JUI-F Senator Kamaran smells something fishy in PPP-PML-N feud

The Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl group (JUI-F) has expressed concern over the escalating war of words between the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), calling the situation politi-



Questions raised over Salman Ali Agha's future after poor Asia Cup performance

A poor Asia Cup campaign has put Salman Ali Agha's role as

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Regional powers Participants pose for a group photo at the 7th meeting of the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan, in Moscow.

Afghan soil must not be used against any country's security: **Moscow Format statement**

Spokesman Report

MOSCOW: The seventh round of the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan concluded in Russia on Tuesday, issuing a joint statement declaring any attempts by countries to deploy their military infrastructure in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries as "unacceptable."

The statement also stressed that Afghan territory should not be used to threaten the security

ISLAMABAD: Senior leaders

of the Pakistan Muslim League

(PML-N) have launched efforts

to end the ongoing confrontation

(PPP), sources said on Tuesday.

The sources said that senior

of any other country.

Afghanistan should be supported to undertake comprehensive measures aimed at the elimination within a short timeframe so that Afghan soil is not used as a threat to the security of the neighbouring countries and beyond," the consultations said.

tion of terrorism and its eradicathe joint statement released after

countries reaffirmed their "unwa-

The parties emphasised that ment of Afghanistan as an independent, united and peaceful

PML-N moves to end rift with PPP, urges

patience until PM Shehbaz's return

PML-N leaders reached out from abroad.

to their PPP counterparts and

advised them to wait for Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif's return

The PML-N leaders have

with the Pakistan Peoples Party maintained that direct talks to personally step in to help settle

with the PPP would be held after

Prime Minister Shehbaz's return

For the first time, Afghanistan's Taliban Foreign Minister attended the session, which was hosted by Russia and attended by representatives from Pakistan, China, Iran, India, and Central

support for closer cooperation and expressed full support for

According to the sources,

the PML-N leaders have also

briefed the prime minister on the

progress of talks with the PPP,

while Shehbaz Sharif is expected

the dispute once he returns to the

vering support for the establish- with Afghanistan to combat Afghanistan's integration into terrorism and reiterated their backing for the Afghan people and government in eliminating terrorist threats.

statement underscored that terrorism remains a serious challenge to the security of Afghanistan and the wider

participants empha-The According to the commu- sised the need to enhance the moves would not serve regional It added that participating niqué, participants reaffirmed role of regional frameworks

contacted Awami National Party

(ANP) chief Aimal Wali Khan,

who shared his party's stance on

the withdrawal of his security and

The PML-N leadership has

assured that all issues will be

addressed upon the prime minis-

other concerns.

The PML-N leaders have also ter's return.

regional connectivity and cooperation mechanisms.

Photo: Russian Embassy in Pakistan

Participants urged the international community to continue providing humanitarian aid to the Afghan people and called "unacceptable the attempts by countries to deploy their military infrastructure in Afghanistan and neighbouring states," saying such peace or stability.

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The sources said that National

Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz

Sadiq, Adviser to the PM Rana

Sanaullah, Law Minister Azam

Nazeer Tarar, and Syedal Khan

have been in touch with PPP

leaders to ease the tension in

parliamentary affairs.

Pakistan, Malaysia call for Gaza ceasefire



跨 Samar Malik

KUALA LUMPUR: Pakistan and Malaysia have called for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire, an end protection of all civilians and for unimpeded flow of humanitarian assistance to those affected immediately.

The two sides also commended the international community's efforts to find pragmatic measures in resolving the question of granting a Palestinian state-

According to a joint statement issued on Tuesday at the conclusion of the three-day official visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

countries held a bilateral meeting on 6 October 2025 to discuss bilateral ties and exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual

During the meeting, they also discussed geopolitical issues, particularly the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and the humanitarian situation in Rakhine State, Myanmar, which affects the Rohingya Muslim community. In this context, both leaders strongly condemned the ongoing genocide in Gaza and reiterated their unwavering support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the establishment of a sovereign, viable, contiguous, and independent Palestinian state, based to Malaysia from 5-7 October on pre-June 1967 borders with 2025, the leaders of the two Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

SC allows live streaming of 26th Constitutional Amendment case

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court's constitutional bench on Tuesday approved petitions seeking live streaming of the court's proceedings, announcing that the case regarding the 26th Constitutional Amendment will be broadcast live on the Supreme Court's official YouTube channel.

An eight-member constitutional bench headed by Justice Aminuddin Khan heard the petitions challenging the 26th

Constitutional Amendment. During the hearing, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar's counsel, Shahid Jameel, informed the court that objections had been raised to their petition regarding the formation of a full court, and an appeal had been filed in the chamber. He requested that the matter be decided first.

Justice

Aminuddin

remarked that the court would first hear objections to the constitutional bench and the issue of constituting a full

Justice Jamal Mandokhail observed that the real problem lies in how things are misused in the country, saying, "Our intention behind live streaming was to educate people, but instead, it exposed us.

During the proceedings, Additional Attorney General Aamir Rehman appeared before the bench. Justice Ayesha Malik asked for the Attorney General's stance on live streaming, inquiring, "What is the government's position regarding live streaming?"

Pak military development strategy focused on induction of effective technology: DG ISPR

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt-Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry has said that Pakistan's military development strategy has always focused on the induction of effective and efficient platforms, as well as indigenology.

open to acquiring all kinds of technology — whether indigenous, Eastern, or Western."

and has never attempted to manipulate or conceal facts and figures.

Ahmed Sharif said that India failed to shoot down any Pakistani aircraft during the recent Marka-e-Haq operation.

The DG ISPR also commended nously developed Pakistani tech- the effective performance of Pakistani weapon systems, including interview with Chinese platforms integrated Bloomberg, he said, "We remain into the Pakistan Armed Forces during the Marka-e-Haq oper-

A week earlier, US Presi-

He said that Pakistan is not dent Donald Trump had also part of any arms race with India confirmed that seven Indian aircraft were downed, Bloomberg

In its report, Bloomberg stated that Pakistan's Chinese-made J-10C fighter jets shot down several Indian Air Force aircraft, including Rafales, during the recent Marka-e-Haq operation.

August, Pakistan announced the induction of the Z-10ME attack helicopter into its arsenal, according to Bloomberg.

The magazine said that Pakistan uses both Chinese weapons and US-made F-16 fighter jets.



Former senator Mushtaq Ahmad released from Israeli custody

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Former senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan has been released from Israeli custody, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar confirmed on Tuesday.

After his release, Mushtaq Ahmad Khan said that Israelis set dogs on him and other activists of the Gaza aid flotilla and subjected them to brutal torture.

Mushtaq Ahmad Khan was detained by Israeli forces along with others from the "Global Sumud Flotilla" that was

carrying aid to Gaza. Following his detention, the Pakistan government launched diplomatic efforts, which ulti-



Confirming the development, Foreign Minister Ishaq

Dar said Mushtaq Ahmad Khan's release was the result of Pakistan's effective diplomatic efforts. He declared, "We will

continue our struggle until the liberation of Al Aqsa Mosque from the clutches of the Israeli

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Pakistani political committee holds highlevel meeting on AJK's constitutional future

ISLAMABAD: An important meeting of the political committee formed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan PML-N Azad Jammir was held at the office of PML-N Secretary General Professor Ahsan Iqbal. Prime Minister of Pakistan Advisor on Political Affairs Rana Sanullah also participated in the meeting while Kashmir Affairs Minister Engineer Amir Maqam participated by video link from Geneva. Party President Shah Ghulam Qadir, Mushtaq Munhas, Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, Dr. Najib Naqi and Barrister Iftikhar Gilani participated in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed in detail the current constitutional, administrative and political situation in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Prime Minister of Pakistan Shri Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif held successful negotiations and agreement with the Central Action Committee on behalf of the ation of negotiations through the appointed Federal Minister and Minister of Independent Government took into confidence the leadership of the Agreement and reviewed the Jammu and Kashmir. Strengthprogress made so far with regard to ening diplomatic relations, Pakistan

Minister of Pakistan for timely initiical and political relations with the



Committee of Federal Ministers and meeting the demands of the people for political independence of Azad the implementation of this agreement. sent a clear message to the enemy The meeting thanked the Prime elements that Pakistan's ideolog-

be recognized at all costs. He said that Kashmir is the lifeline of Pakistan and no power in the world will succeed in damaging the relationship of Kashmiris with Pakistan

The meeting decided that the Prime Minister would brief them on the progress so far and other matters on for recovery of the injured.

people of Jammu and Kashmir would his return from his trip abroad and take necessary measures.

> Expressed deep grief over the loss of lives and injuries of civilians and law enforcement agencies during the Joint Public Action Committee (JAAC) movement in Azad Jammu and Kashmir Condolences and prayers

President AJK praises Pakistan Army's role in 2005 quake relief

MUZAFFARABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, has said that the devastating earthquake that struck Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Poonch districts, as well as parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on October 8, 2005, claimed thousands of precious lives and caused massive destruction to both public and private property. Recalling the tragic memories of the disaster, the President said, "Those who witnessed the devastation of this natural calamity with their own eyes will hardly ever forget it."

On this occasion, the President expressed deep gratitude to the international community particularly the brotherly Islamic countries of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates as well as the United States, the United Kingdom, European nations, and the People's Republic of China for their generous assistance in relief, rescue, and rehabilitation efforts. He said that the unprecedented support extended by Pakistan's armed forces to the earthquake victims is an unforgettable chapter in history, and the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir will always remember it

Indian provocative statements pose a serious threat to regional and global peace: Hurriyat Conference



Majeed Tahir

All Jamaat Hurriyat Conference Azad Kashmir and Pakistan Branch expressed strong concern over provocative and irresponsible statements of Indian political and military leadership against Pakistan. There are serious threats to stability but also to global peace and security.

Total Congregation Hurriyat Conference

Information Secretary Mushtaq Ahmad Butt said in a statement addressed to the press that war-obsessed statements and aggressive behavior on the part of the Indian leadership reflect a dangerous approach that could lead to unnecessary tensions in the region. Hey. This behavior not only violates international law and the UN Charter, but also does not honor the dignity of the responsible state.

They said that Pakistan is a responsible nuclear power that has always upheld the principles of peace, stability and peaceful coexistence in the gion, despite India's provocation and possible military escalation, is increasing which could have compounding effects on global peace and economy. Therefore, international institutions, especially the UN and the Security Council must take immediate and serious notice of this irresponsible behavior of the Indian leadership.

