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IHC dismisses contempt case against ex-GB CJ over Panama Papers affidavit

ccording to details, the IHC had taken up the case related to Rana Shamim's alleged affidait, in which he reportedly made statements in favour of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, which was published by journalist Ansar Abbasi in a national newspaper. IHC Chief Justice Sarfraz Dogar heard the case on Monday. Former CJ Rana Shamim did not appear in court.

Breast cancer awareness campaign highlights importance of early detection

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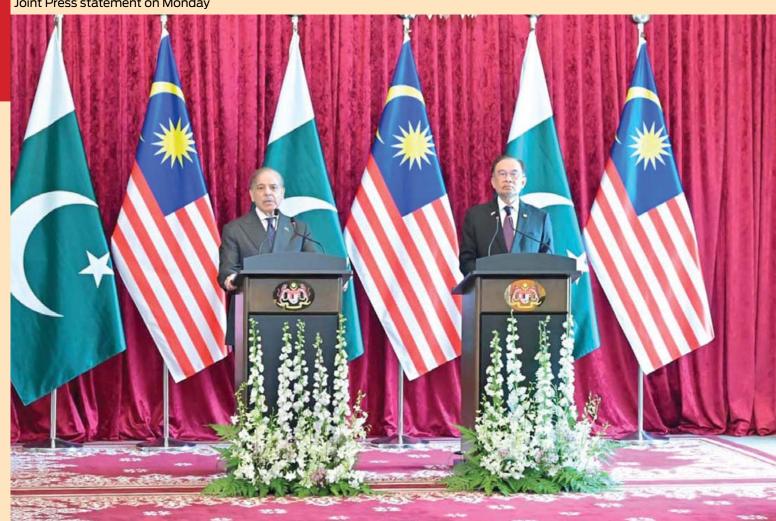




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Joint Press conference

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim giving



Shehbaz Sharif, Anwar Ibrahim agree to explore avenues for investment, joint ventures

Spokesman Report

KUALA LUMPUR: Pakistan and Malaysia expressed satisfaction on Monday regarding the steady progress in bilateral cooperation, and agreed to continue working together to explore new avenues for collaboration, including investment and joint ventures in multiple sectors.

The bilateral ties and cooperation were discussed in a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Malaysian counter-

During the meeting, both leaders agreed to continue exploring new avenues for collaboration in key sectors such as information technology, telecommunications, the Halal industry, automotive, connectivity, green energy, electrical and electronic manufacturing, tourism, higher education, climate change, and

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who is on a three-day official visit meeting, expressed their satisfacpart Anwar Ibrahim at his office, to Malaysia, was received with an tion with the ongoing progress in

A smaller group meeting followed, before the delegation-level talks between the two countries, under the leadership of the two prime ministers.

The prime minister thanked his Malaysian counterpart for the exceptionally warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him and members of his delegation.

The two leaders, during their "highly constructive and fruitful"

namely Perdana Putra in Kuala official welcome ceremony upon bilateral relations since Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's visit to Pakistan in October 2024.

> They reaffirmed their shared commitment to further strengthening economic and trade ties, with particular focus on expanding cooperation in key

> Both leaders had a detailed exchange of views on the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and reaffirmed their shared commitment to further expand Pakistan-Malaysia cooperation, with particular focus on further

strengthening economic and

Both sides also agreed to enhance the quota of halal meat export from Pakistan to Malaysia to \$200 million.

They also noted that Pakistan's rice exports to Malaysia had exceeded expectations, surpassing their agreed quotas.

In addition to their bilateral talks, the two leaders held extensive discussions on major regional and international issues, including the situation in the Middle East.

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Lt Gen Asim Malik to continue as DG ISI



Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Director General of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Lieutenant General Asim Malik, will continue to serve in his position despite his scheduled retirement on October 4. The decision effectively extends his tenure as the head of Pakistan's premier intelligence agency. A private channel reported on

Sources close to the development revealed that Lt Gen Malik, who was due to retire on October 4, has been asked to continue his responsibilities as DG ISI for the time being.

Asim Malik also holds the portfolio of Pakistan's tenth National Security Advisor

Lt Gen Asim Malik, a senior military officer with exten-

sive experience in operational command, was appointed as the DG ISI in September 2024 to oversee one of the most critical institutions responsible for national security, counterterrorism, and strategic intelligence operations.

His tenure has been marked by efforts to strengthen internal security mechanisms and enhance coordination among various intelligence and law enforcement agencies. The reported extension

suggests continuity in key intelligence leadership at a time when Pakistan faces complex regional security challenges. The move is being viewed

as a sign of confidence in Lt Gen Malik's performance and leadership by the country's top military command.

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Moscow Format of Consultations on Afghanistan meeting held

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: On October 6, in Moscow – on the eve of the seventh meeting of the Moscow Format of Consultations on Afghanistan (MFC) - another meeting was held between the special representatives of the countries of the regional quartet (Russia, China, Iran, and Pakistan).

Zamir Kabulov, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Afghanistan, took part in the event on behalf of the Russian Side.

contact group of the MFC. their discussions on substan- attend.

October 7 session of the Moscow Format of Consultations on Afghanistan, including the drafting of the final document.

Meanwhile, Muhammad Sadiq Khan, Pakistan's Special Representative on Afghanistan and also Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) and State Minister, departed for Moscow on Sunday to participate in high-level discussions on Afghanistan.

For the first time, Afghanistan will be formally welcomed as a member country in this The quartet acts as the format and Afghanistan's acting Foreign Minister, Amir The participants focused Khan Muttaqi, is expected to

Safe evacuation of **Senator Mushtaq likely** in couple of days: FO Spokesperson



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through its Embassy in Amman, is working tirelessly to secure the safe evacuation of former Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan who was illegally detained by the Israeli occupying forces.

In response to media inquiries concerning Pakistani nationals aboard the Sumud flotilla, the Foreign Office Spokesperson, in a statement, said "With invaluable assistance of the Jordanian govern-

ment, we are hopeful that the process can be successfully concluded within the next couple of days".

We are deeply grateful to the brotherly government of Jordan for their exemplary cooperation and generous support," the spokesperson

Law Minister Tarar sees amicable resolution of PPP-PML-N differences

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Law Monday expressed optimism that current differences between the resolved in an amicable manner. mate right.

Responding to Sherry

weather cools, so do the emotions. Authority (IRSA) according to I'm optimistic that relations will

improve." He urged the opposition and Justice Azam Nazir Tarar on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) not to be overjoyed on strained ties between the PPP and PML-N, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and saying political difference was a Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz normal phenomenon in a democ-(PML-N) would eventually be racy where protest was a legiti-

He assured that water distribu-Rehman's speech in the Senate, tion among provinces was being Tarar said, "As Islamabad's managed by Indus River System

established criteria. Tarar added that President Asif Ali Zardari had taken cognizance of the issue, while Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif were committed to reconciliation.

He said the recent deluge was a natural calamity, while climate change remained a global challenge — one in which Pakistan had no direct role, yet continued

ment had allocated a substantial rivers, he added.

to suffer its devastating conse- amount to compensate victims quences. The Punjab govern- affected by flooding in three major

PML-N fails to woo, PPP lawmakers stage walk out of Senate session

tors staged walk out of Senate also requested PPP lawmakers He said flood victim were waiting for PDMA. session on Monday after tearing and PML-N to settle their issues the copies of the agenda despite amicably. the repeated requests of PML-N

lawmakers not to do so.

and Amir Chisti failed to woo and both parties have failed to ended. He said PTI government should be set up in flood hit PPP lawmakers. National

PTI Senator Ali Zafar addressing the session said two PML-N Senators Anusha ruling parties PPP and PML-N Rehman, Senator Afan Ullah are fighting for personal interests down and wheat stocks have immediately and mobile clinics

take radical measures for provifor the help, many facing hunger and extreme poverty but PPP and PML-N lawmakers were enjoying perks and privileges. He said Pasco has been shut

will build food stocks and over-ISLAMABAD: PPP Sena- Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq sion of relief to the flood victims. come food shortages and funds He said it was need of the hour

that government announces subsidy in seeds and fertilizers. Senator Ali Zafar demanded that the dams should be repaired

During PTI Senator's speech,

PML-N lawmakers stages protest demonstration. Law Minister Azam Nazir Tarar raises questions on the performance of the KP government.

NA proceedings adjourned till Thursday due to lack of quorum

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Sardar Attique blames Indian aggression for renewed Kashmir Conflict, calls for UN Action

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Former AJK premier and President of All Jammu a Kashmir Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has expressed that aggression by the Indian army, extrajudicial killings, demolition of homes and gross violations of human rights have once again plunged the region into the crossfire.

Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan urged the international community, especially the UN, OIC, human rights



ties to Take notice and take practical steps to encourage self-determination of the Kashmiri people. They said that the silence of world powers is reinforcing the injustice, while the oppressed people of occupied Kashmir are making a new history of sacrifices. is a fundamental human rights issue, the just solution of which ensures lasting peace in South Asia. PML-N as the founding party of the freedom movement is aware of the historical responsibilities of Kashmir and the over this tragic tragedy.

organizations and Islamic authori- shoulders of the Kashmiri people are on every front of the freedom struggle.

Meanwhile, President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan Expressed deep sorrow at the death.

They said that the sudden death of the young son is an irreparable tragedy, which has grieved the hearts of all believers. He said that the entire Muslim Conference shares in the grief of Syed Pervez Gilani and his family

Heavy rain falls

LAHORE: Bikers tried their best to have a protection gear for their self and children during rain fall at pack up time of school in Provincial Capital.



Photo: Online

Assistant Collector Syed Ammar Akhtar leads massive antismuggling raid in Faisalabad

👺 Bureau Report

FAISALABAD: Under the supervision of Syed Ammar Akhtar, Assistant Collector Customs, Superintendent Syed Imran Shah along with his team seized ladies suiting cloth with a total weight of 3970 kilograms and a case value of about Rs 15.0 million from various operations in Faisalabad. The value of the exported goods is about Rs 25 million. According to the inspection report of vehicle number FDS1242, the seized goods include almonds without peel and

shells, cashew nuts, black pepper, figs, Bukhara potatoes with a detailed value of Rs 25 million, 70 rolls of polyester fabric, worth about Rs 8.75 million, have been seized.

