Private Hajj scheme booking portal will be closed on Oct 17:

Four days have left in the booking deadline under the private Hajj scheme as Hajj Ministry's portal will be closed on the night of October 17. The Ministry of Religious Affairs has directed private Hajj operators to complete bookings on time. An awareness campaign should be launched to complete bookings on time.



CM Maryam orders 3-day electric bus service for Raiwind congregation

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has announced the aunch of a three-day electric bus service for participants of the ioner, CCPO, DIG, and CTO to personally visit

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Round table meeting

SHARM EL SHEIKH:Oct13- A view of the round table meeting as Two countries which recently had a peace agreement after being at war for years, Azerbaijan and Armenia, President of Azerbaijan and PM of Armenia can be seen in this picture, with Pakistani PM



Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit

PM Shehbaz reaffirms Pakistan's support for Palestine in highlevel meetings

跨 Spokesman Report

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday held a series of important meetings with world leaders on the sidelines of the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit, reiterating Pakistan's firm support for peace in the region and solidarity with the

people of Palestine. In a significant trilateral inter-

action, Prime Minister Sharif met with President Ilham Alivev of Azerbaijan and Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia, where all three leaders expressed satisfaction over the recent ceasefire in Gaza. The meeting marked a rare moment of convergence between the two Caucasus nations and underscored the broader international commitment to de-escalation in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister also held bilateral discussions with prominent global leaders including King Abdullah II of Jordan, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, President Prabowo Subianto of Indonesia,

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, and

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince

Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud.

During these meetings, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif emphasized the urgent need for coordinated international efforts to restore peace in the region. He highlighted Pakistan's consistent stance on the Palestinian issue, reaffirming Islamabad's unwavering diplomatic and moral

support for the Palestinian people. "Our position is rooted in justice and humanity," said the

Prime Minister. "Pakistan will continue to stand by the Palestinian cause and support all peaceful initiatives aimed at ending violence and ensuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The meetings also included discussions on broader regional stability, strengthening multilateral cooperation, and promoting dialogue to resolve long-standing

KP governor rejects Gandapur's resignation



News Desk

The acceptance of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's resignation has once again been delayed after Governor Faisal Kundi raised objections and returned the resignation, citing that the signatures on both letters were different, 24NewsHD TV channel reported on Monday.

In a statement posted on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), KP Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said that the signatures on the two resignation letters submitted by Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur were not iden-

The KP governor has summoned Ali Amin Gandapur to the Governor's House on October 15 at 3 pm to verify his signatures in person.

In response to the governor's statement on social media, former Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur confirmed through his post on X that the signatures on both resignation letters are indeed his.

that both resignation letters bear my signatures," adding that the governor himself had now confirmed receiving the resignation dated

Govt delegation meets Maulana Fazl to discuss **KP** situation



B City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The government delegation called on JUI-F chief Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman at his residence on Monday to discuss overall political situation of the country.

The government delegation included Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal, Engineer Amir Mugam and Azam Nazir Tard. Moreover, Maulana Lutfur Rehman, Allama Rashid Mahmood Soomro, MPA Sajjad Khan, Makhdoom Aftab Shah also attended the meeting. The political situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa apply to the court in this regard

and it was agreed that the election of the Chief Minister in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly is an unconstitutional process and this process cannot be accepted. During the meeting, it was agreed that all opposition parties in the Provincial Assembly reject this process of electing the Chief Minister and also expect the Chief Justice and the Peshawar High Court to not be part of this controversial parliamentary process.

The meeting agreed upon adopting judicial attitudes, the situation is reviewed from legal and constitutional aspects and the opposition will regularly was discussed in the meeting through its lawyers' panel.

DPM/FM Dar reiterates Pakistan's solidarity with nations to build a safer, resilient, sustainable world



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Monday, reiterated that Pakistan stood in solidarity with all nations in reaffirming their collective responsibility to build a safer, more resilient and sustainable world.

On the occasion of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, he reaffirmed Pakistan's steadfast commitment to global efforts aimed at reducing disaster risk, vulnerability and

In a message on the observance of the Day on October 13, the DPM/FM stressed that reducing disaster risk was essential not only for humanitarian reasons but also for achieving sustainable development and building climate resilience. "In recent years, Pakistan

has endured the devastating impacts of climate-induced disasters—from unprecedented floods, such as those in 2022, to recurring droughts and heatwaves. The recent intense monsoon rainfall, which resulted in the loss of lives and livelihoods, is yet another stark reminder of the immense burden Pakistan continues to bear due to climate change," Foreign Office Spokesperson, in a press release, quoted the DPM/FM as saying.

SC's Justice Mandokhel asks whether court is bound to form full court

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Justice Jamal Mandokhel of the constitutional bench (CB) of the Supreme Court (SC) on Monday asked whether the CB was bound to change the bench on the insistence of the lawyers representing those who had challenged the 26th Amendment.

During the hearing of 36 petitions filed against the amendment, the judge asked whether a party could demand the composition of the bench according to its liking.

An eight-member bench

heard the petitions. Abid Zuberi, counsel for the former presidents of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), reiterated the demand for the formation of a full court, saying that there were rulings by the SC in which it had ordered

the formation of full court on certain matters. "The case under review is of extreme importance. Therefore, the constitution of full court is necessary." he emphasized. He reiterated the demand for the inclusion of judges in the full court who were on the bench prior to the passage of the amendment.

Justice Jamal Mandokhel, while addressing Zuberi, said that he (Zuberi) did not want a full court, comprising all 24 judges. "What you want are the judges of your choice."

The judge further said that he (Zuberi) could call the chief justice the beneficiary of the amendment, but not him and

other judges. Justice Aminuddin Khan remarked that the CB was

bound by the constitution. The case was adjourned until

Islamabad Red Zone sealed, police ramp up security amid unrest concerns

Maveed Ahmad Khan

In Islamabad, several roads have been closed due to the potential threat to the city's security, with all entry points to the Red Zone completely sealed off. To prevent any untoward incidents within the high-security zone, Islamabad police have deployed forces at various locations throughout the capital. Currently, only Margalla Road provides access to the Red Zone. Shahrah-e-Dastoor has been

completely closed near the Serena Hotel, while Suhrawardy Road is also closed from Serena Chowk to Aabpara Chowk. The stretch from Jinnah Square Flyover to Serena Interchange remains shut as well.

The Korean Flyover near Kashmir Chowk and Rawal Dam is open for single-vehicle entry, while one side of the road between Zero Point and Khanna remains open.

Similarly, the Sangjani GT Road allows limited vehicle access, and the Srinagar Highway from Chungi No 26 to Chand Tara Flyover is open for one-way traffic in and out. However, diversions have been put in place from Agha Nursery to Dhok Kala Khan Flyover.

The GT Road from Margalla to E-11 Flyover is open for traffic, and routes including Park Road, Murree Road, and Faizabad to Rawal Dam Flyover remain accessible as well.

Heavy police deployment is visible across the High Security Zone in Islam-



placed on high alert to maintain order. surveillance cameras. Police contingents have been stationed at multiple points across

the capital to respond to any potential SSP Security Captain (R) Zeeshan Haider stated that strict security has been implemented at all sensitive sites. Police patrols have been increased and surveillance has intensified in Islama-

bad's high-security zones. He emphasized that no miscreants vill be allowed to disrupt peace and that security arrangements are being further strengthened to ensure the capital remains stable.

Captain (R) Zeeshan Haider added that protecting sensitive locations is among their top priorities. He said security is being monitored through abad, and law enforcement has been modern technology and Safe City

Meanwhile, between 200 to 300 supporters of a religious group staged a protest at Tarnol Phatak in Islamabad. A case has been registered against them at Tarnol Police Station.

According to the FIR, the protesters chanted anti-government slogans and delivered provocative speeches. They blocked both sides of the road at Tarnol Phatak, disrupting traffic.

Section 144 is currently enforced across Islamabad, prohibiting any kind of public gathering or procession. Following the protest, police

participants. They have been formally named in the FIR. The case includes charges of violating Section 144, obstructing roads, and

breaching the Amplifier Act.

launched an operation and arrested 90 Gandapur stated in his tweet, "I confirm October 8.

Prem Union demands immediate repair of flood-damaged Abdul Hakeem Railway Line

Majid Majid

FAISALABAD: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman met with Prem Union Chief Organizer Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry and Patron Faisalabad Prem Union Mian Tahir Ayub. Provincial Ameer Javed Kasuri, District Ameer Mehboob-uz-Zaman Butt, Mian Shahid Ayub, Mian Zahid Ayub, Rai Nadeem-ur-Rehman, Muhammad Nasir were also present on the occasion. Khalid Mahmood Chaudhry and Mian Tahir Ayub informed Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman about the current situation of workers across Pakistan, especially the railways, the problems of railway employees and the difficulties of 150 million Pakistanis associated with the railways annually. Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman, while guiding the Prem Union, said that the Prem Union



should become the voice of the railways becoming the voice of more than 20 and railway employees, including the problems of 150 million Pakistanis associated with the railways, and come to the

fore by formulating its own action plan. The leaders of the Prem Union,

million citizens of Faisalabad, Sargodha Division, including Hafizabad, Sanglah, demanded from the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister that these 20 million citizens have been discon-

nected from Karachi since September 3. Shorkot. He demanded that the flood-affected railway track on Abdul Hakeem section be repaired as soon as possible and the railway operations be resumed.

He paid tribute to Railways Minister Muhammad Hanif Abbasi for his announcement to end the outsourcing of railway trains and paid tribute to the struggle of the Prem Union under the leadership of Prem Union President Sheikh Muhammad Anwar, assuring his full support and cooperation. He told the workers across Pakistan that to secure the future of themselves and their children, organize, unite and mobilize themselves on the platform of Jamaate-Islami, and send honest, trustworthy and qualified people to the assemblies. Your problems will not be solved until

People in trouble

ISLAMABAD: People of twin cities are facing trouble due to the closure of Faizabad Interchange and Public transport in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Rapid restoration & repair on Hazara Motorway directed

PESHAWAR: A key meeting regarding the restoration and repair of the Hazara Motorway, and in compliance with the directives of the Peshawar High Court, was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Hazara Division, Fayaz Ali Shah, at the Commissioner's Office, Abbottabad, on Monday.

The General Manager of the National Highway Authority (CPEC Burhan) gave a detailed briefing on the ongoing repair work across various sections of the motorway. He informed the meeting that repair work is in progress at five major locations, three of which have already been completed, while work at the remaining two sites is being carried out on a fast track.