Information Secretary Mushtaq Ahmad Butt drew attention to the ongoing worst human rights violations by Indian forces in Ladakh and occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Sardar Attique calls Oct. 8 'Day of Determination' Amidst Devastation

Bureau Report



MUZAFFARABAD: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that October 8 is a day of destruction and devastation in Kashmir, but it is also a symbol of determination and courage. When the people of Azad Kashmir set an example of turning destruction into strength. In his message on the occasion of October 8 Earthquake Martyrs' Day, he said that October 8 was a disaster that deprived Azad Kashmir of many talented

people. A large number of people were taken out of their homes and brought under the open sky, but on that day the people of Pakistan set living examples of selflessness and sacrifice. On this occasion, the people of Pakistan created a new history of solidarity, sacrifice and cooperation by helping the earthquake victims in every way. He said that difficult moments come to living nations, but instead of wallowing in the sorrow of difficulties, it is the duty of living nations to build paths.

Anoush Ahmed installed two submersible water pumps in Karachi

Example 2 City Desk

KARACHI: The Anoush Foundation installed two submersible water pumps in underprivileged areas of Karachi to address the shortage of clean drinking water. These pumps were set up as ongoing charity in the name of renowned businessman and social worker Anoush Ahmed's late father, Nadeem Muhammad Ahmed. The total cost of the project was approximately 650,000 Pakistani rupees, benefiting around 200 people daily. This initiative will provide relief to households where water scarcity has become a part of everyday life.

Under the principle of serving humanity, one of the two locations was chosen to assist the Christian community. According to Anoush Ahmed, the purpose of this initiative is to meet human needs without discrimination based on religion, sect, or area, reflecting Karachi's shared realities and the dignity of every household. The first location is Sector 11-H North Karachi (near St. Joseph Church, Christian community), an area that has suffered severe water shortage for the last 15 years due to the water table falling below 250 feet. To ensure a durable and repairable system, the team drilled a borehole 350 feet deep with an 8-inch diameter and installed a submersible pump designed for continuous use. Usually, 5-inch bores become unusable within one or two years and are irreparable, whereas the 8-inch bore allows for future repairs and parts replacement, securing the donor's investment.

Meeting

MIRPUR: Special Advisor to the PM AJK Colonel (retd) Muhammad Maroof Khan alongwith victims of Potha Bainsi meet



20th anniversary of the earthquake

Observed with great devotion and national enthusiasm

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The 20th anniversary of the October 8, 2005 earthquake that struck Balakot including Muzaffarabad Bagh Raulakot, the capital of Azad Kashmir, is being celebrated with great devotion and national enthusiasm. Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwarul-Haq, Speaker Legislative Assembly, Ministers, Advisors, Secretaries of Government, political leaders, reliminute of silence and paid tribute to gious groups, They participated in a Shahda Zama. Information Secretary



Assembly candidate Sat Lipa Valley are forced to get education in the open Shaukat Javed Mir said that the army supports Pakistan, the international community, NATO, the independent people of the four provinces, the Islamic State, NGOs and human rights organizations. Shaukat Javed Mir thanked the people for all kinds of assistance in the resettlement of lonely cities. Stressing the need to create and start implementing projects in the affected areas including the government, Shaukat Javed Mir said that Prayer for the freedom of occupied education is also needed. Students Jammu and Kashmir.

sky. Pakistan Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif appealed to Field Marshal Hafiz Syed Asim Munir to allocate funds for the mega project of Valley Tunnel. After economic prosperity, the construction of the tunnel is inevitable. They have shown the Islamic humanitarian character of the Army Pakistan. Shahda's terrorism The height of Shahda's public movement The security of Pakistan

We welcome Chief Minister Punjab educationfriendly policies, says Naeem Chaudhry

RAWALPINDI: Social activist and Patron-in-Chief of the Restaurants, Caterers, Sweets & Bakers Association, Muhammad Naeem Chaudhry, stated that education is a basic need for all, and that both parents and teachers must focus not only on academics but also on character building. He praised Chief Minister Punjab Ms. Maryam Nawaz and Punjab Minister for Education Rana Sikandar Hayat for their positive initiatives in promoting education.

He made these remarks while return from a consultative meeting sions on several important issues,



with Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Havat. Muhammad Naeem Chaudhry shared that the speaking to journalists upon his meeting involved in-depth discus-

including the promotion of education, the system for teacher attendance, cleanliness and discipline in public schools, and the moral training of students.

He added that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's rapid action on educational reforms in flood-affected areas, improvement in hospitals, and rehabilitation of flood victims is commendable. On behalf of the public and our association, its President Muhammad Farooq Chaudhry, Chairman Mumtaz Ahmad, and other office bearers, we are deeply grateful to her. The establishment of new schools and health units, implementation of a teacher performance monitoring system, and

public welfare projects reflect the vision of the current government. For this, we pay tribute to Ms. Maryam Nawaz and assure her of our full support in realizing her vision.



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We will protect traders' rights not with iron fists, but with iron resolve: Zahid Bakhtawari

№ Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In Rawalpindi Cantt, two major trader organizations formally merged during a special ceremony, where they also announced a joint agreement titled "Charter for the Protection of Traders' Rights - Rawalpindi Cantt." On this historic occa sion, a 14-member action committee-comprising seven members from each organization—was formed. Zahid Bakhtawari, President of the Central Organization of Cantonment Traders (Registered), Rawalpindi, was appointed as the committee's head. A comprehensive press conference was held on this occasion, attended by Zahid Bakhtawari, other officials of the Central Organization, and Mushtaq Khan, President of the Central Traders Association of Rawalpindi Cantt, along with other

office-bearers. While addressing the press conference, Zahid Bakhtawari said that the core objective of this agreement is to free the trader community of Rawalpindi Cantt from the oppressive and unjust actions of the Cantonment Board. He stated that traders have been suffering under harsh government regulations for decades and have faced various difficulties and injustices. Under the agreement between the two organizations, an action committee has been formed to carry out an effective struggle within the bounds of the constitution and the law to resolve the longstanding issues of the trader community.

Women University Multan holds massive solidarity rally for Palestinian people

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The Women University Multan organized a solidarity rally to express unwavering support for the people of Palestine and to condemn the ongoing violence and humanitarian Crisis in Gaza. The rally was led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha, and attended by Mr. Asim Tanveer (International Journalist), faculty members including Samina Akhtar. Dr. Munazzah Rabbani, Dr. Hina Munir, Dr. Munazzah Javed, Dr. Madiha Akram, Dr. Aisha Khan, Ms. Sonia Nasir, Registerer Dr Malka Rani & Dr Javeria Ahmed, Dr Asma Akbar,. Dr Javeria Ahmed.

administrative staff, and a large number of students.

The rally, organized under the supervision of Dr. Samina Akhtar, Director Career Counselling and Alumni Affairs, resounded with emotional chants for peace and justice, echoing through the univer-

Participants carried banners and placards portraying the harrowing scenes of devastation in Gaza — the shattered homes, orphaned children, and grieving families. Many held up Palestinian flags and messages reading "Humanity Bleeds in Gaza" and "Stop the Genocide", calling for immediate global action to end the



Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha emphasized the importance of standing with oppressed communities across the globe. She said, today, as

we stand in solidarity with our Palestinian
Every child, every mother, and every innobrothers and sisters, we raise our collective voice against tyranny and bloodshed. The tragedy unfolding in Gaza is not just

cent life lost demands that the world wake up and act.

Dr. Asma Akbar, Head of the Departa regional conflict it is a test of humanity. ment of Political Science, shed light on

the geopolitical and humanitarian dimensions of the Palestine crisis. She said: What is happening in Palestine is not merely a conflict; it is a systematic violation of international law and human rights.

Signing ceremony

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways and National Police Foundation sign a historic agreement to digitalize railway revenue — a milestone towards the Prime Minister's cashless vision on Tuesday.



PIDE and SZABIST Forge Partnership for Collaborative Research and Academic Exchange



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and the Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST) formalized a strategic collaboration to and academic linkages between

the two leading institutions of gap between academic research higher education in Pakistan. and policymaking, fostering a

promote joint research projects, tions to national and sub-naacademic programs, and tional challenges. evidence-based policy dialogues that contribute to Pakistan's SZABIST, led by Ms. Shahnaz sustainable development and Wazir Ali, Former Advisor institutional growth. This to the Prime Minister and advance research, innovation, collaboration marks a signifi- President SZABIST, and Mr. cant step toward bridging the Khusro Pervaiz Khan, Head of Farooq (Dean, Research).

The initiative aims to culture of inquiry-driven solu-

A high-level delegation from

SZABIST Islamabad Campus, visited PIDE to discuss avenues of cooperation. The delegation was warmly received by Dr. Nadeem Javaid (SI), Vice Chancellor PIDE, along with senior leadership including Dr. Faheem Jehangir (Dean, Policy), Dr. Karim Khan (Dean, Academics), and Dr. Shujaat

Toba Tek Singh DC Naeem Sandhu transferred, ADCR Syed Jamil Haider to assume acting charge

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh Muhammad Naeem Sandhu has been transferred from his post. The Punjab Government's Services and General Administration Department (S&GAD), Lahore, has officially issued a notification in this regard.

According to the notification, Muhammad Naeem Sandhu has been directed to report to S&GAD Lahore. Meanwhile, the Government of Punjab has assigned Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Syed Jamil Haider Shah the additional charge of Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh. He will formally assume the charge and oversee all administrative affairs of the district.

It is worth mentioning that during his tenure, Muhammad Naeem Sandhu demonstrated remarkable performance in monitoring developmental projects, leading cleanliness campaigns, implementing the smog control action plan and addressing public grievances.

NUML and PANAH unite to combat heart and lifestyle diseases



№ City Desk

ISLAMABAD,: The Department of Arabic, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), in collaboration with the Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAH), organized an awareness seminar titled "Prevention of Heart and Non-Communicable Diseases." President PANAH, Maj Gen (R) Masud-ur-Rehman HI(M), was the keynote speaker, while Rector NUML, Maj Gen Shahid Mahmood Kayani HI(M) (R), graced the event as the chief guest. DG NUML, Brig (retd) Nadeem Asghar, Pro-Rector (R&SI), Dr Safeer Awan, Secretary General PANAH Mr. Sanaullah Ghumman, Dean Faculty of Languages Dr. Jameel Asghar Jami, Head of Arabic Department Dr. Abu Bakkar Bhutta, Deans, faculty members, and a large number of students attended the seminar.

