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Tarar hopes terrorist attacks from Afghan soil will

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Thursday said that ceasefire agreement between Pakistan and Afghan Taliban has been finalized and expressed the hope that terrorist attacks against Pakistan from Afghan soil will no longer take place.



Ali Zafar honoured with Cultural **Icon Award in New York**

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Danish School Project

Chitral: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif is being briefed on Danish School project in Chitral, overall ituation of education



PM assures full cooperation with KP govt to curb terrorism, maintain law and order

Bureau Report

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Friday vowed to extend full cooperation to the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa the country," he said. (KP) to maintain peace and elim-

ering in district Chitral, the tion, health, and energy. Prime Minister congratulated KP Chief Minister Sohail Afridi construction of a hospital in from Chitral would be included in

of full cooperation in combating PESHAWAR: Prime Minister terrorism and maintaining peace. "I hope he will accept my offer and together we will work for the development and prosperity of

Minister The Prime inate terrorism from the prov- announced a comprehensive development package for Chitral Addressing a public gath- district in the sectors of educa-

The projects include the

and a university by the federal government, besides completion of major highways including the Chitral-Mastung-Shandur Road. He added that access to the Lower Tunnel had also been

completed. assured the people that the federal government would address the issue of electricity tariffs in the area, while students

The Prime Minister further

on his election and assured him Upper Chitral, a modern hospital the federal Laptop Scheme.

He recalled that a day earlier, he had announced 100,000 laptops for youth in Islamabad.

Shehbaz Sharif lauded the efforts of the armed forces under the leadership of Field Marshal Asim Munir for foiling India's nefarious designs recently, while paying tribute to the Pakistan Air Force and Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu for safeguarding the country's aerial tistan and Chitral.

Earlier, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Danish School System in Chitral, spread over 148 kanal of land, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and separate campuses for male and female students.

He said the initiative was part of his vision to provide quality education and modern facilities to the people of remote areas including Kashmir, Gilgit-Bal-

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Pakistan, Canada FMs discuss strengthening trade, investment cooperation



跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Senator Ishaq Dar received a call from Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand, wherein they discussed bilateral ties and the ways to strengthen coop-

The two leaders discussed strengthening bilateral trade collaboration under the Foreign Investment Promotion and

Protection Agreement (FIPPA). The Canadian foreign minister thanked DPM Dar for facilitating market access for Canadian canola exports to Pakistan.

Both leaders appreciated recent constructive engagements and reaffirmed their commitment to advancing and investment, including mutually beneficial economic sectors such as agriculture cooperation, besides agreeing and mines and minerals, and to remain in close contact.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi undergoes gallbladder surgery

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi was shifted to the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute (PKLI) in Lahore due to health complications, where he underwent a minor gallbladder surgery, hospital sources confirmed.

According to medical officials, Qureshi had been admitted to PKLI since October 28 and was diagnosed with gallstones.

Gastroenterologist Dr national situation.

Faisal led his treatment and later declared his condition satisfactory.

Following gery recovery, Qureshi was discharged and moved back to jail under medical clear-During his stay at the

hospital, former PTI leaders Fawad Chaudhry, Imran Ismail, and Maulvi Mahmood called on Qureshi to inquire about his health.

Sources said the meeting also included discussions on the prevailing political and

President US Critical Minerals Forum discuss cooperation with Finance Minister

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: President of the US Critical Minerals Forum Robert Louis Strayer II, along with Chargé d'Affaires Natalie Baker, met the Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb here on Friday to explore collaboration in minerals development, supply-chain resilience, and sustainable investment in Pakistan.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Finance and relevant issued by finance ministry. departments also attended the meeting, according to press release discussed avenues of cooperation rity, and encouraging responsible



During the meeting, both sides strengthening supply-chain secu-

in the minerals and mining sector,

and sustainable investment in from international rating agencies." Pakistan's critical minerals land-

The finance minister welcomed the delegation and underscored Pakistan's steady economic trajectory, noting improvements across macroeconomic fundamentals and governance reforms.

"Our priority is fundamental fiscal hygiene-building the discipline where capital flows in, remains invested, and is secured through sound policies," the minister stated. "This foundation is now translating into improved sentiment and positive signals

The finance minister highlighted that Pakistan has embarked on deep-rooted structural reforms, including power sector restructuring, tax administration reforms, broadening of the tax base, and a roadmap for fiscal sustainability.

He noted that the government was separating tax policy and administration functions by establishing a dedicated Tax Policy Unit within the Ministry of Finance to ensure improved governance and

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Pakistan, Afghanistan agree to extend ceasefire

👺 Spokesman Report

and Afghanistan agreed on Thursday to extend a ceasefire during talks in Istanbul peace and impose penalties on after the worst border clashes between the neighbours in years, according to Turkey, which mediated the talks along with Qatar.

The ceasefire began on October 19.

The two countries faced their most serious military confrontations since the Taliban's 2021 takeover of Kabul, with deadly clashes this month triggering Pakistani airstrikes, Afghan retaliatory fire and the closure of key crossings used for trade ment concluded.

and transit.

"All parties have agreed to ISLAMABAD: Pakistan put in place a monitoring and verification mechanism that will ensure maintenance of the violating party," Turkey's Foreign Ministry said of the October 25-30 talks.

It added that a follow-up meeting would be held in Istanbul on November 6 to decide how the mechanism will be implemented.