On this occasion, Collector Malik Taimur Kamal has appreciated the timely actions of Assistant Collector Customs Syed Ammar Akhtar and Faisalabad Customs to stop the smuggling of essential goods. Faisalabad Customs is committed to ending the scourge of smuggling and will continue its anti-smuggling operations across the region.



PML Nawaz Benevolent Government is Violating Democratic Traditions: Makhdoom Ahmed



Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: In a joint statement key leaders of Pakistan Peoples Party South Punjab have strongly criticized the PML-N, especially the Chief Minister Punjab and Maryam Nawaz, calling the current government "benevolent, deceitful and anti-democratic".

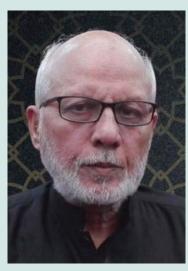
In their joint statement, the party leaders, including South Punjab Chief Coordinator Abdul Qadir Shaheen, Senior Vice President Khawaja Rizwan Alam, District General Secretary Bahawalnagar Rana Muhammad Intizar and District General Secretary from Multan Rao Sajid Ali, said that Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, President Asif Ali Zardari and the dedicated workers of the PPP have always built a lead wall against oppression and oppression. Whether it was General Zia's martial law or Musharraf's dictatorship, we did not bow our heads. Even today, if we are being threatened with breaking our fingers or legs, remember that the PPP is not one of those who bow down.

The PPP leadership said that the current Punjab government is only busy with slogans, advertisements and political drama. Maryam Nawaz and her colleagues are trying to revive the revenge politics of the 90s, which is not only regrettable but also dangerous for democracy.

The statement said that we believe that withdrawing the security of Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gilani and his sons is the worst example of political revenge. If any untoward incident happens to them, the full responsibility will fall on the current Punjab government.

Chehlum, Fatiha Khawani of Veteran Journalist Munawar Naqvi held in Karachi

👺 Bureau Report



KARACHI: The Chehlum and Fateha Khawani of the late Syed Munawar Hussain Naqvi, one of Pakistan's most senior and respected journalists, were held on Sunday at Imam Bargah Yasrab, Phase IV, DHA Karachi. The veteran journalist had passed away in Islamabad on August 31, 2025. The solemn ceremony was organized by his son Muhammad Abbas Naqvi (Shani) and his brother Manzar Naqvi, Executive Editor of The Financial Daily International. Allama Sved Ammar

Ali Shah Naqvi, Trustee of

Shah-e-Najaf Imambargah Martin Road, delivered an insightful address during the Majlis-e-Chehlum, reflecting on the moral and spiritual values that define a purposeful human life. He emphasized the importance of sincerity, humility, and service to humanity qualities that, he noted, were deeply embodied in the life and character of Syed Munawar Hussain Naqvi.

Renowned Marsiya Khawan Syed Masood Rizvi recited a hearttouching Marsiya, while famous poets of Farsh-e-Aza — Abbas Naqvi, Kamal Amrohvi, and Maisam Naqvi Amrohvi — presented soulful Salam and Noha in tribute to the departed soul. Senior journalist Qaisar Masood Jafri and Amir Kazmi of Fizza Multimedia also spoke briefly about the late journalist's remarkable career, his dedication to truth, and his unwavering journalistic integrity.

The event was attended by several distinguished personalities, including Mubasher Mir, President Karachi Editors Club; Aqeel Jafri, senior advertising professional; Iqbal Jamil, veteran sports journalist and PTV Sports personality; Brigadier Karar Hussain; G. H. Thaver, senior banking professional; Ali Zeb, Senior Vice President National Bank of Pakistan; former Ambassador Hassan Habib; and corporate lawyer Shaharyar Zaidi, along with many other notable figures from different walks of life. They joined together to pay tribute and express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Family members, including his son Muhammad Abbas Naqvi and brother Manzar Naqvi, personally received condolences from friends, colleagues, and well-wishers.

MultiCrore Kharian Road Project Turns Hazardous After Builder **Abandons Site**

Mar Chohan

Leaving Road Work Incomplete in village. The drains, which were prom-Kharian's Santpura Road, Residents Suffer. Who will take notice of the poor construction of the new carpet road has been named Chaudhry Faisal Ishaq Road? The road, built at a cost of crores spent on its construction has gone to waste due to corruption.

A contractor has allegedly fled after paid. leaving a road construction project incomplete on the Mohri Road to Santpura Road link, causing severe difficulties for local residents and raising questions about the use of public funds.

Commuters and residents are the substandard and unfinished work. A major safety hazard exists on both sides of the road, where soil has not been properly filled. This makes it back onto the road if even one tire slips

reported to be non-standard and inconmeasuring 6 feet in some places and cated elsewhere.

shrinking to less than 2 feet in others. Furthermore, the contractor has left KHARIAN: Contractor Flees After gaps in the drainage system within the ised to be 4 feet wide, are now vulnerable to damage and collapse.

A central allegation raised by the from Kotha Gujran to Santpura, which community is the apparent lack of oversight from the Highways Department. It is claimed that no department official of rupees, is telling the story of its own has ever visited the site to inspect the misery. Perhaps most of the money multi-million rupee project since the road was built. Despite the poor quality of work, the full project cost has been

Officials of the Highways Department have been accused of being absent and avoiding their duties. The SDO, Abdul Rehman Ghuman, is reported to prefer staying in his air-conditioned office in Gujrat and has consistently been facing significant challenges due to unavailable for site monitoring, despite repeated contact attempts. Locals report that when pressed, he claims to be "in the field" but remains unreachable.

The community has made a formal nearly impossible for a vehicle to get appeal to the higher authorities. They demand immediate notice be taken against the contractor's negligence and The road's construction itself is the officials responsible for the lack of supervision. They have also suggested sistent. The central part of the road is 12 that if the officials are unwilling to serve feet wide, but the sides vary drastically, in Kharian, the office should be relo-









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Implementation of ALCR through Community *Policing* **Strategy**

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK:Under the Enforcement Policy," the National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP) has successfully launched a community-based initiative in Beat-03, Faqirabad, which falls under Zone N-5 North, Sector North-1. The campaign aims to ensure strict enforcement of the Axle Load Control Regime (ALCR) through a comprehensive community policing strategy.

In this regard, local community members, councilors, social workers, and transporters have been actively engaged and encouraged to cooperate in the implementation of the ALCR policy. Several coordination meetings were held with relevant stakeholders, resulting in a consensus to support the mission of the NHMP.

As part of the strategy, ALCR enforcement is being carried out at key checkpoints such as Sanjwal (Kilometer 1601) and Pathar Garh (Kilometer 1589), where strict monitoring and compliance measures have been initiated.

The directives of the NHMP high command have been fully implemented at the ground

Ali Musa Gillani accuses Punjab government of political revenge over political revenue political r security withdrawal

腾 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Member of the National Assembly, Syed Ali Musa Gillani, expressed his views on the Punjab government's unjust treatment.

He said, "We would like to remind our colleagues in the PML-N that the Pakistan Peoples Party holds a strong public mandate in Punjab, especially in South Punjab, where people's trust and support for our leadership remain unshakable. If the PML-N believes it can run the government without our cooperation, they are welcome to try. But we will neither be intimidated, blackmailed, nor silenced. Our values and our party's legacy do not allow us to stoop to the pettiness that has now become routine. We will continue to serve with honesty, tolerance, and



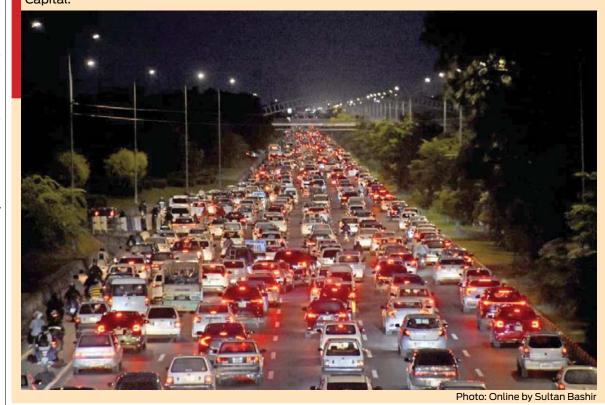
respect—even if others have forgotten what these words mean."

He further stated, "Do we need to remind Chief Minister Punjab, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, that during the PDM movement, when she was holding rallies, it was our PPP members who helped organize them on the ground? Our commitment has always been to democratic cooperation, not division. Even during the PDM days, when the PTI government was in power and I was arrested, our security remained intact. They too understood that this was a matter of protection, not

"My brother, Syed Ali Haider Gillani, was kidnapped by the Taliban, after which, in 2013, the Government of Pakistan provided our family with security personnel. That was not a privilege, but a protective measure recommended by the District Security Committee.

Traffic Jam

ISLAMABAD: A large number of vehicles are stuck in massive traffic jam at Express Way in Federal



AIOU to empower universities nationwide with digital learning infrastructure and expertise

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) intends to collaborate with national universities to advance modern digital learning, recognizing the rapidly growing importance of online education in Pakistan. "The shift toward digital education is transforming higher learning in the country" said Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood during the inaugural session of a five-day training workshop on the ODL (Open and Distance Learning) policy.

Dr. Mahmood added "As a leading institution, AIOU aims to guide universities in adopting modern digital education models and leveraging our state-of-the-art data center, Campus Management System (CMS) and Learning Management System (LMS) to build a cohesive, modern educational ecosystem."

The workshop was organized by AIOU's Directorate of Collaboration and Exchange with support from the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

In his remarks Nasir Shah, Director General of Quality Assurance at HEC



emphasized, "Our goal is not to create degree mills but to promote quality education. Universities need AIOU's guidance and support to successfully implement online education."