Commissioner Favaz Ali Shah directed that all affected areas of the motorway be thoroughly inspected and repair work be completed without delay.

Lost & Found Number Plates Misplaced

was travelling in Islamabad Aabpara Market, and I lost my car number plate (NU-494). If anyone found please contact me on this number 0314-4424426

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Economy can be built on solid and sustainable foundations with cooperation of the government and private sector: President FCCI

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The economy can be built on solid and sustainable foundations with the cooperation of the government and the private sector. This was said by Farooq Yousuf Sheikh, President of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, while addressing the officers under training at the Staff Training Institute, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He introduced Faisalabad and Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the country's development and said that the textile sector alone is contributing a valuable 40 percent to the country's exports, while now other sectors besides textiles are also growing rapidly here.

He said that undoubtedly the burden many units have switched to solar power of taxes on the industrial sector is very high while the electricity tariff is also much higher than India, Bangladesh and Vietnam. He said that the government is trying to reduce it while the private sector is looking for new markets for exports.

He said that despite the difficult financial situation, the government has reduced the policy rate from 22 to 11 percent and it is expected that it will decrease further in the future.

He also appreciated the agreement signed by Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif to export \$200 million worth of meat during his visit to Malaysia and said that meat is also being exported to China.

In response to a question about smog, the President of the Chamber said that



but large investments are not possible

He said that the share of industries in environmental pollution is only 9% but closing industries under the guise of smog is not the solution.

Farooq Yousuf Sheikh stressed on the use of new technology to improve the quality of export products and said that the tax net should be expanded to reduce the burden of taxes. Arbab Shah-e-Roum, Deputy Secretary (Admin) of Staff Training Institute Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, thanked the Faisalabad Chamber for welcoming the officers under training who came on a study tour and said that such contacts will improve inter-provincial relations.

Senior Vice President Naveed Akram Sheikh said that taxes seem high because the entire burden is placed on registered entities. He said that if the tax net is increased, the situation can improve. He said that the main problem of industries is the prices of raw materials, the fluctuations of which affect exports.

Finally, he thanked the guests, while President Farooq Yousuf Sheikh presented Deputy Secretary (Admin) Arbab Shah-e-Roum with a special pin of the 50th anniversary of the Faisalabad Chamber and a shield. In return, he also gave a shield and President Farooq Yousuf Sheikh, Senior Vice President Naveed Akram Sheikh and Vice President Engineer Asim Munir wore traditional Khyber Pakhtunkhwa hats.

Shah Ghulam Qadir says Afghan Foreign Minister is ignorant of his history



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan PML-N President Shah Ghulam Qadir has said that the Afghan Foreign Minister is ignorant of his history. It is regrettable to make misleading statements about saying that there is little room for condemnation of Azad Kashmir. The Government of Azad Kashmir immediately clarified its policy regarding illegally residing Afghans in Azad Kashmir. Thousands of Afghans should be sent back to Afghanistan immediately. The Afghan government strongly condemns the attack on Pakistan If we never

succeed, the Pakistan Army will first bite the teeth of the eternal enemy India. Similarly, the Pakistan Army will chew the Taliban government's nose. The message has stood and will remain standing. Pakistan PML-N Azad Jammu and Kashmir President Shah Ghulam Qadir has said that he condemns the misleading position of the Afghan government on Kashmir while meeting in India. India's part has been indicated to give a resolution which is completely against UN resolutions and the right of Muslim Kashmiris to self-determination. This misguided position is not only historically deadly but also illegally The UN has declared Kashmir a disputed territory.

DFP Rejects Indo-Afghan FM's contention on Kashmir



Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP) has strongly rejected the recent statement issued by the Foreign Ministers of India and Afghanistan regarding Jammu and Kashmir, making it clear that the territory is not a part of India but an internationally recognized disputed region.

Terming the statement contrary to the spirit of relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, DFP spokesperson Advocate Arshad Iqbal said that the UNSC resolutions explicitly recognize Jammu and Kashmir as an unresolved international dispute and uphold the right to self-determination of the Kashmiri people through a free and impartial plebiscite.

He said that the Indian Foreign Minister's remarks amount to a blatant distortion of historical facts and a violation of international law as well as the commitments India has made before the international community and the people of Kashmir.

Taking strong exception to the statement of the Afghan Foreign Minister, Advocate Iqbal said it was highly regrettable that a brotherly Muslim country, which has itself endured the suffering of foreign domination and decades of conflict, has chosen to align with India's unlawful position on Kashmir. "By supporting India's false narrative, the Afghan Foreign Minister has acted in clear contravention of UNSC resolutions,"

Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies are playing a frontline role in the fight against terrorism: Rehana Khan

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: Chairperson of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Women's Commission Smt. It is a conspiracy against peace, development and stability, but the Pakistani nation and its security agencies would never have been deceived by such cowardly actions. Sacrifice lives to save the nation from a great tragedy. Their courage, bravery and conviction is proud and commendable.



Ms. Rehana Khan said that Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies are playing a frontline role in the fight against terrorism. The history of Pakistan is bright with the sacrifices of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the defense of the country and the people. He paid tribute to all the martyrs saying that their sacrifices are not worthy of death. He said, "The nation is proud of its brave soldiers who will defend their lives. Their sacrifices are the guarantee of our national unity, security and stability." Ms. Rehana Khan said that this war will continue till the curse of terrorism ends, and the nation accepts its martyrs without a bloodless country. Gee. "Terrorists and their facilitators do not deserve any concessions. Strict and effective actions against them are the need of the hour so that no one can become less capable of preventing such incidents," he said. He pledged for a speedy recovery saying that the nation stands with them, and expressed heartfelt sympathy and condolences by paying tribute to the families of the martyrs. He shares equally in their pain." Rihana Khan said on the occasion that the Pakistan Army, police and other security agencies are the protectors of the beloved country, and every Pakistani citizen is proud of their heroes.

Sardar Attique announced the 93rd convocation of the party

Spokesman Report

RAWALPINDI: President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan today announced the 93rd convocation of the party The message said that the anniversary of the Muslim Conference is not just a political tradition but a historical continuity that symbolizes the unity, ideological affiliation and commitment to freedom of the Kashmiri people. Muslims of the state laid the



foundation stone of the All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference in a historic gathering in a mosque. This was the time when Kashmiri Muslims gathered on one platform transcending religious, linguistic, group and regional differences and launched their struggle for freedom and fundamental rights. The establishment was a milestone in the political history of the state, and even today the Jamaat continues its movement with the same determination. He gave a clear position to the Kashmiri people, after which Mujahid e Awwal Sardar Muhammad Abdul Qavvum Khan recited the slogan 'Kashmir will become Pakistan' Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan said that the workers of the Jamaat should remember the fact that Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinayama did not rebel. The ${\it flag}\ of\ proposed\ Pakistan\ was\ raised\ by\ the\ Kashmiri\ people\ through\ the$ Muslim Conference during Srinagar, and it is still flying proudly in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.



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Commissioner directs DCs to facilitate polio teams during anti-polio campaign

KARACHI: Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi has directed all **Deputy Commissioners** and Assistant Commissioners to be in the field to look after the arrange ments overseeing the efforts of health officers and polio teams as they administer polio drops to children during the sevenday anti-polio campaign begun in the metropolis on

Commissioner Karachi Sved Hassan Nagvi has instructed all Deputy Commissioners to establish monitoring desks.

He has directed them to supervise the daily activity review the daily performance of the polio campaign in their respective offices and submit a report to the Commissioner on a daily basis.

Prior to the launch of the campaign, Deputy Commissioners reviewed the deployment of polio teams and arrangements for polio activities.

Assistant Commissioners deployed teams in their respective sub-divisions and before deployment they reviewed the arrangements for administrating the polio drops to the children of 5 year of

Special arrangements have been made to monitor the performance of polio teams on the instructions of Commissioner Karachi.

Chairman Ch. Zulfiqar highlights role of standards in Pakistan's economic growth on World Standards Day

👺 Zain Khan Malghani

Ch. Zulfiqar Ali Anjum, Chairman of SM Group of Industries, Member of the National Export Development Board, and Member of the Board of Investment, in his message on the occasion of World Standards Day 2025 (October 14), said that World Standards Day holds exceptional significance for industries, manufacturers, and economic experts alike.

This day reminds us that standards are the foundation upon which sustainable development, global partnerships, and a competitive economy are built. He stated that this year's theme — "A Shared Vision for a Better World: Spotlight on SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals" — highlights



that the secret to global progress of Pakistan and the Chief of Army lies in international cooperation, mutual trust, and shared partnerships.

Standards organizations around the world are striving under a shared vision to build a better, safer, and more stable world, and these collective efforts are paving the way for innovation in technology, industry, and trade. Appreciating the efforts of the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Ch. Zulfiqar Ali Anjum said that the institution plays a vital role in aligning Pakistan's industries with international benchmarks and in enhancing the prestige of "Made in Pakistan" products.

He further added that under the leadership of the Prime Minister perous Pakistan."

Staff, General Asim Munir, joint efforts for economic stability are yielding positive outcomes. Now it is essential for government officials and institutions to work in line with this vision to simplify regulations for industrialists and investors. This will accelerate industrial activities, facilitate the import of modern machinery, and create learning opportunities for local engineers.

No doubt, Ch. Zulfiqar Ali Anjum said that SM Group of Industries serves as a backbone of Pakistan's economy. Through international standards, transparency, partnership, and resilience, "we are determined to build a strong, sustainable, and pros-

Traffic jam

ISLAMABAD: A view of the long queues of vehicles stuck in traffic jam at Express way due to the closure of Faizabad in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Traders Call for Government Action on Tax, Inflation, and Energy Costs at Takht **Bahi Oath-Taking Ceremony**

腾 Tarig Khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BAHI: The Provincial General Secretary of the Central Traders Association, Haji Zahir Shah, has said that the trader community is the backbone of the country's economy, and that traders play a fundamental and vital role in the nation's economic stability and progress. Therefore, the government should give priority to resolving the issues faced by the business community.

He expressed these views while addressing the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected cabinet of the Model Bazaar Traders Organization in Takhte

The ceremony was also addressed by President of Anjuman-e-Tajiran Takhte Bahi Haji Tariq Khan, President of the Petroleum Association Irfan Mehmood, President of Model Bazaar Naveed alias Messi, President of Tajir Ittehad Pat Baba Mohsin Khan, General Secretary Kashif Mehmood, Qazi Iqbal, Safdar Safi, and others. Tehsil Council Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Saeed and General Secretary of Traders Takhte Bahi



Wahab Yousafzai were also present on the occasion.