"As mediators, Turkiye and Qatar express their appreciation for the active contribution of both parties and stand ready to continue cooperation with both sides for lasting peace and stability," the state-

Army committed to defending homeland, ready to respond firmly to any aggression: DG ISPR

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Director General (DG ISPR) Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif rity. Chaudhry on Friday said Pakistan had taken effective meas-

armed forces were fully commit-discussed the prevailing Paki-would deliver a "strong and severe University Dr Ikramullah Khan ted to defending the country's Inter-Services Public Relations sovereignty and territorial integ-

Speaking at an interactive session with teachers and ures against terrorism and Fitna students from various universities remained steadfast in its mission veterans of the armed forces.

stan-Afghanistan tensions, internal security situa- aggression. tion, and what he described as the

ongoing "Marka-e-Haq". He said the Pakistan Army rich tribute to the martyrs and

al-Khawarij, reaffirming that the in Abbottabad, Lt Gen Chaudhry to safeguard the nation and border response" to any form of external

and students Teachers attending the session paid

Vice Chancellor of Hazara said the Pakistan Army was "the true symbol of patriotism," adding that the armed forces had always stood on the frontlines while the nation stood firmly behind them. Continued on Page 7



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Ambassador Masood Khan urges Pakistan, Afghanistan to step back from brink, resume dialogue

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

MUZAFFARABAD: Sardar Masood Khan, Pakistan's former Ambassador to the United States, China, and the United Nations, and former President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, has warned that the recent collapse of plunge the region into a new cycle of Qatar-sponsored talks, Ambassador Khan urged both sides to "step back from the brink" and cautioned that

only our borders but the prospects for regional peace and economic recovery.

Ambassador Khan revealed that during the Istanbul dialogue, the Afghan Taliban delegation appeared constrained by instructions from Kandahar and Kabul, which prevented any meaningful progress. "The spirit mediation efforts between Pakistan of Doha was lost in Istanbul," he said, and Afghanistan in Istanbul could adding that extremist elements within the Taliban ranks had deliberately instability and violence. In a statement sabotaged reconciliation by rejecting following the failure of Turkey- and written commitments and continuing to allow terrorist groups to operate from Afghan soil.

"They have the capacity and the "war, once ignited, will consume not authority to act—but not the will," he remarked. "Afghanistan's territory is with resolve and without hesitation."



being used against Pakistan in violation of the Doha Agreement, and this cannot continue."

In his concluding remarks, Ambassador Masood Khan emphasized that Pakistan's strength lay in its unity, diplomacy, and moral clarity. "Pakistan seeks peace, not confrontation," he declared. "But peace must rest on mutual respect and non-interference. The Afghan leadership must honour its promises under the Doha Agreement and ensure that its territory is not used for terrorism against Pakistan. Our message is firm: we want friendship, but we will defend our sovereignty

Attention to authorities

KARACHI: An Ariel of the one of the most populous cities in the world, where the coexistence of modern and historical elements attracts the attention of local on the World Cities Day in, Provincial Capital.



Pakistan and Turkey Friendship Day Celebration in Multan

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: A grand seminar was organized at Mian Nawaz Sharif University Agricultural and Technology Multan (MNSUET) in connection with the celebration of Pakistan-Turkey Friendship Day. It was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Dr. Tahir Sultan. In which Ms. Sumiya Sahiba and Mr. Muhammad participated as special guests from Turkey. In their address, they said that we want Pakistani students to continue their jour-



ney of development. Every year, we tunities to study in Turkey, which are people and government of Turkey. Even between the two countries.

and this scholarship facility is given to students after completing FA and FSC. At the beginning of the ceremony, the national anthems of Pakistan and Turkey were played. The seminar paid tribute to the spirit of friendship between the two countries. University Vice Chancellor Dr. Tahir Sultan and Registrar UET Multan Prof. Dr. Asim Umar warmly welcomed the guests and said that we are two countries, one nation. Ms. Sumiya expressed her deep love and devotion to Pakistan in her address and expressed her desire provide Pakistani students with oppor- fully funded with the support of the to further strengthen the friendship

the airfare to and from Turkey is paid,

Sardar Attique Condemns Indian Actions, Stresses Muslim Conference Unity



DHIRKOT/CHAMIATI: Former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir and President Muslim Conference and President of All Jammu kashmiri Muslim Conference. Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan Expressed his condolences to the brieved family of Latif Abbasi in Chamiati Phalwari. on this occasion talking to media persons Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said that The Muslim Conference is the guardian of the unity of the state. He said that PTI cannot forget the sacrifices of Kashmiris

in Kashmir. The journey of strengthening the Muslim Conference has already begun. India has tightened the lives of Kashmiris in its illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir and the people there are facing a difficult situation because India imposed a ceasefire on August 5, He said that the Hindu state has sent thousands of non-state Hindus from all over India to settle in Kashmir. Making changes is busy work. Meanwhile, the Kashmiri people living in the US are standing up to resolve the Kashmiri issue and raise their voices against the ongoing Indian oppressor in Kashmir. Therefore, I will urge the overseas patriots to raise their voices on all forums to expose India's disgusting ambitions and to protect the rights of the Kashmiri people. Soon when the people of Jammu and Kashmir under the illegal rule of India will breathe in the air of freedom. And the flame of freedom is still burning in their hearts he added

Hyderabad leads Sindh Dengue Spike; Karachi tests thousands

😂 Qayoom Sarohi

KARACHI: The Sindh Health Department has released the latest report on confirmed dengue cases across the province, stating that a total of 4,500 dengue tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, out of which 1,186 tested positive.

In Karachi Division, 2,744 tests were conducted with 421 confirmed positive cases. In Hyderabad Division, 1,756 tests were carried out, with 765 cases testing positive.

According to Secretary Health Sindh, Rehan Baloch, 125 new dengue patients were admitted to government hospitals, while 118 new patients were admitted to private hospitals during the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, 115 patients recovered and were discharged from government hospitals and 72 were discharged from private hospitals.

The Secretary further stated that no dengue-related deaths were reported in government hospitals across the province during the same period. Currently, 210 dengue patients are under treatment in government hospitals, while 248 patients remain admitted in

Regarding bed availability, he said that 256 beds have been allocated for dengue patients in government hospitals in Karachi, 155 in Hyderabad and 557 in the rest of Sindh — making a total of 968 beds. In private hospitals, 131 beds are allocated in Karachi, 175 in Hyderabad, and 36 in other districts, bringing the provincial total to 342 beds.

