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Acting President Ayaz welcomes AJK agreement

Acting President of Pakistan Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has warmly welcomed the successful negotiation between the Government's Negotiation Committee and the Joint Action Committee in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The Acting President also said that with the successful negotiation, all baseless rumours and conspiracies against Pakistan have been laid to rest.



Senate Secretariat seeks name of opposition leader

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Protest

KARACHI: Students from the different schools are shouting slogans during protest against Israel for military actions on Global SU-MUD Flotilla and in blocking and detaining several humanitarian mission ships.



PM Shahbaz Sharif welcomes successful talks in Azad Kashi

Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Prime Minister(PM) Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday welcomed the success of the negotiation process in Azad Kashmir and the agreegovernment's negotiation committee and the Joint Action Committee.

committee, the PM lauded their individual and collective restoration of peace. efforts, terming the develop-

Pakistan and Azad Jammu and

He said that the restoration of peace and normalization of the situation was a positive development. "Conspiracies and rumors have finally come to an end, and ment reached between the all matters have been resolved amicably, Alhamdulillah."

The Prime Minister also thanked the members of the Paying tribute to the Joint Action Committee for members of the negotiation their role in the successful talks and congratulated them on the



government is always ready to and peace are our priority and Reiterating the government's resolve the issues of our Kash- we will continue to serve Azad ment a "great achievement for commitment, he said "The miri brothers. Public interest Jammu and Kashmir."

The PM Shahbaz Sharif urged the people of AJK to avoid paying heed to rumors and assured them that their rights would always be protected.

"We have always been the protectors of the rights of our Kashmiri brothers and sisters and will continue to safeguard their rights in the future as

well,"PM said. The Prime Minister emphasized that his government had always given special attention to the issues of AJK and resolved them on a priority basis.

asks Talal Ch $to\,visit\,Senate$



Aimal Wali

for debate

ISLAMABAD: Awami National Party (ANP) Aimal Wali Khan has demanded of Talal Chaudhry, State Minister for Interior, to apologize over remarks and visit Senate session on Monday for debate. Taking to his social media account on X, Aimal Wali Khan suggested Talal Ch that "if you have objections to his speech then visits Senate and have debate over it".

In his post Tala Ch replied, "he always remained committed to principles and even in then Chief Justice Saqib Naisar's court I had refused to apol-

Talal Chaudhry accepted Aimal Wali's debate challenge and raise question at Aimal Wali "why you are still living in minister's enclave?".

Curtain Raiser: Visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to Malaysia (5-7 October 2025)

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official visit to Malaysia from 5-7 across a wide range of sectors. October 2025.

Minister, Federal Ministers and regional and global developments. existing and new sectors.

senior government officials.

ISLAMABAD: At the invitation enduring strategic partnership of Prime Minister Anwar Ibra- between Pakistan and Malaysia, him, Prime Minister Muhammad rooted in mutual respect, shared & telecom, Halal industry, invest-Shehbaz Sharif will undertake an interests, and close cooperation ment, education, energy, infra-

During the visit, the Prime He will be accompanied by a Minister is scheduled to hold

The two leaders will also deliberate The visit reflects the strong and on enhancing bilateral cooperation in trade to explore opportunities for further cooperation in trade, IT structure, digital economy, and people-to-people ties.

The leaders are expected to high-level delegation comprising bilateral talks with his Malaysian witness the signing of Agreements/ Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign counterpart as well as discuss key MoUs for cooperation in several

Naqvi orders fast-track completion of Parliament Lodges block

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, accompanied by Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry, visited the under-construction block of Parliament Lodges in Islamabad on Saturday.

issued directives to accelerate necessary funds have been approved Lodges will have over one hundred construction work and ensure the and that the project, which has been units.



new block is completed within four During the visit, Mohsin Naqvi months. He announced that the

pending for thirteen years, will now be completed on emergency basis. The Minister emphasized that the completion of the block of Parliament Lodges is significant for

providing accommodation facilities to all parliamentarians. The Interior Minister was briefed that the new block of Parliament

KP govt withdraws May 9 vandalism case in Mardan

👺 Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has approved withdrawal of cases against PTI workers and leaders who were accused in May 9 related vandalism case in Mardan. Provincial Food Minister Zahir Shah Toro, MNA Mujahid Khan and several members of the provincial assembly are among the accused.

During the hearing of the case in anti terrorism court in Mardan on Saturday, Additional Advocate General Sikandar Khan and other lawyers appeared in court. Additional Advocate General submitted letter of Additional Secretary Home regarding the withdrawal of May 9 case.

Earlier, Additional Advocate General was appointed as public prosecutor for May 9 case as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government transferred the public pros-

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia reaffirm commitment to Palestinian cause



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have reaffirmed their firm commitment to the Palestinian cause and decided to remain closely engaged with other partners on the issue. The commitment was expressed during a telephone conversation between the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud on Satur-

During the conversation, both sides agreed to remain closely engaged with Arab and Islamic partners, as well as the international community, to advance a just, comprehensive,

and lasting peace based on the two-state solution.

They reviewed ongoing diplomatic efforts, including engagements and consultations among the eight Arab-Islamic countries and the United States in New York, aimed at achieving an immediate and durable ceasefire, ensuring unhindered humanitarian assistance, and to secure lasting peace in Gaza.

The Deputy Prime Minister appreciated the Saudi Foreign Minister's continued engagement and constructive role in these efforts.

They also discussed recent developments, including Hamas' response to the proposal of US President Donald Trump.

Telephonic conversation between the DPM Dar and Egyptian FM

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Egypt have agreed to remain engaged and aligned in their efforts to help achieve a just and lasting peace in Gaza. The understanding was reached during a telephonic conversation between the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr

Badr Abdelatty on Saturday. During the conversation, the two Ministers exchanged views on key matters of bilateral relations and regional developments, particularly the grave situation in Gaza.

They discussed ongoing diplomatic efforts, including consultations held among Arab and Islamic countries in New York, aimed at securing an immediate and durable ceasefire, ensuring unhindered



humanitarian assistance, and advancing collective initiatives to achieve lasting peace in Gaza.

The Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's support for these efforts and noted Pakistan's welcoming of recent developments, including Hamas' response to the proposed peace plan, which offer hope for an end to the bloodshed.

Ishaq Dar also extended an invitation to the Egyptian Foreign Minister to visit Pakistan in the near future, which he graciously accepted.

Pakistan hails Hamas' response to Trump's plan: FO

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan welcomes Hamas' response to the plan announced by President Donald Trump.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Islamabad today said this offers an important opportunity to secure an immediate ceasefire, end the bloodshed of innocent Palestinians in Gaza, release of hostages and Palestinian prisoners, ensure unhindered humanitarian assistance, and pave the way for a credible political process toward lasting peace.

The statement urged Israel to must immediately cease attacks. It further said Pakistan appreciates the efforts of President Trump for peace in Gaza, and sincerely hopes that it will result in a durable ceasefire and a just, comprehensive



will continue to contribute constructively and meaningfully to this process. Pakistan reaffirms its prin-

cipled support for the Palestinian cause and stands in complete solidarity with the Palestinian people in their just struggle to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination leading to the establishment of a sovereign, viable and contiguous State of Palestine based on pre-1967 borders with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, in accordance with international legitimacy and and lasting peace. Pakistan relevant UN resolutions.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Govt & Joint Action Committee reached final accord: parties praised PM role

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Agreement was reached between the Federal Concil-

consultations, the following decisions were recorded:-

and vandalism resulted in the deaths days. of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and protesters. A judicial commission will be set up where necessary.

2. The same financial benefits will be given to the persons killed in the Courts within 90 days. incidents of 1st and 2nd October injured due to bullet injuries will be within 15 days. given a compensation of Rs 1 million

government job within 20 days.

3. Two additional intermediate and secondary education boards will be set up for Muzaffarabad and Poonch iation Committee, the Ministers of divisions. All three education boards Azad Kashmir and the representa- of Azad Jammu and Kashmir will tives of the Public Action Committee, be affiliated to the Federal Board of After detailed deliberations and tion, Islamabad. This process will be completed within 30 days.

1. FIRs will be registered under the extended families of Mirpur district relevant provisions of the Anti-Ter- in the case of Mangla Dam Raising rorism Act, in cases where violence Project will be legalized within 30

5. The Local Government Act in its current form will be harmonized with the spirit of the original Act of 1990 and the decisions of the High

2025 as are given to the personnel and Kashmir will release funds for construction of two tunnels (Kahuri/ of law enforcement agencies. Those the implementation of health cards

7. MRI and CT scan machines each deceased person will be given a phased manner from the funds of the the Saudi Development Fund.

Government of Pakistan.

8. The Government of Pakistan will provide Rs. 10 billion for the improvement of the electricity system of Azad Kashmir, as per a release plan.

9. The number of cabinet members will be reduced to 20 ministers/advisors. The number of administrative secretaries will also not exceed 20 4. The land occupied by the at any time. For this purpose, for example, the Civil Defence Department will be merged with the SDMA.

10. The Accountability Bureau and the Anti-Corruption Establishment will be merged. The Accountability Act of Azad Kashmir will be made in line with the NAB laws of the Government of Pakistan.

11 The Government of Pakistan 6. The government of Azad Jammu will conduct a feasibility study for the Kamar 3.7 km and Chaplani 0.6 km) on the Neelum Valley Road in Azad Kashmir, and this project will be each. One member of the family of will be provided in each district in a included on a priority basis under



consisting of two legal experts each (JAAC), will consider matters relating ministries under the existing arrangefrom the Government of Pakistan, to non-constituency members of the the Government of Azad Kashmir Azad Kashmir Assembly. The distri- the final report of the committee.

