afridi

South Africa tour to Pakistan 12-16 October - First Test at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

20-24 October - Second Test at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawal-

28 October - First T-20 at Rawal-

pindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi 31 October - Second T-20 at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore 1 November - Third T-20 at Gaddafi

Stadium, Lahore 4 November - First ODI at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

6 November - Second ODI at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad

8 November - Third ODI at Iqbal



Nooh Butt targets gold at Florida World Championships

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Commonwealth Games gold medalist and national weightlifting star Nooh Dastagir Butt is set to make a long-awaited return to international competition at the VIRUS Weightlifting Finals & UMWF World Championships, to be held from December 3 to 6, 2025, in Daytona Beach, Florida,

Widely known as the "Hulk of Pakistan" for his record-breaking feat at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Nooh is determined to mark his comeback with nothing less than a gold medal. This will be his first international weightlifting appearance in three years, following a dispute with the Pakistan Weightlifting Federation (PWF). Despite winning multiple gold and other countries. his absence from Olympic medals in powerlifting and active on the global circuit. Uzbekistan, South Africa.



His comeback is being lifting, Nooh remained strongman events across powered by Rd. Rizwan Aftab Ahmed.

ACTIVIT and Director National Hospital DHA Lahore, who is sponsoring his training, medical support, and nutrition. "I am grateful to Rd. Rizwan for supporting not just my career but also my family. Now, I have only one mission that is to win international gold medals for Pakistan," said Nooh.

Under the supervision of his father and former weightlifter Ghulam Dastagir, Nooh is currently undergoing intensive two-session training daily in Gujranwala.

To further refine his preparation, a high-performance training camp in the United States has been arranged by Rd. Rizwan ahead of the Florida championship. "I expect only one thing, that is victory," said Rd. Rizwan. "I want Nooh to raise Pakistan's flag at the world's biggest stages and become a symbol of excel-

Major Changes in ŬK *Immigration* Rules

Shabana Mahmood Announces Stricter Conditions for Indefinite Leave to Remain

跨 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

LONDON: Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood has announced significant changes to the UK's immigration policy, tightening the conditions for obtaining Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR). Speaking at the Labour Party's annual conference, she confirmed that the qualifying period for ILR will be extended from five years to ten years.

Outlining the new framework, Mahmood emphasized that time spent in the UK alone will no longer be sufficient to qualify. Instead, applicants will be required to demonstrate meaningful contributions to the country. The conditions include being in employment, making National Insurance contributions, refraining from claiming state benefits, achieving a good standard of English, maintaining a clean criminal record, and volunteering for local community causes.

"Just like my parents, you must earn the right to live in this country for good," the Home Secretary declared, adding that the government will soon launch consultations on implementing these changes.

The move marks one of the most substantial reforms to the UK's immigration system in recent years and is expected to spark debate among migrant communities and rights organizations.

Minister opens gym at Camp Jail

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Taking a revolutionary measure for the welfare of prisoners, Provincial Minister for Labour, Youth Affairs and Sports Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar inaugurated the first ever open gym at the Camp Jail on Tuesday. Sports Board Punjab constructed the open gym for inmates with an amount of Rs four million.

During his visit, the provincial minister also met with prisoners and enquired about their issues. He also reviewed Zaheer Ahmed Wariach the facilities being provided to the detainees and inspected the technical courses being conducted for the inmates. Superintendent



the prisoners.

gave a detailed briefing to directed the jail administrathe provincial minister, who tion to ensure the provision expressed his satisfaction over of best facilities to the pristhe facilities being provided to oners. He said sports oppor-

The provincial minister are essential for mental and physical health and we are quite upbeat that this gym and recreational facilities will help a lot in transforming the tunities and fitness facilities prisoners into useful citizens.

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2025-26 to begin from October 6

ISLAMABAD: The 10-team Quaid-e-Azam Trophy is all set to begin in four cities - Abbottabad, Islamabad, Peshawar and Rawalpindi from Monday, October 6 as the domestic cricket season 2025-26 gets into full swing, the PCB announced today.