He also informed that 30 laboratories are carrying out dengue testing in Karachi, including 11 government and 19 private facilities. In Hyderabad, 21 labs are operational -10 government and 11 private.

The Health Secretary urged citizens to ensure there is no stagnant water in and around their homes and workplaces, as it leads to mosquito breeding.

Health Care Centers' ${\it Established} \, for \, {\it Girl Students} \,$ ın Balochistan

B Rafiullah Mandokhel

ZHOB: In a first-of-its-kind initiative linking education with healthcare, the School Education Department of Balochistan has set up 'Health Care Centers' in girls' schools to promote health awareness and impart basic medical training to girl students.

Supported by the European Union and UNICEF, the initiative aims to equip young girls with essential life-saving skills while integrating health education into the provincial school system.

Launched under the leadership of Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti, Provincial Education Minister Raheela Hameed Durrani, Education Secretary Asfandyar Kakar, and Director of School Education Akhtar Muhammad Khetran, the program marks a significant stride toward modern, skill-oriented, and humanitarian education in the province.

Officials say the pilot phase has been introduced in five districts, including Zhob, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Kachhi, and port city Gwadar, where around 600 students from grades 7 to 9 are participating in a nine-month training course.

Developed by the Balochistan University of Medical and Health Sciences (BUMHS), the curriculum emphasizes practical learning. Under the supervision of Vice Chancellor Prof Shabbir Lehri, the varsity will also manage student registration, examinations, and certification.

Moreover, each center is staffed with medical officers and trained nurses and equipped with modern training kits, anatomical models, and digital learning tools, ensuring hands-on experience aligned with international standards.

Turkey's Independence Day Celebrated at Women University Multan

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: The Department of Political Science and International Rela- and Turkey is a symbol of faith, trust, tions (IR), in collaboration with the and brotherhood that transcends Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA), borders. Both nations share common The Women University Multan, dreams of peace, progress, and unity. organized a two-day celebration to Such events remind our young genermark Turkey's Independence Day. The ation of the emotional and historical event aimed to highlight the historical, religious, and cultural bonds educate students on the significance of bilateral relations between the two brotherly nations.

On the first day, students delivpresentations reflecting on the longstanding ties, mutual trust, and cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey. They also shared their views on educational, cultural, and defense collaborations between the two countries.

The Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha and Guest Of Honor Dr Samina Akhtar Regis-

commended the enthusiasm of the cased Turkish culture, traditions, students. In her address, she said:

"The friendship between Pakistan ties that connect us."

Dr. Asma Akbar, Chairperson, between Pakistan and Turkey and to Department of Political Science and IR / Focal Person, in her remarks, stated that Pakistan-Turkey relations go beyond diplomatic boundaries — they are deeply rooted in faith, ered speeches, essays, and creative shared history, and people-to-people connections. She praised the active participation of students, emphasizing that such activities promote cultural understanding and international awareness.

On the second day, an awareness seminar and Turkish cultural stalls were organized. The Chief Guest was Dr. Minah Khayal Khattak, Assistant trar Women's University Multan Professor, Department of Internaappreciated the efforts of the Depart- tional Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya ment of Political Science and IR and University Multan. Students show-

history, and modern achievements through creative stalls featuring Turkish cuisine, handicrafts, national symbols, and historical personalities.

In her address, Dr. Minah Khayal Khattak remarked that the relationship between Pakistan and Turkey is built on strong foundations of brotherhood, cooperation, and mutual trust. She added that both countries have always stood by each other and share a common vision for regional peace and prosperity. She encouraged students to strengthen academic and research collaborations with Turkish universities.

Dr. Adeela, Director Student Affairs, appreciated the initiative and said that The Women University Multan consistently provides its students with opportunities to engage with global themes and enhance cross-cultural understanding. She highlighted that Pakistan-Turkey friendship is not only a diplomatic bond but also a reflection of public affection, cultural harmony, and mutual respect.



She further added that the enthusi- forward this legacy of friendship. The faculty members, and participants astic participation of students demon- event concluded with Dr. Asma Akbar for their contribution to the successful strates their commitment to carrying expressing gratitude to all guests, celebration



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Karachi admin launches crackdown against roadsides encroachment

KARACHI: The Karachi administration has launched a crackdown on food and drink establishments operating on footpaths and roadsides.

In a three-day operation, 103 tea stalls, restaurants, and other establishments have been sealed, and their items also have been seized, said a statement on Friday.

Various cases have been registered, Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi has directed deputy commissioners to continue the operation and not to show leniency to anyone.

According to the detail as per deputy commissioner south's report, in Civil Lines Sub-Division, two tea stalls near PIDC were sealed, and their items were impounded.

In the Garden Sub-Division, seven food and drink establishments were demolished, including Quetta Aisha Hotel, Agha Tea Hotel, two Tea Cafes near Trauma Center, and a Biryani Hotel near Trauma Center, and Shaheen Bakery.

In AramBagh Sub-Division, three establishments were sealed, including two Arif Mutton shops and one Mughal Mutton shop.

Deputy Commissioner East Abrar Jaffar's report reports that 18 hotels and tea stalls were sealed in District East, and their items were seized.

MoU Signing Ceremony between PEC and NADRA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) joined hands with NADRA through signing an MoU to advance cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development and digital transformation.

The partnership aims to enhance PEC's operational efficiency, e-governance, transparency, and service delivery through modern, technology-driven solutions. The collaboration is founded on the principles of mutal benefit, institutional strengthening, and serving the public interest.