12. A high-powered committee, and the People's Action Committee bution of funds, privileges or status of ments will remain suspended until

Appreciable

LAHORE: A lady teacher is teaching school-less children at the constituency of Bricks Kiln factory in the slum area of the Provincial Capital as such teachers are the real hero of the Country and needs the special appreciation of Government especially on the World Teacher Day, which is observed annually on October 5.



Digital hearing devices being provided to hearing impaired students in Toba Tek Singh

TOBATEK SINGH: Under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, significant measures are being implemented for the welfare of special children across the province.

In collaboration with UNICEF and the Special Education Department Punjab, digital hearing devices are being provided to hearing-impaired students in Toba Tek Singh's special education institutions. As part of Starkey Technologies' Phase-II Programme, a one-day special camp was organized at the Government Secondary Special Education Centre Kamalia to prepare customized ear molds for hearing aids.



The camp was supervised by while a team of audiology experts, Programme Manager Farzana Ali, including Dr. Banish Khan, Noreen

Zaima Shabbir, Taqweem Ayub, Areeba Wajid, Naeem Ashraf and Muhammad Bilal Raza Khan, completed ear-mold sampling for 149 hearing-impaired students from various institutions across the district.

District Focal Person Haider Ali, Principal Ghulam Murtaza Shakir, Sign Language Expert Ejaz Ali, and Audiometrist Nadeem Iqbal were also

Haider Ali said that the provision of modern hearing devices reflects the chief minister's commitment to empowering special children through technology, enabling them to regain confidence, improve communication and play a more active role in society.

Sardar Attique, visited the injured members of Islamabad and Azad Kashmir Police

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: President Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan is visiting the injured members of the Islam Police and Azad Kashmir Police who were injured during the recent protests in Azad Kashmir in Islamabad. On this occasion, the President Muslim Conference expressed his regret over these violent incidents and strongly condemned them and said that the peaceful region of Azad Kashmir is famous throughout the country for its good traditions and hospitality. I regret that a handful of elements have violated these traditions in broad daylight. Anyway, as far as the administrative institutions of Pakistan and their officials are concerned, in the last 77 years, they have happily hosted the residents of Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan as well as the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh who were persecut-



throughout Pakistan and given them honor and respect, no example can be given in any other country. T Major Sardar Nasrullah Khan, Sardar Arshad

ed by the atrocities of the Indian army Abbasi, Raja Khurshid Hameed, Sardar Shahid Abbasi, Asim Zahid Abbasi, Javed Abbasi, Sardar Zahid Abbasi, Syed Mahmood Shah, Sarfaraz Abbasi, Mirza Javed, Masood Abbasi,

Waheed Inqilabi, Raja Shahid Iqbal, Ilyas Hussain Shah, Khurshid Abbasi, Dr. Abid Abbasi, Aamir Noor Abbasi, Ilyas Abbasi, Raja Tahir and other workers were also present.



Mr Shaukat Nawaz Mir while addressing media after successful talks praised the role of Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Shahbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir during the current crisis.

Multan police provide maximum relief to citizens: SSP Cheema

S Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz, the series of open courts has been organized by SSP Operations Multan Ahmed Zaneer Cheema at the Delhi Gate Police Station on the instructions of City Police Officer Multan Sadiq Ali Dogar.



During the open court, SP Cantt Division Kainat Azhar, SDPO Circle Delhi Gate Mahmood Haroon, SHO Delhi Gate Police Station Sub Inspector Muhammad Fayyaz, SHO Shah Rukn Alam Police Station Inspector Hamid Javed, SHO Lohari Gate Police Station Muhammad Aslam and all the investigation officers were also present in the open court.

SSP Operations Multan Ahmed Zaneer Cheema said on this occasion that the open court The aim of the open court is to provide maximum relief to the citizens. SSP Operations Multan Ahmed Zaneer Cheema further said that the aim of the open court is to provide relief to the people at their doorsteps.

Mian Saadat, donated 700 law books to Islamia University, Bahawalpur



A ceremony was held to inaugurate a special book corner in the library of the Faculty of Law Islamia University of Bahawalpur at Abbasia Campus. Renowned jurist Mian Saadat Ali Nadeem has donated 700 law books for this book corner and this book corner has been named after him. Honorable Justice Ahmad Nadeem Arshad Lahore High Court Lahore was the chief guest at the ceremony. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Muhammad Kamran said on this occasion that steps are being taken to provide quality education and practical training in the Department of Law. Recently, the four-year LLB program has been restored. The faculty building has been expanded with new classrooms and faculty rooms. He thanked Justice Ahmad Nadeem Arshad for his special presence at the ceremony. Dean Faculty of Law Professor Dr. Rao Imran Habib, renowned gynecologist Professor Dr. Sohail Mahmood Chaudhry, Mian Saadat Ali Nadeem Waleed Arshad, Dr. Usman Mahmood, faculty members Mian Arif Saeed, Muhammad Muneeb Raza, Humaira Nawaz, Dr. Hassan Sial, and students of the Law Students Club were present in large numbers.

Allied and EFA School System Faisalabad organized a special ceremony in honor of students

跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Prizes were distributed among the position holders. Director Allied and EFA School System Dr. Shahid Mahmood attended the ceremony with special participation. On this occasion, the ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Regional Major Umar Rehman delivered the welcome sermon. Director Allied and EFA School System Dr. Shahid Mahmood said in his address that we are truly happy to see your presence here today, and we are grateful to each and every one of you for joining us in this memorable gathering. The prize distribution ceremony is not only a proud and special event but also the most awaited moment for every institution and our distinguished students. Today, we are feeling immense joy and honor in announcing the almost top achievers in the board examinations from different campuses of Allied and EFA Schools. With great pleasure, I warmly welcome you all on this prestigious occasion. Cluster Head and Director ADAM Punjab Group of Colleges Rifat Iqbal said in his address that this is a moment of deep respect and honor. In this ceremony, tributes were paid to the martyrs and a ten-year renewal MoU was signed with the school owners.





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Instagram Map in Pakistan: Connect and explore safely



KARACHI: Meta announced the rollout of Instagram Map in Pakistan, giving users a fresh, interactive way to discover content and stay connected with friends, while maintaining strong privacy controls.

The feature is available directly at the top of users' DM inboxes.

The new feature allows Pakistanis to share their location and explore stories, reels, posts, and notes with location tags, making it easier to find what friends and favorite creators are sharing from concerts, cafes, or local hangouts. Users can also opt in to share their last active location with selected friends, close friends, or no one at all.

Meta has refined Instagram Map with updates including removing profile photos from map content, clarifying indicators when location is off, and previewing how tagged content will appear.

Completing Cervical Cancer Vaccination of 6.5 Million Girls in Punjab: CM Marium

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif chaired a 4-hour long review meeting to take a detailed briefing from 08 major departments. She appreciated health department for its stellar performance during flood, as it has treated 1.15 million people in flood-affected areas across the province. The authorities concerned briefed her that 174 people were bitten by snakes in the flood-affected areas, but Alhamdulillah with the grace of Allah Almighty, all lives were saved by administering them snakebite vaccines in flood relief camps. She expressed gratitude for saving precious human lives through timely treatment in snakebite incidents. She said,"Punjab has set a record in cervical cancer vaccination, taking the lead over other provinces." She also expressed gratitude on completing cervical cancer vaccination of 6.5 million girls.

Chief Minister Punjab directed to



ensure completion of Cath Lab project as soon as possible. She said that Community Health Inspectors of Health and Population Department had obtained data of 32,000 houses in the pilot phase.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif directed to make 1115 electric buses functional in Punjab by December, and directed Deputy Commissioners to take steps to establish electric bus charging as possible.

stations at the earliest. She noted,"Uniform design of electric bus stops across Punjab has been approved, while electro buses have set records of public popularity in a short period of time." She approved a schedule for the launch of electrobus program in various districts, besides directing the authorities concerned to start SRT project in the province as soon

Service at your door step

ISLAMABAD: A view of mobile unit of Islamabad Traffic Police provided in every sector for the connivance of Citizen to take learners and driving licenses before the ending of dead line (07 October) in Federal Capital



Pakistan Blind Sports Federation team visited the Senate

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: A delegation of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, led by Federation President Waqas Warraich, visited the Senate. Senators Sherry Rehman, Sarmad Ali, Farooq H. Naek, Mufti Noorul Haq Qadri, Ali Zafar, Saifullah Niazi, Falak Naz Chitrali, Musarrat Ullah Hassan, Ponjo Bheel, Gurdiyal Singh, Dost Muhammad Masood, Dr. Humayun Muhammad, Hidayatullah, Jamal Mando Khel, Waqar Mehdi, and Dinesh Kumar, as well as social leader Aziz-ur-Rehman Mujahid, were also present on the occasion.



Speaking to the delegation, meet blind boys and girls from Senator Sherry Rehman said: all over Pakistan. We are pleas-

"It is our good fortune today to antly surprised that under the

hosting of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, teams from eleven countries are coming to participate in the Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship.

