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The Spokesman PM to visit Egypt to attend Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit

At the invitation of President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and President of the United States Donald Trump, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif will visit Egypt on Monday to participate in the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit and attend the signing ceremony of the peace agreement aimed at ending the pre-vailing grave situation in Gaza.



Rallies banned: Section 144 imposed across Sindh for one month

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Calls on

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday.



India emerges as top facilitator of terrorism in region: ISPR

Maveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Army has said that India has become the principal facilitator of terrorism in the region, stressing that Pakistan will never allow Afghan territory to be used for terrorist activities against it.

In a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the military said that the Taliban government's recent actions pose a serious threat to regional peace.

It warned Kabul against attempting to destabilise the region in collusion with India, adding that Pakistan's sovereignty is non-negotiable.

"If the terrorists and Taliban do not desist from their hostile activities, Pakistan will continue that the people and state of its decisive operations against them," the statement read.

The ISPR called upon the Taliban's interim administration to take immediate and verifiable action against terrorist groups that while Pakistan remains operating from its soil, stating committed to peace in the region,



Pakistan will not remain silent until terrorism emanating from Afghanistan is completely erad-

The statement further said

it will not tolerate the use of conduct, the ISPR noted that the Afghan territory for terrorism.

"Efforts to sabotage peace through collusion between the Taliban regime and India will be foiled," it added.

Expressing deep concern over the Taliban government's

recent provocation occurred at a time when the Taliban's acting foreign minister was on a visit to India — a coincidence that raises serious questions.

The military said that on the night between October 11 and

12, Afghan Taliban fighters and Indian-sponsored militants belonging to the Fitna Al Khawarij network launched an unprovoked attack along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

In response, Pakistan's forces inflicted heavy casualties and material losses on the attackers.

According to ISPR, Pakistan's brave soldiers effectively countered the assault, killing more than 200 Afghan Taliban and militants in retaliatory strikes.

Twenty-three Pakistani soldiers were martyred and 29 others injured in the exchange of fire.

To minimise civilian harm and collateral damage, all possible precautions were taken, the statement said, adding that a large number of Taliban fighters and militants were also wounded.

The Pakistan Army said that its soldiers had successfully seized control of 21 Afghan positions during the counter-offen-

Interior minister calls on PM, discusses security, counter-terrorism efforts

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE, OCT 12 (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday held a meeting with Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, during which detailed discussions were held on the country's internal security, law and order situation, counter-terrorism efforts, and other key security matters.

Interior Minister Mohsin Nagvi briefed the Prime Minister on the overall law and order situation across the country and the measures being undertaken by the ities.

Federal Ministry of Interior to strengthen internal security.

The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of the Interior Minister and his team, directing that coordinated and effective actions must continue to ensure the protection of citizens' lives and prop-

Reaffirming his government's resolve, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that safeguarding the lives and property of the people, upholding the rule of law, and eradicating terrorism remain among the government's foremost prior-

Pakistan tells Afghanistan

Terror attack in KP, Balochistan will draw severe response

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has sent a clear message to Afghanistan in a sharply worded communiqué. The message challenges Afghan claims to brayery and recalls US support during the Soviet conflict, with a reference to Tora Bora, where Afghan fighters fled, the communiqué savs.

The note demanded expulsion of all Afghan refugees from Pakistan and suggested that the Afghan government may transfer them to India, with which the Taliban appear to enjoy close ties.

The communiqué warned that any terrorist action by



particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, will draw a response: Pakistan will destroy Taliban centres and bases in Afghanistan that support the Khawarij proxy. The message ended with a patriotic slogan: "Long live Pakistan."

Pakistani forces not targeting Afghan civilians, says deputy PM



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Expressing concern over clashes between the Pakistani and Afghan forces, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Sunday that indiscriminate firing by the Taliban at the Pakistan Army positions was provocative and outrageous. Dar said that contrary to could be no collateral damage," Dar added. He further said that Pakistan expected the Afghan government to crack down on the outfits carrying out terrorist

the Taliban, the Pakistani

forces in retaliation were only

destroying the infrastructure

of militants in Afghanistan,

and were not targeting the

civilians. "We are exercising

utmost restraint so that there

At the same time, the deputy prime minister made it clear that Pakistan would take all possible steps to protect its territory and the people.

attacks in Pakistan.

President Zardari, PM Shehbaz condemn Afghan aggression

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned Afghanistan's aggression and said Pakistan will not compromise on its national sovereignty. In a statement, President Asif Ali said Pakistan is determined to protect its national interests, territorial sovereignty, and secu-

The President of the State expressed regret that the Afghan leadership has done injustice to both history and the Ummah by turning its back on the freedom struggle of the oppressed people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the attacks of the Khawarij sedition from the land of the interim Afghan government are a proven fact by the



Pakistan has repeatedly made it clear that Pakistani citizens and security personnel are being targeted by the nexus of the Khawarij sedition and the Hindu sedition, the President

The President of the State Afghan citizens along with the

take practical steps to eliminate anti-Pakistan terrorist elements. He said the Khawarij sedition and the Hindu sedition are the biggest threats to the peace and stability of the region.

The honourable return of

restoration of peace is in the interest of both countries. Pakistan will continue to

support the educational and humanitarian needs of the Afghan people. Pakistan has provided all

possible facilities to Afghanistan to promote trade, economy and ties, the President said.

Mutual cooperation and economic partnership are the basis for sustainable peace and development of the region, Asif Ali Zardari.

The President said Pakistan is the well-wisher of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan, and brotherly relations are linked to mutual respect, security cooperation and regional peace.

The President said that Pakistan expects the interim Afghan government to prevent its territory from being used by terrorist

elements of the Khawarij and

Joint and practical measures against terrorism are the only guarantee of lasting peace, President Asif Ali Zardari said.

PM Shehbaz condemns Afghanistan attack

Pakistan's prime minister said on Sunday he "strongly condemns provocations" by Afghanistan, vowing a "strong and effective response" after border clashes between the neighbouring countries over-

"There will be no compromise on Pakistan's defence, and every provocation will be met with a strong and effective response," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in a statement, accusing Taliban authorities in Afghanistan of allowing their land to be used by "terrorist elements".

Rana Sanaullah invites parties to sign pact backing Pak security forces

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister Rana Sanaullah has invited all political parties to sign a pact to stabilise Pakistan. In a statement, Rana Sanaullah said if Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has to do politics, it has to stand with the Pakistani forces.

"If PTI will stand with Pakistan today, then a way forward will be found," Rana Sanaullah

tunkhwa politicians should stand with the Pakistani forces in unison. He said terrorist hide-

He said Khyber Pakh-

outs in Pakistan have been destroyed and will continue to be destroyed. Rana Sanaullah said we will not allow any neighbouring country to use its land against Pakistan.

The action of the Pakistani forces was the need of the hour, Rana Sanaullah concluded.

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Massive Rally in Muzaffarabad Highlights Muslim Solidarity: AJK Information Minister

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD/KOHALA: Information Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah has said that God willing, supports the Muslims of occupied Kashmir to free themselves from the clutches of India. Let's highlight the problem of Kashmir around the world.

Muslim members of Samod Flotilla are also present at today's welcome rally. I am grateful for the solidarity welcomed by all brothers, friends and elders who raised the voice of other oppressed Muslims around the world. Addressing the participants at various places, the purpose of the procession was to expose the terrible face of Israel to the world.

We are exhibitors, we send a message of peace, humanity and love and highlight the human rights violations and war crimes of Syria to the world, we are the problems of the people of Palestine and occupied Kashmir Samod pays tribute to the convoy members of the flotilla.

Earlier at Kohala the Information Minister of the Azad State of Jammu and Kashmir Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah's return from the Samod Nizami, Maulana Khatib, Mohammad



Flotilla convoy was welcomed on his arrival in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Information Minister

Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah Samod Flotilla convoy with participants belonging to Pakistan Aziz

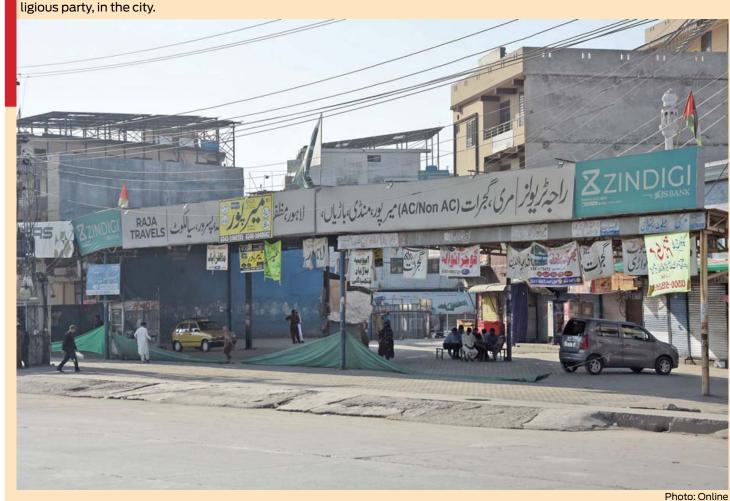
Ismail Khan, Dr. Muhammad Osama Welcomed them.