The four-day first-class tournament will be played on a single-league round-robin format with a total of nine rounds penciled in from 6 October to 26 November, while the five-day final between the two top teams will take place from November 29 to December 3, said a press release.

The venues for the 46-match QeA Trophy are Abbottabad Cricket Stadium in Abbottabad, Shoaib Akhtar Stadium in Rawalpindi, Imran Khan Cricket Stadium in Peshawar and Diamond and Marghzar Cricket Grounds in Islamabad. The venue for the final will be announced later.

Four of these venues, except Peshawar, also played host to the previous edition of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy as well.

The participating teams are Abbottabad, Bahawalpur, FATA, Faisalabad, Islamabad, Karachi Blues, Lahore Whites, Multan, Peshawar and Sialkot.

FATA, Faisalabad, Karachi Blues and Multan have qualified for the QeA Trophy after finishing with the most number of points in the recently concluded Hanif Mohammad Trophy.

In the first round, Sialkot - the defending champions of the tournament - will face Peshawar at the Imran Khan Stadium in a re-match of the previous edition's final, which the former won by one wicket in a nerve-wrecking contest at the UBL Sports Complex in Karachi. The squads of each of the 10 teams will be announced in due course. First round fixtures: October 6-9-Abbottabad v Bahawalpur at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium; Lahore Whites v Islamabad at Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi; Peshawar v Sialkot at Imran Khan Stadium, Peshawar; FATA v Multan at Diamond Cricket Ground, Islamabad; Faisalabad v Karachi Blues at Marghzar Cricket Ground, Islamabad.

$PCB\ Talent\ Hunt\ Program$ for School Cricket Champion Karachi Region **➢ Sports Desk** KARACHI: PCB Talent Hunt Program for School Cricket Cham-

Masood and Khan shine in

pion Karachi Region, Grace Academy Learning Secondary School defeated Karachi Grammar School by 268 runs in the match played at Darul Uloom Korangi Ground. Batting first, Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School team scored 375 runs for the loss of ten wickets in the stipulated forty overs. Masood Ali and Muhammad Bilal showed brilliant batting. Masood Ali scored a brilliant century of 155 runs. His innings included 7 sixes and 15 fours, while Muhammad Bilal scored 83 runs with the help of 5 sixes and 7 fours. Aun Abbas stood out by scoring 40~runs. Ali Haider scored 52/3 and Zaid Nazir took 47/2 wickets for Karachi Grammar School. In reply, Karachi Grammar School team was bowled out for only 111 runs in 31 overs. For Grace Academy of Learning Secondary School, Mohammad Khan took 27/5 wickets while Arshman Riaz and Mohammad Hassan took 27/2, 5/2 wickets respectively. Masood Ali was declared the Player of the Match.

RCCI President Joins Jewelers' Protest Camp, Strongly Condemns Illegal Taxes and Harassment



Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: President of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), Mr. Usman Shaukat, joined the protest camp of gold jewelers and strongly condemned the imposition of illegal taxes and ongoing harassment by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).

Expressing solidarity with the jewelers' community, Mr. Shaukat stressed the urgent need to resolve issues related to sales tax and point-of-sale (POS) declarations for jewelers. He further emphasized that gold trading, similar to currency trading, should be allowed to ease pressure on Pakistan's foreign exchange

Mr. Shaukat also called for the immediate establishment of a Gems and Jewellery Authority to address long-standing concerns, including export documentation, value addition, and enhanced access to international markets.

The protest camp was also attended by RCCI Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Executive Members Akhtar Amin, Naveed Kanwal, Malik Ateeq, trade representatives including Rana Abdul Qudoos (President), Haji Ghulam Mustafa (FPCCI Member), Barrister Rehan Javed Rana (General Secretary), Naqash Shirazi (Senior Vice President), Waseem Ali (Vice President), Ahmad Rao (Joint Secretary), Ehsan, Khalid Mehmood, along with office bearers of the Murree Road Jewelers Association and members from across the Rawalpindi Division.