Haii Zahir Shah said that under the current economic conditions, traders are late a clear and sustainable trade policy facing numerous challenges, including so that the business community can heavy taxation, inflation, and rising elec- continue its activities with confidence tricity and gas prices, which are adversely

affecting business activities and the trader community as a whole.

He urged the government to formu-

Commissioner Multan Development Authority Progress Review Meeting

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: A Review Meeting of the Multan Development Authority (MDA) was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Multan, Amir Karim Khan, to assess the progress of ongoing development projects and road upgradation works across the city.

During the meeting, detailed progress reports were presented on the construction of bus shelters and the widening of LMQ Road up to

the road is being upgraded at a cost of Rs. 33.9 million.

Commissioner Amir Karim Khan schools should be decorated with traffic management system, while



history and culture. He further stated that the outdated intersections at No. 9 Chowk and Syedanwala Chowk directed that the boundary walls of are being replaced with a modern

Kalma Chowk. It was informed that artwork highlighting Multan's rich upgradation of the service lane along Director Development Mubashir ur Shujaabad Road is also underway.

The meeting decided that the pillars of flyovers at No. 9 Chowk and Syedanwala Chowk will be adorned with traditional Multani designs and blue ongoing development schemes.

pottery to enhance the city's aesthetic appeal.

Proposals were also reviewed for improving the design, beautification, and traffic flow at Kumharanwala Chowk. The Commissioner emphasized that since Kumharanwala Chowk connects several major arteries of the city, effective measures must be taken to ease congestion and improve public convenience.

The meeting was attended by Director General MDA Rashid Irshad Hussain,

Rehman, Assistant Commissioner City Sami Sheikh, and other MDA officials. The MDA representatives gave a detailed briefing on the progress of

Military Resolve Against Terrorism is a Ray of Hope For the Nation: Sajida Langah

👺 Quratul Ain Asim



MULTAN: Military Resolve against terrorism is a ray of hope for the nation, social leader Sajida Ahmed has termed the press conference held by DG ISPR Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry in Peshawar as a symbol of national consensus against terrorism and said that this clear and unequivocal stance of the Pakistani army further strengthens the confidence of the people. She said that the speech of DG ISPR has once again proved that the

state is committed to its writ, the protection of the people and the continuity of the constitutional system. She said that General Ahmed Sharif rightly pointed out the fact that the main reason for unrest in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other parts of the country has been the use of terrorism in the name of governance gap and political interests, the consequences of which have always been borne by the people in the form of

DCAttock imposed across Section 144

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK:, In light of the directives issued by the provincial government and due to the prevailing law and order situation, Section 144 has been imposed across District Attock.

All kinds of political gatherings, sit-ins, public meetings, demonstrations, protests, and similar activities have been strictly prohibited

To ensure the safety and security of the public, the police and other law enforcement agencies are fully prepared at all times.

The general public is hereby informed to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in maintaining peace and order and to avoid unnecessary movement outside their homes.

Strict legal action will be taken against anyone found violating these

Attock Police seal TLP linked seminary amid rising protests

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: Seminary related to TLP sealed in Attock, police high alert in Pindigheb ATTOCK: The authorities took various measures across district Attock to tackle the ongoing protest by Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) and in this connection sealed the seminary associated to the party and launched massive patrolling in home town of Saad Hussain Rizvi. On the reports of various law enforcement agencies, the administration in Hazro town of Attock sealed the Jamia Muftah Ul Aloom in Bungai Shareef at the early hours of Monday and asked the resident students of the seminary to return to their respective home town. Due to sudden closure, the students from various cities especially KP stunned and seen wandering helplessly as they have no belonging and money to reach back their native homes located in various far flung areas of KP. Meanwhile Police officials hold flag march in Jand and Pindigheb towns of Attock. Police show their might in Pindigheb town which is stronghold of TLP being the hometown of Hussain Rizvi and his father Khadim Hussain Rizvi. The flag march was led by Sub divisional Police office Jand circle DSP Zulfiqar Ali and assistant commissioner Jand Ahmed Ali Raza to avert any possible protest from party activists. Meanwhile, local TLP sources said that two activists from Pindigheb identified as Raja Munawar and Muhammad Faizan was killed in Muridke on Monday amid Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan's (TLP) long march. APP-RHN

UE dispatches relief goods, medical team for 1,000 floodhit families

LAHORE: The University of Education (UE), Lahore, has dispatched its first consignment of relief goods for one thousand flood-affected families impacted by the recent devastating floods and heavy rains across the country.

Alongside the relief supplies, a dedicated medical team comprising the Senior Medical Officer, faculty members, staff, and students left under the supervision of Professor Dr. Muhammad Umar Saleem, Convener Flood Relief Committee, to provide on-ground medical and humanitarian assistance. The team will establish two-day medical camps in Jalalpur Pirwala and Alipur, where senior doctors will examine patients and distribute free medicines

The relief consignment includes dry rations, milk, biscuits, solar lights, clothes, bedding, quilts, and mosquito repellents, while the university team will also carry out mosquito control sprays in the affected areas.

Following the Punjab government's flood relief initiative, Vice Chancellor University of Education, Professor Dr. Aqif Anwar Chaudhry, directed all campuses and divisions to immediately establish relief centers. Through the collective efforts of teachers, staff, and students, essential food and relief materials were gathered in record time and dispatched to flood-hit families.

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EPA Punjab environmental compliance report

he Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab has, for the first time in the province's history, released an environmental compliance report on brick kilns located around the Motorway Zone. Acting on the directions of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the EPA teams have achieved a major milestone through environmental reforms and transparent monitoring.

According to the report, comprehensive inspections of 108 brick kilns located around the Motorway have been completed. The EPA stated that 71 kilns are operating with modern zigzag technology, emitting white smoke in compliance with environmental standards. The remaining 37 kilns were found non-functional, with no emissions

Each kiln has been documented with photographic evidence, along with date, time, and GPS stamps, included in the report. The EPA confirmed that 100% environmental compliance has now been achieved in the Motorway Zone. As a result of these corrective measures, no kiln had to be sealed, demolished, fined, or subjected to legal

Senior Provincial Minister Maryam Aurangzeb congratulated the EPA teams on their outstanding performance, stating, "This achievement is living proof of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision of 'Clean Air, Healthy Punjab."

She added that "The transition to zigzag technology has significantly reduced smoke emissions, aiding in smog control. The EPA's goal is to achieve sustainable results through reform and improvement rather than punitive actions." Maryam Aurangzeb further said, "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Marvam Nawaz Sharif. a transparent environmental system based on scientific data collection has been established."

The minister also thanked brick kiln owners and local communities for their cooperation, saying their joint efforts are turning the vision of a green and healthy Punjab into reality.

Meanwhile, under the Smog Monitoring and Forecasting System, Lahore's air quality remained moderate throughout the day. According to the Provincial Smog Monitoring and Forecasting System, the

city's overall AQI on Monday, October 13, was 150 (Moderate).

Between 12 PM and 4 PM, a clear improvement was recorded, with AQI dropping to 125–130, aided by temperatures around 32°C and wind speeds of 4-5 km/h, which helped disperse pollutants. However, AQI levels could rise to 170 during morning and night hours due to lower temperatures, increased traffic, and commercial activity.

Throughout the day, temperatures ranged between 21°C and 32°C, with wind speeds between 2 and 9 km/h, and no rainfall recorded.

Under the "Clean and Green Lahore" campaign, smog control units have been activated. The EPA enforcement teams are conducting real-time inspections in industrial and commercial areas, while smart air quality stations are being used for daily planning and re-

Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb stated, "Clean and healthy air in Punjab is a measurable goal. Through modern technology, strict monitoring, and citizens' cooperation, we are achieving sustainable

She further emphasized, "You must keep your air clean — for yourself, your elders, and your future generations. The choice now lies with the citizens: do they want a better environment, or a worse

U.S. to Enforce Gaza Peace Plan

for which the world had years of bloodshed, hunger, humiliation, and despair, a breakthrough came in the form of President Donald Trump's 21-point peace plan, a framework that has begun to reshape the Israeli-Palestinian conflict past years. Even as in ways unimaginable just weeks earlier. The first signs of change came quickly. Over 2,000 Palestinian prisoners were released by Israel, while Hamas promised to return Israeli hostages. Humanitarian changed. The United aid — long blocked at the borders began to flow again into Gaza, bringing food, medicine, and hospital supplies to a population starved not only of nourishment but of hope. For the first time in years, mothers carried bread home with tears of relief, fathers clutched medicine as if it were treasure, and children smiled with bowls of food in their hands.

This breakthrough was not achieved through Israel's goodwill, nor was it the result of another round of fruitless diplomacy. It was the direct consequence of American pressure, a departure from decades of U.S. policy that shielded Israel from accountability at all costs. Trump's plan not only offered deadlines and frameworks; it came with guarantees. The United States pledged to monitor the process directly, ensuring both Hamas and Israel would adhere to the commitments they had signed onto. Vice President JD Vance confirmed that monitoring teams had already been deployed inside Gaza, across the West Bank, and along the Israel-Gaza border, setting up observation and reporting posts to oversee every step of implementation. This was not a distant promise but a living process already underway, a signal that the plan had moved from paper to

who openly called for the annihilation media movements found validation in waited for decades. After of Gaza's population, including infants, was compelled to accept the peace plan from blind obedience to Israeli priorities. demonstrates just how far the ground has shifted. Trump is now set to visit Israel, addressing the Knesset in a moment rael interests, shaped the narrative to that would have been unthinkable in

> extremists pledged to continue their crusade for "Greater Israel," the political reality has States, not Israel, is now the guarantor of the next chapter.

Equally significant is the upcoming

international conference in Egypt, to also the growing demand from civil be co-hosted by Trump and President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. World leaders will converge not merely to celebrate the peace plan but to design a mechanism of enforcement and punishment. For the first time, Israel is being told in clear terms that violations will not be without consequence. Trump's insistence, echoed by Vice President Vance, that America's Central Command presence and military infrastructure in the Middle East will ensure compliance provides the plan with the credibility all others lacked. It is this enforcement guarantee that transforms the plan from just another diplomatic gesture into a living reality.