The Registrar PEC, Engr. Khadim Hussain Bhatti, and Chief Projects NADRA, Mr. Rehman Qamar, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. The ceremony was graced by Chairman PEC, Engr. Waseem Nazir, and Chairman NADRA, Lt. Gen. Muhammad Munir Afsar, HI(M), along with senior officials from both organizations.

Under the MoU, NADRA will provide technical operations management, hosting services for PEC's data, ecosystem.

and technical application development support. Additionally, NADRA will assist in strengthening PEC's election processes through secure digital systems. Both organizations will collaborate through structured coordination, knowledge sharing, and joint initiatives leveraging emerging technologies and data-driven innovation.

Speaking at the occasion, Chairman PEC, Engr. Waseem Nazir, stated that this strategic cooperation marks a major milestone in PEC's modernization journey towards a fully digital ecosystem. He emphasized that the partnership will ensure transparent, efficient, and secure systems aligned with 21st-century governance and service excellence.

This strategic partnership reaffirms PEC's commitment to embracing technology for innovation, transparency, and the sustainable growth of Pakistan's engineering stakeholders, engineers and the sector. This cooperation will further strengthen PEC's vision of Smart PEC, fostering a digitally empowered, efficient, and globally connected engineering



National Day of Algeria

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) for Industries and Production Haroon Akhtar Khan cut the cake along with the Algerian Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Brahim Romani and others, on the occasion of the 71st Anniversary of the National Day of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, at a local hotel in Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

Riphah Healthcare Services Honored with Accreditation Award at Health Asia 2025

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Riphah Healthcare Services has been honored with the Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Accreditation Award at the 22nd Health Asia International Exhibition & Conferences 2025, recognizing its continued commitment to delivering safe, ethical, and high-quality healthcare services in Pakistan.

The award was presented to Mr. Asadullah Khan, Executive Director, Riphah Healthcare Services, by the Federal Minister for Health, Syed Mustafa Kamal, during the prestigious Health Asia confer-

This recognition stands as of Riphah's entire team, from excellence, patient safety, and Health Asia team for this tion, integrity, and empathy.



doctors and nurses to administrative and support staff, who work tirelessly to uphold the a testament to the dedication highest standards of clinical patients, partners, and the care delivery through innova-

compassion in care.

Riphah Healthcare Services

meaningful honor, reaffirming its resolve to continuously extends its gratitude to its enhance the quality of health-

Education Secretary Lauds Rapid Progress at Islamabad's Danish School Project

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Federal Ministry of Education and Professional Training, Ms. Farah Naz Akbar, visited the Danish School Kuri Road project near Bahria Enclave, Islamabad, and expressed satisfaction over the ongoing construction progress.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Akbar said it was a moment of pride and joy to witness the remarkable progress of the Danish School project. This is the first sapling I planted with my own hands, and today it stands as a foundation for the country's educational development," she remarked.

She added, "Standing here today, I do not just see a structure of bricks



and mortar — I see a dream turning being fulfilled, and a shining symbol into reality, a promise of opportunity of hope for future generations.

Ms. Akbar commended the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional training under the leadership of a wise Minister, Mr. Khalid Magbool Siddique, the Secretary, Mr. Nadeem Mabub. She also appreciated the implementation of Project Management Unit headed by Project Director, Dr. Aaroon Das, their skilled workers, and the supervisory team for the hard work, dedication, and professional integrity.

She said completing the project ahead of schedule reflects exemplary leadership, effective management, and a strong spirit of national service. She also appreciated the young and committed contractor whose tireless efforts made this achievement

National economy needs to become people-friendly: Syed Aman Shah

News Desk

KARACHI/QUETTA: Syed Aman Shah, the Provincial Convener of Awaam Pakistan Party Balochistan, said that the purpose of the party is not to gain power, but to establish a just, transparent, and people-friendly system in the country.

He said that in the current political climate, the Awaam Pakistan Party has emerged as a new ray of hope — rising above vested interests and focusing on public welfare, justice, education, and the creation of employment opportunities.

Syed Aman Shah stated that the party's manifesto gives special importance to Balochistan because, despite being rich in natural resources, the province remains underdeveloped. He said that the Awam Pakistan Party will work to redress the injustices done to the people of Balochistan and has already prepared a comprehensive program to provide better education and employment opportunities for the province's youth.

Kamalia Wildlife Park Boosts Cleanliness and Animal Care **Standards**

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Incharge Wildlife Park Kamalia, Farooq Ali talking to media said that the cleanliness system in the park has been significantly improved. He added that all animals and birds are being provided food on time, ensuring their proper nutrition and care. Farooq Ali further stated that veterinary doctors conduct regular medical check-ups of the animals to monitor their health and prevent any potential diseases. He empha-



sized that maintaining the health and safety of the animals is a top

priority of the park administration. He also mentioned that comfortable seating and refreshment facilities have been arranged for visitors so they can enjoy their recreational trips in a pleasant and clean environment. Wildlife Park Kamalia continues to serve as an attractive spot for nature and wildlife lovers, offering a peaceful atmosphere for families and tourists alike.

DCMela visits to schools and health centers

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, practical steps are being taken across the district to improve educational and healthcare institutions. Deputy Commissioner Toba Tek Singh Umar Abbas Mela, paid a detailed visit to schools and health centers located in rural areas. He inspected Basic Health Unit 269 GB and Maryam Nawaz Health Clinic 264 GB, where he inquired from patients about the quality of treatment, availability of medicines and other facilities. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed cleanliness conditions, staff attendance and the availability of medicines at the health centers. He directed the concerned officials to ensure timely medical care and to treat patients with courtesy

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Government High School 269 GB Kot Khatiran and Government High School 264 GB, where he interacted with students and asked academic questions in the classrooms. He also reviewed teaching activities and overall performance. He instructed the teachers to focus on improving the standard of education, maintaining cleanliness and enhancing the beauty of the school environment. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela stated that education and healthcare are top priorities of the Punjab Government. He emphasized that public institutions must set an example of service delivery and ensure real relief and quality facilities for citizens.