The ceremony was also attended by HEC's Deputy Director of Quality Assurance, Dr. Abdullah Anwar, Director General (Scholarships), Ayesha Ikram and AIOU's Director of International Affairs, Dr. Zahid Majeed. Speakers highlighted the importance of the ODL digital learning capabilities nationwide.

policy, its implementation, and its potential to elevate online education standards across Pakistan.

Faculty members, IT experts, and focal persons from Quaid-i-Azam University, International Islamic University, NUST, Bahria University, and COMSATS-25 senior participants in total—are undergoing ODL training. This initiative is expected to significantly enhance the quality of education and strengthen

Suthra Punjab Kamalia provided clean drinking water to flood affected families



📂 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Suthra Punjab Kamalia has continued its humanitarian efforts by ensuring the daily supply of clean drinking water to flood affected families. According to details, Project Manager Mudassir Ehsan and Operations Manager Rab Nawaz Anjum of the Suthra Punjab Kamalia said in a joint statement that Suthra Punjab Kamalia is providing potable water to the flood victims through RO (Reverse Osmosis) plants.

The initiative aims to protect the affected families from waterborne diseases and ensure their access to safe and hygienic drinking water. They further stated that the supply of clean drinking water is being managed on a timely and consistent basis, reflecting the organization's commitment to public health and welfare during the ongoing

The management of Suthra Punjab Kamalia reaffirmed their resolve to continue supporting relief operations until normalcy is restored in all flood hit areas.

Commissioner Faisalabad visits to various sites in TTSingh



👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the administration has intensified efforts to improve public welfare, urban amenities and the overall standard of service delivery across the Faisalabad Division. In this regard, Commissioner Faisalabad Raja Jahangir Anwar paid a detailed visit to various sites in Toba Tek Singh, Kamalia, and Pirmahal tehsils. During his visit, the commissioner inspected the General Bus Stand, Saddar Bazaar, Ganj Shakar Park on Akalwala Road, DHQ Hospital Toba Tek Singh, THQ Hospitals Kamalia and Pirmahal, as well as Fazal Diwan Park Kamalia.

He was briefed by the officers concerned on ongoing development schemes and administrative affairs. At Saddar Bazaar, the commissioner reviewed the post-encroachment beautification plan and said that, in line with Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision, cleanliness, traffic management, lighting, and urban beautification projects were being executed on a priority basis.

The Medical Superintendents and CEO Health Dr. Kashif Nadeem briefed him on the hospitals' performance. Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar said that providing quality healthcare, a clean environment and efficient public services to citizens were among the top priorities of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Naeem Sandhu, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Zeeshan Labbha Masih, Assistant Commissioner Toba Munawar Hussain Kamlana Sial, Assistant Commissioner Kamalia Iqra Nasir, and Assistant Commissioner Pirmahal Zulfiqar Sabir during

Annual Urs celebrations of Sain Kalu Sarkar began at Manser Sharif

👺 Raza Naqvi

ATTOCK: The 70th annual Urs celebrations of Sain Kalu Sarkar began at Manser Sharif with chadar poshi (ceremonial draping of the shrine) and special prayers for the country's peace

According to details, the ceremonies marking the 70th Urs of Sain Kalu Sarkar at Manser Sharif commenced with Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar attending the event and performing the chadar

Sarfaraz Akram, the custodian of the shrine, warmly welcomed Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar. Former Federal Minister Malik Amin Aslam and several other prominent personalities were also present on the occasion.

Participants offered special prayers for the safety, unity, and prosperity of the country.

Dr. Jahangir Mati Leads Massive Flood Relief Drive Across Punjab and Sindh

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Dr. Jahangir Mati has been actively involved in humanitari-His organization, the Jahangir Mati affected populations Group of Companies, along with M. K.

those affected by the floods. Dr. Jahangir Mati with collaborating National Disaster Management been using boats to deliver supplies to

ities to distribute therration bags in is left unattended during this humanflood-affected regions. Recently, 500 ration bags were sent to Sialkot and an efforts, particularly in response to Narowal, each weighing 46 kilograms these efforts, home videos are being the recent floods that have devastated and containing essential items to areas in Punjab and Sindh, Pakistan. meet the basic nutritional needs of the

Dr. Mati's initiatives include not J Group of Industries, has been instru- only the distribution of food but also mental in distributing food rations to ensuring that medical relief and clean drinking water are provided to those in need. The local administration has tions.

itarian crisis [17].

Video Documentation**: As part of created to document the distribution process and the impact of the relief efforts in various regions, including Sindh, Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK). These videos serve to raise awareness and encourage further support for the ongoing relief opera-

The response from the community

Authority (NDMA) and local author- remote areas, ensuring that no family has been positive, with many expressing gratitude for the timely assistance provided. The relief camps set up in various locations are equipped with food supplies, shelter, and medical facilities, ensuring that the needs of the flood victims are adequately met3.

> In summary, Dr. Jahangir Mati's contributions through his companies are making a significant difference in the lives of those affected by the floods in Pakistan, showcasing a strong commitment to community support and disaster relief.



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Agreement between government and the **Joint Awami Action Committee**

he recent agreement struck between the government and the Joint Awami Action Committee in Azad Jammu and Kashmir is being hailed as a victory of peace, but beneath the celebratory slogans lies a story of crisis narrowly averted, mistrust tentatively bridged, and a fragile future that still hangs in the balance. For two days, the region witnessed violent clashes that left lives lost, dozens injured, and an uneasy silence hovering over a population long accustomed to broken promises. When the smoke cleared, Islamabad and Muzaffarabad's leadership sat across the table, producing a pact that on paper reflects a spirit of reconciliation rather than retribution.

The government's decision to compensate the families of those killed, offering them the same monetary benefits as law enforcement agencies, alongside one million rupees for every gunshot victim and guaranteed jobs for the families of the deceased, speaks to an acknowledgement that citizens cannot be treated as expendable collateral in the calculus of power. It is rare in our political culture to see this degree of symmetry between the state and its citizens when it comes to recognising human loss. That in itself is a quiet but significant departure from a past where officialdom often buried its head in bureaucracy while the bereaved buried their dead.

Yet the pact is not without its complications. Registering cases under the Anti-Terrorism Act for the violence that took place is a double-edged sword. While it satisfies the state's need to appear firm against lawlessness, it risks setting a precedent where protest is criminalised under the same rubric as terrorism. Without clear safeguards and transparent judicial commissions, this clause could easily be misused to intimidate political activists and muzzle dissent in the future. The government must resist that temptation if its commitment to dialogue is to mean anything beyond words.

At the heart of this agreement lies a simple truth: the protests in AJK were not just about immediate grievances but about the accumulated frustration of a population that has for years felt ignored. Rising costs, lack of development, and questions about representation have festered too long. By conceding to sit down with the Joint Action Committee and by acknowledging the legitimacy of public concerns, the government under Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has shown that empathy and consultation can achieve what batons and bullets never can. It is, in fact, a demonstration of political maturity that in a volatile region the choice was made to talk rather than to crush.

For now, the people of Azad Kashmir can claim a victory of peace. Whether that peace will last depends not on what was signed, but on what will be delivered.

Israel Hell-bent on Sabotaging Trump's Gaza Peace Plan

Plan has reached a critical moment. Both Israel and Hamas accepted it in principle, but both have already begun to test its limits. The ceasefire meant to stop the killing, the exchange of hostages meant to build trust, and the delivery of humanitarian aid meant to heal the wounds of war are all being delayed or distorted. The President has warned that time is running out, declaring with characteristic clarity that "time is of the essence, or massive bloodshed will follow." His words now hang like a warning over every side that tries to play for advantage rather than peace.

In Gaza, the ceasefire has not brought calm. Instead of an unconditional pause to allow food, medicine, and relief into a starving land, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has linked every lull in fighting to the verified release of hostages. The sequence has been reversed: where aid was meant to come first, it is now held hostage to conditions. Even as Trump praised Israel's "temporary halt" in bombing, the silence of the skies did not last long. The roar of jets and the thud of artillery soon returned. Crossings remain sealed, fuel is scarce, and trucks carrying flour and medicine are stuck behind barriers. The people of Gaza, already broken by war, are paying the price for a strategy that treats compassion as a bargaining chip.

In this sense, Israel and Hamas now stand on opposite slopes of the same mountain. Netanyahu fears that the peace plan could undo his long-cherished project of permanent dominance, while Hamas sees in it a possible lifeline. The plan's success could mean the end

resident Trump's Gaza Peace of Israeli expansionism, the slowing of monitors, and establishment of a temposettlements, and the creation of a monitored Palestinian administration under international supervision — outcomes that threaten Israel's far-right coalition. For Hamas, by contrast, successful implementation could spare its fighters from destruction and allow a gradual political reintegration through regional diplomacy. If Israel's fear is loss of territory, Hamas's fear is extinction.

Donald Trump, the architect of the plan and now its enforcer. He has been watching both sides closely, issuing warnings with unmistakable urgency. "Move fast," he insists, "or massive bloodshed will follow." He has reminded Netanyahu that the continua-

tion of bombing could endanger U.S. strategic ties and warned Hamas that renewed attacks will bring devastating consequences. Unlike the peace brokers of the past, Trump has tied his own credibility to the plan's survival, using both American influence and global pressure to hold the sides accountable.

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The upcoming Monday meeting in Egypt will test whether this vigilance can translate into progress. Representatives from Israel, Hamas, and regional partners will gather to confirm whether the ceasefire is real, whether hostages and prisoners are being exchanged according to schedule, and whether humanitarian routes are open. If these benchmarks are met, the second phase will begin: Israeli withdrawal, deployment of international rary technocratic administration in Gaza. If not, Trump may use economic and diplomatic pressure to penalize non-compliance, while Arab states may withhold reconstruction funding until good faith is proven. It will be a day that decides whether peace takes a step forward or collapses into another round of blame and bloodshed.