At the outset, Dean Faculty of Languages Dr. Jameel Asghar Jami delivered the welcome address, highlighting the importance of maintaining good health and adopting a balanced lifestyle to prevent heart and other chronic diseases.

In his keynote address, President PANAH Maj Gen (Retd) Masudur-Rehman HI (M) emphasized that taking care of one's heart is the responsibility of every individual. He urged participants to abandon unhealthy habits and lifestyles that endanger life and health. Rector NUML Maj Gen Shahid Mahmood Kayani HI(M) (Retd) underscored that good health is a prerequisite for a fulfilling and productive life. He urged students to balance their academic pursuits with physical activities, emphasizing that "our bodies are not designed for junk food but for fitness and purpose.

Secretary General PANAH Sanaullah Ghumman also briefed the audience on the organization's objectives.

Redefining Punjab: Maryam Nawaz and the Politics of Transformation

unjab, the heart of Paki- To her supporters, Maryam represents her focus on healthfirst woman in the province's history in Pakistan's dynastic politics. to hold this powerful office, marking

continues to shape Punjab's direction. more responsive to the people, and in twenty-first century.

stan, stands at the a bridge between tradition and moderthreshold of a new polit- nity—a leader capable of connecting education, infrastrucical chapter under the with youth, women, and marginal- ture development, leadership of Chief ized communities—while her critics and digital innova-Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the dismiss her ascent as another episode tion.

Yet, beyond the symbolism lies tration envisions a a defining moment in Punjab's politagovernance style that seeks trans-Punjab that not only formation through accessibility, effi-Her rise symbolizes not only the ciency, and service delivery. Maryam's growing participation of women in emphasis on modernization is evident positions itself as a governance but also the enduring in her open-door policy, aimed at

care reforms, quality ture development,

adminismeets the needs of its citizens but also

forward-looking, inclusive province mental protection, and flood managepolitical legacy of the Sharif family that making government institutions aligned with the challenges of the



Social uplift is a local realities. cornerstone of her governance; empowemployment for youth, and welfare initiatives for vulnerable populations form the backbone of her policy framework, while her attention to climate resilience, environ-

ment reflects a growing awareness of

Despite her determined vision, the path ahead is steep Punjab faces erment of women, mounting economic pressures, high unemployment, governance inefficiencies and chronic energy shortages that demand deep and sustained reforms.

Political opposition and the persistent narrative of hereditary politics continue to test her resolve, while managing expectations in a politically polarized environment remains one of her greatest challenges. Ultimately, "Maryam Nawaz's Punjab" is global challenges intertwined with more than a slogan it embodies the

lous province toward a more modern, inclusive, and service-oriented model of governance.

transition of Pakistan's most popu-

Whether she succeeds in reshaping Punjab's destiny will depend not only on her policies and leadership acumen but also on her ability to balance continuity with change, tradition with progress, and ambition with pragmatism in an era when the people of Punjab seek both hope and tangible

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Pakistan highlights women's suffering in occupied Palestine & Kashmir

ighlighting in the UN Security Council the suffering of women under foreign occupation, especially in Palestine and Kashmir, Pakistan has called for guaranteeing the protection of women under international law and ensuring accountability.

The 15-member Council met on Monday for their annual open debate on the women, peace and security agenda just ahead of the 25th anniversary of its landmark resolution 1325

"The plight of Palestinian women is one of the gravest tragedies of our times," Pakistani delegate Saima Saleem said, while also expressing regret that the Secretary-General's report makes no reference to the plight of Kashmiri women "who, for decades of occupation, have endured sexual violence deployed as a weapon of war"

Spotlighting the bombing of homes, schools and maternity wards in Gaza, along with the tens of thousands displaced and hundreds of thousands now facing famine, Ms. Saleem, a counsellor at the Pakistan Mission to the UN, underscored: "These are not collateral tragedies, but deliberate crimes that demand accountability.'

About the plight of Kashmiri women, she pointed out that UN human rights mechanisms, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Special Procedures along with organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Medecins Sans Frontières, have documented violations of their rights, harassment of women human rights defenders and journalists, reprisals against female family members of the disappeared, torture and arbitrary detentions, and widespread trauma of sexual violence and abuse.

"To exclude Kashmiri women from the Women, Peace and Security agenda erases its legitimacy and undermines its universality," the Pakistani delegate said, adding, "The Jammu and Kashmir dispute is on this Council's agenda and therefore, future reports must reflect their plight accordingly."

Ms. Saleem's sharp comments about the grave rights abuses of Kashmiri women in Indian occupied Kashmir drew a strong response from India's UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish. But later in the Council's meeting, another Pakistan delegate set the record straight in exercise of his right of reply to the Indian envoy's remarks.

Reaffirming its commitment to advancing the gender perspective in UN peace operations, Ms. Saleem said Pakistan was actively engaged in implementing the Women, Peace and

"Our women peacekeepers have served with courage and resilience in the DRC, Mali, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Bosnia and beyond," she said, having built trust, provided medical care, and supported survivors where justice was denied. "They have shown that women in peacekeeping are both symbols of progress and enablers of peace itself"

"Women's protection under international law must be guaranteed, and accountability must be ensured wherever and whenever sexual violence is deployed as a deliberate tactic of war."

Kashmir: From Paradise on Earth to a Land of Conflict

on Earth," the valley of Kashmir with its pristine lakes, snow-capped peaks, and lush meadows now stands as one of the most militarized and disputed regions in the world. The transformation of this heavenly landscape into a theatre of political and human struggle encapsulates a story of colonial legacies, broken promises, and an enduring quest for self-determination.

The Kashmir dispute traces its origins to the 1947 partition of British India, when princely states were given the choice to accede to either India or Pakistan. The Hindu ruler of Muslim-majority Jammu and Kashmir, Maharaja Hari Singh, initially sought independence but later signed the Instrument of Accession to India under contested circumstances. Pakistan rejected the accession as illegitimate, and the first Indo-Pak war broke out shortly thereafter. In 1948, the United Nations intervened, passing resolutions that called for a ceasefire and a plebiscite to determine Kashmir's future. The ceasefire line, later known as the Line of Control (LoC), effectively divided the region into two parts. Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir under Pakistan's administration. More than seven decades later, the promised plebiscite remains

The most dramatic shift in recent decades came in August 2019, when India revoked Articles 370 and 35A of its constitution, stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its semi-autonomous status. The move, announced without consultation, dissolved the region's separate constitution and legislative autonomy. It was

nce celebrated as "Paradise" followed by a communications blackout, a surge of troops, and mass detentions of local leaders and activists. For many Kashmiris, this act symbolized the final blow to their political identity. International human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, condemned the lockdown, reporting arbitrary arrests, restrictions on movement, and suppression of dissent.

Despite global criticism, New Delhi maintained that the move was aimed at "integrating" Kashmir and ensuring development a claim yet to be substantiated by ground realities.

As the region entered 2025, tensions once again flared on both sides of the Line of

Control. In October, widespread protests broke out across several towns of Azad Jammu and Kashmir including Muzaffarabad, Bagh, and Rawalakot under the banner of the Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (JAAC). The movement, while peaceful in nature, called for justice for victims of violence across the divide, greater socio-economic rights, and an end to human rights violations in Indian-administered areas. The protests, marked by clashes between demonstrators and police, have reignited the Kashmir debate on international platforms. Pakistan's government reaffirmed its long-standing position, emphasizing political, moral, and diplomatic support for the Kashmiri people. The Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (DG ISPR) reiterated that Pakistan

of armed escalation.

Meanwhile, India dismissed the demonstrations as "Pakistan-sponsored unrest," a claim Pakistan firmly denies. Interestingly, even within India's civil society and independent media, questions are being raised about the sustainability of New Delhi's hardline approach. Beyond the politics and borders lies the

human dimension often overshadowed by diplomatic rhetoric. Generations of Kashmiris have grown up amid curfews, checkpoints, and the constant presence of soldiers. Reports by various rights groups highlight enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and the

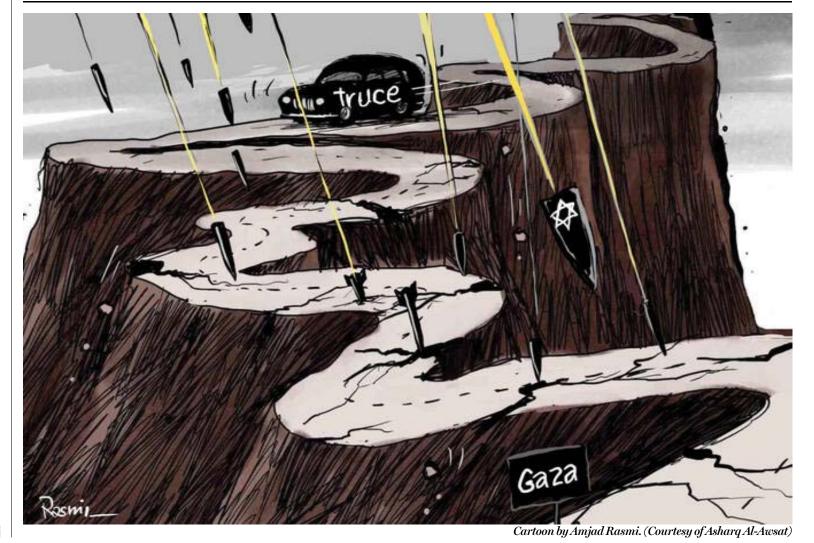
Muhammad Mutahir Khan Singhanvi psychological toll of living under siege. Economically, the valley's tourism-driven economy has been devastated. Once a thriving destination for both domestic and international travelers, Kashmir's hospitality sector now struggles to survive amid instability. Educational institutions frequently shut down during unrest, depriving students of continuity, while thousands of families continue to search for missing relatives, their voices drowned by the geopolitical stalemate.