KU, ARE Ventures inks MoU to provide student scholarships

KARACHI: The University of Karachi and ARE Ventures, one of the biggest business accelerators in Pakistan, signed the memorandum of

understanding at the Vice Chancellor Secretariat on Friday. As per MoU, ARE Ventures would provide scholarships to the students of department of mass communication and digital media marketing programs, department of public administration, department of commerce, department of visual studies (design and media art program), and Karachi University Business School.

The Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Professor Dr Samina Saeed, and the Chief Executive Officer of ARE Ventures Ahmed Rauf Essa inked the MoU documents, Alliance Manager of ARE Ventures Shahmir Khan, the Chairperson of Department of Mass Communication Professor Dr Asmat Ara, in-charge KUBS Dr Shaikh M. Fakhre Alam, in-charge Department of Visual Studies Syed Shamoon Haider, Student's Advisor of Commerce Department Muhammad Farrukh Aslam, Director of Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization Dr Syeda Hoor ul Ain, and team ORIC were present on this Group Chairman/Chief Editor: Almass Ayoub Sabir Vice Chairman:

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Punjab to Impose Ban on Use of Loudspeakers

hief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif chaired the seventh consecutive meeting on law & order to review peace and security measures being taken in the province in which Punjab Government devised a new strategic direction for effective enforcement of law by approving strict measures and prompt actions to ensure public order. It has imposed a ban on the use of loudspeakers in the province, as business, political or religious group or individual will be allowed to use loudspeaker for any kind of activity. This decision is aimed at curbing hate speech for incitement of violence and public disorder, reinforcing Punjab government's strong commitment to establish lasting peace and harmony.

Punjab government has also approved use of CCTV cameras and advanced technology for real-time monitoring and enforcement of Loudspeaker Act, because elements found committing violation of the Act, along with providing facilitation to illegal foreign residents would be dealt with iron hands.

Punjab government clarified that Friday sermons ('Khutba') and the five daily calls to prayers ('Azaan') are exempted from this ban. In view of respecting sanctity of mosques and religious practices, the provincial Government has announced a province-wide initiative for the renovation, beautification and restoration of mosques. Under this program, all necessary facilities would be provided, including clearance of surrounding roads and improvements in drainage and infrastructure networks.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif directed the authorities concerned that stipend distribution for more than 65,000 Imams ('Aima Karam') must be completed in a transparent and efficient manner. For this purpose, Punjab government has launched a digital mapping project for all mosques across Punjab to ensure acquiring accurate data along with maintaining transparent record-keeping.

Reaffirming its zero-tolerance policy against such nefarious elements, Punjab government said that if it had found anyone involved in spreading hate or violence through loudspeakers, it would launch a crackdown and bring them to justice. However, no restrictions have been placed on any law-abiding religious organization. Religious groups following the prescribed code of conduct can continue their activities freely. Punjab government will fully support organizations promoting interfaith harmony and peace.

Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz reaffirmed Punjab government's commitment to promote lasting peace and order in the province. She noted,"Punjab is the cradle of peace, and will never be allowed to become a breeding ground for making chaos and division."

How Beijing Reshaped the U.S. Tariff Regime

failures, and near breakand China finally struck a landmark trade agreement that has reshaped the global balance of economic power. The negotiations culminated in Busan, South Korea, on October 30, 2025, where President Donald J. Trump and President Xi Jinping met face to face to seal a compromise that blended hard politics with pragmatic economics. What began as another episode in Trump's "America First" campaign ended as a stunning reversal of Washington's longheld trade strategy. For the first time in decades, the United States found itself negotiating not from a position of dominance, but parity—perhaps even vulnerability—with an economic rival that refused to bow to pressure.

The Busan summit produced an agreement that went far beyond tariff adjustments. It marked a recalibration of two superpowers' economic engagement, with provisions covering tariff reductions, rareearth exports, fentanyl-precursor chemicals, and agricultural trade. The outcome reflected necessity as much as diplomacy.

A U. S. Geological Survey report had cautioned that rebuilding a domestic supply chain could take up to ten years and cost more than \$80 billion. Faced with that reality, Trump's negotiators entered Busan with fewer cards than before, and Beijing knew it. Yet rather than triumphalism, China played its hand with deliberate restraint, focusing on pragmatism over posturing. Xi Jinping arrived at the summit not to lecture but to stabilize, projecting the tone of a statesman rather than a strategist of revenge.

Alongside the tariff cuts and rare-earth suspension came a surprising humani-

fter months of tension, tarian dimension: a bilateral accord on fentanyl-precursor chemicals. China agreed to tighten monitoring of the compounds fueling America's opioid epidemic, and in return, the U.S. halved its "fentanyl tariff" from 20 to 10 percent.

Xi also announced the resumption of large-scale Chinese purchases of American soybeans and other farm products, a symbolic win for U. S. farmers in the Midwest who had borne the brunt saw advantage in impermanence. of earlier tariff wars. For Trump, that

commitment provided domestic political relief; for Xi, it reaffirmed China's leverage as the indispensable buyer in a fragile global food chain. The meeting's chore-

ography reflected contrasting political cultures but a mutual understanding of necessity. Trump's exuberant declaration that the talks were "twelve out of ten" was classic self-promotion, but analysts

enforcement mechanisms. It was a deal built on goodwill and fatigue rather than Taiwan and semiconductor restrictions—particularly on the Nvidia Blackwell chip-were consciously excluded from discussion, a recognition that overloading the agenda could derail fragile

quickly noted the absence of concrete

narrow corridor of cooperation, deferring confrontation to another day. Another novel feature of the accord was its annual review mechanism, which replaced the rigidity of long-term treaties with a rolling, year-by-year renegotiation process. Rather than securing permanent

peace, both sides built a framework of

progress. The leaders instead opted for a

adjust to political cycles yet risky enough to keep markets guessing.