On the occasion, Federation President Waqas Warraich said: "Despite being blind, we are bringing pride to Pakistan, yet we receive no support from the government or any other

He appealed to Senator Sherry Rehman and other Senate members to ensure government-level hosting of the Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship. In response, they assured full support on behalf of both the government and the opposition

Eighty-five teachers honored for excellence on World Teachers' Day

B Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: To mark World Teachers' Day, the Deputy District Education Office organized a ceremony at Government Model Higher Secondary School here; celebrating the unwavering dedication and commitment of teachers across the district. During the event, eighty-five hardworking and devoted teachers were awarded appreciation certificates in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The ceremony was graced by Principal GBHSS Sheikh Musa Khan Mandokhel as the chief guest, while Degree College staff, Education Directorate officials, representatives of teachers' associations, senior teachers, social figures, and journalists attended the event.

In his keynote speech, Deputy District Officer Abdul Latif Mandokhel said that the event aimed at paying tribute to those teachers who are committed to the noble profession of education.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Degree College Abdul Rehman Ameen, Director System Analyst Mehmood Uyghur, Principal GBHSS Sheikh Musa Khan Mandokhel, President APCA Malik Sohbat Khan Mandokhel, Abdul Qadeem Mandokhel, Ex-president GTA Muhammad Ayoub Mandokhel, President GTA (Constitutional) Hassan Haqyar, Muhammad Tahir, Deewa Suhail Hariphal, and Sher Muhammad, paid glowing tributes to the teaching community.

Baanhn Beli's 40 years celebrated with book launch



E City Desk

KARACHI: Baanhn Beli and Anjuman Taraqqi-e Urdu Pakistan jointly organized the launching ceremony of Dr Asaf Riyaz Qadeer's book Biyaz-e Sukhan, and to mark 40 years of service of Baanhn Beli at Zia Mohyeddin Theater of the National Academy of Performing Arts-NAPA on Saturday.

The event kicked off with the screening of a recorded audio message from Mr Wajid Jawwad, President of the Anjuman Taraqqi-e Urdu. He praised Dr Asaf Qadeer for his dedication to promote Urdu and the teachings of the Quaid-e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in North America. He also spoke on Dr Asaf Qadeer's literary works. He also recited poetry from Dr Asaf Qadeer's book, Biyaz-e Sukhan. He welcomed the audience to the event.

Then, Dr Asaf Qadeer spoke about his services in various fields. He narrated how a wrong statement about the illness of the Father of the Nation led him to investigate the real circumstances of the passing away of the Quaid-e Azam. He went on to describe how this took the shape of the Quaid-e Azam Center and Library in Houston.

He thanked Senator (r) Javed Jabbar for taking him to the concept of Pakistaniyet, something he intends to take to other people.

He also spoke on his book and the literary journey behind it. He said it was the eminent poet Sufi Tabassum who inspired him to write poetry. He narrated the story of how he found the great Faiz Ahmed Faiz seeking guidance from Sufi Tabassum.

Lattafa Perfumes Officially Launches in Pakistan Through Greencore Beauty

ISLAMABAD: Lattafa Perfumes, the Middle East's leading fragrance house celebrated globally for its craftsmanship and innovation, has officially launched in Pakistan. This milestone has been made possible by Greencore Beauty, a premier distributor known for introducing world-renowned beauty and lifestyle brands to the Pakistani market.

Spearheading this initiative is Taimoor Afridi, CEO of Greencore Beauty, whose strategic vision and leader-



ship have been instrumental in Lattafa's entry into Pakistan. Under his guidance, Greencore Beauty has forged successful partnerships with several international brands, with Lattafa's launch marking one of its most significant achievements to date.

"The vision was to introduce a brand with universal appeal and a loyal global following," said Taimoor Afridi. "Lattafa stands for quality, craftsmanship, and aspiration. The overwhelming response from Pakistani consumers has been remarkable—and this is just the beginning."

The success of Lattafa's launch underscores a growing demand for premium yet accessible fragrances, and Greencore Beauty is well-po-

Millennium Education Pioneers Google Classrooms: Transforming Learning from Textbook to Chromebook

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Millennium Mushtaq. Education Group, Pakistan's leading K-12 education system, proudly pioneers the nationwide integration of Google Classrooms and Chromebooks across its campuses — redefining the learning experience from to ensuring every child becomes a textbook to techbook and setting a confident, creative, and future-ready new benchmark for digital learning global citizen." and classroom innovation in Pakistan, says a press release.

Schools & Colleges, we don't just digital fluency. teach; we transform," said Dr. Faisal This nationy

The Chromebook and Google Classroom integration moves our learners from textbook to techbook from passive learning to active exploration. This is our commitment

Through Google for Education Plus and Chromebook deployment, Under the visionary leadership of learners and educators at Future Dr. Faisal Mushtaq TI, Founder & World Schools and Roots Millen-CEO of The Millennium Education nium Schools will experience a seam-Group, this transformation is more less, interactive, and collaborative than a digital upgrade — it's a peda- digital environment — empowering gogical revolution. "At The Millen- students with 21st-century skills in nium Education and Future World critical thinking, innovation, and

This nationwide rollout across all Future World Schools and Roots Millennium Schools reinforces The Millennium Education's unwavering commitment to future-ready learning a powerful blend of academic excellence, technological innovation, and global citizenship.

With the integration of Google Classroom, learning has become dynamic, personalized, and borderless, as teachers inspire students to create, collaborate, and think critically using real-world digital tools that both reflect and shape today's global landscape.

From Textbook to Chromebook The Millennium Education once again leads the way.



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UN chief welcomes Hamas statement on Trump's Gaza ceasefire plan

N Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the statement issued by Hamas in response to US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan to end the Israeli war in Gaza, his Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in a statement

Dujarric said that the UN chief urges "all parties to seize the opportunity to bring the tragic conflict in Gaza to an end.'

The statement came after senior Hamas official Mousa Abu Marzouk said Friday that the Palestine resistance group had agreed to Trump's plan on a ceasefire in the besieged Strip "in principle," endorsing its main outlines, while stressing that implementation would require negotiations on some key details.

The UN chief thanked Qatar and Egypt for their "invaluable" mediation work, Dujarric said.

"The Secretary-General reiterates his consistent call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, and unfettered humanitarian access," he added.

The UN will support all efforts toward these objectives to prevent even more suffering, he stressed.

Earlier in the day before the response from Hamas, UN humanitarian relief chief Tom Fletcher said the world body was ready and eager to act on the window of opportunity provided by the US initiative on Gaza.

Around 170,000 metric tonnes of food, medicine, shelter and other desperately needed supplies are on standby, poised to enter the decimated Strip from across the region.

Fletcher said that the Israeli-controlled crossings would need to open and there must be safe movement for civilians and aid workers; unrestricted entry of goods; visas for staff; the space for humanitarians to operate; and the private sector to be revived.

UN aid teams warn that the situation in northern Gaza continues to rapidly deteriorate, as Israel continues its military offensive to seize full control of Gaza City, with tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians unable

"Military operations and heavy strikes, hitting residential areas and buildings, are driving up the death toll and continue to wreak havoc on the area," said Spokesperson Dujarric at the daily news briefing in New York.

America in Deadlock: The Govt Shutdown

Qamar Bashir

again entered a government shutdown, now in its third day, revealing both the fragility of its political system and the deep divisions between its ruling parties. For many Americans, the words "government shutdown" have become all too familiar, yet the implications remain complex and far-reaching. At its core, a shutdown occurs when Congress and the Senate fail to pass the necessary appropriations bills or a temporary funding measure known as a continuing resolution. Without legal authorization to spend money, vast swathes of the federal government grind to a halt, forcing hundreds of thousands of employees to be furloughed and others to work without pay. Essential services such as national security, law enforcement, and emergency medical care continue, but much of the rest—from processing tax returns to administering housing loans and maintaining national parks-comes to an abrupt pause.

The 2025 shutdown reflects not merely a budgeting dispute but a much larger clash of ideology and power. The immediate failure lies in Congress and the Senate's inability to agree on a funding bill, but beneath that deadlock are deeper political contentions. Republicans, emboldened by President Donald Trump's second term, have sought to tie spending approval to major policy demands. Among these are stricter border enforcement, deeper cuts to healthcare and social welfare programs, and renewed emphasis on energy independence through expanded oil and coal production. Democrats, meanwhile, insist on safeguarding Medicaid, Social Security, and green energy programs,

deregulation and authoritarian executive investment across the economy. maneuvers. Both chambers are digging in, each claiming to defend the true interests of the American people, and the result is

For Democrats, the shutdown is also a weapon. They seek to paint Trump and the Republican majority as reckless

narrow political goals. By emphasizing the plight of unpaid federal workers, the closure of public services, and the disruption of families dependent on government programs, they aim to turn public opinion against Trump's hardline tactics. Demo-

crats calculate that the longer the shutdown lasts, the more ordinary Americans will grow frustrated and direct their anger at the White House, especially if essential services remain shuttered and the economy begins to slow.

The consequences, however, extend far $\,$ beyond political point-scoring. For federal employees, a shutdown means immediate uncertainty and financial hardship. While history suggests that workers will eventually receive back pay, the delay leaves families struggling with mortgages, bills, and groceries. For contractors and businesses that rely on federal work, lost time is often never recovered. Consumer sentiment, already fragile in a climate of high tariffs and fluctuating prices, can sour further as Americans begin to feel the tangible impact of a government that appears unable to govern. The longer the shutdown drags on, the more anxious investors and households become, creating

Business confidence is equally shaken. In times of shutdown, routine government functions like issuing licenses, inspecting food safety, approving loans, and releasing economic data are suspended. For companies dependent on regulatory approvals or federal contracts, projects stall, costs rise, extremists holding the country hostage for and uncertainty prevails. Global inves-

tors watch nervously as Washington broadcasts dysfunction to the world.