Pir Muhammad presented flowers to Mazhar Saeed Shah and other members of Samod flotilla. Gaia. After the journey of the Samod Flotilla to Kohala, hundreds of people were of Ag Nimrud.

and Umbrella Chowk, Platt and Chella Bandi Muzaffarabad. Azad Kashmir Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah said that a convoy leaving for Samod Flotilla played the role of Saint Ibrahim in front

Travelers in trouble

RAWALPINDI: A view of closed bus station at Faizabad area during roads closed around Faizabad due to protest of a re-



Nadeem Qureshi Tribute to the Workers of Mustaqbal Pakistan for Help of Flood Victims

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Haji Muhammad Yousuf Ansari, President Mustaqbal Pakistan, Multan District, hosted a dinner in honor of Chairman Mustaqbal Pakistan, Mr. Engiz Nadeem Mumtaz. The guests of honor were Moin Qureshi, General Secretary Mustaqbal Pakistan, Vice President Syed Rashid Hussain Bukhari, Chief Organizer Rana Rafiuddin Taib, President Rashid Hussain Rajput-Vice President Muhammad Aslam Gujjar-Muhammad Talha, President Youth Wing. Wajid Niazi, General Secretary Youth Wing, Additional General Secretary Fahad Ali Ansari, Youth



Wing, Multan District, in addition to former Nazim Union Council 18 Sheikh Naeem, former Councilor

Ashfaq Mahmood Khan, Aqil Usman Jatt, President Anjuman Tajran Delhi Gate, Daulat Gate Circular Road, Hassan Qureshi, Member of Political and Social Affairs Muhammad Gulrez, Muhammad Akash-Nasr Mahmood Muhammad Ali-Ali Raza Muhammad Akbar Raza and others. On this occasion, Chairman Nadeem Mumtaz Qureshi said that we pay tribute to all the institutions that worked day and night to help the flood victims in every possible way and our religion also teaches us to help the suffering humanity. Multan District President Haji Yousuf Ansari said that the day is not far when our party will work at the national level for public service.

CM internship program, interviews of veterinary graduates held at TT Singh

跨 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif's Internship Programme, interviews of veterinary graduates and paravets were conducted in Toba Tek Singh. The process was carried out under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela. The interview panel was headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Zeeshan Labbha Masih, while Additional Director Livestock Dr. Hina Zafar participated as a panel member. A total of six positions for veterinary graduates and two for the internship programme. Of these,



for paravets including one Veterinary three candidates were rejected due to Assistant and one AI Technician were allocated for Toba Tek Singh district. As many as 33 applications were received

being overage, while seven remained absent. A total of 23 veterinary graduates appeared for interviews, whereas two candidates were interviewed for

the paravet positions. The interview process was conducted with complete transparency and on merit.

ADC (General) Zeeshan Labbha Masih said the internship programme initiated by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif is a significant step towards providing practical training and employment opportunities to young professionals.

Dr. Hina Zafar, Additional Director Livestock, stated that the programme would help produce a skilled and trained workforce for the livestock sector contributing to its overall improvement and sustainability.

Sardar Attique condemned the terrorist attack on police training center D. I. Khan

Bureau Report



MUZAFFARABAD/RAWALPINDI: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference President and former Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan has condemned the terror attack on the police training center in Dera Ismail Khan. He said that the unprecedented determination of police and security forces to commend the actions of Pakistan Army against terrorists in Pakistan To

whom the officers and youth of the security forces deserve tribute, they said that unlike fitna al-Khwarij, the security forces and the people are on the same page, terrorists will not allow concessions Former Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan also said that Pakistani and Kashmiri nation army marched against Pakistan with Pakistan. Major Sabtin Haider Shaheed and DI Khan who sacrificed their lives pay tribute to their high rank and patience and perseverance of the family. He said that the nation is proud of the sacrifices of the brave officers and young men of the Pakistan army he added.

PML-N central leader Raja Nasir Ahmad Khan passed away

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Former Azad Kashmir Local Government Minister and PML-N central leader Raja Nasir Ahmad Khan has died of long illness here yesterday

Raja Nasir Ahmad Khan was a prominent political figure and leader of Azad Kashmir. He was included in the cabinet of Sardar Sikandar Hayat



Khan, Sardar Attique Ahmed and Raja Farooq Haider Khan. Former Azad Kashmir Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan and Raja Farooq Haider Khan and PML-N Shah Ghulam Qadir and General Secretary Chaudhry Tariq Farooq Expressed deep sorrow and regret over the death of Raja Naseer Ahmad Khan In thier condolence

statement, they expressed their heartfelt condolences to the deceased

World Disaster Day Celebrate in Multan



№ Kiran Asim

MULTAN: Civil Defense Officer Multan Arshad Hameed Sandhu and Chief Instructor Abdul Qadeer Khan, while addressing a seminar organized at the Civil Defense Headquarters on the occasion of World Disaster Awareness Day, said that in order to deal with emergencies like earthquakes and floods and minimize loss of life and property, it is necessary for every individual to receive training in civil defense and become a part of the civil defense organization with the passion of serving the country and the nation. In this regard, the vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab and the Director Civil Defense Punjab is to make civil defense the most active institution in accordance with the present era. On this basis, modern technical training is being given to civil defense volunteers so that they can serve as the frontline force of civil defense in emergencies like war, earthquake and flood. Group Wardens Ghazanfar Malik, Khawaja Dilshad Ahmed and Club Abid Khan, while addressing, said that it is our national and international duty to strengthen and stabilize the civil defense of our beloved homeland Pakistan. Let us serve the country and the nation together and become a part of civil defense and play our active role. During the seminar, a bouquet was presented to the recently appointed Civil Defense Officer Arshad Hameed Sandhu.

All Facilities Available at THQ Hospital Kamalia: MS Dr. Adeel

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Medical Superintendent (MS) of Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital Kamalia, Dr. Adeel Arif, stated that all essential medical facilities are fully available at the hospital for the convenience of patients. He said that the hospital staff is performing their duties responsibly to ensure the provision of the best possible healthcare services to the public. Emergen-



cv, OPD, maternity, laboratory, and diagnostic departments are functioning efficiently to cater to patients' needs. Dr. Adeel Arif added that special attention is being given to cleanliness, patient care and the availability of medicines. He further said that the management is committed to improving healthcare standards and ensuring a patient-friendly environment in the hospital.

Police arrest 11,198 criminals in province-wide crackdown

LAHORE: Punjab Police intensified province-wide operations against criminals and anti-state elements involved in heinous offences, including murder, kidnapping for ransom, rape, robbery, and other serious

According to a spokesperson for Punjab Police, a total of 11,198 criminals belonging to 4,574 gangs had been arrested during the current year, while stolen property worth over Rs2.72 billion had been recovered from their possession.

The recovered items include vehicles, motorcycles, mobile phones,

gold, cattle, and cash. The spokesperson said that 1,430 Kalashnikovs, 2,320 rifles, 27,630 pistols, 2,511 shotguns, 380 revolvers, and more than 200,000 rounds of ammunition were also seized from the accused. In Lahore alone, police apprehended 5,054 criminals associated with 2,273 gangs.





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China's **Economic** Growth Bringing Major Benefits To Pakistan: Saif urRehman

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LAHORE: Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman Sunday said China's growing economy is bringing significant benefits to Pakistan, fostering economic growth, industrial development, and regional connectivity.

Speaking here today at a round table conference on "Impact of China's Growing Economy on Pakistan", he said Chinese investments in manufacturing, agriculture, and technology sectors are creating thousands of jobs and transferring valuable technical expertise to Pakistan's workforce.

The collaboration has also enhanced Pakistan's export potential by improving logistics and enabling local industries to access larger regional and global markets.

Additionally, the growing demand from China for agricultural products, minerals, and textiles provides Pakistan with opportunities to diversify its exports and strengthen its balance of payments.

IGP Rizvi reviews security at Faizabad, various duty points across capital

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police Inspector General, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, reviewed security arrangements during his visit to Faizabad and several other duty points across the federal capital.

An official told to media on Sunday that during the visit, the IGP Rizvi interacted with officers and personnel of Islamabad Police and other law enforcement agencies deployed at the

He lauded their dedication and encouraged them to continue performing duties



with commitment. Senior across capital police officers were also present on the occasion.

Faizabad, various duty points any law-and-order situation

The IGP Rizvi directed officers to remain fully alert IGP Rizvi reviews security at and prepared to deal with in accordance with the law. He emphasized that the police would not allow any disturbance to the peace of the federal capital and would utilize all available resources to ensure protection of citizens' lives, property, and public as well as private assets.

He instructed senior officers to brief their teams regularly on handling potential situations and to personally inspect duty deployments. He also directed that all personnel on duty must be fully equipped and officers

should frequently visit various areas of the city to ensure compliance with these direc-

Dafli

ISLAMABAD: A girl taking keen interest in music instrument (Dafli) during the last day of Balochistan Grand Toursim Festival, at Lok Virsa, in the Federal Capital.



Twin Cities' Women Police battle daily commute to serve and survive

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: For many women police officers in Islamabad and Rawalpindi, the day does not end when duty ends. It often begins at home before sunrise preparing breakfast, sending children to school, finishing household chores and then continues with another challenge: reaching duty points on time

proper transport.

Outside Rawalpindi's Sadiqabad police station, a woman constable waves at over, but the city's public transport has stopped due to protest rallies. No bus, no van, not even a rickshaw halts. Motorcyclists



in the police are performing

double duties. At home, they

are mothers, wives, and home-

officers responsible for law and

male colleagues, they have no

reliable transport to take them

and returning home without ride past without a glance. At home, her three hungry

children wait for food. "I still have to knead the flour, cook makers. On the streets, they are for my kids, and serve my passing vehicles. Her duty is husband. But first I need to order. reach home — and that itself feels impossible," she says with

Across Pakistan, women to and from work.

stretches daily. "After finishing household chores, I leave for duty. On the way back, I also buy vegetables and groceries. Carrying heavy

> bags after a full day of work is exhausting, but I rush home because my children are waiting." For women posted at checkpoints or VIP events, the problem becomes even worse.