The ripple effects are profound. Across Europe, long skeptical of Israeli intransigence, leaders expressed cautious relief. In the global South, the plan rekindled hope that justice could still prevail for the marginalized and oppressed. Within the Muslim world, unity was reinforced by the undeniable reality that their collective power had been decisive in shaping this outcome. And within the United

seeing their government finally break

For decades, mainstream media outlets, heavily influenced by pro-Is-Israel's advantage. Today, however, that

Social media platforms have pierced the information wall, exposing Israeli atrocities and amplifying Palestinian suffering to global audiences. Trump's plan tapped into this shift, reflecting not only strategic calculations but

society worldwide that U. S. foreign

policy reflect humanitarian values. Israel's reluctant acceptance of limits imposed by the plan marks a watershed. For the first time, its leadership has been compelled to recognize that there are boundaries to its ambitions. The narrative of divine entitlement to Palestinian land is being challenged by political reality. The global message is clear: Israel is not above international law, not beyond accountability, and not free to these limits, the plan strikes at the heart of expansionist ideology.

Of course, challenges remain. Hardliners within Israel will resist, and spoilers on both sides may seek to derail the fragile progress. But unlike past initiatives, this plan carries deterrence. Monitoring teams are already on the ground, reporting directly to Washington, and a punitive mechanism is being prepared. These elements give the plan resilience where others failed. If enforced with consistency, it may finally break the cycle

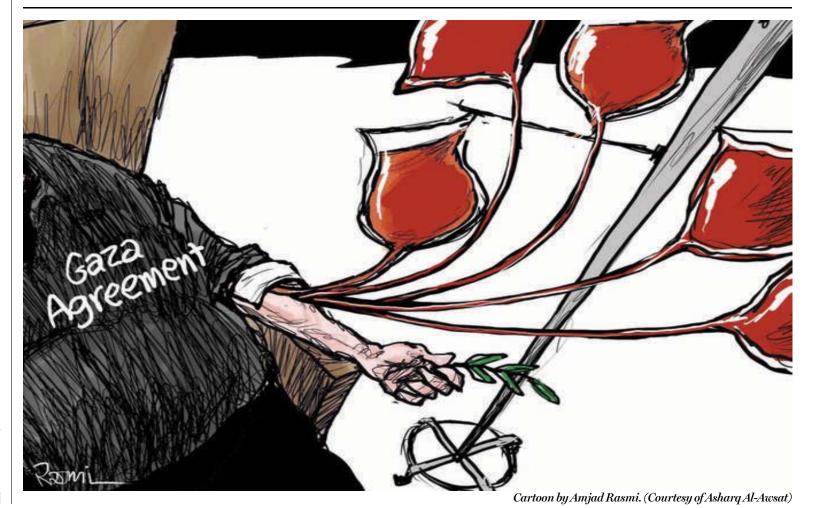
That Israel, despite its hardliners States itself, ordinary citizens and social of occupation, insurgency, and crackdowns that have defined the conflict for generations.

The broader significance extends well beyond Israel and Palestine. Trump's 21-point plan signals a reorientation of American foreign policy, breaking the stranglehold of lobbying networks and monopoly is collapsing. restoring independence to U.S. decision-making. It affirms that Muslim nations, when united, can shape global outcomes. And it reasserts the principle that international law, humanitarian values, and logic have weight when backed by power.

History will remember this not only as a diplomatic breakthrough but as a moment when the architecture of global politics shifted. By confronting Israel's defiance and asserting American oversight, Trump altered the balance of power in the Middle East. He may never hold the Nobel Peace Prize, but he has accomplished something greater: he has shown that courage, enforcement, and unity can bring hope to a people long denied it.

The images of mothers feeding their children in Gaza, of freed prisoners reunited with families, and of global leaders preparing to converge on Egypt all testify to the reality of this change. For the first time in decades, light has broken dictate terms unilaterally. By enforcing through the darkness of the Israel-Palestine conflict. The peace plan is fragile, and its future uncertain, but with monitoring already underway and enforcement guaranteed, there is at last reason to believe that justice may triumph over

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PAF-The Story of Making Pakistan Insurmountable

Asma Ishaq

rom the day it was born, Pakistan Air Force embraced a vision far greater than the size of the young nation it served. Guided by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's immortal words — "A country without a strong Air Force is at the mercy of any aggressor" — the PAF vowed to be "Second to None." That vow became its creed, and over the decades, PAF has not only safeguarded Pakistan's skies but also emerged as a symbol of innovation, resilience and national

While its primary mission has always been the defence of Pakistan's airspace, the PAF's contribution extends far beyond the battlefield. From the deserts of Thar to the snow-clad peaks of the North, the men and women in blue have been first responders in every national crisis. During the 2005 earthquake and the 2010, 2012, 2022 & 2025 floods, PAF personnel worked round

the clock to deliver relief supplies, evacuate stranded citizens, and set up medical camps in inaccessible regions. Its air mobility and disciplined efficiency made it a lifeline for millions.

The world first witnessed the mettle of the PAF in the 1965 War. Against overwhelming odds, its pilots wrote history with unmatched skill and courage. The daring strikes on Indian air bases and the aerial victories in dogfights turned the tide in Pakistan's favour, earning admiration even from adversaries. In 1971, despite the nation being divided, PAF pilots fought valiantly across multiple fronts, defending the country's territorial integrity with professionalism and devotion that remains an enduring source of pride.

Fast forward to 2019 — when the enemy's misadventure across the Line of Control met with a swift and surgical response. Operation Swift Retort showcased a new era of PAF precision and professionalism. Not only did Pakistan retaliate decisively, but it also established air superiority, shooting down 02 intruding Indian aircraft while ensuring no collateral damage. The world watched as the PAF once again proved that courage, training and clarity of mission can outmatch numerical superiority.

Following 2019, a new phase of transformation began under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber

Sidhu. With a clear-eyed understanding of emerging threats and technological demands, ACM Sidhu initiated a modernization drive that balanced ambition with pragmatism. Despite financial limitations, he plugged critical capability gaps and steered the force into the era of fifth-generation warfare. His signature

initiative, the National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP), stands as a testament to this vision. Spread across Pakistan, these parks have become incubators of aerospace innovation, defence technology and research. They not only contribute to the national exchequer through indigenization and exports but also lay the foundation for a self-reliant Pakistan. The NASTP project symbolizes the fusion of national security with economic growth — a forward-looking strategy that transforms Pakistan's air power into a driver of national prosperity.

 and the results spoke louder than words. In a lightning display of precision and technological superiority, PAF executed a series of coordinated strikes that left the Indian Air Force reeling. Within hours, seven IAF aircraft were downed, including advanced fighters, while Pakistan's pride the JF-17 Thunder destroyed India's much-touted S-400 air defence system. Equally devastating were the attacks on Indian C2 centres, air bases and key military installations stretching from the North to Kandla in the South. Adding a new dimension to warfare were PAF's killer drones — stealthy, autonomous systems that penetrated deep into Indian territory, reaching as far as New Delhi. Undetected and undeterred, they struck critical command nodes and communication hubs with lethal precision, redefining the contours of modern aerial combat. This was not just a victory of machines, but of vision, leadership and doctrine - a triumph crafted by years of foresight and preparation.

Under the bold and visionary stewardship of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, Pakistan Air Force has evolved from a defensive shield into a multidomain powerhouse. Its strategic modernization, technological innovation and operational brilliance have elevated Pakistan's stature in the global arena. Today, Air Forces around the world look towards PAF to learn from its Multi-Domain Operations — a model of Efficiency, Precision and Adaptability.

As the PAF celebrates its journey from infancy to invincibility, it stands as a testament to what vision, discipline and devotion can achieve. From the Quaid's dream of being "Second to None" to becoming a force that makes Pakistan insurmountable — the story The real test of ACM Zaheer Baber Sidhu's of the Pakistan Air Force is, indeed, the story reforms came during the May 2025 conflict of Pakistan's rise itself.

Regional Stability Demands Peace in Pakistan: A Call For Unity And Progress

Dr. Muhammad Shahzad Ashfaq

cately linked to peace in Pakistan. As a country with a significant geostrategic position, Pakistan's internal conflicts and unrest had far-reaching consequences on the entire region. The need for peace within Pakistan is not only a domestic imperative but also a regional necessity for fostering stability and progress. The importance of peace in Pakistan in achieving regional stability, emphasizing the critical role of unity and progress play in this endeavor.

Pakistan's internal conflicts including terrorism, political instability, and sectarian violence, have posed significant challenges to the country's development. The ongoing tensions in regions like Balochistan, KPK and Kashmir have added complexity to the situation, exacerbating security concerns and hindering economic growth. The ripple effects of these internal conflicts are felt beyond Pakistan's borders, impacting neighboring countries

like Afghanistan and China. Therefore, addressing these internal issues is paramount to ensuring

regional stability. Economic development and social progress are fundamental pillars for sustaining peace in Pakistan. Poverty, lack of educational opportunities, limited access to healthcare are among the numerous root causes of instability in the country. Investing in infrastructure, education, healthcare and employment opportunities, Pakistan can uplift its population and mitigate the conditions that breed unrest and conflict. Economic prosperity not only enhances the well-being of citizens but also paves the way for sustained stability in the region.

International actors can contribute to peacebuilding in Pakistan by providing financial assistance, technical expertise and logistical support for peacekeeping operations. Foreign aid and investment

egional stability in South Asia is intri- can help strengthen Pakistan's economy, improve social services, and reduce poverty all of which are key drivers of conflict and insecurity. Additionally, international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank can offer valuable resources and technical assistance to support peacebuilding initiatives in Pakistan. Working together with international partners, Pakistan can leverage external support to address its internal challenges and build a more peaceful and prosperous society.

> Achieving peace in Pakistan requires not only domestic efforts but also international co-operation or support. Neighboring countries as well as

global powers play a crucial role in facilitating dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution in Pakistan. Regional organizations like the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) can serve as platforms for promoting peace and stability in Pakistan through diplomatic initiatives, economic partnership and security cooperation. Engaging with

the international community Pakistan can garner support for its peace-building endeavors contribute to regional security.

Regional stability demands peace in Pakistan, emphasizing the interconnectedness between internal harmony and external security. Through unity, progress and international cooperation, Pakistan can overcome its internal challenges emerge as a beacon of peace and stability in South Asia. Prioritizing peace within its borders, Pakistan not only secures its own future but also contributes to the peace and prosperity of the entire region. It is imperative for all stakeholders both domestic and international, to work together towards a peaceful stable Pakistan, paving the way for a brighter or more secure

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Third Trilateral Speakers' Meeting Opens in Islamabad

A New Era of parliamentary cooperation for regional peace and prosperity among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The inaugural session of the Trilateral Speakers' Meeting among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan was held today at the National Assembly Secretariat under the chairmanship of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq. The session was attended by the Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, Madame Sahiba Gafarova; the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş; and the Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani.