Relations with other countries also suffer. Diplomats find their budgets curtailed, international aid programs stall, and negotiations lose credibility when foreign leaders know

the American government is paralyzed at home. For allies, the message is troubling: if Washington cannot manage its own internal disagreements, can it really lead global coalitions or enforce international agreements? For rivals, the spectacle offers propaganda material, reinforcing the narrative that American democracy is chaotic and incapable of coherent policy.

The economic cost of the current impasse grows with each passing day. Analysts estimate that the economy loses billions of dollars per week in output during a shutdown. Small businesses waiting for federal loans, infrastructure projects awaiting funding, and families dependent on childcare or nutrition programs all experience disruptions.

The longer-term damage may be even more significant. Confidence in institutions erodes with every shutdown, feeding public cynicism and polariza-

he United States has once while opposing what they see as reckless ripple effects that slow spending and tion. When citizens watch politicians bicker while services collapse, trust in democracy itself weakens. The spectacle convinces Americans that partisan victory has become more important to leaders than effective governance. This erosion of trust threatens the fabric of civic life and makes compromise ever harder to achieve in the future. Beyond its borders, the United States risks diminishing its image as the global standard-bearer of democratic stability.

Ultimately, the current shutdown is not just about a budget but about two competing visions of America. One seeks a leaner government, tighter borders, and renewed emphasis on national sovereignty, even at the cost of disruption. The other envisions an inclusive, service-oriented state that maintains a global leadership role and invests in future generations.

The shutdown will eventually end, as they always do, through compromise or exhaustion. Yet the scars it leaves behindin lost income, shaken confidence, delayed projects, and frayed international credibility-will linger. What remains most troubling is that shutdowns are no longer rare accidents but recurring episodes in American political life, symptomatic of deeper dysfunction. Unless the nation's leaders rediscover the will to compromise, each new budget cycle risks becoming another crisis, another shutdown, and another reminder to the world that the American system, once admired for its resilience, now struggles under the weight of its own divisions.

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The Abraham Accords: A SWOT Analysis for Pakistan Joining the Framework II

Midhah Fatima

4. Strategic Geopolitical Location

akistan's strategic position, bordering Iran, Afghanistan, China and the Arabian Sea, strengthens its role in regional connectivity and security. Its proximity to the Strait of Hormuz, through which 72% of its energy imports flow, makes Pakistan a key player in ensuring stable trade routes, aligning with Accords' goals. Weaknesses:

Several internal vulnerabilities of Pakistan could undermine its ability to capitalize on the accords:

1. Political Instability: Pakistan's unstable political environment characterized by frequent government changes and military influence, could hinder consistent foreign policy implementation. Any progress on the accords might exacerbate rifts between secular and Islamist factions or between military and civilian leadership.

2. Economic Dependency and Instability: Pakistan's bargaining strength is restricted due to its poor economy, which depends on foreign aid and IMF bailouts. Economic vulnerabilities could lead negotiations to fold. Pakistan may be pressured to align without adequate safeguards for its interests due to its heavy reliance on foreign loans.

Opportunities: The accords also present avenues for Pakistan to advance its broader obiectives

1. Stronger Ties with the US: Pakistan engagement in the accords could revitalize bilateral relations, unlocking opportunities protests against any recognition of Israel,

for investment, debt relief, and technological partnerships. This might improve Pakistan's security position by taking on board the US to mediate regional conflicts, like Kashmir.

2. Enhanced Trade with Iran in Key Areas: Pakistan could take a more nuanced approach to balance its relations, even though the Abraham Accords are intended to counter Iranian influence. Pakistan might strengthen trade ties with Iran in energy (e.g., gas pipelines) and agriculture, diversifying its economic reliance away from Gulf rivals.

3. Enhanced Strategic Partnerships with Gulf Countries: By Joining the accords Pakistan could deepen ties with key Gulf allies like the UAE and Bahrain, who have already normalized relations with Israel. This would facilitate greater economic integration and political alignment in a region where Pakistan relies heavily on remittances, energy imports, and diplomatic support from the

Middle east. 4. Bolstered Geopolitical Influence: By aligning with this US-backed framework, Pakistan could elevate its role in Middle Eastern affairs, positioning itself as a bridge between South Asia and the Arab world. This might enhance its leverage in international forums like the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Threats: The accords pose significant risks that could isolate or weaken Pakistan:

1. Domestic Opposition to Israel: Public sentiment in Pakistan is overwhelmingly pro-Palestinian, fueled by religious solidarity and historical narratives. Religious political parties, such as Jamaat-e-Islami and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, would likely mobilize mass risking social unrest and political backlash. 2. India's Alignment and Security Threats:

India's deepening ties with Israel, coupled with its RSS-driven nationalist policies, heighten threats to Pakistan's security. An emerging "Middle Eastern QUAD" involving India, Israel, the US, and Arab states could marginalize Pakistan, complicating Kashmir resolution and escalating arms races.

3. Geopolitical Isolation: Refusing to join the Abraham Accords risks Pakistan's alienation from a rapidly evolving network of alliances. As more Muslim-majority countries normalize relations with Israel, Pakistan could be sidelined by key Gulf partners and excluded from important US-led initiatives. This would diminish its influence in the OIC and broader Muslim world, weakening its diplomatic standing.

As of September 2025, Pakistan opposes joining the Abraham Accords. Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar recently reiterated that recognition of Israel is contingent on a just two-state solution for Palestine, including an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital. The recent strategic mutual defense agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on 17th September 2025 has paved the way for Pakistan's accession into the Abraham Accords. The SWOT analysis reveals that while engagement offers tantalizing benefits in partnerships and influence, the domestic and regional pitfalls are profound. Internal political stability and sustainable economic growth are the two key elements, which shall bring Pakistan to a better bargaining position.

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Starvation as a Weapon: The Gaza Hunger Crisis and the Silence of the World

Zohaib Saleem

terrifying, quiet tragedy is unfolding in Gaza. While the world has focused on the very visible violence of bombs and bullets, a far more sinister and invisible weapon is being used: starvation. This isn't just a sad side effect of war; it's a deliberate policy of denying food, water, and medicine to an entire population. The world's silence in the face of this man-made hunger crisis isn't just a political failure it's a deep moral collapse that signals a new and chilling low in modern conflict.

The use of starvation as a weapon is a clear crime under international humanitarian law, yet it's happening right in front of us. The purposeful blocking of humanitarian aid, the attacks on aid convoys and workers, and the destruction of essential services like bakeries and water plants are not random acts of war. They are part of a calculated plan to dismantle the very systems people need to survive. This has turned a warzone into a death trap where the most vulnerable children, the elderly, and the sick are suffering the most. The famine in Gaza isn't a natural disaster: it's a man-made catastrophe, officially recognized by UN agencies and other international bodies. The heartbreaking images of emaciated children and infants dying from dehydration and malnutrition serve as a stark indictment of this brutal strategy.

The time for empty words is over. Policymakers and international organizations must stop talking and start acting. The first and most critical step is to enforce a permanent and immediate ceasefire to allow a huge amount of humanitarian aid to be delivered safely. Governments must put pressure on all parties in the conflict, especially the Israeli government, to lift all blockades and let aid flow freely and without conditions through every possible entry point. The world must not only provide food but also ensure

that the infrastructure needed to sustain a population water, electricity, and medical facilities is restored and protected.

Furthermore, international organizations like the UN and the International Criminal Court must launch immediate and thorough investigations into the use of starvation as a weapon, holding those responsible accountable for these potential war crimes. This is not just about giving food; it's about standing up for the core principles of human rights and human dignity. The world cannot afford to look away or stay silent, because to do so is to become complicit in this moral crime. The fate of Gaza's starving population is a litmus test for our shared humanity. If we fail this test, we risk normalizing a new form of warfare, one where human suffering is a deliberate weapon, and the world's conscience is the first thing to be destroyed. This crisis demands an immediate, decisive, and unified response. It's time for the world to break its silence and act before it's too late.

The global community has a moral and legal obligation to intervene. As we've seen in other conflicts, the failure to address such grave violations of international law emboldens others to commit similar atrocities. This isn't just a regional issue; it's a global one. The principles of humanity are on trial in Gaza. The precedent being set could have lasting consequences far beyond the borders of the Middle East, potentially leading to a future where the starvation of civilians is a more accepted tactic of war. We must ensure that history does not look back at this moment and see us as passive observers. Every day of delay means more lives are lost, more children starve, and the moral fabric of our international order frays a little more. The world must demand accountability and action, not just sympathy. The humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza is a stain on all of us who have the power to speak out and choose not to.

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Trump orders Israel to stop bombing Gaza after Hamas partially accepts his peace plan

Agencies

WASHINGTON,: US President Donald Trump has called on Israel to immediately stop bombing on war-devastated Gaza after Hamas proposal and agreed to release all the remaining hostages taken during the October 7 attacks.

"Based on the Statement just issued by Hamas, I believe they are ready for

a lasting PEACE," Trump wrote on social media on Friday night.

A statement released by the office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel early Saturday morning said Israel was preparing to implesaid it accepted parts of the peace ment the first stage of Trump's plan for the immediate release of all the hostages

"We will continue to work in full Hamas, in a statement, said it was cooperation with the President and ready to release the hostages and his team in order to bring the war to immediately enter into negotiations an end in accordance with the printo discuss some key details of the ciples set forth by Israel, which are consistent with President Trump's vision," the statement added.