Pak team intensifies preparations for ICC Women's CWC

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan team is gearing up for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, as players held practice seesions at the Premadasa International Cricket Stadium in Colombo. According to details, under the guidance of head coach Muhammad Wasim, the players have been engaged in a rigorous three-hour practice session, focusing on batting, bowling, and fielding.

The batters were put through practical power-hitting drills to enhance their skills. The coaching staff worked closely with the players to improve their fielding and bowling techniques. Before the net practice, the team underwent physical training to ensure peak fitness levels.

Pakistan's World Cup campaign kicks off on October 2 against Bangladesh. With these intensive practice sessions, the team is well-prepared to take on the challenges ahead and make a strong impression in the tournament.

UBG chief for new federating units to evolve strong federation

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President FPCCI Atif Ikram Sheikh forum for the resolution of traders' issues, describing S. M. Tanveer as a courageous leader. President ICCI Sardar Tahir Mehmood thanked S. M. Tanveer and business, adding that "CDA is like a rogue elephant; we will not let a few bureaucrats decide our fate."

MNA Mirza Ikhtiar Baig said the business community is a powerful voice and a key stakeholder that can assert its case with strength and logic. He assured that in the National Assembly he has always safeguarded traders' rights.

Founder Group Chairman Tariq Sadiq said UBG has always worked for solving traders' problems and improving the business environment, and this tradition will continue in the future. President UBG Pakistan Zubair Ijaz said the newly elected ICCI lead-

ership will succeed in securing a prom- for traders. inent place for the chamber in national economic policymaking. They also said they will raise their voice at every affirmed they will protect the rights of Chaudhry thanked the guests and the country's business community and will not allow FBR officials to conduct undue raids or seize computers.

UBG Islamabad Region President emphasized the need for joint action Abdul Rauf Alam vowed that efforts against harassment and for ease of doing will continue day and night from the Chamber's platform to resolve the problems of traders and industrialists. He stressed that the business community plays a pivotal role in the country's progress and that role will be further expanded at every platform.

UBG Central Core Committee

member Ahsan Zafar Buktawari said the business community currently faces critical challenges, including tax reforms, the energy crisis, and export promotion. He requested S. M. Tanveer to arrange a meeting of a UBG delegation with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi to communicate their concerns, Tufail and FPCCI Vice President Zaki especially with regard to CDA, which remains the biggest source of problems ICCI Senior Vice President Tahir

Ayub and Vice President Irfan pledged to open a new chapter in solving business community issues. The ceremony was also attended

by UBG Secretary General Zafar Buktawari, President Kasur Chamber Kashif Khokhar, President Talagang Chamber Malik Shabbir Awan, President Nankana Sahib Chamber Nadeem Bara, ICCI Founder Group Council Members Zubair Ahmed Malik, Akram Farid, Khalid Javed, Khalid Iqbal Malik, Ejaz Abbasi, Chaudhry Masood, Aamir Waheed, President Islamabad Women's Chamber Samina Fazil, President Islamabad Small Traders & Small Chamber Owais Satti, Executive Members Roohail Anwar Butt, Mohsin Khalid, Ishaq Sial, Zulqarnain Abbasi, Nasir Chaudhry, Naeem Awan, Asad Aziz, Shumaila Siddiqui, Naeema Ansari, Tahir Abbasi, Ahmed Khan, Imtiaz Abbasi, Khalid Chaudhry, and many others.

Interacting

ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani interacting with Senators from various political parties at Ai-



Speaker NA congratulates the People and Leadership of China on the 76th National Day

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, on behalf of the Parliament and people of Pakistan, extended heartfelt felicitations to Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Li Qiang, Premier of the achievements of modern State Council, Mr. Zhao Leji, Chairman of the Standing a beacon of inspiration for Committee of the National the international commu-People's Congress, and the Chinese nation on the 76th stan-China friendship stands National Day of the People's as a living testament to the Republic of China, celebrated shared vision of peace, prosannually on 1st October with perity, and stability in the tremendous zeal across China. region.