In his opening remarks, Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq warmly welcomed the visiting Speakers and termed the trilateral parliamentary cooperation among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan as a unique manifestation of strategic partnership and fraternal unity among the three brotherly nations.

He said that this partnership is not merely between governments but represents the collective will of the peoples of all three nations and the voice of their parliaments. Highlighting the theme of the conference "Strengthening Fraternal Ties: Parliamentary Cooperation for Regional Peace, Security, and Prosperity" Speaker NA emphasized that it truly reflects the shared vision and spirit of brotherhood among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azer-

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq noted that the global security order is under immense strain, with increasing violations of sovereignty and territorial integrity across the world. Referring to the ongoing humanitarian tragedy in Gaza and the longstanding denial of the right to self-determination to the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), he said that these injustices remain indelible scars on the conscience of humanity.

act of aggression against Paki- against terrorists, reaffirming affection, and brotherhood.





stan, which was effectively countered through Operation Banyan al-Marsous. He paid tribute to Pakistan's Armed Forces for their courage and for safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

Speaker NA said that India's propaganda and falsehoods have been globally exposed. He expressed gratitude to Pakistan's friends particularly Türkiye, Azerbaijan, China, and Saudi Arabia for their consistent support in difficult times. He also criticized India's breach of the Indus Waters Treaty and termed its water terrorism as part of a dangerous strategy that undermines regional stability.

On regional security, he stressed that terrorism has no religion and must be countered collectively. Despite repeated provocations and cross-border India's continued human rights lauded the armed forces for their

that the sacrifices of Pakistan's martyrs will never go in vain.

Touching upon climate change, Speaker NA noted that Pakistan remains among the most climate-vulnerable nations. He said that the devastating floods of 2022 and 2025 highlight global climate injustice, calling for greater regional cooperation and a unified parliamentary framework for climate

He underscored that parliaments are the true representatives of the people and play a guiding role in promoting peace and development. The trilateral parliamentary cooperation, he said, will open new avenues for peace, stability, and shared prosperity in the region.

Expressing appreciation to his counterparts for their participaattacks from Afghan soil, Pakition, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Gaza and stressed the impor-He strongly condemned stan has shown restraint. He said that the friendship among tance of implementing the cease-Pakistan, Tiirkiye, and Azerviolations in IIOJK and its recent precise and effective operations baijan is rooted in mutual trust, tinian sovereignty.

In her address, Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, Madame Sahiba Gafarova, congratulated Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on successfully convening the Trilateral Speakers' Conference in Islamabad. She termed the conference a continuation of the initiative launched by the Azerbaijani Parliament in Baku in 2021 and a manifestation of the growing parliamentary cooperation framework for regional peace and security.

She appreciated the parliamentary exchanges between Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan during 2021-2025 and highlighted the establishment of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network, an initiative of President Ilham Aliyev, as a historic step towards strengthening parliamentary multilat-

Speaker Sahiba Gafarova underlined that the cooperation among the three nations is based on shared history, culture, and moral values. She expressed gratitude to Pakistan for its unwavering support during Azerbaijan's 44-day Patriotic War and reaffirmed Azerbaijan's continued support for Pakistan's principled stance on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. She also condemned Israeli aggression fire agreement to uphold Pales-



Assembly of Türkiye, Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, expressed his deep appreciation to Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq for hosting the trilateral conference, calling the initiative timely and significant.

He said the themes discussed today are critical for ensuring regional peace, security, and development. He underscored the need for regular parliamentary exchanges and institutionalized cooperation among the three countries, describing them as "three states, one nation."

Expressing condolences over the loss of lives and economic damage caused by Pakistan's 2022 and 2025 floods, the Turkish Speaker reaffirmed Türkiye's solidarity with Pakistan. He emphasized that there crimes against humanity. can be no compromise in the fight against terrorism and that trilateral parliamentary meeting collective defense and security would be hosted in Istanbul cooperation are essential.

Speaker Numan Kurtulmuş and would mark a milestone in and Azerbaijan.

sion faced by the three countries and appreciated the exem $plary\,struggle\,of\,T\ddot{u}rkiye\,against$

terrorism both within and beyond its borders. He urged the reform of the United Nations to ensure effective resolution of disputes such as Kashmir, Palestine, India's and Afghanistan's aggression towards Pakistan, and on-going terrorism in Africa. He further disclosed that joint

efforts by Pakistan, Türkiye, and elsewhere, and parliaments Azerbaijan had led to 11 countries must serve as centers of vision, recognizing Palestine as a sovereign state for the first time ever and which could not have been Netanyahu and Zionist leaders International Criminal Court for

He announced that the next and prosperity. focusing on the Palestinian issue, gations from Pakistan, Türkiye,

advancing the collective voice of the Muslim world.

In his remarks, Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, said that Azerbaijan, Türkiye, and Pakistan are bound by deep-rooted ties of faith, culture, and mutual respect. He commended Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq for bringing the brotherly nations together at this crucial juncture and termed the conference a reflection of shared parliamentary vision and unity.

He said that the trilateral forum is not merely a diplomatic engagement but a practical demonstration of common values. By fostering cooperation in security, trade, education, technology, and culture, he said, the three nations can build a bridge of trust and mutual respect from Ankara to Islamabad and Baku.

Chairman Senate emphasized that the Muslim world is currently facing grave injustices in Palestine, Kashmir, and courage, and peace.

He said that the Islamabad Trilateral Speakers' Conference possible earlier. He called for marks the beginning of a new chapter in parliamentary diploto be held accountable before the macy, reaffirming the shared resolve of the three brotherly nations for peace, development,

> The inaugural session was ttended by parliamentary dele-

If you want peace, be friends with your neighbors

xperts often use the Latin phrase you want peace, prepare for war". above all else. They emphasis that only force can guarantee peace.

The processes observed in Central Asia in recent years suggest the opposite. Against the are the basis of friendly relations. backdrop of geopolitical turbulence, countries in the region regularly pursue policies based primarily on the principles of dialogue and good neighborli-

In a short period of time, the face of the region has changed dramatically, common points of growth are forming, and mutual trust is becoming an important condition for stability. Common triggers for development are being identified: the formation of a common economic space, active attraction of investment, and the strengthening of cultural and humanitarian ties. A spirit of unity and solidarity has formed in the region.

As Uzbekistan's leader Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted at the 80th session of the UN General Assembly, "Today, Central Asia is different-it is united and strong, open to dialogue and full-scale partnership".

The political transformation of the region is underpinned by steady economic growth, demonstrating the region's growing power. In particular, over the last 10 years, Central Asia's GDP has grown by more than 6% annually — twice as fast as the global average.

Due to political will and joint achieved in resolving border issues. An important milestone eral meeting of the presidents of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and

2025 in Khujand.

As a result, an agreement was signed on the junction point of the state borders of the three "si vis pacem, para countries, which is clear evidence bellum", which that the governments of our translates as "if states place peace and harmony

All this confirms the idea that peace can only be achieved through mutual understanding, support and cooperation, which We are guided by the principle: "If you want peace, be friends with your neighbors" This approach reflects the essence of the integration processes taking place in the region and certainly deserves the attention of the international community as a "exemplary model" for resolving even the most complex conflicts of our time.

How has humanity understood the world over the centu-

Throughout human history, peace has been regarded as one of the highest spiritual and social values. Even in ancient times, thinkers in Ancient Greece sought to understand the phenomenon of Eirene - a state of harmony, the cessation of hostility and stable order in

In Eastern philosophical thought, the concept of peace also occupied a special place. It was understood, first and foremost, as the inner harmony of a person with themselves and the surrounding world, as a path to spiritual balance and moral perfection.

The great thinkers of Central Asia continued to develop the idea of peace, giving it philosophical and humanistic efforts of the leaders of the states, content. Thus, Abu Nasr Farabi significant results have been regarded peace and harmony as an indispensable condition for the existence of a "Virtuous on this path was the trilat- City", where justice, reason, and mutual understanding between people become the basis of social Kyrgyzstan, held on 31 March well-being. Alisher Navoi, in his



poetic works, presented peace as the highest form of spiritual and moral perfection of man. the basis of creation and mutual respect between peoples.

Thus, over the centuries, the idea of peace has evolved from an understanding of it as the absence of war to an awareness of spiritual and moral harmony between people and nations. Why was Fergana chosen as

the venue for the Forum? The choice of Fergana as the venue for the forum is no coin-

The Fergana Valley is a unique geographical area where peoples speaking different languages and practicing different religions have coexisted peacefully for centuries. The Great Silk Road passed through the valley, and its inhabitants were engaged in crafts, trade and science, always

striving for mutual understanding and dialogue. Conflict is a foreign concept to the region.

Today, the Fergana Valley unites the territories of three independent states, whose relations are based on the principles of good neighborliness, mutual respect, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Fergana Valley is the most populous region in Central Asia. According to data, the Andijan, Namangan and Fergana regions of Uzbekistan alone are home to about 11 million people, which is almost a third of the country's population. If we take into account the population of the territories of neighboring states that are geographically part of the region, the total figure is about 17 million.

With this in mind, the countries of Central Asia are striving

to deepen regional integration, viewing it as an important condition for sustainable development. Strengthening mutual trust and partnership is becoming one of the key areas of their foreign policy. To discuss specific steps and exchange experiences, platforms are needed that promote open dialogue and coordination of positions.

One such platform will be the Fergana Peace Forum, which will be held on 15-16 October at Fergana State University. It will be attended by representatives of government agencies and business circles of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, experts from scientific, analytical and research centers, as well as delegates from the CIS, SCO, OSCE, UNDP, EU and other international organizations.

Valley is a multinational region where representatives of all

peoples and ethnic groups live

in peace and harmony. In this regard, the attention that the government pays to strengthening interethnic friendship and creating conditions for all citizens to receive education in their native language and study their national culture is of great

importance. Today, there are more than 250 schools in the Fergana, Namangan and Andijan regions where instruction is conducted in Kyrgyz, Russian and Taiik.

It is important to emphasize the important role of regional branches of national cultural centers, which are involved in ensuring inter-ethnic harmony, developing intercultural dialogue In addition, the Fergana and tolerance, and strengthening

good-neighborly relations with neighboring states. Various activities are carried

out in this area by 17 national cultural centers (8 in Fergana, 5 in Andijan and 4 in Namangan regions), including Russian, Slavic, Korean, Jewish, German, Tatar, Kyrgyz, Uyghur, Tajik and Turkish. Special mention should be

made of the activities of public associations, foundations and NGOs implementing socially significant projects, both with funding from domestic donors and with the support of international organizations and foreign partners such as the World Bank, UNDP, the United Nations Population Fund, the UN Women, the European Union, the International Organization for Migration, Saferworld, DVV International, Fair and Sustainable Development Solutions, DIA International and others. The implementation of such

projects contributes to ensuring access to social protection, developing entrepreneurial skills. increasing the participation of women and young people in public affairs, and strengthening mutual understanding and friendship between residents of border areas.