Yet the danger looms that if the plan Amid these conflicting motives stands fails, Israel will swiftly point the finger at

Hamas and resume fullscale military operations. Its goal would be not just to defeat Hamas but to eliminate it completely, take permanent control of Gaza and the West Bank, and then pursue a broader territorial expansion toward the east. Such a move would

plunge the entire region into crisis. The United Nations, the United States, and the Muslim world must remain alert to this possibility. No violation, no provocation, no act of resistance from the Palestinian side should provide Israel with the excuse it seeks to dismantle the plan. The world must make clear that the true spoiler of peace will not be allowed to hide behind false accusations.

If this truth reaches Washington, if the American Congress and public come to see that it is Israel — not Hamas — undermining the process, the political ground beneath Tel Aviv could shift. The U.S. might then be compelled to reconsider its unconditional aid and arms support, leaving Israel exposed to the isolation it fears most. Without American protection,

Israel would face immense pressure from every direction — diplomatic, economic, and potentially military. The recent Iranian strike demonstrated the limits of Israeli power when left on its own. Should the wider Muslim world act in unison. Israel would have no choice but to retreat to its recognized borders and accept the peace it has long resisted.

The stakes are immense. For the Arab world, the peace plan offers a way to stabilize the region; for Europe, a chance to reclaim moral credibility; and for America, an opportunity to prove that fairness, not favoritism, defines its leadership. But if this chance is lost — if the plan is sabotaged through arrogance or deceit — the result will not simply be another failed negotiation, but the end of the last viable hope for Gaza's survival. In the days ahead, compliance and defiance will determine not only the future of two peoples, but the credibility of the global order itself.

History will judge those who let this moment slip away. If Israel and Hamas honor their commitments, Gaza may rise from its ruins. If they continue to play for time, the window will close, and with it, the dream of peace. President Trump's warning still echoes across the desert skies: time is short, and the blood of the innocent is running out. The world must decide — will it stand guard over peace,

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

Middle East Tensions and Pakistan's Military Imperative

as a vital element of state power, forged in the crucible of wars with India and the challenges of internal terrorism operations across the tribal areas, its evolving global military landscape, shaped by

fifth-generation warfare, drone technology, cyber warfare, space-based surveillance, and artificial intelligence-driven combat systems, demands that Pakistan does not rest on past laurels. The recent Israeli operations used precision-guided munitions, deep-penetration drone strikes, real-time satellite intelligence, and advanced cyber capabilities to destroy targets hundreds of miles away from their borders.

Pakistan, with its ideological foundation rooted in Islamic values and its stated commitment to defending the Ummah, must recognize that its military is not only a national asset but a potential force for regional balance and collective Muslim deterrence. While Pakistan is not advocating offensive wars or unjust interventions, the presence of a strong army backed by advanced technology, rapid response capabil-

ities, and strategic alliances sends a message

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that there are red lines that cannot be crossed without consequences Another critical dimension is the growing normalization of Israel with several Arab countries. The Abraham Accords and subsequent bilateral agreements between Israel and Gulf states have created a fragmented regional environment where collective Arab

akistan has long viewed its military In such a scenario, Pakistan's military independence becomes even more important. As traditional Arab powers grow closer to Tel Aviv for economic and strategic reasons, the moral and external terrorism. Its army and military responsibility to advocate for has demonstrated its resilience in counter justice and defend the oppressed shifts towards countries that have not compromised on their strategic planning in conventional war settings, principles. Pakistan, by not recognizing Israel and its deterrence in the nuclear realm. Yet, the and maintaining a consistent stance on Palestine, becomes a unique and vital player in the

Muslim world—one whose military strength ensures that its voice carries weight, not just in speeches, but in strategic equations. In addition to regional dynamics, Pakistan must also consider the lessons from history. The 21st century has shown repeatedly that nations without a strong army are vulnerable to both

external aggression and internal destabilization. Iraq, Libya, and Syria were all targeted under the pretexts of regime change, counterterrorism, or humanitarian intervention. Their military weaknesses allowed foreign powers to dismantle their state structures, destroy their national integrity, and plunge them into yearsif not decades—of chaos. The absence of strong national defense architectures made them easy targets, and the results were catastrophic. For Pakistan, which faces not only a hostile eastern neighbor in India but also complex regional challenges in Afghanistan, Iran, and Central Asia, the need for an even stronger military is both pragmatic and existential.

The importance of nuclear deterrence, while significant, is not a substitute for conventional strength. Nuclear weapons are ultimate deterrents, but they are not usable tools in day-to-day strategy, border skirmishes, hybrid warfare, voiceless, and a shield against the increasing

ment is the ability to conduct surgical strikes, defend airspace from drones and missiles, counter cyber threats, manage information warfare, and sustain conventional readiness across multiple fronts. Pakistan must, therefore, invest not only in quantity but in qualitytraining special operations forces, enhancing joint command structures, securing digital networks, and developing indigenous defense production to reduce dependency on foreign suppliers who may not share its strategic interests. Moreover, a strong army plays an essential role in national cohesion and disaster response. In times of floods, earthquakes, pandemics, and internal emergencies, it is often the army that steps in when civilian institutions falter. Strengthening the Pakistan Army is not merely about war-it is about comprehensive national resilience. A confident, disciplined, and technologically capable army serves as the backbone of a country's sovereignty, security, and sense of unity. In a volatile region like South Asia and the Middle East, surrounded by both conventional threats and ideological fault lines, there is no alternative to strength. The recent Israeli attacks on Palestine, Qatar, and other Muslim nations have reinforced a harsh but inescapable truth: only nations with strong, credible, and advanced military capabilities can deter aggression, protect their people, and influence global decisions. For Pakistan, whose ideological foundation includes standing for justice and defending the oppressed, especially in the Muslim world, these events are not distant or irrelevant. They are a call to vigilance, to strategic foresight, and to the strengthening of every pillar of national defense. A stronger Pakistan Army is not just a national requirement—it is a regional necessity, a symbol of hope for the resistance to Israeli aggression is weakening. or international projection of power. What militarization of injustice in today's world.

matters more in today's geopolitical environ-

A New Turn on Palestine's **Political Horizon**

focus. A few days ago, Hamas expressed conditional acceptance of the American presidential peace proposal widely referred to as able progress rather than rhetorical promises. "Trump's 21-Point Plan." The group stated its

willingness to hand over Gaza's administration to a Palestinian authority composed of independent technocrats, while showing readiness to engage in structured negotiations concerning the release of prisoners and a defined framework for political dialogue. At the same time, Hamas categorically rejected any scheme aimed at reoccupying Gaza or forcibly

Chan Singhanvi displacing its population,

tary withdrawal and the protection of existing ground realities. In response, the U. S. President issued a

terse ultimatum "Sign the agreement by Sunday 6 p.m. or face severe consequences." Alongside this warning came an advisory for civilians to move to designated safe zones. Yet, according to diplomatic sources in Europe and the Middle East, mediation efforts particularly from Doha, Cairo, and Ankara prompted a recalibration in Washington's tone. President Trump, acknowledging Hamas's declaration as a sign of readiness for peace, reportedly urged Israel to halt its bombardment in order to facilitate the safe release of hostages

Security provisions pose two immediate challenges. First, unless Israel's excesses are effectively restrained, it will likely continue toward a durable and just peace. This moment its punitive and oppressive policies toward Palestinians. Second, in reaction, Hamas and other resistance movements will inevitably preserve their covert or semi-military the rule of law.

ecent events have once again cast networks, sustaining cycles of resistance and Gaza's tragedy into sharp global retaliation. The only viable path forward lies in internationally supervised security arrangements, regional verification missions, and a phased trust-building strategy rooted in verifi-

The durability of any agreement will depend on whether it evolves into a trans-



insisting instead on a complete Israeli mili- clouded by ambiguity or conditional promises, it risks reigniting the same cycles of violence and exploitation that have defined the region for decades.

Peace cannot be manufactured through deadlines and ultimatums. Yet, when innocent lives and the freedom of captives are at stake, swift mediation and humanitarian action become moral imperatives. The international community, particularly the Muslim world and the United Nations, must prioritize humanitarian considerations over geopolitical calculus. They must ensure that any transitional phase in Gaza's governance is conducted under a lawful, transparent, and inclusive framework. Only then can reconstruction evolve into reconciliation and only through such integrity can the region move is perilous, yet it also holds promise provided that the guarantees of peace rest not on coer-

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Ethiopia, Pakistan agree on strengthening defence & aviation cooperation

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have cooperation for further strengthening their bilateral relations.

during a meeting between H. E. Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of the FDR Minister about the recent inauguration

Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister of Dam (GERD), which is built on the Defence for Pakistan.

The two sides discussed growing bilateral and multilateral cooperaagreed to enhance defence and aviation tion between Ethiopia and Pakistan in various areas including peace and security, defence, aviation, climate change, The discussion took place on Monday trade and investment, culture, and tourism.

The Ambassador briefed the Federal

Ethiopia to Pakistan, and H. E. Khawaja of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance principle of equitable and reasonable utilization of water, fostering regional integration without causing any significant harm to any other country.

> Furthermore, the Ambassador emphasized Ethiopia's significant advancements in the aviation sector and expressed a keen interest in expanding flight destinations to Pakistan, in addition to the existing Karachi route.



visionary leadership of Ethiopia, nomic development and prosperity in commending the transformative initiatives undertaken by Prime Minister H.

He also praised Ethiopia's pivotal efforts.

The Federal Minister lauded the E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed to advance socio-eco- role in promoting peace, security, and stability in the Horn of Africa, affirming Pakistan's unwavering support for these



Security Papers Limited (SPL) Donates PKR 2.8 Million to Civil Hospital Karachi

to community well-being by donating state-of-the-art medical equipment worth over Rs 2.8 million to Dr. Ruth K. M. Pfau Civil Hospital (Civil Hospi-

These advanced machines will significantly enhance diagnostic and treatment services across the hospital's cardiology, dermatology, medical, and surgical departments.

(SPL) has reaffirmed its commitment Ali Quraishi, Company Secretary & Samp; Chief Legal Officer and Rabia Zulfiqar, Senior Manager Communications visited Civil Hospital Karachi to formally hand over the equipment.