Paying rich tribute to

the visionary leadership and remarkable services Speaker of Chairman Mao Zedong, Speaker NA stated that Mao Zedong laid the foundation for China to emerge as a major global power and presented a revolutionary model for the developing world. He further stated that the phenomenal China continue to serve as nity. He added that the Paki-

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq China's unwavering soli- that China has consistently



leled bond between Pakistan face of India's recent aggresand China is built on mutual sion, he lauded Beijing's firm trust, respect, and shared interests, and has withstood regional forums in support the test of time. Appreciating of Pakistan. He emphasized

underscored that the unparal- darity with Pakistan in the stance on international and

raised its voice against injustice, aggression, and all forms of terrorism.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq also appreciated the growing trade and investment initiatives between the two countries, including the 4th Health, Engineering, and Minerals Expo in Lahore, which witnessed the participation of 200 Chinese companies and resulted in a number of agreements and MoUs. He also acknowledged the MoUs signed during the recent visit of the President of Pakistan to China for enhancing cooperation in multiple fields, terming them a positive step towards regional prosperity.

Minister calls for Sikh pilgrims' access to Baba Guru Nanak anniversary, urges protection of Interfaith harmony

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Religious Affairs Khel Das Kohistani on Tuesday decried India's religious repression and urged the government to allow Sikh pilgrims to observe Baba Guru Nanak's anniversary freely, cautioning that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rising hate campaign of religious intolerance risks igniting deeper sectarian conflict in the region.

While speaking exclusively to a local news channel, Khel Das Kohistani urged India to respect the religious rights of Sikh pilgrims and ensure their unhindered access to the anniversary celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak in upcoming month promoting mutual respect of November, adding, such and understanding between India's continued denial tions not only violate basic of violence or bloodshed.



gestures are essential for communities.

Kohistani also criticized

of access to Sikh devotees, warning that these restric-

religious freedoms but also threaten the fragile fabric of interfaith harmony in the region.

He appealed for renewed efforts towards peace and coexistence, stressing that safeguarding interfaith harmony must be a priority for both nations.

He said India is even exploiting sports to spread hatred and continues to impose restrictions on religious freedom, further deepening divisions and undermining efforts toward peace and harmony in the region.

Responding to a query about the relationship between Gaza and America, he stated that Pakistan's policy is clear and consistent, it does not support Israel's actions and firmly opposes any form

Federal Minister Rana Mubashar distributes relief cheques among flood victims

Bureau Report

SWABI: Federal Minister for Public Affairs, Rana Mubashar Iqbal here Tuesday distributed relief cheques among flood victims of Swabi district.

He met with the flood affected people at Dalori Topi tehsil of Swabi and handed over relief cheques amounting to Rs16 million to them on behalf of the Federal Govern-

Talking to flood victims and media, Federal Minister Rana Prime Minister Muhammad Swabi. Mubashar Iqbal said that he Shehbaz Sharif to provide



and his government are standing with flood victims of Khyber Pakthunkhwa during this difficult time and will continue efforts till the last victim of flood is rehabilitated.

"Whether Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is inside the country or abroad, his heart always beats with people of Pakistan, especially those affected by the recent floods and continued monitoring of flood relief operations especially in KP and Punjab provinces."

He said that Prime Minister He said Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz visited came here on the direction of relief to flood affectees of Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif the flood affected areas of KP for people of all provinces.

soon after the natural calamity struck northern parts of the province and personally monitored relief operations here.

He said the Federal Government has fulfilled all the promises made with flood victims and distributed relief cheques among flood affectees of Khyber Pakthunkhwa to minimize their difficulties.