ICT Police constable

from Sanam Chowk,

Khanna Pul, explained

how she often walks long

Hours of standing under the sun are followed by more hours searching for a ride. "One colleague may drop me But unlike many of their halfway, but my home is still

far. Getting inside my street is always a struggle," a young policewoman said.

Syed Aman pay tribute to Pakistan Armed Forces for a fitting response

KARACHI: Syed Aman Shah, The Provincial Convener of Awam Pakistan Party Balochistan and the Provincial General Secretary, Professor Dr. Haleem Sadiq, have strongly condemned Afghanistan's aggressive behavior and unprovoked firing on Pakistani border posts.

The leaders stated that the Pakistan Armed Forces have once again made the nation proud by giving a decisive and befitting response to the enemy's hostile actions. The Awam Pakistan Party pays rich tribute to



the courage, valor, and patriotic spirit of the country's armed forces. They emphasized that Pashtun traditions hold no example of attacking one's benefactor, yet unfortunately, the Afghan government, under Indian influence, continues to pursue anti-Pakistan policies. According to the leaders, the recent Afghan aggression following the Taliban Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan clearly indicates that India's extremist government is orchestrating conspiracies that threaten peace and stability in the region.

Flour mill owners must be bound to provide flour at official rates: DC Rawalpindi

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: An important meeting was held between the Restaurants, Caterers, Sweets & Bakers Association and the Deputy Commissioner of Rawalpindi. President of the Association, Muhammad Farooq Chaudhry, along with other trade organization leaders, met with Deputy Commissioner Dr. Hassan Waqar Cheema, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Dr. Hassan Tariq, and Chairman of the District Price Control Committee Khawaja Shehzad.

In response, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Hassan Waqar Cheema directed the Food Controller during the meeting to ensure that flour mill owners are bound to supply flour to restaurants and bakeries at official government rates. The Deputy Commissioner further instructed the Association to provide a list of the flour mills from which they purchase, so that these specific mills can be mandated to sell flour at

KeyAbroad plays a key role in teaching students basic language: President FCCI



Commerce Desk

FAISALABAD: KeyAbroad office was inaugurated in Koh-i-Noor City. The chief guest of the inauguration ceremony was Sheikh Farooq Yousuf, President Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. All the guests who came to the ceremony were welcomed with bouquets of flowers. The inauguration was performed by President FCCI Sheikh Farooq Yousuf and prayers were offered for the development of the institution. While former President Chamber of Commerce Rao Sikandar Azam, lawyer and political leader Shahid Baig, Dr. Nisar Ahmed, Mirza Zahid, Nasir Baig, and others were also present. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Naat was also recited. At the beginning of the speeches, President Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sheikh Farooq Yousuf addressed the gathering before the commencement of the proceedings. In which he paid tribute to Junaid Mahmood Baig's educational thinking and praised his work. Rao Sikandar Azam, Shahid Baig Advocate, Sheikh Waheed, Junaid Mahmood Baig, and others also addressed the event. Finally, prayers were also offered for the progress and security of the Pakistan Armed Forces and the country of Pakistan.

Dry weather forecast for city

LAHORE: Partly cloudy and dry weather persisted in the city on Sunday, while the Met Office forecast similar conditions for the next 24 hours.

According to Met officials, continental air was dominating most parts of the country. They said mainly dry weather was expected to prevail across most regions, with cold conditions likely in northern areas during the night and early morning hours.

The highest temperature on Sunday was recorded at Sibbi, Khairpur, Sukkur, Rohri, Padidan, Shaheed Benazirabad, Tando Jam, Mirpur Khas, Chhor, and Mithi, where the mercury reached 37°C, while Lahore recorded a maximum of 32°C.

Dr. Ehsan Bhutta Highlights Collective Efforts for Heritage Preservation

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Secretary Tourism, significance of collective efforts in protecting Punjab's heritage, while chairing a panel discussion titled tourism, and collaboration — undertogether we can achieve more."

Lahore Museum History Society, the Lahore Museum. bringing together leading experts Dr. Ehsan Bhutta, emphasized the archaeology, tourism, and museum

Commissioner Sheikhupura Saif-"Exploring Sheikhupura's Heritage: ul-Islam Khattak, Director Punjab A Tapestry of History and Architec- Archaeology Muhammad Iqbal ture" at the Lahore Museum. He Manj, Former Director Punjab elaborated on the department's Archaeology Muhammad Hassan $three-pillar\, strategy-conservation,\ \ \, and\ \ \, General\ \ \, Manager\ \ \, Tourism$ Development Corporation of Punjab scoring that "teamwork is essential; (TDCP) Farhat Hussain. The session was moderated by Rabia Basri and

The event was organized by the Zainab Sabri, Museum Educators at

A diverse audience of students, Archaeology & Museums Punjab, and officials from the fields of researchers, and media representatives attended the discussion. which focused on Sheikhupura's The panel featured Assistant historical and architectural significance. Speakers shared insights into ongoing conservation and preservation efforts for ancient sites such as Hiran Minar and Sheikhupura Fort.

Assistant Commissioner Saiful-Islam Khattak appreciated the Secretary's guidance, noting that Dr. Ehsan Bhutta's leadership has strengthened heritage conserva-



ology. Former Director Muhammad Iqbal Manj highlighted key resto-

tion in the true spirit of archae- mounds, while Director Muhannad current tourism initiatives, including double-decker sightseeing tours from Hassan discussed detailed surveys ration projects. TDCP's General Lahore, designed to make heritage and documentation of heritage Manager Farhat Hussain shared more accessible and engaging.

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Pak-Saudi defence pact & Trump's peace formula

n 7 October 2025, two years have passed since Israeli aggression against the oppressed Palestinians and now, after drowning Gaza in blood, Trump's so-called 20-point peace formula has emerged under the gun's

This plan reveals that global imperialism aims to eliminate Palestinians, displace them and bury the issue permanently by hammering the final nail in its coffin. Will Pakistan and other Muslim countries send peace forces to Gaza under the International Stabilization Force or not? What does the support of Muslim countries for this plan signify?

Trump has proposed an international authority for Palestine that will act as a supreme political and legal body for five years, excluding the Palestinian Authority led by Mahmoud Abbas. Hamas must lay down arms and accept amnesty on the condition of "peaceful coexistence," which essentially means recognizing the occupying Zionist State, renouncing free Palestine, handing Gaza over to Trump and ignoring the West Bank. It is clear that Palestine's issue is not merely regional but central to global peace and security.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917 first promised a Jewish State on Palestinian land. The UN partition plan of 1947 divided Palestine into Arab and Jewish states, a division the Palestinians never accepted. After the 1967 war, Israel occupied Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem, creating the largest refugee crisis in Palestinian history. Due to recent Zionist brutality, over 60,000 Palestinians have been martyred, millions rendered homeless and many forced to live in UNRWA camps. The WHO has declared Gaza's health system nearly destroyed, with no medicines or electricity in hospitals.

Although the UN has passed more than 50 resolutions in favour of Palestine, most remain unimplemented. While the United States and Europe occasionally condemn Israeli actions, they continue to provide military and economic aid to Israel. Conversely, several countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia have openly supported Palestine. Some Muslim nations are moving toward normalization with Israel under the Abraham Accords, despite widespread public opposition. Unfortunately, despite the presence of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Pal-

estine has not received the decisive support it urgently needs. This crisis underscores the need for greater political unity within the Muslim world. The Pak-Saudi Defence Agreement gains significance in this context. The key question is: what is the primary objective of this agreement regarding the Israeli threat and what impact will Saudi Arabia's and other Muslim countries' endorsement of Trump's plan have on it? Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar has reaffirmed Pakistan's adherence to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's policy on Palestine. Meanwhile, India has faced a setback due to this agreement, following its recent regional failures. Indeed, this marks the first major defensive response by a Gulf State since the Israeli aggression in Qatar.

PTI's Digital Warfare: A Threat to Pakistan's Stability

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further expanded to include explicit calls for civil disobedience, urging his supporters to boycott political processes, refuse to accept state actions, and reject the authority of elected institutions. This tactic further illustrated a fundamental rejection of established democratic channels for redress—such as parliament and the judiciary—in favor of extra-constitutional pressure and street power. Seasoned political analysts argue that the cumulative and synergistic effect of these actions—the pervasive conspiracy theories, the violent protests, the legal defiance—poses a grave and existential threat to Pakistan's fragile constitutional order. They warn that publicly attacking the military and intelligence agencies with sensational accusations of treason. while simultaneously mobilizing impassioned crowds to physically target state symbols, creates a dangerously combustible environment that escalates tensions to a breaking point and risks provoking a destabilizing cycle of severe crackdowns and violent reprisals, ultimately eroding public safety, democratic norms, and the social contract.