The team also toured the hospital's newly established Dilution Centre, a vital facility aimed at improving patient safety and medicine preparation stand-

Highlighting the need for accessible To mark the occasion, SPL's team, healthcare, Mr. Imran Qureshi, Chief led by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Executive Officer of Security Papers

KARACHI: Security Papers Limited Imran Qureshi, along with Yasir Limited (SPL), stated: 'Every citizen in life-threatening cardiac and clotting deserves quality medical care, regardless of their financial circumstances. Our support ensures that Civil Hospital Karachi can continue to deliver critical care to those who need it most at

> Serving thousands of underprivileged patients daily, Civil Hospital Karachi is one of Karachi's largest and busiest public healthcare facilities. This contribution will strengthen its ability to provide timely diagnoses and improve patient outcomes, particularly

conditions

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. S. M. Khalid Bukhari, Medical Superintendent of Civil Hospital, said: "We're deeply thankful to SPL for stepping forward with this timely and generous support. These machines will directly impact lives by boosting our capacity to deliver accurate, swift, and effective

This initiative is part of SPL's broader mission to empower communities and create sustainable social impact.

Pakistan takes major step towards tackling organised crime with support from UNODC and UK Government

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: A two-day workshop was organised by the United Nations

The workshop brought together attended. senior officials from law enforcement experts from civil society, academia, and international partners. Together, to serious crimes such as drug traf-

Participants included representa-Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Officials from the British High in partnership with the Government Commission, including Deputy High of Pakistan and the UK Government. Commissioner Mr Matt Cannell, also

Troels Vester, UNODC Country agencies across Pakistan, as well as Representative in Pakistan, said "Organised crime affects everyone — it weakens institutions, puts communithey discussed how to better respond ties at risk, and often targets the most vulnerable. This workshop shows the ficking, human trafficking, cyber- strong commitment of Pakistan, the

that cross borders and threaten public and build safer, more resilient soci- highlighted"The growing complexity

Dr. Ehsan Sadiq, Director General, ment of Pakistan, UNODC, our international partners and national stakeholders, we are laying the foundation for a stronger and more coordinated response. Through this joint effort, we aim to build safer communities, protect the rights of our people, and ensure a future where justice and security are accessible to all"

Raia Riffat Mukhtar Director crime, and other illegal activities UK, and UNODC to work together General, Federal Investigation Agency, in inclusive justice.

of organized crime, noting that it cuts across borders and sectors. He emphawas held in Islamabad to help Paki- tives from key national bodies such Anti-Money Laundering, said "This sized that such crime cannot be viewed stan develop its first National Strategy as the Ministry of Interior, Anti-Nar- initiative reflects our collective deter- in isolation, as its impact is felt world-Against Organised Crime. The event cotics Force, Federal Investigation mination to address the complex wide. He underscored that organized Agency, and provincial police forces. challenge of organized crime. By crime is a global threat requiring working together with the Govern- collective action and strong international cooperation

Matt Cannell, Deputy British High Commissioner to Pakistan, said"-This partnership reflects our shared commitment to tackling serious threats that affect both our countries. Through strong cooperation with the Government of Pakistan and UNODC, we are helping build a safer, more resilient future grounded



between agencies, share intelligence, shared ideas on how to improve invesand strengthen laws to stop criminal networks. They also focused on protecting victims and ensuring that efforts to fight crime respect human will help shape Pakistan's national rights and promote gender equality.

The discussions were based on UNODC's global toolkit for tackling contribute to long-term peace and organised crime, and centred around development.

explored how to improve coordination Protect, and Promote. Participants tigations, build capacity, and monitor progress. The outcomes of the workshop

strategy, which aims to make communities safer, support justice, and

World Habitat Day Highlights 'Urban Crisis Response' as Palestinian Housing Data Reveals Dire Impacts of Ongoing Conflict

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: World Habitat Day is marked on the first Monday of October each year and is recognized by the United Nations/UN-Habitat, alongside Arab Housing Day, endorsed by the Council of Arab Ministers of Housing and Reconstruction. The day provides an opportunity to reflect on housing conditions and highlight the challenges and opportunities facing cities.

The Global Observance of World Habitat Day will be under the theme "Urban Crisis Response". The theme will focus on addressing multiple crises affecting cities, including conflicts that contribute to exacerbating such crises.

On this occasion, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics presents key indicators on housing conditions in Palestine, shedding light on the ongoing challenges faced by Palestinians amid two consecutive years of the Israeli aggression since October 7th, 2023.

The Israeli Occupation Expands the Circle of Destruc-Number of Damaged Buildings

Brutal Aggression. The number of damaged Israeli aggression against Gaza Strip from 07/10/2023 to 08/07/2025 reached 190,115 buildings, including 102,067

completely demolished buildings; a double figure of the figure during the first year of the Israeli aggression, while the number of moderately damaged buildings stood at 41,895, and the number of damaged housing units amounted to about 330,500 housing units.

Number of Buildings Damaged as a Result of the Israeli Occupation Aggression against Gaza Strip since 07/10/2023 until 08/07/2025, by Type of Building and Level of Damage: see table.

Palestinians in the West Bank, including Jerusalem Governorate, are subjected to increased forced displacement

Since October 2023 until 31/05/2025, Israel has intensified forced displacement and land confiscation across the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem Governorate. In Masafer Yatta, around 1,200 Palestinians face displacement after the Israeli authorities rejected all building permits under the pretext of "military training" zones, while settlers nearby remain unaffected. According to OCHA, at least 6,463 Palestion: a Massive Increase in the tinians have been displaced by demolitions in addition in Gaza Strip as a Result of the to another 40,000 from the refugee camps in both Jenin and Tulkarm cities due to milibuildings as a result of the tary operations. In addition to over 2,200 Palestinians facing displacements by settler

violence and access restrictions.

In the same context, and

Level of Damage	Type of Building				
Total	Minor	Moderate	Severe	Destroyed	
213	2	104	36	71	Hospitals
419	2	59	112	246	Mosques
1,029	64	445	227	293	Schools/ Universities
188,454	28,664	41,287	17,046	101,457	Rest of Buildings
190,115	28,732	41,895	17,421	102,067	Total

according to the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission, data stated that during the first half of 2025, the Israeli occupation carried out 380 demolition operations, and 588 establishments were demolished in the West Bank, including 322 inhabited residences, including Jerusalem city with 67 demolition operations, and 79 demolished establishments. These measures, which strip Palestinians of their homes and lands, constitute a violation of the human right to housing.

The Number of Demolition Operations and Demolished Establishments Carried out by the Israeli Occupation in West Bank during the First Half of the Years 2023-2025: See graph. Large-scale Displacement

amid the Ongoing Israeli Military Operation and Aggression in Gaza City Since October 7th, 2023,

Gaza Strip has faced brutal

aggression and systematic

genocide, causing massive forced displacement of more than 2 million people until 11/07/2025, while estimates indicated that over one million residents/displaced people were living in densely populated tented areas and in what is left of habitable buildings in northern Gaza.

UN Satellite Centre imagery between September 4th and 15th, 2025, showed that thousands of tents established on empty lots among the ruins of Gaza City, along the coast, and in less urbanized areas of the north, had either disappeared or dramatically decreased in

However, Planet Labs PBC satellite on September 15th, 2025, shows tent camps remain dotted along the coastal road south of Gaza's port, even though the Israeli military said around 400,000 Palestinians have evacuated their places upon its mandatory order of leaving, yet over half a million are estimated to be still

5% of Households in the West Bank Live in Overcrowded **Housing Units**

Data indicated that 5% of the households in the West Bank live in housing units with three persons or more per room, and by type of locality: 4.8% of the households in urban areas, 3.6% in rural areas, and 10.5% in refugee camps in 2024.

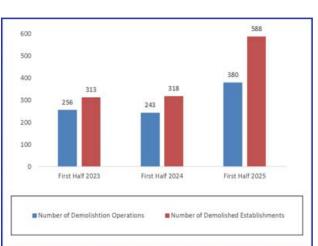
Data indicated that the average number of rooms in a housing unit in the West Bank was 3.6 rooms in 2024 (3.6 rooms in urban areas and 3.7 rooms in rural areas, compared to 3.2 rooms in refugee camps).

Gaza Strip: More than 85% of Water and Sanitation Facilities and Assets have been Completely or Partially out of Service in Gaza Strip

As a result of the Israeli occupation aggression more than 85% of water and sanitation facilities and assets have been completely or partially out of service and require rehabilitation exceeding one and a half billion dollars, including sewage treatment plants, desalination plants, pumping stations, wells, water tanks, main transmission lines, water and sanitation networks, and more, so the per capita share of water in estimated minimum humanitarian requirement in emer-

gency situations, which is 15

liters per person per day.



incurred by the water and sani- sures and the impacts of climate tation sector, water supply rates change. have declined to an average of 3-5 liters per person per day.