Overall, the first Fergana Peace Forum opens a new page in the development of good neighborly relations and partnership between the countries of the region.

In this case, the choice of the Fergana Valley as the venue reflects its historical role as a space for mutual understanding and harmony. Undoubtedly, this forum will provide an additional stimulus for further strengthening stability and expanding cooperation in Central Asia.

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Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
158,443.42	163,098.19		
Day's High	Day's Low		
161,988.12	157,678.01		
Index Value	Change		
49,619,985,469	-4654.77		
Percentage	Time		
-2.85%	13 Oct, 2025 4:30 pm		
Europe: FTSE 100 Index			
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Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.5	190.5
Bahrain Dinar	746.8	754.3
Canadian Dollar	205.5	212.5
China Yuan	39.85	40.25
Danish Krone	44.6	45.2
Euro	331.95	335.45
Hong Kong Dollar	36.5	36.85
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	77.38	78.08
Saudi Riyal	75.4	76.05
Singapore Dollar	216.85	221.6
Swedish Korona	30.10	30.40
Swiss Franc	355.12	357.87
Thai Bhat	8.73	8.88
U.A.E Dirham	76.9	77.9
UK Pound Sterling	380.75	383.75
US Dollar	282.65	282.85

Dr. Zubair Iqbal appointed as New Vice Chancellor of Emerson **University Multan**

MULTAN: Dr. Zubair Iqbal has been appointed as the Acting Vice Chancellor of Emerson University Multan. This appointment comes following the resignation of the former Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan.

Dr. Zubair Iqbal is currently also serving as the Vice Chancellor of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. He has been entrusted with this additional responsibility in recognition of his exceptional administrative abilities, academic contributions, and leadership experience.

Faculty members, students, and academic circles at Emerson University have welcomed the appointment of Dr. Zubair Iqbal, expressing optimism that under his leadership, the university will enter a new era of progress, stability, and academic excellence.

UBG President expresses support to Pakistan Ārmed **Forces**

KARACHI: In the wake of recent aggression from Afghanistan, the United Busi $ness\,Group\,(UBG), on\,Monday, expressed$ strong support for the Pakistan Armed Forces saying that the people of Pakistan stand firmly with armed forces in efforts to eliminate cross border terrorism.

In a statement issued here, UBG President Zubair Tufail, condemned the hostile actions and accused India of using Afghan territory to further its malicious agenda against Pakistan.

India is the biggest facilitator of terrorism in the region and it is using Afghan soil to destabilize Pakistan, he said adding that any use of Afghan territory for terrorist activities would not be tolerated. "Pakistan is fully committed to safeguarding its national interests, territorial integrity, and regional security," Tufail concluded.

FPCCI Urges FBR to Extend Income Tax Return Filing Deadline: **President FPCCI**

LAHORE: Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh, President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), has proposed to the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to extend the deadline for filing income tax returns for the Tax Year 2025 currently set to expire on October 15, 2025 - to October 31, 2025.

Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh apprised that, in a letter addressed to Mr. Rashid Mahmood Langrial, Chairman of the FBR, FPCCI has highlighted the challenges faced by taxpayers and stakeholders in meeting the filing deadline. These include delays in obtaining essential financial documents, technical issues with the FBR portal, and difficulties in integrating Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems with FBR's digital invoicing requirements.



Mr. Atif Ikram Sheikh emphasized the importance of a taxpayer-friendly approach

and urged the FBR to take prompt action to address these concerns.

He stressed that to facilitate taxpayers in fulfilling their legal obligations without undue stress, FPCCI has urged the FBR to extend the filing deadline. This extension is expected to provide much-needed relief to taxpayers grappling with these genuine constraints.

SVP FPCCI highlighted that many taxpayers are struggling to gather necessary financial records due to procedural and logistical bottlenecks as FBR's online portal has been reported to experiencing slow performance and technical glitches hindering smooth submission of returns.

VP FPCCI said that businesses are facing difficulties in aligning their Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems with the FBR's digital invoicing requirements; which is causing delays in compliance

Pakistan Pavilion inaugurated by Federal Minister IT& Telecom Shaza Fatima Khawaja at GITEX -



NBP collaborates with NAB on Cash Management Payment Portal for Online Fund Transfers



Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: NBP at forefront of Digital Transformation towards cashless Banking in Pakistan, enabled National Accountability Bureau on Smartpay. The initiative has enabled fast, secure, and paperless transaction processing solution to bring ease for round the clock payments. This milestone demonstrates NBP's commitment to delivering efficient and transparent digital

NBP's role in supporting institutional partners with reliable electronic services.

To mark this milestone, a signing ceremony was held at NAB Headquarters, led by Chairman NAB Lt. Gen. Nazir Ahmed (R). The event was also graced by Syed Farooq Hasan, Group Head (A) NBP, along with senior officials from both organizations. During the ceremony, the NAB Chairman initiated the online transfer of

payment solutions, further strengthening funds, directly crediting the bank accounts of the affectees.

Previously, NAB returned funds to affectees through bulk pay orders issued via NBP's relationship branch—a manual and time-consuming process that required physical visits to NAB offices. With this digitized solution, NBP has revolutionized the disbursement process, ensuring funds are transferred directly and efficiently into

FBR strongly condemns the cowardly attack resulting in martyrdom of two officials of RTO **Peshawar**

E Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) strongly condemns the cowardly attack that resulted in the martyrdom of its officials Sepoy Muqaddar Ali and Sepoy Nazar Muhammad of the Regional Tax Office (RTO), Peshawar. The officials were martyred while they were fulfilling their duties as part of the national check post established under Section 40D of the Sales Tax ACT 1990, near Kohat Toll

The senior leadership never be forgotten.

of FBR in Peshawar, Chief Commissioner (Peshawar). and Commissioners attended the funeral prayers of the martyred officials.

The Board expresses deep

sorrow and pays tribute to the martyred officials who rendered the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. These heinous acts of violence shall only further cement the resolve of the FBR to continue its national duty to safeguard drive against tax evaders at a the country's revenue and enforcement of tax laws.

The sacrifice of Sepoy Muqaddar Ali and Sepoy Nazar Muhammad shall

Justice Junaid Ghaffar named **Chairman of Competition** Appellate Tribunal

S Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government has appointed Justice (R) Muhammad Junaid Ghaffar, former Chief Justice of the Sindh High Court, as the new Chairman of the Competition Appellate Tribunal (CAT) — the statutory body mandated to hear appeals against orders of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP).

Justice Junaid Ghaffar succeeds Justice (R) Sajjad Ali Shah, who retired on August 13, 2025, upon attaining the age of superannuation at 68 years. Justice Sajjad had been appointed as CAT Chairman on February 25, 2025, and during his tenure, the Tribunal reportedly reduced the backlog of competition-related cases by nearly 50 percent, improving the pace of adjudication and institutional efficiency.

Justice Ghaffar, a seasoned jurist, brings extensive experience in constitutional and commercial law. He was elevated as a judge of the Sindh High Court in 2013, became a permanent judge in 2015, and was later appointed as Acting Chief Justice on February 14, 2025, before



Justice of Sindh High Court on July 8, 2025 and retired as a Chief Justice of Sindh High Court on 13 September 2025. His judicial tenure was distinguished by the handling of complex constitutional, commercial, and civil matters. The Competition Appellate Tribunal serves as the

primary appellate forum to review orders, penalties, and decisions issued by the CCP. It plays a vital role in ensuring due process, judicial oversight, and balance between enforcement and business rights under the Competition Act, 2010.

With Justice Ghaffar assuming charge, the Tribunal is expected to further enhance the quality and consistency of competition jurisprudence in Pakistan. The CAT currently comprises two other members – Ďr. Faiz Elahi Memon and Asim Akram — both appointed in February 2025.

From Claims to Cash: Simpaisa's Real-Time Pay-Out Solution for inDrive

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go as planned with deliveries, but inDrive, said"Reliability for parcels now, getting a refund is the easy part. InDrive, a global mobility and urban services platform, has partnered with as planned. With this integration, Simpaisa, a leading payment digital service provider, to introduce an added safety net of parcel coverage instant payout feature for delivery claims. The new solution is designed to enhance business customer confi-

process within the inDrive app.

Commenting on the initiative, KARACHI: Sometimes things don't Awais Saeed, Country Manager goes beyond delivery; it's also about what happens when things don't go MSMEs that rely on inDrive have the and instant payouts through trusted local payment methods. By removing friction and uncertainty, our goal is to dence and streamline the refund help small businesses focus on growth

while we handle the rest."

Commenting on the initiative, Shahroze A. Khan, Head of Business at Simpaisa, said"As the sharing economy scales, the distance between two points is increasingly being made to feel swifter and shorter. The same ride-hailing intelligence-now paired with state-of-the-art payment solutions is being applied to package coverage. At any point of grievance, whether a package is lost or damaged, inDrive guarantees the coverage,



instantaneously!" To sum it up, both teams are

while Simpaisa delivers the claim focused on what really matters, i.e., fast support, less friction, and happier

Pakistan vs South Africa First Test Of 2nd Day Play

South Africa scored 216 runs in first innings for the loss of 6 wickets: Pakistan's Lead of 162 runs

Asim Tanveer

LAHORE: On the second day of the first Test match between Pakistan and South Africa at the Gaddafi Stadium, the remaining 5 wickets of the first innings of the Pakistani cricket team proved to be a wall of sand in front of South African bowler Senoren Muthusamy on the second day of the Test match. South African bowler Muthusamy took 6 wickets in Pakistan's first innings. While Pakistan's left-arm leg-spin bowler Noman Ali forced the South African batting line to retreat and he showed the way to the pavilion of four South African batsmen, Pakistan's position stabilized. South Africa scored 216 runs in reply to Pakistan's 378 runs on the second day of the first Test at the Gaddafi Stadium, losing 6 of their players. Pakistan led by 162 runs at the end of the second day's play.