The very architecture and commandand-control of this digital campaign are themselves a subject of intense scrutiny and investigation. Official probes actively challenge PTI's public claim of running a decentralized, organic, volunteer-led online movement. Leaked intelligence reports and investigation details point instead to a highly centralized and disciplined command structure, with Khan's sister, Aleema Khan, allegedly acting as curated nature of his messaging: while

eyond the courtroom battles, a pivotal conduit, relaying instructions constantly questioning the state's legit-not as a simple political disagreement, Khan's political strategy and talking points from the jailed leader imacy and actions, his accounts remain but as a grave dereliction of duty that to overseas handlers and social media teams who then coordinate and execute messaging across verified PTI platforms. This suggests a highly managed, top-down information operation bearing the hallmarks of a psychological operation rather than genuine grassroots

activism, designed to create a false narrative of spontaneous public outrage.

particularly alarming and geopolitically sensitive dimension of this digital strategy is its perceived convergence, whether intentional or coincidental,

with the strategic interests of hostile foreign powers. Security analysts note a striking and persistent synergy between Khan's narratives and the coverage of major Indian news channels, which amplify his most critical statements against the Pakistani state within minutes of them appearing online, often during primetime news bulletins. This "mirror effect," whereby Indian media gives wallto-wall coverage to his claims of army interference, judicial corruption, and foreign conspiracies, has raised serious alarms within Pakistan. The concern is that Khan's digital campaign, regardless of its original intent, is being leveraged and amplified by adversaries like India's intelligence agency, RAW, to fuel internal divisions, destabilize Pakistan, and wage a cost-effective hybrid war. This suspicion is gravely compounded by the selectively

conspicuously and consistently silent on terrorist attacks against the very security forces he criticizes, thereby indirectly reinforcing Indian propaganda narratives that seek to paint Pakistan as an internally repressive and failing state rather than a nation battling existential external

threats.

This alleged anti-state agenda extends beyond mere rhetoric and digital manipulation and into the critical, life-anddeath realm of national security governance and policy. The PTI-led government in the strategic province of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa (KP), which shares a long and porous border with Afghanistan, is repeatedly accused of actively obstructing the nation's counter-terrorism efforts and creating policy confusion. As reported by international publications like The Diplomat, a dangerous and potentially deadly policy divergence exists between the federal government and the KP administration. While the national center, having learned from what it views as the failed and costly appeasement policies pursued during Khan's own premiership, has firmly ruled out negotiations with the proscribed terrorist group TTP, the KP government, still taking its cue from the jailed PTI leadership, has not fully embraced this unified national stance. This lack of cooperation and coordination in the face of a severe terrorism surge emanating from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan is seen by security experts opposition and national loyalty.

compromises the security of the country and the safety of its citizens, effectively prioritizing political point-scoring over national security.

The actions and strategies employed by Imran Khan and the PTI since April 2022 form a complex and multi-layered tapestry of political resistance that, in the view of citizens, analysts, and state institutions, has morphed into a concerted and dangerous campaign against the state itself. From the foundational allegations of foreign plots and the incitement to violence witnessed on May 9th, to the sophisticated digital warfare strategy that appears to unnaturally align with adversarial narratives, and further to an obstructive and non-cooperative approach on critical national security matters, their activities are perceived as prioritizing personal and political interests over national stability and solidarity. This occurs at a critically precarious time when the Pakistani nation, demonstrating remarkable unity in the face of formidable economic and security challenges, increasingly demands that all political grievances be channeled through constitutional and legal frameworks, and that strict, unwavering action be taken against all those who would seek to harm the state from within, either for personal ambition or, worse, by advancing the agendas of the nation's enemies. The resilience of the state is being tested against a new form of insidious warfare that operates in the digital and cognitive domains, challenging traditional notions of political



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

Common wealth Conference, a new step towards transparency, training and reform

the credibility of parliamentary institutions at the global level. The Conference of Parliamentarians and Speakers held under the auspices of the Commonwealth in Barbados proved to be a forum for global legislative institutions, where speakers, parliamentary members and secretaries from different programs issued by the Secretariat in the countries of the world came together to present

the blueprint for future parliamentary governance. The main objective of this conference was to make parliaments compatible with the needs of the modern era, restore public confidence and ensure institutional transparency. Main objectives and decisions of the conference

Enhancement of parliamentary training and capacity: According to the decision, modern training was declared mandatory for the legislative institutions of every country. There was an emphasis on establishing permanent academies to disseminate new knowledge about legislation, digital governance, and public services to members. While institutional transparency and accountability were also emphasized, it was proposed to oblige the assembly of each country to issue a public awareness report at the end of each financial year, which includes figures on the impact of legislation and financial transparency. Meanwhile, the participation of women and youth was also emphasized.

Umar Farooq Buriro suggested tv workshops will be held for the training of parliamentary members. For which, a "Parliamentary Training Academy" should be established in the Sindh Assembly, where new and old members should be given modern training objectives of the conference held under the committees.

ractical suggestions for increasing on legislation, ethical leadership and public auspices of the Commonwealth in Barbados,

Members' training and institutional needs. The training of members in the conference should be directly linked to the quality of legislation. So that trained members prove to be more effective in understanding public issues and formulating policies. The training Sindh Assembly have already taken a positive

direction, but they need to be made more modern. For institutional transparency, it was suggested that a Data Management and Public Communication Division should be established in the Sindh Assembly Secretariat, which would publish parliamentary proceedings, legal drafts and

Rehmatullah Buriro public reports online. Learning from global experience and a path for Sindh. The topics discussed at the Commonwealth Conference made it clear that the parliamentary system of the future needs to be strengthened not only legally, but also with technology, training, and accountability. The Sindh Assembly is leading in this direction, especially after the arrival of the current Speaker Owais Qadir Shah under the leadership of Secretary Umar Faroog Buriro, who is active in improving the practical transparency and efficiency of the institution. This conference, which was held under the auspices of the Commonwealth, has shown a new path for legislative institutions at the global level. The representation of the Sindh Assembly has not only increased the prestige of Pakistan but has also presented a model that can guarantee transparent, trained and accountable governance in the future. After reading the main it is also important to activate these dormant

it can be said that the decisions taken at the global level in the conference emphasized the active participation of parliaments and the training of members. So that transparency and public awareness can be maintained. It is hoped that the current Speaker of the Sindh Assembly, Syed Owais Qadir Shah and Secretary Sindh Assembly, Umar Farooq Buriro, will take such steps in the coming months that will establish a true model of institutional transparency, training and parliamentary system. The results and observations of the recent past and the recent past show that the committees consisting of parliamentary members in the Sindh Assembly or the provincial assemblies as a whole and the National Assembly are not playing the role that is consistent with their principles and laws. After reviewing their performance reports, it will be known that they are not working according to their parliamentary spirit. The main reason for this can be the lack of parliamentary training as well as the inability to read and understand the legislation. As the Public Accounts Committee is an important institution whose role and spirit is to work on the basis of scrutiny, transparency and audit. So that transparency and institutional efficiency can be maintained by monitoring the administrative and government performance. It is with great regret that the PACs and parliamentary committees established in the Sindh Assembly or the National Assembly are not working properly. In addition, it is also a model of the performance of the democratic government that many parliamentary committees in the National and Sindh Assembly do not have chairmen, where there are not enough members, then again No committees have been formed!! Therefore,

The Future of Pakistan's Youth

are the most valuable and dynamic force of any country, capable of leading the nation toward progress through their energy, knowledge, courage, and passion. A large proportion of Pakistan's popu-

to play a crucial role in the country's development and prosperity. However, their future stands between challenges and opportunities. If their potential

is guided in the right direction, they can become an asset for the nation; otherwise, this force may be wasted and contribute to increasing social problems.

Muhammad Asif A significant portion of the process of gaining education, but there is also a large number who suffer from unemployment, poverty, and lack of opportunities. Pakistani youth possess talent and creativity, yet in practical fields they often face obstacles that suppress their abilities. The lack of access to modern technology, quality education, vocational training, and employment opportunities are among the major issues they face.

The future of youth is not only dependent on educational or economic aspects but also on moral and character development. Values such as honesty, hard work, patience, tolerance, and respect for the law make young people better citizens. Unfortunately, negative trends and unethical content on media and social media are influencing the mindset of youth. There is a pressing need to encourage them toward positive behavior and ideals, guided by mentors, teachers, and leaders who lead by example.

Pakistan's youth are the architects of the nation's political future. If they gain political awareness, understand democratic values, and respect the rule of law, they can bring positive change to the country. Sadly, corruption, nepotism, and personal interests in politics have

he future of every nation lies in the undermined youth confidence. However, a hands of its youth. Young people large segment of young people is still interested in political engagement and uses social media to voice their opinions. To bring young leadership forward, political parties must ensure merit and transparency.

A significant portion of Pakistan's youth is lation consists of youth who have the potential female. Providing women with access to educa-

tion, skills, and employment is essential for national progress. Empowered young women can not only improve their own lives but also play a vital role in social and economic development.

Despite challenges, the future of Pakistan's youth is not without hope. In sports, science and technology, arts, and entrepreneurship, young Pakistanis

youth in Pakistan is either educated or in the are proving their abilities. Through joint efforts by the government, private sector, and civil society, a conducive environment can be created for them to channel their creativity and skills effectively.

> Islam considers youth as the best stage of life, as it is a time of peak energy and enthusiasm. The Holy Prophet sencouraged the youth to acquire knowledge, uphold good character, and serve society. The Qur'an emphasizes principles such as patience, hard work, honesty, and justice, which serve as a complete guide for young people.