Licensed Housing Units for adequate housing and essen-

existing licensed housing occupation control of Palesunits for 2024 reached 13,819 licensed housing units in This day underscores the urgent Palestine, compared to 18,230 licensed housing units in 2023, according to the administrative needs of both residents and records of building licenses in

2023 and 2024. World Habitat Day takes on Gaza does not exceed half of the a special significance, as the but requires a long-term devel-Palestinian people live under overlapping challenges of conflict and forced displace-

Due to the extensive damage tion, alongside economic pres-

These conditions place increasing burdens on cities **Decrease in the Number of** and urban areas in providing 2024 Compared with Previous tial services, particularly amid urban expansion and a growing The number of new and population under the Israeli tinian resources and capacities. need to adopt sustainable urban solutions that balance the displaced persons. Addressing the housing crisis in Palestine In the Palestinian context, is not merely a matter of immediate humanitarian response, opmental vision that ensures the Palestinian people's right to live with dignity, access safe ment resulting from the occupa- shelter, and enjoy spatial justice

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX	100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close			
167,752.40	168,990.07			
Day's High	Day's Low			
169,326.35	165,997.36			
Index Value	Change			
45,464,157,012	-1237.67			
Percentage	Time			
-0.73%	6 Oct, 2025 4:30 pm			
Europe: FT	SE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change			
9,479.14	-12.11			
Percentage	Time			
-0.13%	6 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
46,622.23	-136.05			
Percentage	Time			
-0.29%	6 Oct, 12:16 pm			

47,944.76	+2,175.26 Time	
Percentage		
. 4 750/	6 Oct, 3:45 pm	

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average

Index Value

GMT-4

Change

+4.75%	6 Oct, 3:45 pm GMT+9
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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.2	190.2
Bahrain Dinar	746.6	754.1
Canadian Dollar	205.3	212.3
China Yuan	39.72	40.12
Danish Krone	44.45	45.05
Euro	331.8	335.3
Hong Kong Dollar	36.35	36.70
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	731.15	738.65
Qatari Riyal	77.32	78.02
Saudi Riyal	75.3	75.95
Singapore Dollar	216.7	221.45
Swedish Korona	30.05	30.35
Swiss Franc	355.12	357.87
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.95	77.95
UK Pound Sterling	380.6	383.6
US Dollar	282.5	282.6

PAAPAM Condemns Unfair Advantages Enjoyed by Used Car Importers



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The Pakistan Association of Automotive Parts & Accessories Manufacturers (PAAPAM) strongly supports the government's revised used car import policy under the "Motor Vehicles Safety, Quality and Environmental Standards for Imported Vehicles" notification dated September 30, 2025. PAAPAM rejects the objections raised by the All-Pakistan Motor Dealers Association (APMDA), calling them misleading and contrary to national industrial interests.

For years, used car importers exploited regulatory gaps without contributing to local value addition or employment. They benefited from a fixed duty regime on 1300cc vehicles, further reduced by 1% per month based on age. These distortions unfairly penalized domestic manufacturers who comply with safety, tax, and employment obligations.

Chairman PAAPAM, Mr. Usman Aslam Malik, condemned these favors, noting they enabled under-taxed imports that undermined compliant local producers. He highlighted over Rs 60 billion in lost vendor revenue and more than 40,000 displaced jobs in FY2024-25. He stated that APMDA view point ignores the broader industrial impact, support the undocumented economy and serve as a backdoor for laundering black money.

The revised policy introduces structured commercial import with a 40% additional duty in year one, reducing annually until FY2030, and mandates safety and environmental certification via the Engineering Development Board (EDB). Senior Vice Chairman PAAPAM, Mr. Sheryar Qadir, welcomed the framework, saying it restores fairness and gives local industry time to

Pakistan, Malaysia sign six accords for cooperation in education, tourism, anti-corruption

Spokesman Report

PUTRAJAYA: Pakistan and Malaysia on Monday signed six accords to strengthen bilateral cooperation covering different areas including education, Halal certification, tourism and combating corruption.

The pre-signed documents were exchanged at a ceremony held at Perdana Putra Complex -Office of the Malaysian Prime Minister - during the three-day official visit of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to Malaysia, at the invitation of his Malay counterpart Anwar Ibrahim.

Both the leaders witnessed the ceremony held after their meeting as well as the delegation level talks

Pakistan and Malaysia signed an MoU on Exchange of Notes between the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) and the Foreign Service Academy of Pakistan on cooperation in the field of training for diplomats. The documents were exchanged by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Malaysian Foreign Minister Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan.

ments of Malaysia and Pakistan on cooperation ments were exchanged by Pakistan National and Malaysia's Higher Education Minister Dr. exchanged the documents.



As MoU was signed between the govern- in the field of higher education and the docu- Food Security Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain and Special Assistant to PM Syed Tariq Fatemi

Zambry Abd Kadir.

Minister of Tourism of Malaysia Tiong King Sing and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar exchanged the documents of an MoU between the two governments for cooperation in the field of tourism.

The two sides signed an MoU on Halal Certification and the relevant documents were exchanged by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Dr. Haji Mohd Na'im Bin Haji Mokhtar and Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan.

Both countries inked an MoU to expand cooperation in combating and preventing corruption. The documents were exchanged by Chief Commissioner The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Azam Bin Baki and Deputy Chairman of National Accountability Bureau Sohail Nasir.

The sixth accord was meant to enhance cooperation between Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) Pakistan and Small and Medium Enterprises Corporation Malaysia. Chief Executive Officer SME Corporation Malaysia Rizal bin Dato' Nainy

<u>Development</u>

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim witness exchange of memorandums of understanding between Paki-



Zong Engage Sets National Record with Manhunt 2 PUBG Mobile

Tournament

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Zong, Pakistan's leading technology innovation company, has made history with its Manhunt 2 PUBG Mobile tournament, setting a new national record for esports participation in Pakistan. Powered by Zong Engage, Pakistan's premiere esports gaming platform, the tournament drew more than 21,000 gamers and over 1,300 registered teams, cementing Zong's position as the country's largest third-party PUBGM tournament host.

Powered by InMobiles and Golootlo, the high-energy tournament features an impressive Rs. 800,000 prize pool, highlighting Zong's commitment to digital entertainment and meaningful youth engagement.

This year, international teams are also stepping into the arena, bringing a global edge to the competition. Esports contenders from Nepal, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Mongolia, South Korea, and Indo-



finest, giving local teams a rare chance community that embodies the spirit to test their mettle against some of the of Pakistan's digital transformation. region's strongest lineups. This clash of local talent with global leaders promises to raise the intensity and prestige of the tournament to new heights.

Sajid Munir, Director Marketing at stone: "Through Zong Engage, we have engagement."

nesia will go head-to-head with Pakistan's brought together a vibrant gaming This milestone is not just about scale; it reflects our strategic commitment to building platforms that inspire innovation, empower youth, and shape the future of the country's digital ecosystem Zong, shared his thoughts on this mile- by creating meaningful avenues for digital

SECP and NTC Sign MoU to Strengthen Cybersecurity Cooperation

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and cation Corporation (NTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance information sharfocus on bolstering cybersecurity posture and initiatives for both organizations.

was held at the NTC Head-Muitaba Ahmed Lodhi emergency response and senior officers from both

cooperation in several key line with national rules

areas of mutual interest. These initiatives include promoting joint deliberation on emerging cybersecurity threats, trends, and mitigathe National Telecommuni- tion strategies; exchanging technical insights and best practices to enhance cybersecurity; and advancing digitalization efforts to faciliing and cooperation, with a tate businesses and users. Furthermore, the collaboration will focus on capacity building for threat detec-The signing ceremony tion and response, research and innovation in cybersequarters in Islamabad today. curity technologies, and the The event was attended by improvement of audit and the Managing Director NTC, compliance related to stand-Maj Gen (R) Ali Farhan, ards like ISO 27001. It also SECP Commissioner Mr. covers capacity building for cyber incident handling, as well as collaboration on the The MoU establishes establishment and operaa framework for bilateral tion of Sectoral CERTs in

CCP Approves SALIC's Acquisition of Olam Agri

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has approved the proposed acquisition of a controlling interest in Olam Agri Holdings Limited (Olam Agri) by the Saudi Agricultural and Livestock Investment Company (SALIC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Saudi Public Investment Fund.

The transaction involves the transfer of shares from Olam Group's Singapore-based entities—Olam Agri Pte. Limited and Olam Holdings Pte. Limited—to SALIC. The acquisition is aligned with Saudi Arabia's long-term food security objectives.

In Pakistan, Olam Agri operates in the origination, trading, and processing of agricultural commodities. including edible oils, rice, cotton, rubber, and timber.

Following a detailed Phase I review, the CCP determined that although

Olam Agri holds a meaningful presence in certain commodity markets, the transaction will not create or strengthen a dominant position in Pakistan. The Commission also noted that SALIC does not have any direct business operations in Pakistan, and the transaction essentially represents a shift from joint to sole control at the shareholder level.

The CCP further observed that Pakistan's agricultural commodities sector remains broad and competitive, with several active traders and importers participating in the market.

On the basis of its assessment, the Commission concluded that the acquisition does not raise competition concerns and will not substantially lessen competition in the relevant markets. Accordingly, the proposed transaction has been authorized under the Competition Act, 2010 and the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016.

Master Group to start Chery, China's No.1 Auto Export Brand

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Chery Master Pakistan marked a major milestone with Malik, CEO of Master Auto Engiits ceremony held at its plant site neering, shared, "We are proud to in National Industrial Park, Port Qasim, Karachi. During the event, Chery Master leadership reviewed even more excited for Pakistanis to construction progress and officially announced the start of CKD opera-

automotive landscape.

Speaking at the ceremony, Samir partner with China's No.1 auto export brand, Chery Automobile Ltd., and experience the future of mobility with Chery's Super PHEV tech-

beginning of a new era in Pakistan's New Energy Vehicle plant, we aim to deliver the most advanced and latest NEV technology, bringing exceptional value and world-class quality to our consumers. Master Group's investment is not just about building cars; it's about shaping the future of Pakistan's automotive industry, creating opportunities, and training a workforce of over 2,000 on tions in January 2026, signaling the nology. With our state-of-the-art the latest NEV technologies."



Pakistani triathlete Shahrez Khan eyes global glory at Ironman 70.3 World Championship

Lahore-born triathlete Shahrez Ironman 70.3 World Championship, second Pakistani to achieve this milestone after Khurram Khan.

Ironman 70.3 race in Puerto Princesa, Oxford University. Philippines, secured his spot among the world's elite endurance athletes. ness School (University of Oxford) The grueling race included a 1.9 km cross-country team, training daily swim, 90 km bike ride, and a 21.1 km half marathon, completed amid punishing tropical heat.

realizing I'd qualified, it was overwhelming. A moment of pure pride for Pakistan," said Shahrez. He in 2022 after completing a chal-(All World Athlete) category.

Shahrez, son of Aleema Khan and adapted quickly, building a "pain cave" Khan has qualified for the prestigious nephew of former PM Imran Khan, has carved a sporting identity of his set to take place on November 9, 2025, own. An Aitchison College alumnus, in Marbella, Spain. He has become the he competed in athletics, football, and swimming from an early age. His passion deepened during his time at Shahrez's remarkable 7th-place the University of Western Ontario, finish in his age category at the and later while earning an MBA from

At Oxford, he joined the Said Busion the lush tracks of Christ Church Meadows. Shahrez leads the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region for "Crossing that finish line and Simba Global, a multinational textile

Shahrez's Ironman journey began currently ranks among the top 5% of lenging half marathon in Islamabad. Ironman athletes globally in the AWA Though strong in running and swimming, cycling was a new beast. He

in his Lahore home to train indoors during smog seasons.