Earlier, Pakistan resumed their innings on the second day of play at 313 for five. Mohammad Rizwan and Salman Agha batted at a slightly faster pace and increased the Pakistani score well. When Pakistan's score reached 362, Mohammad Rizwan could add only 13 runs to his total score of 62 and was caught by wicketkeeper Verini off the ball of Muthusamy after scoring 75 runs and returned





Safar, Shaheen Afridi were out after ball of Prenellen Sabrine. His innings Later, some time after lunch South well either. The first wicket fell for a scoring seven runs. Salman Agha included 5 fours and 3 sixes. Hasan Ali Africa started their innings first and to the pavilion. After them, the rest could not complete his century. He remained not out with 0 runs. Thus, at the end of the second day's play, they Markram was caught by Mohammad of the players proved to be a wall of played a brilliant innings of 93 runs the entire Pakistan team was all out scored 216 runs and lost 6 wickets. Rizwan off the ball of Nauman Ali al-Saeed and Zahoor Alam and the sand. Sajid Khan Safar, Noman Ali and was caught by Muthusamy off the for 378 runs before the lunch break. South Africa's batting did not start after scoring 20 runs. The second



total score of 45 when opener Aiden

when Wayne Mulder was caught by Mohammad Rizwan off the ball of Nauman Ali after scoring 17 runs. At the tea break, South Africa's score was 112 runs and 2 players were out. When the play started after the tea break, Ryan Rickleton and Tony de Zorzi made a lot of trouble for the Pakistani bowlers. Both Ryan Rickleton and Babar Azam were caught at slips off the ball of Salman Agha for a total score of 174. He scored a brilliant innings of 71 runs with the help of 9 fours and 2 sixes. In the match, Ryan Rickelton and Tony de Zorzi's partnership scored 94 runs. Tristan Stubbs scored 8 runs, Dewald Brews was out for nil. Kelly Verini scored 2 runs,

Tony de Zorzi scored 81 runs and Senoren Muthusamy was at the wicket with 6 runs.

Noman Ali, displaying the best bowling of his career, forced South Africa to retreat, destroying their batting line and showing the way to the pavilion with 4 players. While Sajid Ali and Salman Agha took one wicket each. At the end of the second day's play, Pakistan has a lead of 162 runs in the first innings. The field umpires in the match are Chris Bryan and Rod Tucker, while the TV umpire is Sharafuddin, the match officials are scorers Azhar Hussain, Muhammad Arif, and media scorers are Najam match referee is Ranjan Madugalle.

Usman Wazeer sets sights on 18-0, defends WBC OPBF Silver title in Pakistan

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's undefeated welterweight sensation Usman Wazeer is all set to defend his WBC OPBF Silver Championship title on home soil in the last week of November 2025. The bout will mark a significant step forward not just in Usman's career, but in Pakistan's presence on the global boxing stage.

Wazeer, who clinched the WBC OPBF Silver belt earlier this year in Thailand by defeating Indonesia's top-ranked boxer Stevie Ferdinandus, is eager to return to the ring in front of his home crowd. Reflecting on that title-winning performance the 24-year-old recalled the intensity and health initiative led by Rd. Rizwan in 2017. His performance in the 2018 capable of," he said. "With my team of the challenge. "It was a 10-round Aftab Ahmed, who is also the Director Punjab Games caught the eye of Brit-behind me, I'll correct my weaknesses fight and the first three rounds were of National Hospital DHA Lahore. ish-Pakistani boxing star Amir Khan, and aim for perfection. I want to make tough because of his experience, over "ACTIVIT has fully sponsored my last who invited him to train at the Amir history again, not just for Gilgit-Balti-50 fights. But I trusted my stamina and four international fights, which I won. Khan Boxing Academy in Islamabad. stan, but for all of Pakistan."

fourth round onwards and knocked him out at 2 minutes and 22 seconds in the tenth," he said. The bout was broadcast live on DAZN and watched in 168 countries, a proof of the growing attention on his promising career.

Now preparing for what will be his 18th professional fight, Wazeer carries a perfect record of 17 wins without defeat. I'm confident about defending my title. I want to make history on Pakistani soil and raise the national flag with pride," he said. "My coach and team are working hard to prepare me for this

challenge, and I'll be aiming for 18-0." A key part of Usman's journey has en the support of ACTIVIT, a sports

game plan. I gained control from the Their backing, from financial aid to medical support for me and my family, has been a major morale booster," he noted. "They've created a family-like environment for athletes, and their by becoming the first Pakistani to win belief in me keeps me focused and motivated."

Born in Astore, Gilgit-Baltistan, Wazeer's rise in boxing is nothing short of inspirational. With limited sporting infrastructure in his hometown, he initially moved to Islamabad for foottowards boxing. He began his journey in 2015 at a local boxing club, became

Wazeer made his professional debut in 2019 in Dubai, and by 2021 had already claimed the WBC Middle East title. In 2022, he made history the WBO World Youth title and also secured the WBA Asia Welterweight Championship the same year. His growing list of victories includes wins over opponents from India, Indonesia, Thailand, Tanzania, and Malaysia.

The talented Pakistani boxer is now ball trials, but fate redirected him gearing up for what could be the most significant fight of his career, defending his title in front of a home crowd. "This Islamabad champion in his debut fight is not just about me. It's about amateur year, and went on to win gold raising the Pakistani flag on our own at the HEC All-Pakistan Championship soil and showing the world what we're

RCAK General Body holds important meeting under the chairmanship of President Nadim Omar



KARACHI: A Important meeting of the Regional Cricket Association Karachi General Body was held under the chairmanship of President Nadim Omar at the Regional Secretariat with recitation of the Holy Quran.

In the meeting, Mazhar Awan, President RCAK Zone 7, presented a no-confidence motion against Javed Muhammad Raeesuddin supported the

The general body members present in the meeting raised their hands and Treasurer Ali Hussain, Zone 4 Secretary Rauf attended.

expressed no-confidence against Javed Ahmed Khan.

The meeting was attended by Zone 1 Secretary Nusratullah, Treasurer Zafar Khan, Zone 3 Secretary Afzal Qureshi, ident Mazhar Ali Awan, Secretary Abdul

Aftab Alam, Treasurer Naushad Ahmed Khan, Zone 5 President Muhammad Sami Khan, Secretary Muhammad Ahmed Khan, Secretary RCA Karachi. President Ajmal Naseeb, Secretary Arif Saeed, Treasurer Imran Sheikh, Zone Waheed, Treasurer Tariq Hafeez, Zone 2 6 Secretary Ejaz Khan, Treasurer Muhammad Raeesuddin, Zone Vll Pres-

India close in on Test series sweep despite West Indies fightback

India closed in on a 2-0 series sweep in the second Test despite some spirited West Indies batting led by centuries from John Campbell and Shai Hope on Monday.

Needing 121 for victory after bowling out the West Indies for 390, the hosts reached 63-1 at stumps on day four at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium. KL Rahul, on 25, and Sai

Sudharsan, on 30, were batting in a stand of 54 at the close of an absorbing day's play.

Yashasvi Jaiswal fell early for eight after left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican had the Indian against a persistent West Indies the second session. Greaves and opener caught at long-on while attempting an ambitious heave.

Rahul and the left-handed Sudharsan steadied the ship, and the pair kept up the scoring with singles and occasional boundaries



spin attack.

Earlier, Justin Greaves with an unbeaten 50 and Jayden Seales (32) put on 79 runs for the final wicket to frustrate India after the West Indies slipped to 311-9 in

the left-handed number 10 defied the bowlers for 133 deliveries with hundred in eight years with a boundary off pace bowler straight-bat shots before Jasprit Bumrah dismissed Seales in the final session for his third wicket.

spinner

Left-arm wrist

his first Test ton with a six off Ravindra Jadeja before the left-arm spinner trapped him lbw in the morning session. Hope kept up the charge after lunch and reached his first Test

while following on.

Mohammed Siraj. Siraj had his revenge soon after when the batter dragged his

wickets to add to his five-wicket

haul in the West Indies' first

innings. Campbell (115) and

Hope (103) had steered the West

Indies into the lead after the tour-

ists resumed the day on 173-2

Campbell and Hope put on 177

runs for the third wicket.

The left-right batting pair of

Opener Campbell reached

Kuldeep Yadav also took three delivery onto his stumps. Kuldeep then took over to send back wicketkeeper Tevin Imlach, trapped lbw for two.

The left-arm wrist spinner then struck twice in three balls, including skipper Roston Chase for 40, before Greaves and Seales put on a defiant partnership.

India bowled more than 200 overs on a slow pitch that made life tough for bowlers.

The visitors had waged a fightback after being reduced to 35-2 in their second innings on day three, but the batters made sure the game will go the distance to day five.

India enforced the follow-on after they bowled out the West Indies for 248, a deficit of 270 from the hosts' first-innings 518-5 declared.

Punjab Stadium to be upgraded as per international standards: Punjab Sports **Minister**

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar has presided over an important meeting regarding Punjab's mega sports projects at the National Hockey Stadium on Monday. The key meeting was attended by Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial, Additional Secretary Mian



Usman Ali, Director Admin Abid Shaukat and officers from PMU. Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar was briefed in detail about Punjab's all sports projects. Addressing the meeting, Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth

Affairs Malik Faisal Avub Khokhar said that the Puniab Stadium will be upgraded as per international standards and definitely it will be a useful addition to Pakistan's world class sports facilities. "Pakistan's world class squash complex is in the final stages

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that dozens of state-of-the-art projects are being completed across the province. "88 new sports projects are being launched in Punjab this year while the construction work is in progress on 184 sports projects in all the districts of the province".

Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Malik Faisal Ayub Khokhar said that further said that there will be no compromise on the quality of sports projects. "Punjab Sports Department is taking effective measures for the development sports culture in all parts of the province and inclining youth towards healthy sports activities in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister".