> The future of Pakistan's youth depends on the quality of their education, the availability of economic opportunities, their moral upbringing, and political awareness. If we provide them with the right direction and resources today, the future can indeed be bright. It is the responsibility of the government, parents, teachers, and society to not only inspire the youth to dream but also equip them with the means to turn those dreams into reality. The youth of Pakistan are a vibrant and dynamic force who, if united, educated, and guided by a positive mindset, can lead the country toward development, prosperity, and

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Visit of the Prime Minister to Egypt to attend the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit

ISLAMABAD: At the invitation of the President of Egypt, H. E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and the President of the United States, H. E. Donald Trump, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, will visit Egypt on 13 October 2025 to participate in the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit and attend the signing ceremony of the peace agreement aimed at ending the prevailing grave situation in Gaza.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister and other senior Ministers during the visit.

The Sharm El-Sheikh Summit is the result of the diplomatic efforts that began on the sidelines of the UN New York last month. The Prime (Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, for achieving peace in Gaza.



General Assembly's 80th Session in the UAE, Indonesia, and Türkiye) attended a summit-level meeting with Minister of Pakistan, along with the President of the United States on leaders of seven Arab-Islamic countries 23 September 2025 to explore avenues

Arab-Islamic countries welcomed President Trump's efforts to achieve peace and reaffirmed their joint commitment to work with the United States to and the Arab Peace Initiative.

achieve a comprehensive and sustainable ceasefire and to address the critical humanitarian conditions in Gaza.

Prime Minister's participation in the Summit reflects Pakistan's historic, consistent, and unwavering support for the just cause of the Palestinian people for their right to self-determination as well as for achieving lasting peace and stability in the region. Pakistan hopes that the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit will pave the way for full Israeli withdrawal, protection of Palestinian civilians, an end to their displacement, release of prisoners, addressing of the prevailing grave humanitarian situation, as well as reconstruction of Gaza.

Pakistan also hopes that such efforts will contribute to a credible political process aimed at achieving an independent, viable, and contiguous State of Palestine, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, based on pre-1967 borders. in line with relevant UN resolutions

Speaker of Grand National Assembly of Türkiye arrives to attend 3rd Trilateral Speakers' meeting

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Numan Kurtulmus, has arrived here to participate in the 3rd Trilateral Speakers' meeting being held by the $\hat{\mathbf{N}} ational$ Assembly of Pakistan under the chairmanship of Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq.

He was warmly received at Islamabad International Airport by Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, said a news release.

Upon his arrival, Numan Kurtulmus was extended a warm welcome, and a bouquet was presented to him as a gesture of goodwill and hospitality.

Following the reception, a brief meeting was held between Ayaz Sadiq and Speaker Numan Kurtulmus.

Welcoming the guest, Ayaz Sadiq said that the participation of the Turkish Speaker in the Trilateral Speakers' meeting is both a source of great pleasure and honour for Pakistan. Pakistan and Türkiye share deep- and friendship. He emphasized that the people of



rooted bonds of brotherhood, love

Avaz Sadio said that the people

Pakistan consider the people of Türkiye as their brethren, and both nations have stood side by side through every test and trial.

He further noted that Pakistan and Türkiye have always supported each other's positions on global and regional forums, which reflects the enduring friendship and mutual trust between the two brotherly countries.

On the occasion, Numan Kurtulmus expressed gratitude to the Parliament and people of Pakistan for their warm welcome and hospitality.

He remarked that the hearts of the people of Türkiye and Pakistan beat in unison, and that the people of Türkiye consider Pakistan their second home.

He expressed confidence that the everlasting bond of sincerity, affection, and friendship between the two nations would continue to grow stronger.

Numan Kurtulmus also said that he was delighted and honoured to be in Pakistan

Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, Sahiba Gafarova, arrived in Islamabad



Spokesman Report

 $ISLAMABAD: Speaker of the Milli \, Majlis \, (Parliament) \, of \, Azerbaijan,$ Madame Sahiba Gafarova, arrived in Islamabad today to participate in the Third Trilateral Speakers' Meeting. Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, warmly received the distinguished guest at Islamabad International Airport and extended a heartfelt welcome. A bouquet of flowers was also presented to Madame Sahiba Gafarova on her arrival.

Later, a meeting was held between Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan *Madame Sahiba Gafarova. Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed his pleasure at her participation in the Trilateral Speakers' Merting and highlighted the strong bonds of fraternity and friendship between the people of Pakistan and Azerbaijan.

Speaker NA stated that the people of Pakistan consider the people of Azerbaijan as their brothers, and both brotherly nations have always stood by each other during times of trials and challenges

Speaker NA further stated that Pakistan and Azerbaijan have consistently supported each other's positions on regional and international forums, which reflects the mutual trust and longstanding relations between the two countries.

On this occasion, Madame Sahiba Gafarova expressed her gratitude to the Parliament and the people of Pakistan for the warm hospitality. She remarked that the ties between the people of Azerbaijan and Pakistan are based on mutual respect and brotherhood. She reiterated that Azerbaijan considers Pakistan a sincere friend and brother, and that the strong bilateral relations are founded on mutual trust, cooperation, and respect. She termed her visit to Pakistan as a matter of great pleasure and honor.

CASS Hosts 'Author's Talk' Unpacking Pakistan-India Relations: "Fractured Past, Uncertain Future"

👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Aerospace & Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, hosted a Catalyst Conversation on the recently published book, Pakistan-India Relations: Fractured attended by members of academia insightful discussion. and intellectuals. As an independent

practitioners interested in National ecurity in its wider context.

(Retd), Director at CASS, modernew CASS series, "Author's Talk." In Past, Uncertain Future, on 8 October his opening remarks, he posed two 2025. The author of the book, Ambas- key questions: why Pakistan's relasador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Retd) tions with India remain fractured provided a nuanced exploration of the despite leadership efforts, and why the evolution of bilateral ties, the struc- future of Pak-India relations appears tural impediments to peace, and the uncertain. He enlightened that the possible pathways for recalibrating author's deep diplomatic experience relations between the two nucle- and research would provide a strong ar-armed neighbours. The event was foundation for an engaging and

The keynote speaker and author of think tank, CASS continues to arrange the book, Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad

academic events for academia and Chaudhry (Retd), identified four and (4) actively promote Pakistan's fundamental causes of the disconnect between Pakistan and India: (1) deep-Air Commodore Raza Haider rooted historical mistrust, (2) territorial disputes emerging after Partition, ated the session and introduced the including Jammu & Kashmir etc. (3) India's exploitation and narration of the cross-border terrorism narrative in the post-9/11 era, and (4) India's hegemonic aspirations under the Hindutva doctrine. Addressing the uncertain future, he emphasised four essential steps for Pakistan: (1) remain open to dialogue without appearing either insistent or dismissive, (2) maintain robust military preparedness against any misadventure, (3) transition from a traditional to a comprehensive security framework,

perspective through effective narra-

Concluding the session, Air Marshal Javaid Ahmed (Retd), President CASS, highlighted that the book, Pakistan-India Relations: Fractured Past, Uncertain Future, has acquired even greater relevance in the aftermath of the May 2025 military clash between Pakistan and India, which has further intensified the longstanding rivalry between the two countries. He emphasised the importance of articulating and promoting Pakistan's narrative more effectively and convincingly, particularly in countering India's propaganda in both 2019 and May



Night of Resolve: Pakistan's Army Defends the Nation with Precision and Pride

forces, in a reckless display could have shaken any lesser state. But this nation safe from Pakistan is no ordinary state, and its both seen and unseen defenders are no ordinary men. Under enemies. the calm yet commanding leadership of Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir, the Pakistan Army responded leadership during this with a precision that was as swift as it tense episode has was decisive.

From Kurram to Bajaur, Pakistani his stature as a Field soldiers stood firm - eyes steady, hearts Marshal - composed, unshaken — and delivered a message Kandahar to Kabul: Pakistan will not be intimidated.

According to official military reports, Afghan troops initiated unprovoked fire on at least five Pakistani border posts. Within minutes, Pakistan's defense grid was activated. Artillery positions roared

slept. Pakistan's borders of intimidation turned into a lesson in dence has rebuilt morale, unity, and roared awake. Afghan military discipline and deterrence.

Afghan frontier — a provocation that same men who have, for decades, kept with restraint. Yet, when restraint is

Field Marshal General Asim Munir's once again validated

calculated. and

that will echo through every valley from visionary. His doctrine of measured forces, recognizing the professionalism strength has transformed the operational mindset of Pakistan's armed forces. He neither believes in reckless escalation nor in silent endurance when the nation's dignity is under threat.

Field Marshal General Asim Munir's leadership style mirrors the essence into life, retaliatory fire was launched, of a true commander: firm in prinand the aggressors were forced into ciple, clear in purpose, and unwa-

ast night, when the nation silence. What was meant to be an act vering in patriotism. His quiet confitrust within the ranks — qualities that By dawn, the situation was under define not just a military leader, but of aggression, opened fire full control. Pakistan's territorial integ- a national guardian. He understands across multiple sectors of the Pak- rity remained intact - guarded by the that strength must walk hand in hand

mistaken for weakness, he knows when to let the cannons speak.

As news of the border clash spread, one emotion surged across Pakistan pride. From Karachi to Khyber, citizens stood

Kiran Asim behind their armed and courage displayed in defending the homeland.

> Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari lauded the Pakistan Army for giving a "befitting reply" under Field Marshal General Asim Munir's command. But the truest applause came not from podiums — it came from the hearts of 240 million

Pakistanis who know that their safety rests in capable hands.