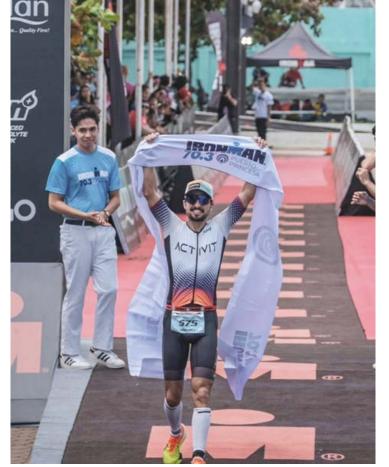
Outdoor sessions included Baghe-Jinnah runs and cycling in DHA Phase 7 with his local athlete group. Training intensified to 18 hours per week during the race season. "Brick workouts," combining back-to-back cycling and running, helped simulate race-day fatigue.

Shahrez's mission goes hand-inhand with Rd. Rizwan Aftab Ahmed, CEO of ACTIVIT & Director of National Hospital DHA Lahore, who has been pivotal in fueling his athletic journey and triumphs in international events. Together, they have organised cross-country camps at Aitchison College and are mentoring young Pakistani athletes in endurance sports.

stuck in sedentary lifestyles," they said. "Sports build discipline, resilience, and clarity." Despite Pakistan's lack of triathlon infrastructure, Shahrez envisions a future where the country hosts global endurance events. "We have the landscape, mountains, rivers, coastlines. Why not?"

Shahrez's message to aspiring athletes is clear: "Dedication, grit, and discipline will take you beyond what you think is possible. The physical and mental rewards are limitless." Shahrez remains deeply committed to showcasing Pakistan on the world stage, not just as an athlete, but as a mentor and movement-builder in endurance sports.

"Let's do something great for Pakistan and for the next generation," he said, echoing a dream shared with



fellow Aitchisonian & Sports Advocate the horizon, Shahrez Khan isn't just what's possible for Pakistan in global "We aim to inspire a generation Rd. Rizwan. With Marbella 2025 on chasing a title, he's racing to rewrite sports.

U-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament

The Medicam Group has always supported the Regional Cricket Association and will continue to do so in the future: Zahid Hasan Bhatti

The services of Nadeem Omar and Azam Khan for promoting cricket in Karachi are unforgettable: Khalid Nafees

Touseef Siddiqui pays glowing tribute to Khalil Ahmad Nanitalwala and Junaid Khalil on grass roots-level services.

Speakers address the inauguration of the Medicam U-19 Inter-Zonal Cricket Tournament. Zone-IV Greens winning their opening match.

Karachi: Medicam Group of Companies has always supported the Regional Cricket Association Karachi for promoting cricket in Karachi and will continue to support Karachi, said Zahid Hussain Bhatti, Executive Director of Medicam Group, speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Medicam Trophy Under-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament on Sunday at KCCA Stadium. He added that the efforts of RCAK officials under Nadeem Omar's leadership for grass roots level cricket promotion are commendable.

Chairman o continue working for cricket promotion for their cooperation. under Nadeem Umar's leadership, He further said Azam Khan, Coordinator gurated the tournament by hitting the



promotion in Karachi. "Karachi, win or lose, we are always with you," he said.

Tournament Secretary M. Touseef Siddiqui paid rich tribute to Khalil Ahmad Nanitalwala and Junaid Khalil overs. Burhan Ali 45 3x4, Aariz Adil 25, Tariq Hafeez Siddiqui Treasurer Zone-I, Nanitalwala for their grass roots efforts. Afan Shah Nawaz 21. Saif ur Rahman Imran Anjum Sheikh Treasurer Zone-V, He thanked Khalid Nafees, Azam Khan, Committee, Khalid Nafees, said they will Javed Akhtar Kiani, and all zonal officials

Chief guest Zahid Hussain Bhati inau-

RCAK services unforgettable for cricket ball. In the opening match, Zone-IV nator, Zafar Ahmed, Mazhar Ali Awan Green defeated Zone-I Whites by 1 wicket in a thrilling contest.

Scores in Brief: (mf) 4/37, Sved Mehdi took two wickets. Fareeduddin, Saghir Ahmed, Saged Ali.

33. Mohammad Farman (rlb) 4/23. On this occasion Azam Khan Coordi- the occasion.

President Zone-VII, Arif Waheed Khan Secretary Zone-I, Nusrat ullah Secretary Zone-II, Afzal Qureshi Secretary Zone-IV Greens 164 all-out in 38.2 Zone-III, Saeed Jabbar Secretary Zone-V, In reply Zone-IV Greens 165/9 in 39.2 Imran Hussain, Muhammad Asghar, overs. Syed Mehdi 55 3x4, S M Shaheer Shahbaz Qureshi, Nawaid Al ameen and hundreds of young Cricketers present on

Huzaima, Rafay win Lahore Padelin Tournament title

Spports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Huzaima Abdul Rehman and Rafay Tarar clinched the Category-A title at the Padelin Tournament in Lahore after defeating Abdullah Adnan and Salar Khan in a thrilling final on Monday.

The pair prevailed 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 in a gripping contest that kept spectators on edge till the last point.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Huzaima especially in the deciding set," he said. and Rafay overcame Azhar and Uzair

7-6, 6-3 to book their place in the final. This victory means a lot to us," Huzaima told APP after the win. "We have been training hard over the past few months, and it feels great to see our efforts pay off in such a close

Rafay said the final tested their nerves and teamwork. "Abdullah and Salar played exceptionally well. We had to stay calm and trust each other,

The event featured top padel players



highly competitive matches as the Pakistan.

from across the country, and produced sport continues to gain popularity in

Jazz's GameNow partners with Garena Free Fire



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: GameNow, Jazz's premier gaming platform, has entered a landmark partnership with Garena Free Fire for the Free Fire World Series, Pakistan Qualifiers 2025, one of the world's most prestigious Esports tournaments.

Pakistan is home to over 40 million active gamers, with Esports rapidly becoming one of the most powerful avenues of entertainment and opportunity for youth, said a press release.

At the heart of this movement is Garena Free Fire, Pakistan's #1 mobile game, where millions of players compete daily.

Jazz, through supporting this tournament, is giving Pakistani gamers a global stage to showcase their talent, while positioning GameNow as the nation's one-stop solution for gaming, offering data bundles, vouchers, subscriptions, tournaments, and streaming on an all-in-one platform.

Speaking at the event, Arsalan Qamar, Head of Gaming, expressed, "We believe gaming and Esports are more than just entertainment, they are a powerful driver of culture, community, and digital innovation in Pakistan. With GameNow, we are proud to partner with the Garena Free Fire World Series 2025 to give our youth the stage to showcase their talent globally. Through exclusive Free Fire bundles and our one-stop platform, GameNow, we are making gaming more accessible than ever."

Opening day of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy washed out

₿ Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The opening day of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy has been washed out due to persistent rain at the five venues across Abbottabad, Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Peshawar on Monday. The first round will run from October 6 to 9.

In a re-match of the previous edition's final, defending champions Sialkot were set to take on Peshawar at the Imran Khan

FATA were set to play Multan at the Diamond Cricket Ground in Islamabad, Faisalabad v Karachi Blues fixtures was to begin at the Marghzar Cricket Ground, Islamabad.

Lahore Whites were set to lock horns with Islamabad at the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi, while Abbottabad were bound to play Bahawalpur at the Abbottabad Cricket

QeAT session timings for all days except Friday: Toss: 9.30am; First session: 10am - 12pm; Second session: 12.40pm - 2.40pm; Third session: 3pm - to 5pm.

On Fridays: First session: 10am - 1pm; Second session: 2pm

Lt Gen Asim Malik to continue as DG ISI

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An official statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) is expected soon to formally confirm the extension and provide details regarding the duration of his continued service.

Malik was commissioned in the 12th Baloch Regiment in 1989, winning the Sword of Honour of the 80th PMA Long Course.

Malik served as the Chief Instructor at the National Defence University in Islamabad and as an instructor at the Pakistan Command and Staff College

Throughout his military career, he has been part of the Baloch Regiment. As a major general, he led the 41st Infantry Division in Balochistan and commanded an Infantry Brigade

in Waziristan. A graduate of Fort Leavenworth (USA) and the Royal College of 2024. Defence Studies (UK), Lt Gen Malik

has also held key positions in the Military Operations Directorate.

In October 2021, during his tenure as a Major General, Malik was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant General and was appointed to the position of Adjutant General (AG) at GHQ, Rawalpindi, by then Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Qamar Javed Bajwa.

In his role as AG of the Pakistan Army, Lt. Gen. Malik handled the investigation into the May 9 riots and was believed to have initiated and overseen the court martial proceedings of former DG ISI Lt Gen Faiz Hameed. who faced military trial on charges of corruption and breaches of military discipline following his retirement.

On 23 September 2024, Malik was appointed to succeed Nadeem Anjum as the Director-General of Inter-Services Intelligence (DG ISI), with his term beginning on 30 September

Although Malik has limited experi-

ence in intelligence-specific roles, his appointment came at a time of political instability, rising militancy, and heightened public attention on the ISI.

Sources within military circles indicated that Malik shares a strong connection with COAS Asim Munir, who views him as a trusted confidant.

Both are the recipients of the prestigious Sword of Honour when they graduated from their respective cadet courses before induction as junior officers of the Pakistan Army.

Lt Gen Malik is the son of Lieutenant General (retd) Ghulam Muhammad Malik, who held prominent positions during his career in the 1990s.

Lt Gen (retd) Naeem Khalid Lodhi described him as a "quiet yet highly respected officer."