It institutionalized uncertainty as the new normal, but also embedded the principle of dialogue into the heart of competition. For Trump, it ensured headlines and leverage; for Xi, it prevented the U. S. from dictating fixed terms that could constrain China's long-term strategy. Both

Markets reacted swiftly. The Baltic Dry Index stabilized, Pacific shipping surged, and global equities rose as investors sensed a return to predictability.

The IMF projected a 0.4 percent boost to global GDP in 2026, primarily from revived trade flows and restored supplychain continuity. Analysts described the accord as a

"pause, not peace." It de-escalated the confrontation without resolving its causes. Beneath the smiles, the rivalry over technology, ideology, and global influence remained untouched. But Busan proved that rivalry need not mean rupture.

The deeper significance of the summit lay in what it revealed about the world's economic transition. The age of laissez-faire globalization is fading. What emerged in Busan was the architecture of a managed economy-a hybrid system in which trade is weaponized yet indispen-

sable, competitive yet cooperative. America's "America First" doctrine has evolved into "America Negotiates First," while China's "dual-circulation" model has shifted toward selective globalization. The WTO, once the arbiter of free trade, now stands eclipsed by the pragmatism of

perpetual bargaining—flexible enough to direct, leader-to-leader diplomacy. Every commodity-from semiconductors to soybeans—has become a bargaining chip in a global chess game where economic interdependence replaces ideology.

Yet the Busan accord also offered a rare glimpse of statesmanship amid rivalry. Xi Jinping's calm assertion that "dialogue is better than confrontation" signaled a tactical but genuine openness. Trump, for his part, recognized—perhaps reluctantly-that economic coercion had reached its limits. Both leaders understood that in a world of intertwined supply chains, neither can thrive by isolating the other. The agreement thus stands as a testament not to friendship, but to realism: two adversaries choosing stability over escalation because chaos serves neither.

As the first container ships carrying newly authorized rare-earth cargoes departed Chinese ports, markets exhaled. The scene encapsulated the fragile peace that now defines global commerce—an uneasy equilibrium between competition and cooperation. The Busan agreement did not end the U.S.-China rivalry, but it transformed its character. It turned open confrontation into managed coexistence and replaced threats with transactions. The world may still be divided by politics, but it is bound by necessity. And in that necessity lies the quiet triumph of diplomacy over dominance—a reminder that in the twenty-first century, power belongs not to those who shout the loudest, but to those who can learn, at last, to deal.

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Imran Khan and Terrorism in KPK - I

(KPK) has deep historical roots, primarily stemming from the Soviet-Afghan War and the postwhich turned the region into a hotspot for militant activity. The porous Durand Line allowed easy cross-border movement of militants and resources. Groups like the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) emerged from the Afghan jihad era, exploiting religious ideologies and weak governance in the tribal areas, especially the former FATA regions.

Militants capitalized on local grievances, filled governance gaps, and undermined traditional tribal leadership. In response, the Pakistani cannot be ignored. The combination of cross-

military launched major operations—such as Rah-e-Rast, Zarb-e-Azb, and Radd-ul-Fasaad-to dismantle terrorist networks. While these efforts have disrupted militant strongholds, they came at a high cost, including civilian displacement, infrastructure damage, and long-term psychological trauma. Militants have also adapted, re-emerging in urban areas or aligning with international terrorist groups.

A particularly tragic aspect of this conflict has been the targeting of children and educational institutions. The 2014 Army Public School attack in Peshawar, which claimed over 140 lives—mostly students—remains one of the darkest chapters in Pakistan's history. Terrorist groups have systematically targeted girls' education, aiming to suppress literacy and awareness in order to maintain control through fear and

From an economic perspective, the impact of terrorism has been nothing short of devastating for KPK. The region, which was once famously known for its thriving tourism sector, especially in the breathtaking Swat Valley, Malakand, and the mountainous northern areas, has suffered a sharp and crippling decline in both domestic and international visitors. The sustained destruction of critical infrastructure, the perpetual and palpable security threats, and overwhelmingly negative media portrayals have table truth that a small number of madrassas

errorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa all collectively crippled the local economy. Trade have historically been accused of promoting and foreign investment have been significantly deterred, and local businesses struggle desperately to survive amidst frequent operational 9/11 U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, disruptions. Unemployment remains persistently high, and this pervasive economic stagnation unfortunately further fuels the tragic cycle of radicalization, as disillusioned and marginalized youth seek a desperate sense of meaning and opportunity within extremist networks that deceptively offer status, income, or a perceived sense of higher purpose.

The significant and destabilizing role of external actors in persistently fueling terrorism within KPK is an inescapable element that

border militancy, foreign funding of extremist groups, and deeply ingrained regional geopolitical rivalries has effectively transformed the province into a tragic battleground for proxy conflicts. The pervasive instability in neighboring Afghanistan, particularly during the protracted Taliban insurgency and the tumultuous period following

the U.S. military withdrawal, has had immediate and profound direct repercussions in KPK. Militant groups have consistently found a readily available refuge, essential resources, and strategic depth just across the border, from which they can also launch their deadly attacks into Pakistan. Despite intensive efforts involving border fencing, intelligence cooperation, and joint security mechanisms, the overwhelming challenge of transnational terrorism remains profoundly unresolved. Therefore, extensive international cooperation, especially with Afghanistan and key regional powers, is recognized as absolutely essential for achieving any meaningful and sustainable solution, yet such cooperation is frequently hampered by entrenched mutual mistrust, political instability, and divergent strategic interests.