Pakistan's response was not just military; it was also diplomatic in tone and timing. Border crossings at Torkham and Chaman were sealed, trade temporarily suspended, and a clear statement was issued: Pakistan desires peace, but peace cannot exist without respect.

Field Marshal General Asim Munir's approach is not one of blind confrontation — it is one of calculated deterrence. His strategy reminds both friend and foe that Pakistan's pursuit of stability should never be mistaken for submis-

This border engagement is a reminder of the delicate balance Pakistan must maintain - between vigilance and diplomacy, between strength and sensibility. The Afghan regime must understand that harboring militants and provoking border instability serve no one's interest, least of all their

Pakistan has shown patience for months. But last night proved that patience has a limit — and that when



the red line is crossed, Pakistan will act

with precision, purpose, and power. History records many nights of turbulence for this region, but few that so clearly reaffirmed Pakistan's military might and moral clarity. Last night's events were not just a retaliation; they were a reaffirmation of sovereignty, unity, and the unbreakable bond between the Pakistani soldier and his

Under the steadfast command of Field Marshal General Syed Asim Munir, Pakistan once again demonstrated that leadership is not about loud declarations — it's about quiet decisions

that change the course of dawn. Pakistan stands tall today — not because it seeks war, but because it refuses to bow



Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
163,098.19	164,530.80	
Day's High	Day's Low	
165,262.85	162,411.25	
Index Value	Change	
34,842,288,562	-1432.61	
Percentage	Time	
-0.87%	10 Oct, 2025	
·	4:30 pm	
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index	
Index Value	Change	
9,427.47	-81.93	
Percentage	Time	
-0.86%	10 Oct, 4:35 pm	
	GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
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45,725.35	-633.07	
Percentage	Time	
-1.37%	10 Oct, 1:14 pm GMT-4	
Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Averago		
Index Value	Change	

Index Value	Change	
48,088.80	-491.64	
Percentage	Time	
-1.01%	10 Oct, 3:45 pm GMT+9	
Open Market Forex Rates		

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.4	190.4
Bahrain Dinar	746.9	754.4
Canadian Dollar	205.6	212.6
China Yuan	39.8	40.2
Danish Krone	44.55	45.15
Euro	331.9	335.4
Hong Kong Dollar	36.45	36.8
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	282.7	282.8

Collectorate of Customs Äppraisement & Enforcement Foil Attempt to Import Banned Indianorigin Textile *Machinery*

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The Collectorate of Customs, Appraisement (West), Karachi and the Collectorate of Customs Enforcement Karachi in a joint action, foiled a bid to clear banned Indian origin textile machin-

The Customs formations intercepted and examined a container at Karachi International Container Terminal declared to contain Chinese origin 'Textile Twisting machine' imported from Jebel Ali Dubai by a Karachi based textile manufacturer vide Goods Declaration (GD) No. KAPW-HC-62256 dated 07.10.2025.

The alert for misdeclaration of origin was generated by the new Risk Management System RMS 2.0 deployed on test run by FBR at Karachi Port. Upon receipt of alert the consignment was marked for physical examination by the clearance

collectorate. The declared country of origin was China; however, upon physical checking, the goods have been found to be of Indian origin. The consignment comprises new Textile Twisting Machine with 576 spindles, along with all standard accessories and essential parts, imported in Semi-Knocked Down (SKD) condition. It was observed that the manufacturer's plates and specification markings had been deliberately removed/scratched to hide its actual origin which turned out to be of Indian Origin.

Accordingly, a case of mis-declaration of origin has been made out and legal proceedings have been initiated. The assessed value of impugned goods is US \$

This detection manifests the alertness of Customs collectorates against attempts of import of Indian origin goods routed from transshipment ports and testifies the efficacy of upgraded RMS being developed by FBR.

Pakistan must capitalise on \$2 trillion Gulf economy through economic integration: Iftikhar Malik

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: SAARC chamber of commerce and industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday said in view of rapidly emerging global scenario, Pakistan must fully capitalise the ever growing \$2 trillion economy of the gulf states through results oriented economic integration especially with Saudi Arabia.

In a statement here today, octogenarian trade leader of South Asia, said gulf states of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman economy is among the world's largest sovereign wealth funds and fast-growing energy transition plans.

He pointed out that Pakistan's trade with the bloc remains confined to oil imports and labour exports, leaving enormous untapped potential in IT, food processing, engineering services, and



diversification drive, and Qatar's investment aspiring for partnerships that Pakistan can he predicted.

Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, the UAE's in knowledge industries all point to a region uninterrupted investment flows from gulf states

capitalise if it ensures stability and regulatory clarity. Gulf states are also investing heavily in artificial intelligence, fintech, and biotechnology, he added.

Iftikhar Ali Malik said energy is an equally pressing domain and Saudi Arabia under its vision is investing heavily in renewables, hydrogen, and smart cities. Pakistan remains mired in energy crises, circular debt, and costly fossil-fuel imports. He said Riyadh needs partners to expand its green portfolio, while Pakistan needs affordable, sustainable energy. Pakistan's solar and wind corridors can attract Saudi capital, with Islamic green bonds offering innovative financing. Recent Pak-Saudi historic defence accord will also help greatly to materialise the economic integration with gulf states equally. If implemented in true letter and spirit, it will be end of the "aid era" for Pakistan with

Price hike

ISLAMABAD: People are busy in buying vegetables in a Sunday weekly bazaar, in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Hutchison Ports Pakistan Receives the Largest Container Vessel in the Country's History

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Hutchison Ports Pakistan, the country's only deep-water container terminal, has berthed the largest vessel in the nation's history. MSC MICOL, a next-generation container ship measuring 400 metres in length with a capacity of 24,070 TEUs, is among the world's most advanced vessels and the largest ever to call at a Pakistani port — marking a historic milestone for Pakistan's maritime industry.

As the only terminal in Pakistan capable of accommodating such ultralarge vessels, Hutchison Ports Pakistan continues to set new benchmarks in port infrastructure and operational excellence. The berthing of MSC MICOL highlights the growing confidence of global shipping lines in Pakistan's maritime potential and reflects the terminal's world-class capability.

The ability to handle larger vessels not only enhances trade efficiency but also helps reduce freight costs — a benefit that modern equipment, technology, and across Asia, Europe, and beyond.



directly supports Pakistan's economy by making exports more competitive and imports more cost-effective.

sustainable port practices, Hutchison Ports Pakistan remains at the forefront of transforming the country's logistics Through sustained investments in landscape, strengthening connectivity

Pakistan Can Emerge As Global Investment **Hub With Reforms: Mian Kashif**



LAHORE: CEO Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq Sunday said Pakistan, with its youthful population, expanding digital infrastructure, and strategic location at the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East, stands as a potential magnet for global investment.

Chairing here today a and digital transformation concluded.

sectors that align with global investment trends and ESG (Environmental, Social. He said Pakistan's emerging tech ecosystem, agricultural potential, and growing industrial base offers immense opportunities for both domestic and foreign investors. By fostering public-private partnerships, supporting SMEs, and leveraging its human capital through skill development and education, Pakistan can accelerate inclusive

He said if Pakistan manages to translate its strategic advantages into board of directors meeting, coherent economic policy he said the key lies in and reforms, it can become creating an enabling envi- one of the world's most ronment that ensures trans- attractive emerging markets. parency, predictability, and What's Pakistan need is to ong-term policy continuity. demonstrate commitment Structural reforms in taxa- continuity, and vision. By tion, governance, and ease doing so, the nation will of doing business can help not only unlock prosperity build investor confidence. for global investors but also Equally important is a create a brighter, more resilfocus on sustainable infra- ient future for its people and structure, renewable energy, generations to come, he

Saudi Arabia ideal market for Pakistani food exports'

LAHORE: Convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional committee on food Shahid Imran Sunday said Pakistan has immense potential to meet the ever-growing kinnow, apples, and dates, food needs of Saudi Arabia, particularly in the supply of

fresh vegetables and fruits. Talking here today to a he said Saudi Arabia imports more than 80 percent of its food requirements, with a strong and rising demand high-quality, pesticide-free, and organically grown produce. Pakistani fruits such as mangoes,



along with fresh vegetables like onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and okra, have already made a name for their taste delegation of food exporters, and quality in Gulf markets including world top quality snacks. By strengthening bilateral cooperation in agricultural trade, Pakistan can become a key player in ensuring sustainable and reliable food supplies to the Kingdom.

Sarhad Business Alliance congratulates newly elected Sarafa & Jewellers Association Leadership

Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: A high-level delegation of the Sarhad Business Alliance, led by Mayor Peshawar Haji Zubair Ali, visited the residence of the newly elected leadership of the Sarafa and Jewellers Association, Inner City to Co-Chairman Muhammad offer their heartfelt congratulations on their remarkable juddin, Baba Tajran Ameen electoral success.

Speaking on the occasion, Ghulam Bilal Javid stated Shahrukh Khan Duranpur,

the Sarhad Chamber should start counting its days, as this victory clearly reflects the success of Sarhad Business Alliance and the defeat of the Sarhad Chamber in the city's trader politics.