Rana Mubashar said the cheques distribution among flood victims has not yet begun in Punjab, but we have distributed cheques among flood-affected victims of KP, showing Federal Govt's commitment

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Acting President hosts luncheon for Senators at Aiwan-e-Sadr Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Acting President Of Party (BAP) in the Senate. Senator Pakistan Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani hosted a luncheon at Aiwan-e-Sadr in honour of Senators belonging to various political parties.

The meeting reviewed the overall political situation in the country and abroad and took stock of the relief and reconstruction efforts underway in flood-affected regions.

Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar and Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry discussed with the participants matters related to their respective

The luncheon was attended by Party (PPP) in the Senate. Senator

Manzoor Ahmed Kakar Parliamentary Leader of the Balochistan Awami Ali Zafar Parliamentary Leader, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Senator Ata-ur-Rahman, Parliamentary Leader of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F). Senator Hidayatullah of Awami National Party (ANP). and Senator Amir Chishti of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM).

Acting President of Pakistan Mr Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani emphasised the importance of maintaining political engagement and cooperation among parliamentary representatives to address national challenges effectively. He said that inclusive dialogue and collective efforts are Senator Sherry Rehman, Parliamen- essential for strengthening democtary Leader of the Pakistan Peoples racy and ensuring the well-being of

Pakistan Launches Sovereign Sustainable Financing Framework



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Islamic Republic of Pakistan has established its Sovereign Sustainable Finance Framework ("Framework") to reinforce its commitment to sustainability and provide a structured approach for raising Sustainable Financing Instruments (including Green, Social, Sustainability). Through this initiative, Pakistan aims to enhance its participation in the global sustainable finance market while fostering the development of a robust sustainable

financing ecosystem. Developed with Citi Deutsche Bank as Joint Sustaina- with the latest market practices bility Coordinators, the Framework and the evolution of Pakistan's ESG aligns with international standards, agenda. This strategic initiative is including ICMA principles for green, expected to improve Pakistan's access

institutions.

Sustainable Fitch has provided an independent Second Party Opinion (SPO) to ensure transparency and credibility. Pakistan's Framework has been recognized as "Excellent" by Sustainable Fitch, reflecting its strong alignment with global best practices in sustainable finance. The SPO is publicly available on the Ministry of Finance's website for reference.

This Framework will apply to any Sustainable Financing Instrument (including bonds, international sukuks) issued by the Government of Pakistan and will be in force until updated from time to time, to align social, and sustainability bonds, to international sustainable finance, loan market association principles helping to accelerate the country's for green and social loans, and blue transition towards a more resilient bond guidelines from leading global and inclusive economy.

India funded the antinational agenda of the Action Committee: **Sardar Attique**

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir and head of the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, Sardar Attique Ahmed, has said that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had declared Kashmir as the jugular vein of Pakistan, and without the jugular vein, no body can remain healthy.

There is no room for chaos in Azad Kashmir, the Action Committee is working on the enemy's agenda, but the administration will deal with them this time. Giving an interview to 'V News', he said that India has always wanted chaos in Azad Kashmir, and funding is currently being provided in Azad Kashmir as well.

He said that there are very good people in the Action Committee, but they do not know the facts, the strings of their handlers are being pulled from somewhere else. Sardar Attique said that

the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim what Pakistan is doing for the Kash-Conference had said in 2023 itself miris, these people insulted the flag that the intentions of the Action Committee, which came up under the guise of public rights, were not correct, and then time proved that

our position was correct. Action Committee, the administra-

these people, but this time it will not be the case, and I think the administration will now deal with the elements spreading unrest.

He said that these people speak against Pakistan, the words of Liberation Front leader Dr. Taugir Gilani are on record in which he said that Pakistan Sardar Attique said that there is no mention anywhere of



of Pakistan.

He said that on the instructions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, two federal ministers went to Muzaffarabad and while holding talks with The former prime minister said the representatives of the Action that in the previous protest of the Committee, they accepted 36 points, but because of only 2 demands, they tion had shown great lenience to ran away and sabotaged the talks.