Trump called Friday "a very special day" but said there were many details that still needed to be worked out.

"We'll see how it all turns out," he said, adding. "Very importantly, I look forward to having the hostages come home to their parents."

But the Hamas statement, posted online on Friday night, was ambiguous in its language on hostage issue.

The group said it would release the hostages "according to the exchange formula contained in President Trump's proposal, and as the field conditions for the exchange are met." But it was not clear what exactly In a video posted to Truth Social, Hamas meant by field conditions or

if it had a timetable for releasing the

hostages. The statement also said the group agreed "to hand over the administration of the Gaza Strip to a Palestinian body of independent technocrats, based on Palestinian national consensus and Arab and Islamic

The statement did not address the elements of the American proposal that called on the group to give up

ts arms, a major demand of Israel. Hamas's statement was released hours after Trump used a 300-word post on social media in which he set a Sunday deadline for leaders of the group to agree to a cease-fire proposal have validated their reliability.

he unveiled on Monday.

More than 66,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed by Israeli forces since the conflict began in October 2023. These figures are the most commonly cited by international news organizations and NGOs, and multiple studies



B Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

DAGENHAM: The historic Three Travellers pub and restaurant in Dagenham has officially reopened its doors to the public after undergoing a complete renovation, bringing new life to one of the area's most iconic venues.

The grand reopening ceremony was held with distinguished guests including Cllr Qaisar Abbas of Thurrock Council, who was invited as the chief guest, along with Cllr Thavathuray Jeyaranjan of Redbridge Council and Cllr Ingrid Robinson of

Barking and Dagenham Council. Together, they inaugurated the newly refurbished business and praised its contribution to the local economy and community.

and Mr Murali Arirajasingam, who



and local residents. Speaking on the The new ownership of the Three occasion, the owners expressed their Travellers is led by renowned busi- excitement: "We are happy to open nessmen Mr Vijay Balasingham our doors to our customers and local residents. We invite everyone to visit

Highlighting the importance of local business growth, Cllr Qaisar Abbas said: "I am pleased to inaugurate this business along with counwarmly welcomed guests, customers, us and try our dishes and new dining cillors from two other councils. This nity engagement in East London.

business has generated new employment opportunities. I always support new and local businesses and wish them success."

Housed in a Grade II listed building, the Three Travellers now offers a modern restaurant and bar experience, combining traditional English dishes with authentic South Asian cuisine, as well as a wide range

The venue has been redesigned to provide a welcoming atmosphere with new dining lounges for families, friends, and community gatherings.

The reopening marks not only the preservation of a historic landmark in Dagenham but also an investment in the local economy through job creation and the promotion of cross-cultural food experiences. Local residents have already begun visiting the establishment, and the owners hope that the Three Travellers will become a hub for dining, leisure, and commu-

At least six Palestinian civilians killed, dozens injured in Khan Yunis



GAZA: Six Palestinian civilians, including two children, were killed on Saturday when the Israeli occupation forces struck a house in Gaza City and a tent housing displaced persons in the Mawasi area of Khan Yunis.

Medical sources at Nasser Medical Complex reported that two children were killed and eight others were injured after an Israeli drone bombed a tent housing displaced persons in the Mawasi area, northwest of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

Local sources said that another Israeli drone struck a house in the Tuffah neighborhood, northeast of Gaza City, killing four people and wounding others.

Israeli colonists storm Bedouin community in Jericho



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JERICHOIsraeli colonists stormed the village of Shalal al-Auja, north of Jericho.

Hassan Malihat, the general supervisor of the Al-Baidar Human Rights Organization, reported that dozens of armed colonists stormed the Shalal al-Auja Bedouin community north of Jericho and grazed their sheep among the homes of residents, in an apparent attempt to provoke them.

He stressed that these attacks are part of a policy amid at suffocating Palestinians, especially in Area C, with the aim of forcibly displacing them from their lands for the benefit of settlement expansion.

Malihat noted that the Shalal al-Auja community has recently witnessed repeated raids by armed colonist in groups, aiming to displace the Bedouins from their land.

A Legacy of Love and Learning From Bala Sharif to Oxford University

B Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

Some dreams are not merely seen with the eyes-they are felt deep within the soul. Such dreams do not fade with time; they travel through generations, waiting for the right moment to blossom into reality. Today, one such dream has come true-the dream of Sufi Malik Sher Muhammad Bathal.

It was the year 1970. In the small village of Bala Sharif in District Mianwali, where educating daughters was considered unnecessaryeven shameful-Sufi Malik Sher Muhammad Bathal dared to challenge the norms. With courage and vision far ahead of his time, he laid the foundation of the first school for girls, built purely through community effort and personal dedication. He sought tions of darkness. the help of his close friend Chaudhry Attaullah's wife, a respected teacher, and started the school in the house of his relative Malik Mureed Bathal, son of Haji Allah Dwaya Tabbaywala. That modest home became a symbol of hope-a place where the light of



Fifty years later, destiny has turned a full circle. His granddaughter, Mahnoor Shoaib, daughter of East London-based solicitor Muhammad Shoaib Bathal, has fulfilled his lifelong dream by graduating with excellence from the world-renowned University learning began to push back genera- of Oxford. She held several prominent Officer, reflecting her active engage-



Her achievement is not just academic-it is the realization of a vision, the fruit of a legacy built on sacrifice, wisdom, and faith. Today,

community initiatives.

ment in student leadership and

Mahnoor stands not only as the pride of her family but as an inspiration for her entire community. Her success reminds us that when a grandfather dreams beyond the boundaries of his time, it is often his granddaughter who brings that dream to life. Though Sufi Sher Muhammad Bathal is no longer among us, his spirit surely smiles todaywatching his granddaughter shine among the brightest minds at Oxford. May Allah bless Mahnoor Shoaib with continued success and elevate the ranks of her visionary grandfather, Sufi Malik Sher Muhammad Bathal, whose courage to educate daughters half a century ago planted the seed of a brighter, enlightened generation.

This is not just the story of one family-it is a timeless message:

"When a daughter is educated, Oxford Islamic Society as its Graduate generations rise. When a grandfather dreams, history remembers.

ISSI Launches Amb Aizaz Chaudhry's Book 'Pakistan-India Relations: Fractured Past, Uncertain Future'

ISLAMABAD: India Study Centre (ISC) of the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted the book launch event of "Pakistan-India Relations: Fractured Past, Uncertain Future", authored by Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Foreign Secretary. The event featured Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jillani, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, as the Admiral Khan Hasham bin Amer Iqbal, former President the unbridgeability of the two

of Commerce and Industry

In his welcome address, Director General ISSI Ambassador Sohail Mahmood said that the book reflected both the abiding realism of a diplomat, and the enduring passion of a peace activist. With both these strands, Ambassador Chaudhry Chaudhry, Pakistan's former had maintained his quest for Pakistan-India peace and normalisation, with the disposition of an incurable optimist. Shedding light on its contents, Chief Guest; while the speak- Ambassador Sohail Mahmood ers included Ambassador Vice said that the book highlighted five central challenges to Siddique, Pakistan's former India-Pakistan relations. These Ambassador to the Kingdom included: the intractability of of Saudi Arabia, and Raja Jammu and Kashmir dispute;

domestic politics; the relentless Indian pursuit of regional domination; and the complexity of global geo-politics. While highlighting the challenges, the author also suggested the ways in which the two countries could attain peaceful coexistence and manage negative perceptions of each other. The book represented an important contribution from Pakistan's perspective to the discourse on Pakistan-India relations, which had been heavily influenced by the Indian narratives.

The Chief Guest Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jilani lauded the book as both interesting and educative. He underlined that the book invited readers of the Rawalpindi Chamber countries' positions on the issue to reflect on the fractured past

of terrorism; the vagaries of covering all aspects of it from history, culture, contesting ideologies, human suffering during the partition, and the disputes that followed. He suggested that the book deserved wider dissemination not only in Pakistan, but also in India and elsewhere. Earlier, in his introduc-

tory remarks, Director ISC Dr Khurram Abbas said that the book was a rare combination of scholarly rigor and diplomatic insights of an insider. Having been part of a number of peace initiatives, the author's blend of realistic and optimistic approach offered a unique perspective on the subject.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, while dilating on the book's contents, emphasized



that four issues carried accumurelations. They included, a deep and abiding mistrust stemming from pre- and post-independence happenings; an Indian Pakistan and the legitimate of civil society and the media.

nexus with British Raj to grab lative effect on Pakistan-India Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir; the narrative of 'cross-border terrorism' cleverly used by India to malign students, and representatives

Kashmiri struggle; and India's hegemonic posturing towards the region and its states, which in turn contributed to destabilisation of South Asia.

Ambassador Vice Admiral Khan Hasham bin Siddique commended the book for its easily understandable language, reader-friendly flow, and evidence-based contents.

In his vote of thanks, Chairman BoG ISSI Ambassador Khalid Mahmood termed the book as a sorry tale of compulsive hostility, with no end in sight as long as Narendra Modi holds power in India.