Analysts warn that Kashmir has become a flashpoint in South Asia, with potential to ignite a wider conflict between two nuclear-armed neighbors. Occasional skirmishes and ceasefire violations along the LoC remain a grim reminder of how fragile peace truly is. While international bodies such as seeks a peaceful solution in accordance the United Nations and the Organiza-

with UN resolutions, rejecting any notion tion of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) have expressed concern, tangible diplomatic progress remains elusive. The reluctance of major Western powers particularly the United States and the European Union to pressure India stems largely from economic and strategic interests. This selective approach to human rights has eroded faith in the global justice system among many Kashmiris.

Despite decades of bloodshed and political fatigue, the Kashmiri spirit of resistance endures. From student activists to elderly citizens, people continue to demand their right to self-determination a principle enshrined in international law. The valley's streets still echo with the slogan: "Hum kya chahte? Azadi!" (What do we want? Freedom!). Civil society across both parts of Kashmir is increasingly calling for peaceful dialogue and an end to militarization. There is a growing realization that stability in South Asia home to nearly two billion people hinges on a just and lasting resolution of the Kashmir dispute.

Kashmir's tragedy is not just a regional conflict; it is a moral question confronting the world. It challenges the credibility of international institutions and the global community's commitment to justice and human rights. If the world continues to look away, the human cost will only deepen, and the region's fragile peace may crumble under the weight of neglect. Yet, amid despair, Kashmir's struggle remains a symbol of endurance a reminder that even in the darkest nights of oppression, the flame of hope refuses to die. As history has shown time and again, when a people's spirit awakens, no force however powerful can silence their demand for



Past Mistakes, the Need for Free Thinking, and Intellectual Independence

mistakes, obstacles in the way of progress multiply. The habit of revolving in the same circle not only produces intellectual stagnation but also becomes that suit the needs of the time. a cause of social and political decline. Every society, from time to time, passes through phases where the

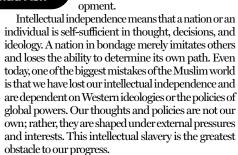
possibilities of the future. The question is: will we remain chained to the past, or will we carve out new paths through free thinking and intellectual independence? This article is an attempt to highlight the fact that by understanding past mistakes, we realize why free thinking is necessary and why intellectual independence is the true guarantee of the survival

Successful nations learn lessons from their mistakes. They do not consider errors as failures but as experiences. Take Japan as an example: after the devastation of the Second World War, the defeated nation transformed its loss into new energy, and today it is counted among the strongest economies of the world. In contrast, when a nation refuses to acknowledge its failures and hides its mistakes, it is compelled to walk repeatedly on the same paths that lead to decline. Therefore, it is necessary to face the realities of the past. accept our weaknesses, and adopt new paths to make up for them. Free thinking is that force which takes human beings out of traditional stagnation and leads them towards research, exploration, and invention. Free thinking does not mean abandoning values or religious principles; rather, it means using intellect and consciousness to find solutions to new problems. Today,

uman history testifies that when the world of science and technology is changing every nations keep repeating their past moment. If we remain imprisoned in the patterns of past thought, we will fall even further behind in the race of progress. Free thinking makes us capable of viewing old problems from new angles and creating solutions

No society can progress without free thinking. When the freedom to question ends in a society, new ideas decisions, ideas, and approaches of the past affect the cannot flourish. That is why in societies where freedom

of expression is restricted, intellectual slavery grows. When the younger generation realizes that their opinions carry no weight, they either fall into despair or adopt rebellious behavior. On the contrary, if young people are given the right to question, research, and critique, they bring forth their creative abilities. These very abilities lift a society to the heights of devel-



Muhammad Asif

For intellectual independence, it is essential that the education system be made free and creative. A curriculum should be designed not based on rote learning but one that gives students the opportunity to question, think, and present their own opinions. Research must be promoted in universities. Where there is research,

new inventions and new ideas emerge. Along with this, media and literary institutions must also play a role in promoting free thinking. If these institutions continue to propagate only a particular mindset or interest-based content, then one-sidedness and intellectual slavery will increase in society.

It is often objected that free thinking leads to distance from religion. The reality, however, is that Islam has always emphasized reason and reflection. The Qur'an repeatedly invites humans to think and ponder. The Prophet Muhammad allowed his companions to practice ijtihad and encouraged them to give opinions on different issues. Therefore, intellectual independence is not against Islam but fully in line with its teachings. What is required is to see religion not as a means of stagnation but as a source of progress and ijtihad.

If we truly want to progress, we must learn from the mistakes of the past by adopting free thinking and intellectual independence. It is impossible to remain confined within old traditions and still be able to meet the demands of the new world. In today's age, only those nations are successful that are free in knowledge and research, that frame their policies according to their own interests, and that do not allow their thought to be dictated by others.

In conclusion, past mistakes teach us that blind imitation and stagnation lead nowhere. Free thinking directs us toward research, innovation, and progress, while intellectual independence safeguards our identity and dignity. If we want to see our future bright, it is essential to acknowledge our past shortcomings, promote free thinking, and make intellectual independence part of our national policy. Only this path can transform us into a dignified, self-reliant, and progres-

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Public Resentment sparked chaos in Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Shahid Hussain

he Dazzling landscape of Azad Jammu and Kashmir(AJK) is once again confronting turmoil, the inhabitants of AJK, known for their spirit of resistance, continue to express their dissatisfaction, the Joint Awami Action Committee(JAAC) of AJK has voiced deep concerns and grievances relating to its own govern-

In this regard, the JAAC compiled a 38-point agenda some of the key points include displacement of elite supremacy. removal of double taxation and the 12 reserved seats in legislative assembly meanwhile, On September 9, a petition was filed in high court highlighting the past activities of JAAC and the violation of Article 4 of interim constitution, at this point, the JAAC began targeting highprofile ministers and authorities of AJK government but the federal government chose to remain neutral, emphasizing negotiation however, On September 24, high court of AJK declared:

The constitution is a contract between government and the people. The state has the status of mother and runs on the blood and sweat of its taxpayers, the state cannot suppress any protest through force, nor will the court allow

it" On September 29, JAAC called for a protest, leading to a complete blackout across AJK. Millions of people participated in the protest abandoning their tasks, mainly in Muzaffarabad, Rawalakot, and Bhimber. Although, the centre sent two representatives _to Muzaffarabad, Amir Muqam (Minister of Affairs for Kashmir and GB) and Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, hours of negotiation involving interior ministers and senior spokespersons of JAAC failed to yield a solution. Rather a deadlock emerged as the AJK government refused to agree on two key demands: The removal of ministerial perks and the abolition of 12 reserved seats of the legislative assembly.

As a result, the protest intensified leading to complete shutdown, Internet services were suspended and businesses

came to a standstill. On the accusation of Indian funding on Joint Awami Action Committee, a senior leader of JAAC, Shaukat Nawaz disclosed that the sole purpose of revolt is to secure civilian rights. Meanwhile, Islamabad police and FC soldiers continue to monitor the situation. A few casualties have been reported due to police firing and a conflict at the Neelum Bridge between JAAC and Muslim Conference Jamaat, a tangible outcome has to come

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MoU between Pakistan and Malaysia on extending cooperation in combating **Corruption**

Spokesman Report

KUALA LUMPUR: Pakistan's National Accountability Bureau (NAB) of the Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan has signed a Memorandum on 6TH October, 2025 in Putrajaya, of Understanding with the Govern- Kual Lumpur, Malaysia. The cerement of Malaysia's Anti-Corruption mony was witnessed by Pakistan's Commission (MACC) to strengthen Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the collaboration in preventing and the Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar combating corruption.

The MoU was signed and exchanged

Nasir and Chief Commissioner of Malaysia's Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Mr. Azam Bin Baki.

The signing ceremony took place

by Deputy Chairman NAB Mr. Sohail tance, joint capacity building and technical cooperation in foiling and fighting the corruption. This collaboration between the anti-corruption bodies of both countries will be beneficial as it will enhance the technical assistance in operational activities.

The MoU will facilitate the exchange of information on legislative developments and community education to enhance public aware-The MoU aims at mutual assis- ness on anti-corruption. This intends



to strengthen public participation in sional training courses, exchange of amongst the six MoUs signed between preventing and combating corruption. The human resource capacity

expertise and experiences.

This MoU on anti-corruption coopwill be improvised through profeseration holds a pivotal importance Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Malaysia.

both countries during a three-days official visit of the Prime Minister

Pakistan's Ambassador hails Azerbaijan Ethiopia, Pakistan agree to advance as 'Sincere, Close, Reliable Friend' ahead of trade delegation visit

Spokesman Report

BAKU: Pakistan's Ambassador to Azerbaijan, Qasim Moinuddin, has said that Azerbaijan is a sincere, close, and reliable friend of Pakistan. He noted that there are immense opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the fields of trade, tourism, energy, construction, and technology, which must be fully utilized.

He expressed these views while hosting a dinner in and Industry at his residence.

Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Indus- Bakhtawari, Haris Bakht-



Satti. President of the Talagang Chamber of Commerce honor of a delegation from Malik Shabbir Awan, former the Azerbaijan-Pakistan President of the Gilgit-Balti-Joint Chamber of Commerce stan Chamber of Commerce Nasir Hussain Raki, and The delegation included ICCI Executive Members Bakhtawari, Chairman Zafar Rohail Anwar Butt, Malik

tries Muhammad Owais awari, Asad Aziz, Yousuf Rajput, Fatima Hassan, along with other prominent business personalities.

On the occasion, detailed discussions were held on strengthening trade relations between Azerbaijan and Chamber President Waqar Malik Mohsin Khalid, Pakistan, exploring investment opportunities, and Bakhtawari, President of the Abdul Aziz, Umer Khayyam, enhancing bilateral cooper-Shamaila Siddiqui, Abid ation in various economic

Ambassador Qasim Moinuddin warmly welcomed the Pakistani delegation and emphasized the need to expand cooperation between the two countries in the pharmaceutical and IT

Speaking on the occasion, Chamber President Waqar Bakhtawari said the delegation was visiting Baku to participate in the Halal Business Forum and was also using this opportunity to explore investment and business prospects in Azerbaijan.

Chairman Zafar Bakhtawari stated that such visits and exchange of delegations not only promote trade relations but also strengthen people-to-people cultural links, and mutual

cooperation on skill development

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan have agreed to advance bilateral cooperation for producing skillful human resources for the development of their countries.

The discussion was held during a meeting between H. E. Dr. Jemal Beker Abdula, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extraordinary of the FDR Ethiopia, and H. E. Salik Hussain, Pakistan's Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development.