The delegation included Ishaq, Co-Chairman Sira-Hussain Babar, Haji Waheed, Shahzad Ahmad Siddiqui, that following the Sarafa Ghulam Bilal Javid, Mian

Association's election results, Aqil, Rizwan Saraf, Sajjad Khan, Haji Zahir Shah Saraf, along with other senior leaders and core committee

Upon arrival, President Haji Aurangzeb and General Secretary Ahsan Ali warmly welcomed the Mayor and the Sarhad Business Alliance

delegation. Flower petals were showered on the Mayor, and both sides held a cordial and opti-



Pakistan scored 305 for 5 on the first day of the first Test against South Africa

S Asim Tanveer

LAHORE: Pakistan scored 313 for 5 on the first day of the first Test against South Africa of the two-match Test series. In this match being played at the Gaddafi Stadium, the host Pakistan won the toss and decided to bat first. Imam-ul-Haq and Abdullah Shafiq came to open, but unfortunately Abdullah Shafiq was bowled out lbw by South African bowler Rabada on the third ball of the first over and returned to the pavilion after scoring

After him, captain Shan Masood came out to bat. Shan Masood, playing a very responsible and leading role, supported the Pakistani batting along with Imam-ul-Haq.

When Pakistan's score reached 163 runs, captain Shan Masood was bowled out lbw by Sabrine after scoring 76 runs. The second wicket partnership between Shan Masood and Imam-ul-Haq was 6 and 6 runs. Imam-ul-Haq batted brilliantly but fell victim to nervous nineties.

He played an innings of 93 runs Harmer. and went to the pavilion. His innings included seven fours and a six. Babar Azam's innings did not start well. He got a chance soon after which he could not take any significant advantage and playing under pressure, he scored 23 runs and was caught lbw by Simon Mohammad Rizwan is not out with 62 South Africa is part of the ICC World the match officials are scorers Azhar Alam. Sri Lanka's Ranjan Madugalle Pakistan and South Africa.



Salman Agha and Later, Mohammad Rizwan improved their Pakistani score and supported the

batting to take the score to 313 runs. On the first day's play, Pakistan's score was 313 runs with 5 players out. wicket each. The two-Test series with

runs and Salman Agha is not out with 52 runs. So far, the two have made a partnership of 114 runs.

Mutthu Sammy has dismissed two players for South Africa, while Simon Harmer, Rabada and Sabrine took one

Test Championship 2025-27. And the South African team is the defending champions of the World Test Championship.

The field umpires in the first Test are



Chris Bryan and Rod Tucker, while the Hussain, Muhammad Arif, and media has been appointed as the match TV umpire is Sharafuddin Al-Dawla, scorers Najam Al-Saeed and Zahoor referee for the entire series between

I've worked on how to win matches for Pakistan'; says Imam ul Haq

Sports Desk

LAHORE: The left-hander batsman Imam ul Haq said that he had worked on how to win matches for the country during his time out of the team.

Speaking at the post-match media interaction at the close of play on the first day of the first test at the Gaddafi stadium here on Sunday, he said we are professional cricketers and our job is to play cricket irrespective of the fact of being in or out of the team, adding playing domestic or county cricket his only motive was to give noticeable performances to catch eye of the selectors.

On his comeback, he said he said he was happy to perform for Pakistan and disappointed not to turn the 93 into three figures, adding had he scored 150 instead of 93 such performance may take the match away from the opposition.

On whether it was scripted to play taken over by Shan Masood against spinners, he said 'there is nothing scripted in cricket and a batter plays as the situ-



of the match.'

Imam said there are certain phases of fast against the fast-bowlers and the role a game when one has to respect a bowler for good bowling and on other occasions one get opportunities to hit boundaries. Best video game consoles

the spinners. There was nothing scripted." take us 400 runs and that will be an ideal

about the third or the fourth day Gaddafi stadium pitch although it turned more

than expected on the first day of the test match at Gaddafi, adding that the South Afircans had anticipated the it will be a spinning track that's why they played three spinners. He said he expected more turn and spin on the third and fourth day when patches are formed on the pitch and it will be more difficult for the batters to score runs against spinners.

He said professionalism is about adaptability and as professional cricketer one must adapt to the situation, adding that as a batsman one must brace for swing on the Green tracks in South Africa and get ready for the spin challenge in Galle, Sri Lanka. "As a professional cricket, it is our responsibility to adapt and perform according to the situation,"

Imam ul Haq believed the first hour on ne second day of play was important and against fast bowlers to score fast while if one of Mohammad Rizwan or Salman Shan Masood got good balls to hit against Agha could score a big hundred it will Imam said nothing could be predicted situation for us, adding that the Proteas were a professionally side and they would come back strong.

Rameez Jr bags five-for, Sarmad Bhatti strikes century on opening day of second round

➣ Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The first day of the second round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy saw a five-wicket haul and one century as action unfolded across five venues in four cities on Sunday.

At the Diamond Cricket Ground in Islamabad, Lahore Whites' right-arm leg-spinner Mohammad Rameez Jnr picked up his ninth first-class five-for (5-110) as Abbottabad managed 273-7 in 83 overs by the close of play.

Rameez started striking following a 104-run opening stand by the Abbottabad opening batters Shahzaib Khan (74, 161b, 8x4s) and Yasir Khan (56, 99b, 5x4s, 2x6s) and dismissed all top five batters, including skipper Fakhar Zaman for a 109-ball 53.

Islamabad romped to 344-5 in 90 overs against Bahawalpur at the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi with the help of Sarmad Bhatti's 10th first-class century (144, 214b, 19x4s).



Hammad Khan (80 not out, 168b, 5x4s) and Raja Hamza Waheed (60,

Half-centuries from Mohammad also shared a 205-run stand with Sarmad after Islamabad had slid to 130-4.

Peshawar's Israrullah (91, 171b, 12x4s, 64b, 10x4s) also proved vital. Hammad 1x6) and Iftikhar Ahmed (78, 84b, 7x4s) scored half-centuries.

13x4s) struck half-centuries putting on a third-wicket 134-run stand as their team posted 271 all out in 63 overs against FATA at the Abbottabad Cricket

No.8 batter Niaz Khan struck 47 off 60 balls hitting nine fours and one six to propel them past 250-run mark. In turn, FATA were 60 for no loss in 63 overs at

stumps. At the Imran Khan Stadium in Peshawar, Faisalabad scored 203-5 in 77 overs with the help of fifties from Atiq-ur-Rehman (81, 118b, 13x4s) and Fahamul-Haq (51, 174b, 2x4s, 1×6). Sialkot's Mohammad Ali and Athar Mehmood

dismissed two batters each. Karachi Blues were 49-1 in 10 overs against Multan at close of play on day one and 211 runs behind at the Marghzar Cricket Ground, Islamabad. Earlier, Multan were restricted to 260 all out in 70.5 overs as Arafat Minhas (77, 111b, 10x4s, 1×6) and Waqar Hussain (50, 84b,

FIFA Regional Development Officer visits football ground **₿** Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The FIFA Regional Development Officer Washkewich Andrei, visited the ongoing Young Boys Champions Football Tournament here at the G-7/4 Football Ground.

He was accompanied by Director (Interna-

tional Relations), Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), Umair Khan. He was welcomed by President, Islamabad Football Association, Ahmed Rehan Sheikh, General Secretary Muhammad Zaman and Member, PFF Competitions Committee, Shaukat Ali Khan, said a statement issued here.

On the occasion, Ahmed Rehan Sheikh briefed FIFA Regional Development Officer, about the ongoing tournament at grass-

FIFA Regional Development Officer, appreciated the efforts of Islamabad Football Association for providing healthy activities to the youth at the grassroots level. The officials of Islamabad Football Association thanked FIFA

Regional Development Officer for visiting the football ground.

Campbell leads West Indies fightback against Kuldeep-inspired India

The West Indies did not lose a wicket after tea to be 173-2 in their second innings at the end of day three of the second Test on Sunday after following on, but still need 97 runs to make India bat again.

India's Kuldeep Yadav earlier took five wickets at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium as the hosts bowled out the West Indies for 248 in their first innings after lunch, a deficit of 270.

Captain Shubman Gill enforced the follow-on, and the visi-

tors lost two wickets before tea. But opener John Campbell then reached 87 not out, and Shai Hope was unbeaten on 66 as the pair put together an unbroken

The gutsy batting of left-handed Campbell and Hope allowed them to build the highest partnership for the West Indies for any wicket in Tests this year.

Campbell became the first West Indian to reach fifty in the

two-match series with a four off Kuldeep. Follow us on our Official WhatsApp channel

He survived a couple of close lbw calls against off-spinner Washington Sundar early in his innings but went on to domi-

Hope reached his fifty off Ravindra Jadeja and raised his bat to an applauding dressing room.

Tagenarine Chanderpaul was the first to fall in the second innings, for 10 to a diving Gill catch off Mohammed Siraj, before Sundar bowled Alick Athanaze for seven on the stroke of tea.

The West Indies began day three at 140-4 in their first innings

in response to India's 518-5 declared. Left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep struck within 30 minutes,

bowling Hope for 36. Kuldeep then had Tevin Imlach given out lbw for 21, a review of the decision showing the ball would have hit leg stump.

AFP takes disciplinary, administrative decisions to uphold transparency

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP), in its Executive Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Brig (R) Wajahat Hussain, President AFP, has taken significant disciplinary and administrative decisions to uphold transparency, constitutional compliance, and organizational integrity within the Federation.

After careful review and

office bearer of the Punjab Athletics Association, for gross violations of the AFP Constitution, on which he himself is a signatory. Butt is henceforth barred for life from participating in any athletics activity whether as an athlete, coach. official, or office bearer—at both and null and void ab initio. national and international levels, inside or outside Pakistan, said a press release.