In this critical context, religious institutions and respected scholars in KPK are widely seen as having a critical role to play in actively countering extremist narratives. While it is a regret-

radical ideologies, it is also important to note that many moderate religious leaders have courageously spoken out against terrorism and attempted to reclaim the authentic narrative of Islam as a religion of peace, justice, and coexistence. However, their important voices require much stronger institutional support, targeted training, and broader platforms to effectively reach the wider population. Comprehensive counter-radicalization efforts must strategically move beyond purely military responses and place a significant, sustained focus on educational reform, fostering interfaith harmony, and promoting moderate, nuanced religious interpretations. Furthermore, crucial initiatives involving community engagement, dedicated youth mentorship programs, and structured deradicalization initiatives can all play an integral part in successfully transforming vulnerable segments of society into productive, peaceful, and fully engaged citizens.

Above all these factors is the profoundly concerning and arguably damaging political dimension to the counterterrorism efforts, stemming from the alleged hesitancy of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) provincial government to fully and robustly support strong federal efforts to confront the resurgence of terrorism. Critics have increasingly charged that Imran Khan, the founder and head of the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI) party, has for an extended period advocated for a policy of negotiations with militants and has actively urged for a significant halt or scale-down of military operations directed against them. According to a recently circulated and highly controversial post on a social media platform, he purportedly asserted that he personally removed Ali Amin Gandapur from the Chief Minister's position precisely because Gandapur was allegedly not complying with his specific directive to stop counterterrorism operations. Moreover, those making these significant claims believe that Khan has subsequently appointed a new Chief Minister whose primary, effective mandate is to obstruct or, at the very least, substantially soften counterterrorism measures currently underway in the province.

To be continued

PM Shahbaz-FM Asim Farsight Brightens Pak Future

Sardar Abdul

turning point in Pakistan's polit- restored security across affected regions. ical and economic history. At that expanding with a growth rate of 5.8 (CPEC) projects were progressing rapidly, and

abruptly dismissed the elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. That single act disrupted policy continuity, undermined economic confidence, and shattered public trust in democratic stability.

In the aftermath of Nawaz Sharif's ouster, political engineering ushered in Imran Khan's government—a move that proved deeply destabilizing

for Pakistan's institutional balance. His tenure witnessed the rise of vindictive politics, institutional confrontations, diplomatic isolation, and economic mismanagement. The momentum of CPEC stalled, exports declined, inflation soared, a mature understanding that the national interest and foreign investors withdrew. For the first time in history, a sitting leader launched a smear campaign against his own armed forces—an act that struck at the very foundations of the state. pline and stability. These trends posed grave threats to national cohesion and security.

When Field Marshal Asim Munir assumed command, Pakistan was simultaneously confronting internal polarization, economic pressure, terrorism, and ideological fragmentation. Together, he and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif delivered a clear message: "The State comes first; politics comes later." That principle defined their shared vision—a Pakistan built on institutional harmony, rule of law, and national unity.

Under this vision, Pakistan launched decisive intelligence-based operations such as Operation Bunyan al-Marsus targeting TTP, BLA, and of human and financial sacrifice, these actions

he year 2017 marked a decisive successfully disrupted terrorist infrastructures and

Domestically, the government faced another time, the economy was stable and challenge when religious protests emerged amid the ongoing Palestine-Israel crisis. Attempts were percent. The energy crisis had almost been over- made to exploit religious sentiments to destabicome, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor lize internal order and damage Pakistan's international image. Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz international institutions were recognizing Paki- Sharif took a courageous stand to quell the unrest. stan as an emerging economy. Yet, at the peak of Field Marshal Asim Munir made it clear that this momentum, an undemocratic intervention violence in the name of religion would not be

tolerated. Through a combination of dialogue, law enforcement, and restraint, the state contained the unrest, demonstrating Pakistan's capacity to manage crises through reason and stability rather than coer-

For the first time in Pakistan's recent history, civilian and military leadership are working in complete harmony. The coor-

dinated decision-making among Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and Field Marshal Asim Munir, and the unified stance of the National Security Committee, reflect stands above all political divisions. This rare alignment—born from lessons of past confrontations has guided Pakistan out of disorder toward disci-

Today, Pakistan stands at a new juncture of renewal and resilience. Economic indicators show improvement, institutions function within constitutional boundaries, and public confidence is returning. This progress mirrors Field Marshal Asim Munir's leadership philosophy, which links power to discipline, and discipline to hope. His vision transcends military doctrine—it is a national philosophy that seeks harmony between politics and the state. The survival, sovereignty, and stability of Pakistan remain the cornerstone of this shared vision—a vision in which despair gives way to confidence, and chaos transforms into order. Under the collective wisdom of its political ISIS-linked networks. Though costly in terms and military leadership, Pakistan moves steadily toward a dawn of stability, dignity, and progress.

UNESCO Samarkand Summit: Recognition of Uzbekistan's Role in Preserving World Heritage

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Rarely do events within international organizations emerge that can truly symbolize a new era. The convening of the 43rd session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in the ancient city of Samarkand stands as one such landmark moment.

For the first time in the 40-year history of the organization, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is being held outside Paris, the location of its headquarters. This historic move represents international recognition of the growing authority of New Uzbekistan, its contributions to the preservation of humanity's cultural and spiritual heritage, and its active role in fostering global humanitarian cooperation.

Samarkand, a city where eras and cultures converge, has become more this historic city reflects global recogni-UNESCO's ideals: mutual understanding, tolerance, and cultural diver- concept championed by President sity. Hosting such a large-scale forum in Shavkat Mirziyoyev.



than a venue for intergovernmental tion of Uzbekistan's course, focused on dialogue; it stands as a symbol of cultural revival, education, and science — the pillars of the Third Renaissance

1993, and since then, its cooperation with the organization has developed Office has been operating in Tashkent. In recent years, active engage-

Uzbekistan joined UNESCO in ment between the leadership of Uzbekistan and UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulav has fostered a trustdynamically. Since 1996, the UNESCO based dialogue and strengthened the partnership between the country and the organization.