The event was attended by senior diplomats, practitioners, academics, think-tank experts,

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

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Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
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Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.1	190.1
Bahrain Dinar	746.5	754
Canadian Dollar	205.1	212.1
China Yuan	39.62	40.02
Danish Krone	44.25	44.85
Euro	331.6	335.1
Hong Kong Dollar	36.27	36.62
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8760	1.9760
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.45	922.45
Malaysian Ringgit	67.25	67.85
NewZealand \$	164.8	166.8
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.05	738.55
Qatari Riyal	77.22	77.92
Saudi Riyal	75.25	75.90
Singapore Dollar	216.6	221.35
Swedish Korona	29.99	30.29
Swiss Franc	355.12	357.87
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.9	77.9
UK Pound Sterling	380.5	383.5
US Dollar	282.3	282.4

Two more officers of The Punjab Food Directorate dismissed from service

Sommerce Desk

LAHORE: On the instructions of Secretary Price Control Dr. Kiran Khurshid, the noose has been tightened around incompetent and corrupt officers in the department. Two more officers of the Punjab Food Directorate have been dismissed from service. According to the spokesperson of the Punjab Price Control Department, action was taken under the PEEDA Act after incompetence, corruption, and facilitation of the mafia were proven. Action was taken against Food Grain Inspectors Faisal Rehman and Mehran Shaukat from Rahim Yar Khan. The Secretary of Price Control stated that those who cause losses to the public treasury do not deserve any leniency. DG Food Punjab Amjad Hafeez has been directed to register cases against the black sheep within the department.

FCCI invites UAF VC to strengthen industry-academia

FAISALABAD: Vice President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) Engineer Asim Munir has invited Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) Prof Dr. Zulfiqar Ali to visit FCCI for enhancing practical linkages between academia and industry.

He was addressing a ceremony organised to mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UAF and an Indonesian univer-

Engineer Asim Munir said that FCCI President Farooq Yousaf Sheikh is determined to strengthen industry-academia collaboration so that the research being conducted at the agriculture university may directly benefit industries particularly those involved in processed and packaged food production.

He appreciated the role of embassies of both countries in promoting such cooperative ventures and said that mutual collaboration would open new avenues for both educational and economic progress.

New defined contribution pension scheme for civil servants introduced

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has introduced a new pension system called the "Federal Government Defined Contribution Pension Fund Scheme Rules 2024," under which the traditional pension system for government employees will be replaced by a new contributory (participatory) system.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Finance, this measure was approved on August 27, 2025, and has now been sent to all federal ministries, divisions, and institutions for implementation.

Under the new pension system, federal government employees will now have to contribute a certain amount monthly toward their pension, with the government also contributing a share. The notification states that the government

(employer) will contribute 12% of the employee's pensionable salary every month, while the employee will contribute 10% of their salary to the pension fund.

Both these contributions will be accumulated in projects.



a specific fund, which will be invested in various

According to sources, the system is currently being implemented only for civilian employees.

The process has not yet started for the Pakistan Armed Forces, so for now, the government and

employee contribution rates for them remain at zero.

Officials from the Ministry of Finance say this reform is introduced to reduce the growing financial burden of pensions on the government, to make the pension system sustainable and financially stable, and to align Pakistan's pension system with international standards.

In recent years, pension payments have increasingly strained the government's budget.

With the new system, this expense will gradually decrease, and employees' retirement funds will be based on their own accumulated contributions plus investment returns.

The Ministry of Finance has sent this notification to the Auditor General of Pakistan, Accountant General Pakistan Revenue (AGPR), State Bank of Pakistan, and all major ministries, including When the employee retires, the pension amount Defence, Education, Railways, Energy, IT, and will be based on the profits generated from this fund. Climate Change, for immediate implementation.

Communioty event

Chairman OPF Syed Qamar Raza, attended a Pakistani community event hosted by Mr. Khalid Hussain Chaudhry, President of Social Centre Sharjah which was attended by H.E. Hussain Muhammad, Consul General of Pakistan in Dubai, Community Welfare Attachés Mr. Imran Shahid, and Mr. Junaid Murtaza, as well as many community members.



Gold price surges again in Karachi, hits over Rs 409,000 per tola



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The price of gold saw another significant increase on Saturday.

According to gold market dealers, the price of one tola of Rs 409,878. Meanwhile, the to Rs 351,404.

Traders in the gold markets noted that global gold prices rose by \$21, reaching \$3,886

It is worth noting that on the previous day, the international bullion market maintained gold rose by Rs 2,100, reaching a stable gold price at \$3,865 per ounce, and the domestic price of 10 grams of gold also market's tola gold price increased by Rs 1,801, climbing remained steady at Rs 407,778 across the country.

CCP Launches Competition Assessment Report on LNG Sector

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has released a detailed research study titled "State of Competition in the LNG Sector in Pakistan", examining the structural, regulatory, and behavioral barriers to competition in the country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) market.

Commissioned by the Finance Division and conducted by CCP's Research Department, this report assesses the impact of SOEs such as PSO, PLL, SSGCL, and SNGPL on market dynamics, access, and efficiency in the LNG

The CCP's research identifies the following critical challenges affecting the LNG market: Monopolistic dominance of SOEs in

- imports, storage, and distribution; Stringent licensing and tariff regulations that favor incumbents and restrict private sector participation;
- Infrastructure access limitations and slow implementation of Third-Party Access (TPA) rules;



Circular debt accumulation of PKR 2,866 billion (as of January 2024), largely due to delayed tariff adjustments and RLNG

In line with international best practices and guided by the World Bank's Markets and Competition Policy Assessment Toolkit (MCPAT), the report outlines strategic recommendations for reform, including:

- Establishing a 'One-Stop-Shop' for LNG import clearance through a Central Coordination Committee (CCC);
- Fast-tracking the implementation of TPA

Unbundling the Sui companies' transmission and distribution operations to level the playing field;

Improving demand forecasting and reducing Unaccounted-for-Gas (UFG) losses through targeted three-year plans. Speaking on the launch of the report,

Chairman CCP, Dr. Kabir Ahmed Sidhu, noted, "This research aims to catalyze policy discussions and support reforms that foster open access, enhance private sector participation, and ensure sustainable energy security. Competition is central to unlocking efficiency and innovation in Pakistan's LNG market."

The study further draws lessons from global jurisdictions, notably Japan, highlighting the importance of gradual liberalization, unbundling infrastructure ownership, and ensuring

The full report is available for download at www.cc.gov.pk. Stakeholders and the public are encouraged to share their feedback with CCP's Research Department at research@

Special Assistant For Price Control Salma Butt Visits Various Areas of Johar Town

S Commerce Desk

LAHORE,: On the directions of

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, the crackdown on profiteers has been further intensified. Special Assistant for Price Control Salma Butt visited different areas of Johar Town along with the district administration and Para Force. During the inspection of vegetable and chicken shops, 11 shops were sealed, their owners were arrested, and several others were fined. On the occasion, the Special Assistant for Price Control stated that those looting the public further added that officers have will be strictly dealt with. She said that no one will be allowed to manipulate weighing scales or artificially inflate prices of markets).



on the Chief Minister's instructions, the monitoring of vegetable, chicken, and flour prices has been tightened. Salma Butt also been assigned duties to ensure quality control of items in the Sahulat Bazaars (fair price

Pakistan Hotels Association holds 61st Annual General Meeting

KARACHI: The Pakistan Hotels Asso-Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Karachi Marriott Hotel. The meeting was attended by a large number of members, office bearers, and executive committee representatives, both in person and via

The session was chaired by Mr. Shakir Abu Bakar Bhura, Chairman PHA, along with Barrister Mansoor Ali Shah, Vice Chairman (South), and Mr. Raza Abbas, Executive Committee Member.

The agenda included confirmation of by the Ministry of Commerce. the previous AGM minutes, presentation of the Chairman's Report for the year 2024–25, approval of the audited accounts, appointment of auditors for the year 2026, and consideration of amendments to the Association's Memorandum and Articles of Association in compliance with recent regulatory requirements.

Members unanimously approved the ciation (PHA) successfully held its 61st Audited Accounts for the year ending Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 30, 2025, and confirmed the reappointment of M/s. Sajid & Co., Chartered Accountants as auditors for the financial

The General Body also discussed and unanimously adopted the proposed amendments to the Association's Memorandum and Articles of Association in line with the DGTO Circular of May 2, 2025, requiring alignment with the Trade Organizations Act, 2013, Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, and SRO 525(1)/2016 issued

In his address, Chairman Shakir Bhura welcomed members and expressed appreciation for their active participation. He also highlighted PHA's continued efforts to promote and protect the interests of Pakistan's hospitality sector, strengthen industry standards, and work closely with stakeholders and government bodies on







vote of thanks to the Chairman, and appreciation for the support and hospitality Marriott Hotel. The meeting concluded with a formal

4th Chief of Naval Staff All Pakistan Hockey Tournament 2025 Concludes at Lahore





Sports Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Navy won the 4th Hockey Tournament 2025. The final score of 6-5, while Mari Energies and appreciated the efforts of the tourna-

Pakistan Air Force secured second and third positions, respectively.

An impressive closing ceremony Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan was held at the National Hockey Stadium, Lahore. Chief of the Naval was played between Pakistan Navy Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf graced and Mari Energies, in which Paki- the occasion as the chief guest. He stan Navy emerged victorious with a congratulated the winning team and

ment organizers, Commander Central Punjab, Punjab Sports Board, Pakistan Hockey Federation, various sponsors, and media partners for the successful conduct and projection of the event. He expressed hope that the tournament would contribute to rekindling public interest in the national game and urged public and

for its revival.