Similarly, Habib Shah, former deliberation, the Executive Secretary of the Punjab Athletics

ban on Salman Butt, former ten (10) years from participation in any athletics-related activity in any capacity at national or international level. The Executive Committee

further declared the Punjab Athletics Association's purported elections held on 31st August 2025 as illegal, unconstitutional, elections

announced at midnight on August 29, merely two days before being held, whereas the AFP Constitution clearly Committee imposed a lifetime Association, has been banned for requires a minimum 21-days



notice prior to convening an electoral meeting, and a 7-days notice for submission of nomination papers by candidates wishing to contest elections.

It was also noted with concern that even the Senior Vice President of the Punjab Athletics Association was unaware of the election schedule until August 30, just one day before the elections. This fact further demonstrates the complete lack of transparency and violation of procedural and constitutional norms in the conduct of these

The Executive Committee termed these actions as a delib-

the Constitution of AFP and affirmed that such practices will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Committee has constituted a Management Committee headed fair, transparent, and constitutionally valid elections of the the earliest. The Committee will Association until the completion

erate attempt to undermine of the new election process. The President and Execu-

tive Committee of the Athletics Federation of Pakistan have reiterated their firm stance that all To rectify the situation, the affairs of the Federation shall be governed strictly in accordance with its Constitution. No indiby Madam Shahida Khanum, vidual or group will be allowed to senior vice President AFP to hold violate or bypass constitutional provisions. The AFP remains fully committed to ensuring Punjab Athletics Association at integrity, unity, and discipline for the promotion of athletics also run the routine affairs of the and welfare of athletes across Pakistan.

The Spokesman

Official visit

ISLAMABAD: Muslim World League (MWL) Secretary General Dr. Muhammad bin Abdul Kareem Al-Issa is being received



Pakistan seizes 19 Afghan posts after unprovoked cross-border fire

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Army has taken control of 19 Afghan border posts after unprovoked firing from across the Pakistan-Afghan border on Saturday. The captured posts have been secured, and the national flag has been hoisted over them.

According to security officials, Afghan forces began indiscriminate firing late Saturday night around 10pm, targeting several areas, including Angoor Adda, Raramcha sector In response the Pakistan Army launched a border. In the Kharlachi and mcha, which were reduced to Liew Band and Qila Abdullah ised resistance was observed



large-scale counteroffensive, Baramcha sectors, several rubble.

deploying artillery, tanks, Afghan border posts were heavy weapons, and air assets. destroyed. These included The retaliatory operation the Doran Meela and Turk-Bajaur, Kurram, Upper Dir, reportedly struck multiple manzai camps in Kharlachi Fitnatul Khawarij. Chitral, and Balochistan's Taliban and Islamic State and the Afghani Shaheedan (Daesh) positions along the and Jandosar posts in Bara-

Taliban's Manojaba Camp No. 2 and its battalion headquarters, inflicting heavy losses and destroying the site entirely. Security sources said dozens of Taliban fighters and foreign militants were killed in the operation, while many others abandoned their positions and fled.

During the same offensive, Pakistani forces also destroyed the "Khurcher Fort," described by intelligence officials as a key stronghold of the militant faction

hat an Afghan post in the sector was obliterated, while a from the Afghan side.

A drone strike targeted the border post in Afghanistan's Kunar province opposite Bajaur was also demolished. The Turkmanzai Top and Afghan Turkmanzai camps were completely wiped out.

Video footage circulating from the battle zone shows the inside of destroyed Afghan posts, abandoned weapons, and burnt-out shelters. In one clip, an Afghan Taliban fighter is seen surrendering before Pakistani troops.

Security sources confirmed that dozens of Afghan personnel were killed, while many others fled their posts Further reports indicated amid the heavy bombardment. No significant organ-

MWL Secretary General Dr Al-Issa arrives in Pakistan on six-day visit

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of the Muslim World League (MWL), Dr Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, on Sunday arrived in Pakistan for a six-day official visit to enhance religious harmony and strengthen ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, warmly received the distinguished guest upon his arrival at Islamabad International

Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Nawaf bin Said Al-Malki, and Federal Atta-ur-Rehman, were also present moderation, and interfaith dialogue.

During his visit, Dr Al-Issa is scheduled to hold high-level meetings with senior government officials, religious scholars, and interfaith leaders to promote mutual understanding, peace, and cooperation in the Muslim

Prominent figures, including Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, Senator Talha Mahmood, Chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, and MWL Country Head Saad Masood Al-Harthi also attended the reception at the airport.

The visit reflects the growing collaboration between Pakistan and Secretary for Religious Affairs, Dr the MWL in advancing global peace,

PM Shehbaz meets Nawaz Sharif, holds discussions on provocations from Afghanistan



跨 Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said the entire nation stands united with the Pakistan Armed Forces in defense of the country.

Minister and President of the Pakistan Muslim League (N), Nawaz Sharif in Lahore on Sunday.

Anwar Ibrahim to Nawaz Sharif. the occasion.

Shehbaz Sharif said bilateral relations between Pakistan and Malaysia. especially economic cooperation, are touching new heights.

The Prime Minister also briefed Nawaz Sharif about his upcoming visit to Egypt. The meeting included He was talking to former Prime discussions on provocations from Afghanistan.

Pakistan's armed forces effective and decisive response against The Prime Minister briefed Afghanistan's aggression was Nawaz Sharif in detail about his visit commended. Deputy Prime Minister. wishes of Malaysian Prime Minister Maryam Nawaz were also present on

People of tribal areas announce fighting Afghan terrorists

跨 Adam Khan

WANA: Tribal people on Sunday announced taking shared in Pashto, it is up arms against the terrorists supported by Afghanistan.

They announced taking up arms against the terrorists infiltrating Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the support of

In an audio message being said on behalf of the standing side by side with the Pakistan Army against the Afghan terrorists.

They said, "It is our duty will teach you a lesson again. which the Pakistan Army tions.



tribal people that they are to defend the homeland, and we know how to defend it.

"We have taught a lesson

there was unprovoked there are reports of heavy firing by Afghanistan on losses to several Afghan to terrorists before, and we the Pak-Afghan border, to posts and foreign forma-

It should be noted that gave a strong response, and

CM Maryam condemns Afghan aggression, praises Pak Army's brave response

₿ Bureau Report

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has strongly condemned Afghanistan's unprovoked aggression on Pakistani territory and paid glowing tribute to the Pakistan Army for responding with courage and composure.

In her statement, Maryam Nawaz said the Pakistan Army represents the nation's honour, dignity, determination, and pride.

She said the armed forces have once again responded to Afghan aggresand national unity that have always defined their conduct.

sacred trust, and their protection is the eignty or the protection of its citizens," duty of every Pakistani," she asserted, she affirmed

PML-N Senator Siddiqui

calls opposition's declaration 'shameful, misguided'



adding that the Pakistan Army's response carries a clear message: Pakistan's soil stands as a guarantor of peace, not a symbol of weakness.

Maryam Nawaz further said that 120 million people of Punjab stand shoulder to shoulder with their valiant sion with the same bravery, wisdom, armed forces like an unbreakable wall of strength.

"We seek peace, but there will be "The borders of Pakistan are a no compromise on Pakistan's sover-

Bilawal hopes Afghan govt to ensure its soil is not used against Pakistan

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has expressed deep concern over the recent situation along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, calling upon the Afghan authorities to act with restraint and responsibility in the interest of regional peace.

"Unprovoked aggression by Afghan forces along our border poses a serious threat to regional peace and stability, while undermining collective efforts toward shared prosperity," PPP Chairman Bilawal stated.

He emphasized that Pakistan's armed forces have responded with resolve, alism, reflecting Pakistan's



restraint, and profession- peace and stability while protecting civilian lives. safeguarding every inch

enduring commitment to of national territory and Taliban authorities in Kabul outfits operating from Afghan beyond.

to take concrete and verifi-Bilawal further urged the able action against terrorist

soil, warning that such groups threaten not only Pakistan but also the security and future of the entire region.

"Pakistan desires a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Afghanistan. We urge the Taliban leadership to engage in practical, result-oriented dialogue and cooperation to secure enduring peace and stability in our shared neighborhood," he said.

Reiterating Pakistan's consistent policy of good-neighbourly relations, Bilawal expressed hope that the Interim Afghan Government will ensure that Afghan soil is not used against Pakistan and that both countries will work together in the spirit of mutual respect to promote peace, stability, and prosperity across the region and

account X, Senator Irfan ul Siddiqui stated that, amid a time of national trial, the declaration haven. was deeply disappointing for its failure to condemn terrorists and their facilitators. Instead, he noted, it brazenly targeted law enforce-

ment agencies with allegations of

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim

League Nawaz (PML-N) parlia-

mentary leader in the Senate, Sena-

tor Irfan ul Siddiqui, on Sunday

strongly criticized the Tehreek

Tahaffuz-e-Aeen Pakistan declara-

tion, calling its allegations against

law enforcement agencies "shame-

fully regrettable."

eroding credibility.

He added that such remarks about the brave sons who sacrificed their lives for the defence of the motherland reflect a deeply deplorable and narrow mindset. Senator Siddiqui further stated

that the provincial government, which the declaration recommends for consultation, has spent the past In a post on his social media 13 years actively supporting terrorists with its full resources, effectively turning the province into a

He concluded by saying that while politics may have lacked compassion in the past, today, the group harboring hatred against the Pakistan Army has also lost all sense of shame.

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