The Ambassador briefed the Federal Minister about Ethiopia's homegrown economic reforms, which are aimed at fostering macroeconomic stability. encouraging private sector investment, enhancing domestic production, and improving the government's capacity to deliver quality services.

The Federal Minister emphasized



tance to Ethiopia and looks forward to strengthening its bilateral cooperation on skill development.

He lauded the visionary leadership that is transforming Ethiopia under

that Pakistan attaches great impor- Prime Minister H. E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed. The Federal Minister also appreciated the Ambassador for his remarkable efforts in laying a strong foundation for Ethio-Pakistan bilateral rela-

😂 APO International Workshop

'Promoting Productivity through Digitalization' Kicks Off

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The National Productivity Organization (NPO) Pakistan, in collaboration with the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Japan, officially inaugurated the APO International Workshop on "Promoting Productivity through Digitalization" at a local hotel in Islamabad today. The four-day event, running from October 6 to October 9, 2025, brings together experts, policymakers, and practitioners from across the Asia-Pacific region to explore the transformative role of digitalization in driving productivity. The workshop features 19 overseas participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, Vietnam, and Pakistan, fostering regional cooper-

ation and shared learning. Mr. Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhary, CEO, NPO Pakistan, extended a warm welcome to the chief guest Mr. Karim Aziz Malik, Chairman/Incharge, FPCCI Capital Office and to all participants and guests of the workshop.



Yamada, Programme Officer from the APO Tokyo, Japan along with a distinguished panel of international resource persons, including, Dr. Suraya Sulaiman, Innovation Provocateur, Alpha Catalyst, Malaysia, Mr. Yuichi Ota, Partner, YCP Vietnam Company Limited, Vietnam, Mr. Syed Ahmad, Founder & CEO, DPL (Pvt) Ltd., Pakistan, Mr Yamada said that participants will learn practical insights and case studies on leveraging digital tools, including AI, to boost organizational efficiency and productivity. Over the course of the workshop, key themes will include: Policies and strategies for digital transformation, cies and frameworks supporting digital Emerging digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI), Organizational The workshop is led by Mr. Tomoyuki change management, Case studies and their organizations.

best practices from various sectors.

The Objective of the workshop is to Introduce the concept and significance of digitalization in enhancing productivity-Demonstrate how digital tools and technologies, including AI, can improve efficiency within organizations, Share best practices for planning and implementing digital transformation initiatives. As an outcome the participants are expected to leave the workshop with practical skills to plan and implement digital transformation projects, A solid understanding of key technologies, including AI, Insights into poliproductivity, The tools to foster a digital-first, productivity-driven culture in

Government of Japan provides grant assistance to two NGOs for development projects in Pakistan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Japan, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Program, has decided to provide grant assistance of USD 113,335 (equivalent to around PKR 32 Million) to two NGOs Maskeenabad, Rawalpindi and Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The grant contracts were signed between His Excellency, Mr. AKAMATSU Shuichi, Ambassador of of Pakistan and representaabad on October 7, 2025. The



and Kaus-e-Kazah Welfare Organization (KKO).

ACTED will receive the 17.3 million) to rehabilitate the Solar-Powered Water Japan to the Islamic Republic Supply System in one of the most underdeveloped areas Embassy of Japan in Islam- project includes the construction of distribution water tank two NGOs that will imple- and extending water pipelines District Rawalpindi.

for development projects in ment the projects are ACTED to ensure a consistent and safe water supply to the community. This project will benefit 1.470 individuals residing in grant of USD 61,200 grant village Asha khel directly. This (equivalent to around PKR is expected to free the women and children from the labor of fetching water.

KKO will receive USD 52,135 grant (equivalent to tives of the two NGOs at the in District Nowshera. The around PKR 14.8 million) for the Construction of Primary School in Maskeenabad,

At the signing ceremony, His Excellency, Mr. AKAMATSU Shuichi expressed his expectation that these development projects in cooperation with local communities would improve the living standards of Pakistani people at the grassroots Also, His Excellency, Mr.

AKAMATSU Shuichi highlighted that basic infrastructure and education have always been a cornerstone of Japan's Official Development Assistance strategy, reflecting Japan's own journey of development. The Government of Japan will continue to provide flexible and timely support to local NGOs through grant assistance to uplift the social wellbeing of the people of

Pakistan National Security Comes First, Pakistan's Security, A Sacred Duty

stan is not merely a state; it represents an idea — one achieved through the sacrifices of millions. Preserving its sanctity, defending its borders, and respecting its institutions are duties incumbent upon anyone who calls themselves a Pakistani. Unfortunately, in today's age of social media, a few individuals have emerged who, driven by personal interests, ego, or political differences, are spreading narratives against the state.

Some of these individuals have settled abroad, yet their words continue to undermine Pakistan's interests. clearly pursue agendas that are hostile to Pakistan. The recent Twitter Space hosted by Adil Raja further exposed

he security and survival being promoted from abroad. During of Pakistan are integral to that session, Ihsanullah Ihsan, a former the faith and conscience militant spokesman, made extremely of every Pakistani. Paki- alarming statements: He claimed that attacks on the Pakistan military are legitimate, and even encouraged such attacks.

He supported terrorist attacks inside Pakistan and called for their intensification. He rejected democracy, labeling it an un-Islamic and illegitimate system of governance. He went so far as to call the State of Pakistan itself "illegitimate" (najayez). These statements are not mere opinions — they are direct attacks on Pakistan's sovereignty, its people, and its armed forces.

That such extremist rhetoric was allowed a platform by a self-exiled indi-Figures such as Adil Raja and others vidual like Adil Raja raises serious questions about motives and alliances. This is not freedom of speech; this is incitement against the State of Pakistan. And the dangerous anti-Pakistan narrative those who enable such voices, directly

bility for spreading hate and division voice of Pakistan's enemies, it becomes among Pakistanis. Now is the time an act of betrayal. Pakistani embassies for Overseas Pakistanis to recognize around the world must review their their responsibilities. Living abroad, VIP and guest lists. At times, individ-

you are representatives of Pakistan. When anyone speaks against Pakistan's institutions, the armed forces, or national security, it is not merely an insult to one institution - it is an affront to the entire

Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah Overseas Pakistanis must challenge such individuals, reject supervising lawyers' associations and their narratives, and present a positive, united, and patriotic image of Pakistan to the world. Pakistan is our identity-the land that has given us dignity, recognition, and honor. Our differences must never override the national interest. Constructive criticism

or indirectly, share moral responsi- is welcome, but when it amplifies the

uals or organizations granted privileges at embassy events avoid responding to those who speak against Pakistan's security. Diplomats must send a clear message: "There will be no compromise on Pakistan's secu-

rity. Ambassadors community groups abroad must also fulfill their obligations. When individuals or organizations defame Pakistan, legal action should be considered. Where that is not feasible, at the very least, public condemnation must be

Freedom of expression does not the defense of the State. Participants and cannot justify hostility toward the nation. The Ministry of Informa $tion\ and\ Broadcasting\ should\ instruct$ news channels and newspaper owners to respond swiftly and effectively to anti-Pakistan narratives abroad. Pakistani media must leverage their overseas correspondents, reports, packages, and talk shows to counter such rhetoric.

This is a vital requirement — not just for defending the state but also for raising public awareness against coordinated propaganda. The Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) has recently organized several successful programs abroad, attracting enthusiastic participation from the Pakistani diaspora. These events, which include meetings with the Prime Minister of Pakistan and other senior officials, should go beyond ceremonial gestures. They must promote national awareness, patriotism, and

should also condemn those who speak against Pakistan and engage with their Members of Parliament to ensure that Pakistan's positive image is upheld. Overseas Pakistanis must unite to demonstrate that they are not only contributors to the national economy but also guardians of Pakistan's ideological fortress. This is not criticism - it is a call to national responsibility.

The time has come for all Pakistanis, especially those abroad, to unite and send a clear and uncompromising message: "Pakistan's security is our red line."Whoever crosses it - regardless of who they are — is not a friend of Pakistan but stands among its enemies.

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Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

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Bahrain Dinar	746.7	754.2
Canadian Dollar	205.4	212.4
China Yuan	39.75	40.15
Danish Krone	44.5	45.10
Euro	331.9	335.4
Hong Kong Dollar	36.4	36.75
Indian Rupee	3.12	3.21
Japanese Yen	1.8760	1.9760
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.55	922.55
Malaysian Ringgit	67.3	67.9
NewZealand \$	164.85	166.85
Norwegians Krone	28.37	28.67
Omani Riyal	731.15	738.65
Qatari Riyal	77.32	78.02
Saudi Riyal	75.35	76
Singapore Dollar	216.8	221.55
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	380.7	383.7
US Dollar	282.6	282.7

CCP moves against false marketing by real estate developers

E Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is in process of initiating an inquiry into deceptive marketing practices in the real estate sector. The decision is based on extensive data and intelligence gathered by CCP's Market Intelligence Unit (MIU) and the Office of Fair Trade (OFT), which revealed widespread misrepresentation by various housing societies and developers.

The inquiry would specifically target projects falsely claiming to be located within the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) or registered with the Capital Development Authority (CDA), despite being situated outside its jurisdiction.

The CCP has called upon all stakeholders-including consumers, investors, and overseas Pakistanis-to assist the Commission by submitting any available evidence, documents, or promotional materials that can support the inquiry. Complaints and proofs may be submitted through the CCP's Online Complaint Portal at www.cc.gov.pk.

Initial analysis conducted by the CCP indicates that several housing societies and real estate projects have engaged in deceptive practices, including:

The CCP emphasized that such practices mislead buyers and investors, particularly overseas Pakistanis, distort competition, and undermine consumer trust.

Gold price surges to Rs416,778 per tola

LAHORE: Gold prices continue to rise both globally and locally, driven by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and international market trends. According to local Sarafa market sources, the price of gold per tola has increased by Rs1,500, reaching Rs416,778. Similarly, the price of 10 grams of gold has risen by

Rs1,286 to Rs357,319. In contrast, silver prices have seen a slight decline. The price of silver per tola dropped by Rs20, bringing it to Rs4,929.

Malaysia, Pak \$1.4 billion bilateral trade below its potential

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The current volume of bilateral trade between Malaysia and Pakistan is \$1.4 billion, which is far below its potential. The recent three-day visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif can further promote bilateral trade diversification.