The chief guest distributed team and individual prizes among the winners and outstanding performers. Zakria Hayat from Pakistan Navy was declared the best player of the tournament, while Ahmed Nadeem and Abdullah Ishtiaq from Mari Energies

private organizations to come forward were adjudged the best scorer and best goalkeeper, respectively.

The ten-day-long tournament was held from 25 Sep to 4 Oct 2025 at the National Hockey Stadium, Lahore. A total of eight teams from across the country, including Pakistan Army, Pakistan Navy, Pakistan Air Force, Mari Energies, Rangers, Police, Port

Qasim Authority, and National Bank of Pakistan, participated. The tournament aimed to promote the national game of hockey, which has been in decline for over two decades.

A large number of civil and military dignitaries, former Olympians, students, and hockey enthusiasts

Federal Secretary Wani Tours Blind Sports Training Camp

跨 Aziz ur Rehman Mujahid

ISLAMABAD: Federal Secretary for Inter-Provincial Coordination, Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, visited the Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad yesterday, where he reviewed the training camp organized by the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation in connection with the upcoming Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship. On this occasion, Senator Dinesh Kumar, President of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation Mr. Waqas Warraich, Shahzad Javed, Mr. Aziz-ur-Rehman Mujahid, Mr. Ajeet Kumar, and other officials warmly welcomed him. Mr. Wani met the players at the camp, observed their training sessions, and received a detailed briefing from the coaches regarding their performance. He stated that despite limited resources, the Pakistan to serving athletes. He further said that. international level, and for this purpose, every possible facility is being provided.

The Secretary of Inter-Provincial Coordination added, "We assure you that no sport will be neglected, whether



Sports Board is fully committed to the rights and resources to all sports remains suggestion, Federal Secretary Mohyuddin receive such attention and patronage at promotion of sports in the country and the foremost priority of the Pakistan Wani agreed and assured that the Pakithe government's desire is for Pakistani Dinesh Kumar particularly emphasized athletes to bring glory to the nation at the that visually impaired athletes deserve greater encouragement and support, as they continue to perform remarkably well despite limited resources. He said that the Pakistan Sports Board needs to take special measures for these players so it belongs to the mainstream or to differthat they can raise Pakistan's flag high in Warraich, thanked the Federal Secrethe athletes and a positive development

Asia-Pacific Goalball Championship. performance on the world stage." He also expressed hope that the athletes would, through their hard work, dedication inspected different sections of the tion, and passion, deliver an outstanding training camp and also took group photoperformance in this international event. graphs with the players. The visit is being ently-abled athletes. Providing equal global competitions. Responding to this tary and said, "It is our good fortune to for the Federation.

Sports Board On the occasion Senator stan Blind Sports Federation will be not let this opportunity on to waste and given full patronage in the upcoming will make Pakistan proud with their best

> At the end of the visit, the delega-The Federation's President, Mr. Waqas regarded as a source of encouragement for

Pakistan vs South Africa Test. T-20 and One Day Cricket Matches

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Pakistan Cricket Board Official Confirmed The Lanka's Ranjan Madugalle will officiate as match referee for the upcoming ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 matches and whiteball series between Pakistan and South Africa, scheduled from 12 October to 8 November.

The first Test will be played at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore from 12 to 16 October. Australia's Rodney Tucker, a member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires will serve as an on-field umpire alongside New Zealand's Christopher Brown, who is part of the ICC Emerging Umpires

Bangladesh's Saikat Sharfuddoula, also from the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires,

will perform the duties of third umpire, while Pakistan's Faisal Khan Afridi from the ICC International Panel of Umpires will act as fourth umpire.

For the second Test,

to be played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium from 20 to 24 October, Chris-

topher Brown will be joined by Saikat the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. Sharfuddoula as on-field umpires, while Rodney Tucker will officiate as third umpire. Rashid Riaz, from the ICC International Panel of Umpires, will serve as fourth umpire.

In the first T-20 on 28 October at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium,



Umpires Group) will be joined by Rashid Riaz Afridi as third umpire fourth umpire. and Tariq Rasheed as same team of officials T-20 on 31 October at

For the third T-20 to be played at the same venue on 1 November, Rashid Riaz and Faisal Khan Afridi will serve as on-field umpires, with Asif Yaqoob as third umpire and Tariq Rasheed as fourth

For the three ODIs at the Iqbal

Stadium, Faisalabad, Saikat Sharfud-Yaqoob (ICC Emerging doula and Asif Yaqoob will officiate as on-field umpires for the first ODI on 4 November, while England's Alex Wharf, a as on-field umpires, member of the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires with Faisal Khan will be third umpire, with Rashid Riaz as

Alex Wharf and Ahsan Raza (both fourth umpire. The from the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires) will officiate as on-field umpires together will oversee the second for the first time in the series during the second One Day International Match. Saikat Sharfuddoula and Rashid Riaz will perform the duties of third and fourth

umpires, respectively. For the third and final One Day International Saikat Sharfuddoula and Faisal Khan Afridi will serve as on-field umpires, Alex Wharf will be third umpire, while Rashid Riaz will act as fourth umpire.

Muslim High School Cricket Team Multan Beat Zakaria Public School By 10 Wickets

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: Pakistan Cricket Board Talent Hunt Program. Muslim High School Kalma Chowk Successful. In the match played under the ongoing PCB Talent Hunt Program for School organized by the Pakistan Cricket Board, Zakaria Public School Multan scored 107 runs for the loss of all players while playing first. Syed Muslim Abbas scored 35 and Abrar Nadeem scored 15 runs. From Muslim School Kalma Chowk, Ahmed Hassan Khilji and Furqan Ali Sabir took three wickets each, while Muhammad Faheem Abdul Rehman and Shahzeb Sajid took one wicket each. Later, playing, Muslim School Kalma Chowk easily achieved the desired target without any loss. Rao Ali Haider scored 58 and Shehryar Abbas scored 42 runs. Furqan Ali Sabir was the man of the match. Bilal Hanif, Muhammad Asif, Junior Umpires, Junaid Iqbal was the scorer. Today, the match will be played between Government Pilot School and Beacon House Multan at MCG, while Multan Public School and College and Government High School Bheeni will be played at Sports Ground.

Pakistan outplays Thailand, secures 5th place in ATF Intercontinental C'ships

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan 12 & Under team defeated Thailand 2-1 in the ATF 12 & under Intercontinental Team Competition 2025 at Shymkent, Kazakhstan, to secure an impressive 5th place out of 12 of the world's top tennis nations



The Thailand team had defeated Pakistan in the finals of the ATF 12 & under Team Competition, Singapore in August 2025, but now Pakistan took revenge on Thailand, said a press release.

The tournament featured strong teams from Australia, Africa (CAT), China, Chinese Taipei, South America (COSAT), Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Korea, New Zealand, Pacific Oceania, Pakistan, and Thailand.

The Pakistan team underwent an intensive training camp at the PTF Complex under Captain Muhammad Abid, and physiology classes were also arranged for the team for their mental strength before going to Kazakhstan.

The team's journey began in May 2025 in Sri Lanka, where they won the ATF 12 & Under South Asia Regional Team Championship by beating India in the semifinal and Indonesia in the final, qualifying for the Asian Finals in Singapore held in August 2025, where they achieved a commendable 6th place, earning their spot in this prestigious intercontinental event for

Both in Sri Lanka and Singapore, the team was led by Captain Muhammad Nameer Shamsi, who played a pivotal role in preparing the team. In 2024, the squad also underwent a one-month training camp in Kazakhstan, which helped sharpen their skills for these high-level competitions.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, President of the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF), congratulated the team and said, "The Pakistan team has played outstanding tennis throughout the tournament, competing against the top junior teams from around the world.

Pakistan eye historic win over India in highstakes Women's World Cup clash

Sports Desk

The ICC ISLAMABAD: Women's Cricket World Cup much-anticipated fixture between India and Pakistan is scheduled to take place on Sunday (tomorrow) at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The much-awaited encounter will not only add another chapter to the storied Indo-Pak rivalry but also offer Pakistan a chance to rewrite history, as they have never beaten Indian women in

The pre-match discussions have been dominated by questions surrounding whether the two sides will shake hands — a symbolic gesture that has recently become a point of contention.

The match, set to be played in Sri Lanka instead of Indian soil, has drawn heightened attention following the remarks of Indian sports journalist Boria Majumdar, who claimed on social media platform 'X' that there would be no handshake between the two teams before or

after the game. His statement has reignited the

debate about the tense cricketing relations between the two neighbouring nations, which have long been influenced by broader political and diplomatic strains.

This upcoming fixture will mark the sixth match of the ongoing Women's World Cup.

Both teams are preparing intensely for the encounter, which is scheduled to begin at 3 pm local

The game's venue in Sri Lanka was chosen as a neutral ground amid ongoing restrictions on bilateral sporting ties between India and Pakistan.

handshake stems from the recent Asia Cup 2025, where the two sides met three times

During that tournament, Indian players were seen avoiding physical contact with Pakistani players, refraining from handshakes both before and after the matches.