Medicam Trophy U-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament Schedule announced by Khalid Nafees

KARACHI: Khalid Nafees Chairman RCAK Tournament Committee announced the Schedule of 3rd Phase of RCAK Talent Hunt Programme Medicam Trophy Under-19 Inter Zonal Cricket Tournament start from Tuesday 14th October at various Grounds of

The Tournament is being organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi with the collaboration of Medicam Group of Companies. All the Zones advised to collect their Schedule Copy to M. Touseef Siddiqui, Tournament Secretary from RCAK Office,

The following are the Schedule: On Tuesday 14 October: Zone-III Whites vs Zone-I Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-V Whites vs Zone-III Blues at Landhi Gymkhana, Zone-VII Whites vs Zone-V Blues at KCCA Stadium, On Wednesday 15th October: Zone-II Whites vs Zone-VII Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-IV Whites vs Zone-VI Blues at KCCA Stadium, Zone-Zone-III Greens vs Zone-II Blues at Landhi Gymkhana, On Thursday 16th October: Zone-I Whites vs Zone-V Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-VI Whites vs Zone-IV Blues at KCCA Stadium, On Monday 20th October: Zone-VI Whites vs Zone-II Blues at KCCA Stadium. On Tuesday 21st October: Zone-III Whites vs Zone-VII Blues at KCCA Stadium, Zone-II Whites vs Zone-I Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-V Whites vs Zone-VI Blues at Landhi Gymkhana, On Wednesday 22nd October: Zone-IV Whites vs Zone-III Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-VII Whites vs Zone-IV Greens at KCCA Stadium, Zone-III Greens vs Zone-IV Blues at Landhi Gymkhana, On Tuesday 23rd October: Zone-I Blues vs Zone-VII Blues at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-II Whites vs Zone-III at KCCA Stadium, On Tuesday 28th October: Zone-VI Blues vs Zone-III Blues at KCCA Stadium, Zone-IV Whites vs Zone-V Whites at Landhi Gymkhana, Zone-II Blues vs Zone-IV Blues at Annu Bhai Park, On Wednesday 29th October: Zone-IV Whites vs Zone-V Blues at Landhi Gymkhana, On Thursday 30th October: Zone-I Whites vs Zone-VII Whites at Annu Bhai Park, Zone-VI Whites vs Zone-III Blues at KCCA Stadium. Both the Semi Final will be played on 3rd November. First Semi Final will be played between Champion of Group "A" vs Champion of Group "C" at Annu Bhai Park, 2nd Semi Final will be played between Champion of Group "B" vs Champion of Group "D" at KCCA Stadium and Final will be played on

6th October at KCCA Stadium.

The Spokesman



Zardari stresses economic cooperation among Pakistan, Türkiye, Azerbaijan

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday underscored the importance of strengthening trilateral economic cooperation among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan to enhance regional connectivity, trade, and prosperity.

He was speaking at Aiwane-Sadr during a meeting with Dr. Numan Kurtulmus, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, and Sahiba Gafarova, Chairperson of the Milli Majlis of Azer-

was also present, a Presidency's news release said.

Welcoming the visiting dignitaries, President Zardari said Pakistan deeply values its close and brotherly relations with Türkive and Azerbaijan, which are built on shared faith, mutual trust, and a collective vision for regional peace and

The president congratulated the visiting Speakers on the successful conclusion of the Third Trilateral Speakers' Conference in Islamabad, baijan. Speaker of the National terming it a reflection of the vital conduits for trade and aspirations for regional stability.

Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq growing strength of parlia- economic integration. mentary cooperation among the three nations.

> President Zardari highlighted the potential for expanding trilateral trade and investment and called for greater collaboration in economic sectors. He particularly emphasized enhancing connectivity through regional initiatives such as the Istanbul-Tehran-Islamabad (ITI) Railway Corridor and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which, he said, could serve as

He appreciated Türkiye's growing engagement with Pakistan's Special Economic Zones and announced that one of the upcoming zones would be named the President Recep Tayyip Erdogan Special Industrial Zone in recognition of the strong bonds between the two countries.

The president also reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to advancing strategic cooperation with Azerbaijan, lauding the exemplary ties based on mutual respect and shared

Sahiba Gafarova conveyed greetings from the Azerbaijani leadership and invited Pakistani parliamentarians to visit Baku to explore avenues of cooperation, particularly in addressing climate challenges.

President Zardari reaffirmed Pakistan's resolve to work closely with Türkiye and Azerbaijan to promote peace, stability, and inclusive development in the region. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Turkish Ambassador Irfan Neziroglu. and Azerbaijani Ambassador Khazar Farhadov also attended

PM meets Palestinian President; hails Gaza's resilience, welcomes ceasefire

Spokesman Report

SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday held a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the sidelines of the Peace Summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, reaffirming Pakistan's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause.

Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa also joined the conversation, reflecting the spirit of regional unity and shared commitment to peace.

President Mahmoud Abbas expressed deep gratitude to Pakistan for its consistent support of the Palestinian people and its steadfast advocacy on political and diplo-



matic fronts.

The two leaders met informally ahead of the ceasefire signing ceremony, exchanging views in a cordial atmosphere. They lauded the historic and brotherly relations between Pakistan and Palestine, describing them as a source of pride for both nations and their peoples.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif paid tribute to the brave people of Gaza for their courage and endurance in the face of immense hardship over the years. Both leaders expressed satisfaction over the ceasefire in Gaza, calling it a vital step toward lasting peace and the future development of the Palestinian people.

scended borders. He noted

that while Pakistan continued

to champion peace, including

through its recent strategic agree-

ment with Saudi Arabia, it was

imperative for all regional stake-

holders, especially the Afghan

government, to prevent their soil

from being used for terrorism.

He strongly condemned the

recent unprovoked joint attack

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Concludes Third Trilateral Meeting

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Third Trilateral Meeting of the Speakers of the Parliaments of Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan concluded today in Islamabad under the chairmanship of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq. The conference, themed "Strengthening Fraternal Ties: Parliamentary Cooperation for Regional Peace, Security, and Prosperity," brought together parliamentary delegations from the three brotherly nations to deliberate on issues of shared

concern and regional collaboration. Addressing the Concluding Session, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq expressed profound satisfaction over the successful

culmination of the deliberations, noting that the conference had "written a new chapter in the fraternal bonds among Pakistan, Türkiye, and Azerbaijan."

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq underscored that the forum had achieved a unified resolve to create powerful synergies for a peaceful, secure, and prosperous region. He emphasized that the three nations stood together with unwavering solidarity against all acts of aggression that threatened their sover-



eignty and stability.

Referring to Pakistan's recent confrontation at its borders, Speaker NA highlighted that the support extended by Türkiye and Azerbaijan went beyond diplomatic formalities, calling it "a profound manifestation of a shared destiny and collective resolve." He reaffirmed Pakistan's unwavering support for Azerbaijan's complete territorial integrity and Türkiye's just position on Northern Cyprus, terming it a moral duty rather than a policy choice.

Touching upon regional and global injustices, Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq condemned the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the systemic oppression in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, calling them "open wounds on the conscience of humanity." He said these tragedies symbolized the normalization of state terrorism and erosion of international norms.

Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq reiterated Pakistan's steadfast support for the Palestinian cause, welcoming the recently concluded Gaza ceasefire as a "hopeful step toward the Two-State Solution," while stressing the need for tangible actions to end decades of

suffering. Addressing regional security challenges, he underlined that terrorism remained a shared menace that tran- to ensure a sustainable future.

by Taliban and Indian-sponsored elements, which was effectively repelled by Pakistan's armed forces. Reaffirming Pakistan's decades-long

support to the Afghan people, he urged the Taliban-led regime to reciprocate with responsibility and gratitude by ensuring that Afghan territory is not used against Pakistan. Highlighting the existential threat of climate change, he called for a unified regional response. He cited the devas-

tating floods in Pakistan, the wildfires in Türkiye, and water scarcity in Azerbaijan as stark reminders of shared vulnerability. He stressed the need for a regional model of cooperation focusing on disaster preparedness, renewable energy, and joint adaptation initiatives

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Funeral prayers offered for 12 soldiers martyred in Afghan border clashes: ISPR



ISLAMABAD: Funeral prayers for the 12 brave soldiers who embraced martyrdom while repelling unprovoked aggression by Afghan Taliban forces on the night of October 11 and 12 were offered at Chaklala Garrison, Rawalpindi.

Public Relations (ISPR), Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, federal ministers the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, senior civil and military officials, and a large number of citizens attended the solemn ceremony to pay their respects.

The ISPR said the martyrs laid hostilities by Afghan Taliban and of the nation."

India-backed terrorists.

Paying tribute to the fallen heroes, the Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said the people of Pakistan are indebted to the courage and sacrifice of these brave soldiers.

"People of Pakistan are indebted to the ultimate sacrifice of these According to the Inter-Services heroes who laid down their lives while defending the territorial integrity of Pakistan against the cowardly and treacherous aggression of the Taliban Regime and Indian sponsored terrorist proxies operating from inside Afghan soil".

He added that "Armed Forces of Pakistan remain resolute to thwart down their lives defending the any aggression and conspiracy motherland against unprovoked against Pakistan with full support

Pakistan sends 24th consignment of 100 tons to Gaza, Palestine



City Desk

ISLAMABAD: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Monday coordinated the dispatch of Alkhidmat Foundation's 100 tons of relief consignment through chartered flight from Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore, to Gaza through Egypt.

The relief consignment included flour, rice, sweet corns, chickpeas,

ready-to-eat meals, cooking oil, and fruit cocktails.

This shipment marks Pakistan's 24th humanitarian aid consignment to Gaza, bringing the total relief sent to 2,327 tons, in accordance with the Prime Minister's directive.

A send-off ceremony was held at the airport, attended by officials from NDMA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), and representatives of Alkhidmat Foundation.

AJK High Court orders transfer, posting of several judges

跨 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The High Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Monday approved the transfer and posting of several judges and officers.

According to a notification issued with the approval of the chief justice of the High Court, Farooq Mahmood has been posted district and sessions judge Muzaffarabad, Javed Ahmed district and sessions judge Mirpur, Chaudhry Muhammad Fayyaz

and sessions judge Neelum.

Abdul Waheed Mughal has been posted district and sessions judge Havelian; Raheel Razi Shafi additional sessions judge, family court, Bagh; Sardar Shah Zaman additional sessions judge, family court, Jhelum Valley; and Rashid Iftikhar Hashmi additional sessions judge Pani.

Mutual transfers of additional and sessions judges have also been implemented in several other districts. The judicial officers have been directed to district and sessions judge Bagh and take charge of their new offices within Syed Waseem Ahmed Gilani district the given time.

AJK President expresses grief over demise of ex Minister Raja Naseer

MIRPUR: Azad Jammu and Kash- Khan's lifelong political and social mir (AJK) President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the passing of former Minister for Local Government, Raja Naseer Khan.

In his condolence message, the President extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed to Allah Almighty to grant the departed soul eternal peace, said a press release on Monday.

Paying tribute to the late leader, the AJK President lauded Raja Naseer bereaved family.

services to the people of Sahansa in particular and Azad Jammu Kashmir in general, adding that the void created by his death would never be filled.

He also condoled the demise of the mother of Chaudhry Anwar Shahzad, Public Relations Officer to the President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. He prayed to Allah Almighty to elevate the departed soul's rank in heaven and to grant patience to the