Malaysia is Pakistan's major trading partner in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and has always supported Pakistan as a full dialogue partner in ASEAN.

The 100,000 Pakistani Diaspora in Malaysia can act as a catalyst for economic, trade and people-to-people relations between the two countries.

In the last three day's of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Malaysia, he stressed the vital role of the private sector in driving economic growth, urging business leaders from Pakistan and Malaysia to seize new opportunities for bilateral trade and investment.

only create enabling environments, but real progress depended on private enterprise. "It is the private sector that must drive the engine of growth," the prime minister said. "Governments can only lay the foundation and provide a framework; businesses should be run

not government." The Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, on the occasion, emphasized the need to foster collaboration under ASEAN, noting



by business houses, enterprises, and experts, that expanding the grouping's economic footprint would benefit the entire region.

He assured Pakistani entrepreneurs of his government's support in facilitating smoother business processes and regulatory cooperation.

In agreement, both sides decided that Pakistan will export \$200 million worth of Halal meat to Malaysia, assuring to compete on price, quality, and shipment commitments.

The two sides signed an MoU on Halal Certi-

fication, 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 the Minister for Commerce, Jam Kamal Khan.

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: US Acting Ambassador Natalie Baker meeting with the Minister of State for Finance and Railways, Bilal Azhar Kayani on Tuesday.



MG Rewards Customer Loyalty with **Exciting Lucky Draw Campaign**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Reaffirming its promise of trust, innovation, and customer care, MG Pakistan — the pioneer of Pakistan's first plug-in hybrid vehicle concluded its September Full Payment Lucky Draw Campaign, a celebration of loyalty and timely commitment by MG customers.

The campaign received an overwhelming response, reflecting strong customer confidence in MG's brand promise. Through this initiative, MG rewarded its valued customers who completed full payment invoicing in September with exciting prizes, including,3 winners who received 50% cashback, 10 winners who enjoyed free registration, winners who secured MG Shield Insurance at an exclusive 1.55% rate and 20 winners who benefited from free periodic maintenance for their MG vehicles



are Abid Ahmed Shaikh - MG Center, Hazrat Hussain – MG Khyber, Nadeem Irfan Bukhari - MG Lounge

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The event stood as a testament to MG's dedication to going beyond the sale — ensuring customer satisfaction, peace of mind, and lasting value.

Iftikhar Malik urges

MEPCO's frontline workers and line staff are our valuable assets

Asim Tanveer

MULTAN: On the instructions of Superintending Engineer Operation MEPCO Circle Multan Amiad Nawaz Bhatti, a safety seminar was organized in Musa Pak Division Multan for the safety of line staff and prevention of accidents, in which all the while addressing the safety seminar, said that MEPCO's should never neglect safety frontline workers and line measures during work staff are our valuable asset.

XEN MEPCO Musa Pak most precious, which is an Division Engineer Ghulam irreplaceable asset not only Mohiuddin Maitla said for the department but also



because their lives are the that start the work with the for their families.

A high delegation of Pakistani food exporters left for Dubai

S Commerce Desk

LAHORE: A high delegation of leading Pakistani food exporters led by Saif Ur Rehman coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Tuesday left for Dubai at the invitaexplore avenues of collaboration and joint ventures in the food sector especially export of best quality snacks of international standards.

In a statement here today prior to departure said the delegation will hold a series of business-to-business (B2B) meetings with prominent Emirati inves- competitive pricing.

tors, food chain representatives, and wholesale market leaders with a special focus on the export of Pakistan's best quality snacks and other value-added products. The initiative is aimed at boosting bilateral trade and strengthening economic tion of UAE investors to relations between Pakistan and the United Arab Emir-

> The delegation will showcase the rich variety, taste, and quality of Pakistani snack products which have gained increasing popularity in international markets due to their unique flavors, hygiene standards, and



Example 2 Commerce Desk

CCI) former President Iftikhar Ali LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Malik Tuesday urged the govern-

used car policy to safeguard the struggling domestic auto industry and protect the jobs of thousands of workers directly or indirectly asso-

In a statement here today, octogenarian trade leader of South Asia, said every developed and developing country protects its indig-

ment to urgently revisit the liber- authorities to adopt a long-term and duties. alisation of commercial import of vision that ensures sustainability, the auto sector.

government to urgently review commercial import of used cars

He said the influx of used cars through liberalised policies will hit local automobile manufacturers who have already invested billions of rupees in Pakistan and are providing employment opportunities along with contributing significantly to the enous industries and urged the national exchequer through taxes

He said a balance must be maincompetitiveness, and innovation in tained to ensure that the local industry does not affect under unfair competition.

He added that protection of local industry would not only boost employment but also help in reducing the import bill, stabilising foreign exchange reserves, and paving the way for industrial growth and economic self-reliance.

PBSF delegation meets Rana Sanaullah, key issues resolved

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Blind Sports Federation (PBSF) has successfully resolved its major issues after meetings with government authorities, while the Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Sports Board have assured their full cooperation for hosting the Asia/ Pacific Goalball Championship 2025

A high-level PBSF delegation, comprising President Muhammad Waqas, Vice President Shehzad Javed, and General Secretary Bilal Javed, met with Federal Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) Rana Sanaullah, IPC Secretary Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, and Director General of the Pakistan Sports Board Muhammad Yasir Pirzada.

During the meetings, detailed discussions were held regarding the prepara- Pacific Goalball Championship 2025. international championship in Paki- sports in Pakistan.



tions and management of the Asia/ Officials stated that hosting such an

stan for the very first time would be a historic achievement and a means to project Pakistan's positive image at the global level.

PBSF President Muhammad Waqas expressed gratitude to the government for its support, saying that the event would serve as a source of encouragement for differently-abled athletes, particularly the visually impaired, and would bring honor to Pakistan. He added that the Federation is making comprehensive preparations to make the event memorable and to raise Pakistan's flag high in the international sporting arena.

With the joint efforts of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation and government institutions, the Asia/Pacific Goalball Championship 2025 is expected to become a remarkable and historic event, opening new avenues for the future of

Pakistan Cricket Board announces match referees and umpires panels for the 2025-26 Cricket Season: PCB official says

Pakistan Cricket Board

Asim Tanveer

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Cricket Board announced its panel of umpires and match referees for the 2025-26

Match referee Ali Naqvi, Umpires Asif Yaqoob, Faisal Khan Aafreedi, Rashid Riaz Waqar and Saleema Imtiaz make up ICC International Panel of Match officials from Pakistan. PCB National Elite Panel of Match Referees and the Supplementary Panel of Match Referees include 10 members each.

A total of 18 Umpires make up National Elite Panel of Umpires while Supplementary I Panel of Umpires comprises of 14 members. A total of 40 umpires from across the country make up PCB Emerging Panel for the season 2025-26. The PCB Women's Panel includes 13 Umpires from Karachi, Kasur, Khairpur, Lahore, Multan and Muzaffarabad.

The Supplementary I Panel of Umpires comprises of 14 members with Asif Farooq Awan, Hasan Mahmood, Irfan Haider, Muhammad Favvaz Muhammad Basit, Muhammad Imran and Syed Fahim Ahmed Bukhari, while Supplementary II Panel consists of 24

Noor-ul-Hukam, Hidayatullah, Maqbool Ahmed, Mumtaz Ali, Muhammad Shafiq-ul-Hai have progressed from the Emerging Panel of Umpires to Supplementary II after a review of the performances in the previous season.

PCB Panel of Match officials 2025-26 ICC International panel of match officials (5): Ali Naqvi (Match referee);

Aafreedi (Sargodha) and Rashid Riaz Waqar (Lahore) and Saleema Imtiaz (all

PCB Elite Panel of Match Referees (10): Aleem Khan Moosa (Karachi), Ali Naqvi (Lahore), Athar Laiq (Karachi), Bilal Moinul Haq Khiljee (Lahore), Iftikhar Ahmed (Karachi), Kamran Chaudhary (Lahore), Muhammad Aslam (Quetta), Muhammad Iqbal Sheikh (Hyderabad), Nadeem Arshad (Faisalabad) and Sohail Idrees (Lahore) National Elite Panel of Umpires

(18): Abdul Moqeet (Lahore), Haider (Karachi), Asif Yaqoob (Islamabad), Farooq Ali Khan (Abbottabad), Faisal Khan Aafreedi (Sargodha), Ghulam Sarwar (Sibi), Imran Jawed (Karachi), Imranullah Aslam (Bahawalpur), Kashif

Snr (Karachi), Muhammad Sajid (Dadu), Raza Asghar (Sheikhupura), (Charsadda), Nasir Hussain (Lahore), Saleem Butt (Rawalpindi), Sultan (Charsadda), Sohail Zaman Khattak Qaiser Khan (Lahore), Rashid Riaz Mahmood (Loralai), Waqar Ahmed (Peshawar), Waqas Zeb (Lahore) and Wagar (Lahore), Sagib Khan (Abbot- (Islamabad) and Zeeshan Arif (Azad tabad), Syed Imtiaz Iqbal (Karachi), Tariq Rasheed (Lahore) and Zulfiqar Jan (Charsadda)

Supplementary I Panel of Umpires (14): Ahmed Shahab (Lahore), Asif Farooq Awan (Gujranwala), Aslam Bareach (Quetta), Hassan Mahmood (Lahore), Irfan Haider (Islamabad), Majid Hussain (Azad Jammu and Kashmir), Muhammad Asif (Lahore),

Asif Yaqoob (Islamabad), Faisal Khan Muhammad Basit (Lahore), Muhammad Fayyaz (Peshawar), Muhammad Imran (Sargodha), Qaiser Waheed (Lahore), Rana Muhammad Arshad (Faisalabad), Syed Fahim Ahmed Bukhari (Karachi) and Waleed Yaqub (Lahore).