India went on to win the Asia Cup for a record ninth time, defeating Pakistan by five wickets in the final played on September

Given the tense backdrop of

The discussion around the Operation Sandur-related developments, the forthcoming World Cup encounter is being viewed as

more than just a cricket match. Fans and analysts alike are curious to see whether sportsmanship will transcend political undertones this time or if the symbolic handshake will again be skipped, reflecting the strained

relations between the two teams. Women's Cricket World Cup 2025: India vs Pakistan squads

India cricket team: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana (vc), Pratika Rawal, Harleen the Asia Cup and the aftermath of Deol, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Sana (c), Muneeba Ali Siddiqui Akhtar



Ghosh, Uma Chetry, Renuka Singh Thakur, Deepti Sharma, Sneh Rana, Sree Charani, Radha Yaday, Amanjot Kaur, Arundhati Rameen Shamim, Sadaf Shamas, Reddy, Kranti Gaud Reserves: Tejal Hasabnis, Prema Rawat, Priya Mishra, Minnu Mani,

Sayali Satghare Pakistan cricket team: Fatima

(vc), Aliya Riaz, Diana Baig, Eyman Fatima, Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Omaima Sohail, Sadia Iqbal, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz, Syeda Aroob Shah. Reserves: Gull Feroza, Najiha Alvi, Tuba Hassan, Umm-e-Hani, Waheeda

The Spokesman

Group photo

RIYADH: Federal Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja visits GO telecommunications group in Riyadh, discussions held on collaboration in infrastructure, artificial intelligence and talent hub on Saturday.



Any Indian aggression to face 'swift, decisive and destructive' response: ISPR

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's military on Saturday warned that any Indian aggression would be met with a "swift, decisive and destructive" response, following "provocative and jingoistic" statements from senior Indian defence officials.

In a strongly worded statement, the Inter-Services Public establishment posed a serious in the region. threat to regional peace and aggression."

statements coming from the highest levels of the Indian security establishment. These irresponsible statements indicate a renewed attempt at fabricating arbitrary pretexts for aggression — a prospect which might lead to serious consequences for peace and stability in South Asia," the statement said.

"For decad cate arbitrary pretexts for stan in a negative light, while neighbours close to war. stoking violence and perpe-



The ISPR said that India now the world recognises India Relations (ISPR) said the has been "playing the victim as the true face of cross-border remarks from India's security card" while stoking violence terrorism and the epicentre of regional instability," it added.

The statement recalled stability, adding that they benefitted from playing the earlier hostilities that had and Air Chiefs, we caution that myth of geographic immunity, reflected an "attempt to fabri-victim card and painting Paki-brought both nuclear-armed a future conflict might lead to hitting the farthest reaches of

"We have noted with grave trating terrorism in South Asia aggression against Pakistan is triggered, Pakistan shall not the map, India must know concern the delusional, and beyond. This narrative has brought two nuclear powers hold back. We shall resolutely that if the situation comes, the

However, India seems to have or restraint.' forgotten the wreckage of its fighter jets and the wrath of Pakistan's long-range vectors. Suffering from collective stan has established a new amnesia, India now seems to be aching for the next round of

confrontation." The military spokesman also issued a stark warning over recent comments by India's defence minister and top military leadership.

The ISPR said those "seeking to establish a new normal must know that Pakinormal of response, which will be swift, decisive and destructive."

"In the face of unwarranted threats and reckless aggression, the people and the Armed Forces of Pakistan have the capability and resolve to take "In the face of highly provoc- the fight to every nook and ative statements of the Indian corner of the enemy's territory. Defence Minister and its Army This time we shall shatter the cataclysmic devastation. In the Indian territory. As for the "Earlier this year, the Indian case a fresh round of hostilities talk of erasing Pakistan from provocative and jingoistic been sufficiently debunked and to the brink of a major war. respond, without any qualms erasure will be mutual."

PPP's Nisar Khuhro takes swipe at Punjab CM's remarks on canals issue

跨 City Desk

President Senator Nisar Maryam Nawaz's remarks about the contentious canals constitutional forum. issue by terming it a violation

and PML-N government the Punjab government Punjab started over flood disclose the aid provided to between Punjab and Sindh, was denied at the CCI after compensation and water flood victims. The six-ca- which are governed by the protests following the initiarights on the Indus River as nals project had turned out PML-N and PPP, respective's launch by CM Maryam

leadership to keep its advice to itself. In a statement issued ISLAMABAD: PPP Sindh on Saturday, the PPP senator said her remarks regarding Khuhro on Saturday criti- the controversial canal project cized Punjab Chief Minister were a violation of the CCI's decision and an insult to the

The PPP demanded that of the decision made by the PML-N President Nawaz Council of Common Inter- Sharif take notice of her remarks and clarify the party's The diatribe between PPP policy. It also demanded that





CM Maryam told the PPP to be a cause of contention tively. Approval for the project and Chief of Army Staff Field

Marshal Asim Munir.

The CCI has already rejected and buried the controversial canal project, reiterated the PPP leader. Khuhro said Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz was not above the CCI's constitutional forum and Maryam Nawaz holds no standing alone against the CCI. He said it was the CCI's unanimous decision that no canal project would be built until all provinces agreed, adding that Sindh would not accept the project under any circum-

President Abbas commends President Trump's announcement on ending the war in Gaza

RAMALLAH: President Mahmoud Abbas welcomed U.S President Donald Trump's announcement on ending the war in Gaza and proceeding with detailed negotiations, in response to Hamas's positive statements.

"We welcome these statements as they signal a willingness to release all hostages and adopt a constructive approach during this critical stage, which requires everyone to exercise the highest level of national responsibility," the President said.

the significant efforts made by Presi-Strip and move toward lasting peace. ance with international law. He also extended his thanks to the Arab and Islamic countries that are making us now is an immediate commitment

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, the all hostages and prisoners, the urgent to ensure the success of these efforts, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan).

President Abbas affirmed Palestine's

readiness to work constructively with US President Trump from this moment, and with all concerned partners, the co-chairs of the International Peace Conference in New York, the heads of the working groups, the

Arab member of the Security Council, Algeria, and all members of the Secu-He reiterated his appreciation for rity Council and the members of the General Assembly, to achieve stability dent Trump to end the war in the Gaza and a lasting and just peace in accord-

He also stressed, "What matters to

delivery of humanitarian aid through UN organizations, ensuring the prevention of displacement or annexation, and

the commencement of the reconstruction process."

In this context, the President said, "Sovereignty over the Gaza Strip belongs to the State of Palestine, and the connection between the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip must be achieved through Palestinian laws and governmental institutions, through a Palestinian administrative committee and unified Palestinian security forces, within the framework of a single system and law, and with Arab and international support."

"The Presidency will continue to work the peoples of the region.

efforts in this regard (the Kingdom of to a complete ceasefire, the release of with relevant mediators and partners leading to the achievement of a lasting peace that ends the Israeli occupation of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its

He reminded "the international community of its responsibility to compel Israel to cease all its unilateral measures that violate international law, foremost among which are halting settlement activity and settler terrorism, attacks on holy sites, and the

withholding of Palestinian tax revenues." President Abbas further affirmed that an independent, sovereign Palestinian state is a natural partner for stability in the region, alongside Israel, and that the time has come for a lasting peace that guarantees security and justice for all

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Muqam thanks for successful dialogue with JAAC



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Engineer Amir Muqam has thanked all stakeholders and the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) for playing an effective role for resolving the issue of AJK and the strike was lifted after the agreement was signed.

The Minister acknowledged that "Thanks God that both sides played a positive role". The desire of the enemy, especially India, to have bloodshed in Kashmir will never be fulfilled, he added.

Today's successful event have enough proof that every problem can be resolved through unity, tolerance, and dialogue.

ECP seeks monitoring of intra-party elections of political parties

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Election Commission of Pakistan has sought powers to monitor intra-party elections of political parties and in this respects ECP has sent proposed draft for amendments to Election Act to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Amendments were proposed in Sections 202, 208, 209 and 215 of Election Act. The Election of these elections will depend on the Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has monitoring team's report.

requested the authority to intervene in the internal affairs of political parties.

According to details surfaced on Saturday, the electoral watchdog has submitted recommendations to the federal government and parliament concerning political parties. The ECP will appoint a monitoring team for the intra-party elections of each political party. The recognition

FC holds Grand Khyber Jirga in Peshawar



₿ Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: A Grand Khyber Jirga was held under the auspices of Frontier Constabulary (FC) Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa (KP) North in Peshawar, The Jirga was held at Qila Bala Hisar Peshawar in which tribal leaders and influential personalities were present.

The participants of the Jirga exchanged their views on current and prosperity of Pakistan.

challenges and the law and order

The participants agreed to continue consultation on the national interest to promote harmony.

The Jirga paid glowing tributes to the sacrifices rendered by security forces in the fight against terrorism. At the end of the Jirga, the participants prayed for the development

PIA to resume UK flights from October 25



Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has officially announced the resumption of its flights to the United Kingdom, under which two flights a week will be operated from Islamabad to Manchester in the first phase from October 25.

According to a PIA spokesperson, the flights will operate on Saturdays and Tuesdays. The flight will depart Islamabad at 12pm and arrive in Manchester at 5pm.

The return flight will leave Manchester at 7pm and reach Islamabad at 7am the following day.

The spokesperson stated that "the initial phase will begin with flights

to London and Birmingham in the second phase".

Booking for these flights has already opened, with highly competitive fares introduced for passengers.

"Now our compatriots will be able to reach their destination in just 8 hours instead of 15 hours. Our mission is to provide passengers with comfortable and modern travel facilities," the spokesperson added.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif also announced on Saturday that PIA will resume two weekly flights to the UK starting October 25.

In a post on the social media platform X, he said, "Alhamdulillah, starting October 25, two weekly flights from Islamabad to Manchester to Manchester, followed by services will commence."