Even as the Adjutant General, he did substantial work for the welfare of retired soldiers, particularly concerning pensions and other related issues," Lodhi added.

Shehbaz Sharif, Anwar Ibrahim agree to explore avenues for investment, joint ventures

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Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim praised Pakistan's constructive role in the ongoing peace efforts in Palestine, including its involvement in the recent initiative under US President Donald Trump.

Prime Minister Shehbaz emphasised the importance of increased cooperation between Pakistan and Malaysia at multilateral forums, including the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

He particularly highlighted the complex challenges facing the Islamic world.

He reiterated Pakistan's stance on Kashmir and thanked Malaysia for its steadfast support for a peaceful settlement of the Jammu

and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UN resolutions.

The two leaders discussed ways to bolster Pakistan's engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Prime Minister Shehbaz congratulated Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Malaysia's assumption of the Chair of ASEAN and thanked him for reaffirming Malaysia's support for Pakistan's bid to become a Full Dialogue Partner of

Both leaders agreed to remain in close contact to follow up on the important decisions made during

the talks. They also committed to keeping each other informed of their perspectives on key international productive meeting. developments.

sions, the two leaders witnessed the exchange of several MoUs, covering a range of areas including diplomatic training, tourism, halal certification, higher education, anti-corruption efforts, and small and medium enterprises

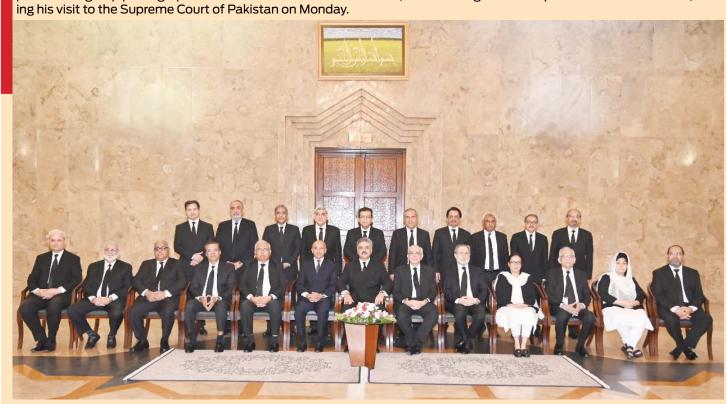
At the conclusion of their discus-

On this occasion, the two prime ministers launched the Urdu translation of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's seminal work, SCRIPT, which outlines his vision for leadership and governance.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim also hosted a special luncheon in honour of Prime Minister Shehbaz and his delegation, marking the conclusion of a successful and

Group Photo

ISLAMABAD: The Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Yahya Afridi, and the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court posed for a group photograph with Mr. Justice Muhammad Ahsan, Hon'ble Judge of the Supreme Court of Denmark, dur-



NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq meets Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghaddam

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of becoming stronger with each Iran to Pakistan, Reza Amiri Moghaddam, called on Speak-Ayaz Sadiq at the Parliament House today.

The meeting focused on culture. strengthening bilateral relations between Pakistan and Iran, enhancing parliamentary cooperation and economic firm commitment to further macy, he noted, helps bridge ties, and discussing important expanding cooperation with

regional and global issues. During the meeting, Speaker economic sectors.

National Assembly Sardar Ayaz passing day.

He said that the two brother National Assembly Sardar erly countries share deeprooted bonds founded on common religion, history, and

> NA Speaker termed Iran a and reaffirmed Pakistan's Iran in the parliamentary and

Speaker National Assembly Sadiq stated that relations Sardar Ayaz Sadiq further between Pakistan and Iran are remarked that enhanced parliamentary linkages between the two countries could play an important role in strengthening

bilateral relations. He added that the promotion of parliamentary and economic cooperation with Iran remains among the top priorities of the trusted brotherly neighbour National Assembly of Pakistan. Parliamentary diplogaps between peoples and strengthens mutual understanding and trust.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq emphasized that Pakistan and Iran both have a vital role to play in ensuring peace and stability in the region.

Iranian Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghaddam, while speaking on the occasion, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the people, government, parliament, and media of Pakistan. He appreciated Pakistan's consistent support for Iran on all international forums and said that Iran deeply values

this brotherly solidarity. He lauded Pakistan's role in

promoting regional peace and stability and thanked Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq for his continued expression of solidarity with Iran.

The Ambassador underlined the importance of strengthening parliamentary cooperation to further deepen bilateral ties between the two neighbouring countries. He also appreciated the Speaker's proactive efforts to enhance communication and collaboration between Pakistan and

Justice Ayesha, Justice Aqeel issue dissenting note in PTI reserved seats case

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: In the Supreme Court case concerning the allocation of reserved seats to the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI), Justice Ayesha Malik and Justice Aqeel Abbasi have issued a dissenting note, disagreeing with the majority opinion and terming aspects of the bench formation and review petitions as contrary to judicial principles.

According to TV channel, in their detailed dissent, the two judges stated that the review petitions filed by the PML-N, PPP, and Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) were inadmissible, as they were filed against the short order of July 9, 2024, rather than the detailed judgement issued

They observed that only the judgement.



ECP had filed additional petitions after the detailed verdict, while all legal arguments had already been addressed in that

criticised the reconstitution a 13-member larger bench, of the bench, calling it inconsistent with judicial norms.

The dissenting judges also original case was heard by five judges from that bench, including the author of comes into question," the note

excluded from the present bench hearing the review petitions.

This change, they said, was made under Article 191A of the Constitution, which was introduced through the 26th Constitutional Amendment.

Justice Ayesha and Justice Abbasi warned that the new composition of the bench appeared to have been influenced by the political majority within the Judicial Commission of Pakistan, created under the amendment, thereby raising questions over judicial impartiality and transparency.

"If the process of bench formation becomes subject to political influence or lacks transparency, the credibility of the entire judicial system They noted that while the the main judgement, were emphasised.

> of the Pakistani Vakshmiri nation. Information Minister

> Maula Napir Muhammad

Mazhar Saeed Shah and his

four companions arrived at the

Akram Maulana Shabbir

of Kashmir, Qazi Mahmood

Al-Hassan Ashraf, Maulana

Salahuddin Khalil, Atiq

Mohammadi

Islamabad airport.

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AJK Information Minister Pir Mazhar Shah back to home, safely from Israeli

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI: **Azad Kashmir Information** Minister Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah returned home after being safe from Israeli attack on a convoy of Global Freedom Flotilla. Their return was welcomed by a large number of people, political activists, and well-wishers at Islamabad airport. It was attacked by Israel. Several people were arrested by Israeli forces but fortunately old Mohammad Mazhar Saeed Shah was safe. chanted. On social media, there are thousands of messages and posts in favor of Saeed Shah, whom the public praises for his cour-

age and services to humanity. Meanwhile, Pir Muhammad



people on his arrival in Karachi laki protested the oppressed from Islamabad Airport. The Muslims of Palestine and participants welcomed the strongly condemned Israel's Mazhar Saeed Shah was global convoy of persever- aggression.

welcomed by thousands of ance Global Samod Flotil-

Information Minister of Azad Kashmir Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah thanked the leaders of the Muslims for their support Muslims of Palestine.

welcomed thousands of people. Tributes were paid. After the reception at Islamabad Airport, a meeting was held at Khalid Bin Waleeddarsa in which the speakers welcomed the participants of the "Global Convoy Iqamat Global Samod Flotilla". Information Maulana Pir Muhammad Mozareed Shah from 44 countries participated in the actors' gratitude for the

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PPP and PML-N talks fail to ease tensions over flood relief dispute



E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Tensions between the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) remain unresolved after another round of talks in the Speaker's chamber on Monday ended without progress.

The two coalition partners met in an effort to defuse a bitter row between the Punjab and Sindh governments over the distribution of relief funds to flood victims.

Despite efforts by the federal government to mediate, the PPP announced it would continue its protest and walkouts from parliamentary sessions.

Federal Minister Rana Sanaullah confirmed after the meeting that ongoing war of words between the the PPP had made no demand for two allies.

an apology from the Punjab chief

minister. He said a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and PPP leaders Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had been scheduled for Monday but was postponed due to the premier's trip to Malaysia.

Sanaullah added that the prime minister would take up the PPP's concerns upon his return on Tuesday in a bid to resolve the issue amicably.

The dispute erupted following the recent floods in Punjab, after the PPP insisted that relief funds be distributed through the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) — a proposal opposed by the Punjab government.

The disagreement triggered an

British MP Lord Shafaq calls on Mohsin Naqvi in Islamabad



Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi held a meeting with British Member of Parliament (MP) Lord Shafaq Mohammad in Islamabad on Monday, During the meeting, both dignitaries exchanged views of mutual interest. Mohsin Naqvi said that Pakistan gave special importance to its ties with the United Kingdom.

The Interior Minister said that of a bridge for strengthening the ties were also present on the occasion.

between the two countries.

He said that criminal activities in any part of the world by Pakistani citizens are condemnable acts and it is our responsibility to take them back, but those persons who have left their Pakistani nationality do not fall in this net

Lord Shafaq Mohammad assured Mohsin Naqvi his full support for strengthening relations between the two countries.

Secretary Interior Mohammad the Pakistani community living in Khurram Agha, Deputy Commisthe United Kingdom plays the role sioner Islamabad, and other officials

Punjab govt withdraws security from Yousaf Raza Gilani's sons, PPP voices concerns

跨 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: Punjab government on Monday withdrawn security from a high-profile kidnapping in 2013 the sons of former prime minister and has long been under security

Punjab government has taken the move. back security from PPP members of the National Assembly Abdul rity provided to Public Accounts Qadir Gilani, Ali Qasim Gilani and Committee chairman was his legal

Public Accounts Committee Punjab Haider Gilani.

Gilani House Multan confirmed that security has been withdrawn by Punjab government.

leaders

raised serious concerns over Punjab government's decision.

Ali Haider Gilani, who survived and PPP leader Yousaf Raza Gilani. threat, expressed his dismay over

Ali Qasim Gilani said that secu-Ali Musa Gilani besides Chairman and constitutional right.