Supplementary II Panel of Umpires (24): Abdul Karim (Naseerabad), Ahmed Nadeem (Peshawar), Anser Mahmood (Pattoki), Aqeel Adil Khan (Karachi), Dilshad Ali (Multan), Haroon Malik (Sargodha), Hashim Ali (Lodhran), Hidayatullah (Pishin), Jamshaid Iqbal (Peshawar), Kamran Khalil (Lahore),

> Maqbool Ahmed (Faisalabad), Muhammad Irfan Dilshad (Lahore), Muhammad

Kaleem (Lahore), Muhammad Shafiqul-Hai (Dera Ismail Khan), Muhammad Waqas (Lahore), Mumtaz (Loralai), Naseer

Ahmed (Chakwal), Sohail (Khanewal), Khalid Mehmood Noor ul Hakam (Buner), Rafiq Ahmed

> Jammu and Kashmir) Referees (10): Abu-al-Hasnat Rao (Lahore), Ahmer Saeed (Karachi), Ali Gohar (Karachi), Fazal Akbar Shah (Peshawar), Ghulam Mustafa (Kasur), Inamullah Khan (Lahore), Muhammad Amiruddin Ansari (Karachi), Samiul Haq (Faisalabad), Saman Zulfiqar (Sheikhupura) and Sohail Khan (Lahore) and Zakia Gul (Khairpur)

PCB Emerging Panel of Umpires (40): Aamer Atta (Dera Ghazi Khan), Abdul Basit (Rawalpindi), Abdul Qayoom (Karachi), Abrar Ahmed (Kasur), Adnan Rashid (Lahore), Ajmal Khan (Swat), Asim Alvi (Karachi), Farooq Anwar Bajwa (Faisalabad), Farooq Jan (Charsadda), Furqan Butt (Lahore), Ghayyur Hussain (Peshawar), Hameed Khan (Quetta), Imran Naseem (Okara), Jaffar Hussain (Peshawar), Khalid Mehmood Jnr (Quetta), Khalid Younas (Kohat), Khalil Ahmad Siddiqui (Kasur), Mehtab Hussain (Rawalpindi), Muhammad Aamir Sharif (Kohat), Muhammad Arif (Dera Ismail Khan), Muhammad Asif Jnr (Multan), Muhammad Imran Jnr (Bahawalnagar), Muhammad Masood Afridi (Peshawar), Muhammad Yousaf (Dera Ghazi Khan), Muneeb Ahsan (Attock), Munir Ahmed (Kasur), Naik Mohammad (Kohat), Nasar Khan (Mardan), Naveed Khan (Nowshehra), Raweed Khan (Charsadda), Sadiq Amin (Charsadda), Saifullah Khan (Sargodha), Shahid Aslam (Karachi), Shahid Naseem (Rawalpindi), Sheraz Ahmed Rajput (Lahore), Sohail Khan

PCB Women Panel of Umpires (13): Supplementary Panel of Match Afia Amin (Lahore), Ayesha Farooq (Lahore), Fakhira Kazim Syeda (Muzaffarabad), Hummairah Farah (Lahore), Nazia Nazir (Lahore), Riffat Mustafa (Kasur), Sabahat Rasheed (Lahore), Saleema Imtiaz (Karachi), Sania Ashraf (Lahore), Shakila Rafiq (Kasur), Sukhan Faiz (Multan), Sumaira Sajid (Lahore)

Waseemuddin (Kohat)

Former PM Chaudhry Shujaat Vows Full Backing for Pakistan's Blind Asia-Pacific Goalball Tournament

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Former Prime Minister of Pakistan and President of Pakistan Muslim League, Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, held an important meeting with the Coordinator of Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, Aziz ur Rehman Mujahid. During the meeting, Aziz ur Rehman Mujahid gave a



comprehensive briefing about the upcoming Asia Pacific Goalball Tournament, which is scheduled to be held in October this year. He also appealed to Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain for his full patronage and support in promoting blind sports in Pakistan.

Aziz ur Rehman Mujahid highlighted that Pakistan's visually impaired athletes have recently made the nation proud by defeating Kenya in international goalball competitions. He added that the preparations for the Asia Pacific Goalball event are currently in their final stages, and the young players are highly motivated to represent Pakistan at the regional level with full strength and determination.

Expressing his views, Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain said it was a pleasant surprise and a matter of great pride for him that Pakistan's blind boys and girls have brought home a trophy at the international level. He praised their passion, courage, and hard work, stating that such achievements prove that disability is not a weakness but a strength when combined with talent and

He further assured the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation of his full cooperation and support, emphasizing that the nation should stand firmly behind these remarkable athletes who are raising Pakistan's flag high across the world. Chaudhry Shujaat also extended a warm invitation to the delegation of the Federation for a special dinner at Zahoor Elahi House, Lahore, in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

The meeting reflected the growing importance of promoting inclusive sports in Pakistan, with a renewed hope that the visually impaired athletes of the country will continue to excel and win more honors at the international stage.

Women's World Cup: England down Bangladesh by four wickets

GUWAHATI: Heather Knight's 79-run knock guided England to a hard-fought four-wicket win over Bangladesh in their ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 clash at Barsapara Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

Chasing a modest 179-run target, the former champions were made to do hard yards to secure the victory as they amassed the total with 23 balls to spare, while losing six wickets in the process.

Knight, who walked out to bat at the start of the second over with the scoreboard reading 1/6, oversaw England's pursuit with a valiant innings.

She was involved in crucial partnerships with skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt (32) and Alice Capsey (20), but the all-rounder's dismissal in the 30th over had still reduced England to 103/6.

The right-handed batter eventually found a subtle support at the other end in the form of Charlie Dean, and the duo led England to a tense victory by putting together an unbeaten 79-run partnership for the seventh wicket.

Knight top-scored for England with an unbeaten 79 off 111 deliveries, studded with eight fours and a six, while Dean contributed with 27 not out from 56 balls. Fahima Khatun was the standout bowler for Bangladesh, returning sensational bowling figures of 3/16 in her 10 overs, followed by Marufa Akter with two, while Sanjida Akter Meghla made one scalp.

Put into bat first, Bangladesh's batting unit could yield a meagre 178 runs before being bowled out in 49.4 overs.

Middle-order batter Sobhana Mostary remained the top-scorer with a cautious 60 off 108 deliveries, laced with eight boundaries, while Rabeva Khan made a vital contribution at the backend with an unbeaten 43 off just 27 deliveries, comprising six fours and a six. Besides them, only Sharmin Akhter (30) and Shorna Akter

Afghan soil must not be used against any country's security

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Earlier, Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanistan, Muhammad Sadiq, shared on the social media platform X that a four-nation meeting had been held in Moscow, bringing together special envoys from Pakistan, China, Russia, and Iran.

He said the participants reviewed regional peace and security issues and reaffirmed their commitment to estab-

lishing a stable, sovereign, and peaceful Afghanistan, free from terrorism and foreign interference.

Sadiq added that all four countries expressed concern over the presence of banned terrorist groups in Afghanistan, including Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), Jaish al-Adl, Daesh (ISIS), and al-Qaeda.

enhance coordination and joint action in the fight against terrorism.

During separate meetings with his Chinese and Iranian counterparts, Sadiq discussed regional security, counterterrorism cooperation, and the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

In a statement, he said his meeting with Iran's special envoy Mohammad Reza Bahrami focused on the latest developments in Afghanistan, particu-The participants also agreed to larly the growing threat of terrorism.

Both sides emphasised the importance of continued dialogue and coordination to address shared challenges.

In his meeting with China's envoy Yu Xiao Yong, both sides stressed the need for a coordinated strategy to promote lasting peace and stability in the region.

Sadiq noted that the meeting highlighted the strong Pakistan-China partnership in tackling common challenges and advancing regional development.

Envoy for Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, to discuss ways to further strengthen

regional cooperation on Afghan matters. The conference was inaugurated by Russian Foreign Minister Sergev Lavrov, who welcomed the participation of the Taliban Foreign Minister and emphasised that stability in Afghanistan is vital for regional peace.

Lavrov sharply criticised Western countries, accusing them of abandoning Ambassador Ubaid Nizamani from the He also met with Russia's Special Afghanistan and "pushing its people

He also called for the immediate release of Afghanistan's frozen assets held in Western banks to provide muchneeded economic relief to the Afghan people.

Pakistan was represented at the meeting by Special Representative for Afghanistan Muhammad Sadiq, along with Charge d'Affaires Givan Chand and Pakistani Embassy in Kabul.

Pakistan, Malaysia call for Gaza ceasefire

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The leaders also agreed to reconvene, at a mutually convenient time, the Joint Commission Meeting at the level of the Foreign

They reaffirmed their commitment to promoting balanced and sustainable economic ties through enhanced market access, business facilitation, and the effective utilisation of the Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA).

Malaysia expressed its intention to expand palm oil exports to Pakistan and also agreed to ensure a stable and sustainable supply chain, while upholding environmentally responsible practices.

They also acknowledged the growing global demand for halal products and services, and agreed to strengthen cooperation in the field of halal.

Both leaders acknowledged the importance of sustainable agricultural practices and agreed

to explore joint research, innovation, and the development of sustainable agricultural production methods.

The leaders expressed satisfaction with the strong ongoing defence collaboration under the purview of the Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC) platform, since its establishment

Cooperation between the two countries has been tremendously strengthened through high-level visits, regular bilateral meetings at ministerial and military levels, military-to-military engagements and defence industry linkages. Both sides also agreed to further deepen the bilateral defence cooperation, particularly in the field of defence science, technology, and industry, through knowledge and technology transfer.

The two sides welcomed further cooperation in education, including technical and vocational training, and the enhancement of institutional

of aviation in fostering greater connectivity and promoting people-to-people exchanges, the leaders agreed to enhance air travel services and explore opportunities for increased connectivity between Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Efforts will focus on increasing air traffic rights to enable the expansion of flight routes and facilitating the growth of air travel, thereby strengthening economic, business, and tourism ties between the two nations.

The leaders agreed to explore collaboration in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices, with the aim of enhancing public health and commercial exchanges in these sectors. Both leaders expressed opti-

mism in expanding tourism cooperation, particularly in light of Malaysia's "Visit Malaysia 2026" (VM2026) and "Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism 2026" (MYMT2026) campaigns. Malaysia extended a warm welcome to Pakistani

Recognising the importance travelers, and the leaders agreed to enhance tourism promotion and cultural exchanges from both

Both leaders recognised the importance of people-to-people ties and welcomed the positive contribution of the Pakistani diaspora in Malaysia to national development. They reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen cooperation in the area of labour, including technical training and skills development.

Acknowledging the importance of energy security and sustainability, the leaders agreed to explore cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, energy transition, and climate resilience, including knowledge-sharing, joint research and investment in clean energy projects.

Both leaders reaffirmed their support for enhanced collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI), including cooperation in areas such as artificial intelligence and digital

They underscored the critical

importance of regional cooperation in disaster management and risk reduction, and committed to enhancing the exchange of knowledge and best practices in humanitarian assistance, emergency response, and post-disaster

recovery and reconstruction. The leaders expressed their commitment to enhance cooperation in cybersecurity and efforts in combating transnational organised crimes, terrorism, terrorism financing as well as cybercrime. They agreed to continue exchanging information and expertise to address emerging security challenges.

The leaders noted the active cooperation on key issues within the framework of international organisations, particularly the United Nations (UN) and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Developing-8 Organisation for Economic Coopera-

Both leaders reiterated their shared commitment to strengthening the solidarity of the Muslim Assembly Resolutions 76/254 Ummah and upholding the true and 78/264, reaffirming the

values of Islam.

The two leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to a peaceful and stable Afghanistan and a sustainable future for its people. They emphasized the importance of continued engagement with the interim Afghan authorities, particularly for combating terrorism. to prevent the use of Afghan soil against other countries. They also stressed the importance of maintaining humanitarian assistance and capacity building for the Afghan population.

They condemned all forms of Islamophobia, xenophobia and incitement to violence, and reaffirmed their call upon the international community to undertake concerted action to combat intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatisation, discrimpersons based on religion or

leaders welcomed the adoption of UN General

tional Day to Combat Islamophobia, and encouraged the Secretary-General to pursue the development of an action-oriented Plan in consultation with Member States, to effectively address Islamophobia and related forms of religious hatred. The leaders further welcomed

significance of the Interna-

the appointment by the Secretary-General of Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuvaubé of Spain as the UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia on 7 May 2025, noting his concurrent role as the High Representative for the UN Alliance of Civilizations, and expressed their support for his mandate as part of collective international efforts to counter intolerance and promote peaceful coexistence.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif ination, and violence against reaffirmed the Pakistan's strong support for Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship and expressed confidence in Malaysia's leadership in steering ASEAN towards deeper regional integration, peace, and prosperity.

Group photo

ISLAMABAd: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in a group photo with Saudi Parliamentary Delegation led by Chairman of Shura Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ibrahim A1-Sheikh at Parliament House.



NA Speaker Sardar Ayaz meets Saudi Shura Parliamentary Delegation

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Sadiq also stated that Pakiof the Shura Council of the Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed faith, brotherhood, trust, bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq at the Parliament House, Islamabad today. During the meeting, both leaders held comprehensive discussions on bilateral relations, parliamentary cooperation, regional situation, Muslim Ummah's unity, and promotion of economic

Speaker Sardar Ayaz stan and Saudi Arabia enjoy and mutual respect. He said that Saudi Arabia has always been a sincere and timetested friend of Pakistan. He emphasized that enhanced between the two nations. parliamentary cooperation between the two brotherly nations would play a vital role in bringing the peoples of both

countries closer together.

that the recentl Pakistan-Saudi Strategic Defence Agreement symbolizes mutual friendship, trust, and shared Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, historic relations rooted in vision for regional peace and stability. He termed this agreement an honour and a matter of pride for Pakistan, marking a new chapter of enduring to play a remarkable role in partnership and development

> Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed sincere good wishes for Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Speaker for the warm welcome The Speaker highlighted Prince and Prime Minister and gracious hospitality

Mohammed bin Salman, extended to the Saudi dele-Chairman Dr. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, and the people of Saudi Arabia.

He also paid rich tribute to the role of the Custodians of the Two Holy Mosques, stating that Saudi Arabia continues preserving the cultural and spiritual heritage.

Chairman of the Saudi Shura Council Dr. Abdullah $bin\ Mohammed\ bin\ Ibrahim$ Al-Sheikh thanked the

gation.

The meeting was also attended by Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Malki, Deputy Speaker National Assembly Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, and Members of the National Assembly Syed Hafizuddin, Zeib Jafar, Malik Aamir Dogar, Sehar Kamran, Mujahid Ali, and Noor Alam

Harvest Supermoon illuminated night sky

№ News Desk

KARACHI: A dazzling "Harvest Supermoon" one of the year's most striking celestial displays — illuminated the night sky over Islamabad, drawing crowds to the city's beaches and waterfronts eager to capture the lunar spectacle.

This phenomenon occurs when a full moon aligns with the moon's closest approach to Earth in its elliptical orbit, known as perigee. The result is a moon that appears significantly larger and brighter than usual.

According to Pakistan's national space agency SUPARCO, October's supermoon was approximately 6.6% larger and 13% brighter than an average full moon. It reached its peak at 8:47 p.m. local time (0347 GMT).

"It's not every day you get to witness something like this," said Abdul Wahid Khan, Secretary General, Islamabad Private School



once a year, so we came out supermoon, and take some Association "It only happens to enjoy the moment, see the selfies."

"We had an amazing time,"

Photo: Online by Sultan

FPSC reiterates complete ban on mobile phones during CSS and other exams

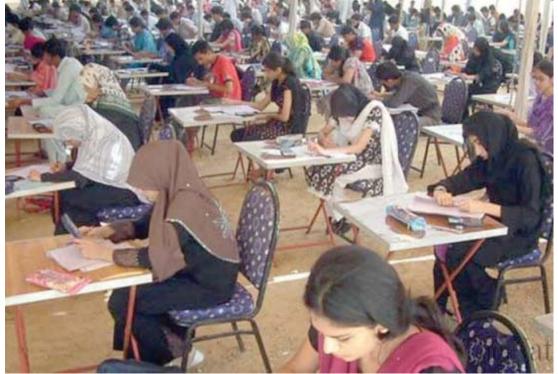
ISLAMABAD: The Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) has once again warned candidates appearing in the CSS and other competitive examinations against the use or possession of mobile phones and communication devices during exams.

According to an official statement, the use of any communication device is strictly prohibited inside the examination hall, and this restriction is clearly mentioned in the admission certificates issued to candidates.

The FPSC that bringing a mobile phone to the examination hall will be treated as an act of corruption, and violators will face disqualification or permanent debarment from future examinations

The Commission reminded candidates to strictly follow all examination rules and warned that any breach of these regulations would be dealt with in accordance with established procedures.

The FPSC, being the federal body responsible for recruiting officers and



employees for government service, reiterated its commitment to main-taining transparency, fairness, and discipline in the examination process. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

Acumen delegation, finance minister discuss investment, climate resilience, economic reforms



ISLAMABAD: A high-level delegation from the Acumen Board, led by its Founder and Chief Executive Officer Ms. Jacqueline Novogratz, called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Tuesday to discuss investment, climate resilience, and ongoing economic reforms.

The delegation comprised senior officials including Poul Carsten Stendevad, President and Chief Invest- Finance Minister appreciated ment Officer and Dr. Ayesha Khan, Acumen's continued engagement Chief Executive Officer, Acumen and its focus on agriculture and Pakistan, according to press release climate resilience in Pakistan.

issued by finance ministry.

It also included members of Acumen's Global Board and international investors while including Jacqueline Novogratz, Karen Zahn Paterson, Nathan Laurell, Matthew Philip Courey, Mercy Miyang Tembon, Poul Carsten Stendevad, Cristina Jane Ljungberg, Juan Carlos Mora Uribe, Shaiza Rizavi, Kirsten Nevill-Manning, Andrea Colombel, Dr. Ayesha Khan, Kashif Thanvi, and M. Yasir Khan.

Welcoming the delegation, the

Some PTI parliamentary members reluctant to nominate Achakzai and Raja Nasir as opposition leaders

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) Parliamentary Party has failed to implement PTI founder Imran Khan's decision to nominate Mahmood Achakzai and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas as opposition leaders in Senate.

Imran Khan ha sent a message to PTI Parliamentary Party about the implementation of the decision.

yesterday, 36 members of the parliapending, the application will be the application.

submitted as soon as the signatures of all members are completed.

Some PTI lawmaker are of the view that the posts of opposition leaders in both houses should be with PTI but Secretary General Salman Akram Raja and Aamir Dogar were active in implementing the orders of the founding chairman.

Aamir Dogar claimed regarding Mahmood Khan Achakzai and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas, all the PTI leader Amir Dogar said that members will be convinced in two to three days. He said some people mentary parties in both houses of could not reach the parliament due PTI signed the application and the to their busy schedules and after signatures of some members are their arrival all members will sign

PPP, PML-N row: Naqvi to meet PM Shehbaz tomorrow on Zardari's instructions

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has stepped in to defuse the ongoing tensions between the Sindh and Punjab governments and met Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in Karachi, where the two leaders held detailed discussions on the 'war of words' going on between the leaders of the PPP and the PML-N.

meeting, which took place at Bilawal House in Karachi, the president federal level. directed the interior minister to play an active role in easing the current political tensions.

On the occasion, Mohsin Naqvi briefed the president on the overall amid the prevailing situation.

law and order situation in the country and informed him about the state of coordination among

According to sources, the meeting

also touched upon the political grievances that surfaced after the Punjab caretaker government, as well as certain statements and administrative actions that have caused friction.

President Zardari instructed the Sources said that during the interior minister to work towards enhancing coordination at the

The sources added that the president also advised Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leaders to exercise caution in their public statements

Arrest warrants issued for 551 PTI workers in 26 Nov protest case

PTI Secretary General Salman Raja claims 26th Amendment has severely damaged the country's judicial system

News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Hearing of 26 Nov protest case against PTI leaders and workers was conducted by Anti-Terrorism Court Judge Tahir Abbas Supra and ATC judge issued arrest warrants of 551 PTI workers nominated in Kohsar Police Station limits who failed to appear before the court regularly.

The Court directed SP to execute warrant If he does not execute warrant, then he should appear in court and explain himself. Later ATC Judge Tahir Abbas adjourned the hearings of cases 933 and 1032

Cases have been registered against PTI workers under terrorism provi-

in court on behalf of PTI workers.

PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja has said that he held detailed meeting with PTI founder Imran Khan yesterday. He said that today the Supreme Court heard petitions regarding the 26th Amendment. He said 26th Constitutional Amendment has severely damaged the country's judicial system. The amendment has changed the very spirit and basic structure of the judiciary.

Salman Raja said nation saw that Islamabad High Court was attacked, The prosecution witnesses have Justice Jahangiri was attacked. He been summoned again for the said PTI will continue to raise the next hearing of the court. Sardar voice against propaganda. He said Masroof Khan Advocate appeared entire nation will see this case.