UNESCO's Executive Board (from 1997 2022, was elected to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022–2026 term. The country is currently implementing a UNESCO fouryear cooperation programme education, science, culture, communication and information.

One of the key areas of cooperation has been the safeguarding and promotion of Uzbekistan's unique Dance Festival in Khiva. These initicultural heritage. Today, seven sites in the country are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List: the Historic Centre of Bukhara, Itchan Kala, Samarkand — a Crossroads of Cultures, Shakhrisabz, the Ancient Towns along the Great Silk Road, the Western Tien-Shan, and the Turan Depression.

Particular attention is given to intangible cultural heritage. Sixteen elements of Uzbek culture have been inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: ranging from Shashmagam and the Boysun cultural tradi-

heritage of ploy, and the celebration of to 2001 and from 2009 to 2013) and, in Navruz. These internationally recognized treasures reflect the richness of Uzbekistan's spiritual heritage and the creative vitality of its people.

In recent years, on the initiative of Uzbekistan and in collaboration with UNESCO, large-scale cultural forums (2022-2026) in key areas including have been held, including the 'Sharq Taronalari' Festival, the 'Atlas Bayrami' celebration, the Maqom Art Forum, Bakhshi Festivals, as well as handicraft festivals in Kokand and the 'Lazgi' atives have positioned Uzbekistan as one of the key hubs of cultural dialogue across Eurasia.

> Uzbekistan's fruitful cooperation with UNESCO also extends to the field of education. The country hosts eight UNESCO Chairs and 24 Associated Schools, while Tashkent and Fergana are part of UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities. In 2024, a UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Historical Tourism was established at the International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage "Silk Road" in Samarkand.

> Uzbekistan actively engages in UNESCO's global initiatives in science

Pakistan-Türkiye relations rooted in love, trust, and brotherhood: Farah Naz Akbar

City Desk

ISLAMABAD:"Türkiye-Pakistan Friendship Week is a celebration of the unbreakable bond between two hearts, two nations and two civilizations," said Parliamentary Secretary for Education Farah Naz Akbar while addressing the opening session common past, a common present, of an international conference titled "Pakistan-Türkiye Friendship" held at Allama Iqbal Open University as the chief guest.

Farah Naz Akbar further stated that the relationship between the two countries is one of blood, faith and hearts beat in perfect harmony." love—a connection that no distance or passage of time has ever weakened. She said that the ties between to diplomatic or political levels; rather, second home. it is a bond of hearts.

ized by the university's International

Yunus Emre Institute and the Prime Minister's Youth Programme.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Nasir Mahmood, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Dr. Abdul Aziz Sahir, said that Pakistan and Türkiye share a and a shared future. He remarked that the relationship between the two countries has become a sacred confluence whose name is love. Dr. Sahir added, "These are two nations with two bodies but one soul, and their

Dr. Sahir further said that Pakistanis never feel like strangers when they visit Türkiye, and the people Türkiye and Pakistan are not confined of Türkiye consider Pakistan their

University Registrar Raja Umar The Parliamentary Secretary Younis, in his address, stated that expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Pakistan and Türkiye have always Shehbaz Sharif for announcing this stood shoulder to shoulder. Today, special week. The Pakistan-Türkiye both nations are exploring new oppor-Friendship Celebrations were organ-tunities in education, trade, energy, tourism, and technology. He added

Office in collaboration with Türkiye's that Allama Iqbal Open University is actively working on joint research projects, student and faculty exchanges, and online collaborative programs to strengthen educational and cultural ties.

> Chairman of the National Rehmatul-lil-Alameen wa Khatamun-Nabiyyin Authority, Khurshid Ahmad Nadeem, delivered a comprehensive talk on the historical and intellectual dimensions of Pakistan-Türkiye friendship, while Dr. Farooq Adil formally inaugurated the "Dost

> Director of the Yunus Emre Institute, Dr. Khalil Tokar, stated that Pakistan and Türkiye are two great brotherly nations whose friendship is a radiant tale spanning centuries. He said that Türkiye and Pakistan are two bodies and one soul and prayed that this eternal friendship continues to flourish forever.

The Director of the International Office, Dr. Zahid Majeed, emphasized the need to further strengthen Pakistan-Tirkive relations, stating that



tries is the need of the hour. He praised promoting the Turkish language and

educational, cultural, and research the services of the Yunus Emre Insti- culture and in fostering people-tocollaboration between the two countute, highlighting its key role in people and academic linkages between

Security Papers Limited (SPL) Conducts Awareness Session on Breast Cancer

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Security Papers Limited (SPL), in collaboration with the Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHHN), organized a breast cancer awareness session at its registered office. This initiative was aimed to educate and empower female employees about breast health and the importance of early detection.

The session was conducted by Dr. Hina Andani from IHHN, who shared insights on breast cancer prevention, early detection, and available treatments. She emphasized the importance of routine self-examinations, awareness of symptoms, and understanding personal risk factors. Dr. Andani also highlighted advancements in screening techniques, diagnostic tools and healthcare resources that support timely detection of breast cancer and improvement in recoveries.

ask questions and share their concerns in



a supportive atmosphere. Through this initiative, SPL reaffirmed its commitment towards healthcare and well-being of its female employees, thereby emphasizing on early detection and proactive care.

Mr. Imran Qureshi, CEO of SPL, stated, "At SPL, we actively promote initiatives employee well-being. Awareness is the risk and it is our collective responsibility to

promote awareness, early detection, and care. We take pride in fostering a workplace culture that values the well-being of employees, reflecting our commitment to building a healthier and more informed

The session received an overwhelmthat encourage health awareness and ingly positive response from the participants, who found it highly insightful This interactive session encouraged an first step towards prevention. Breast cancer and impactful and appreciated SPL's open dialogue, allowing participants to is not limited to women; men are also at commitment to promoting a healthy and supportive work environment.

Greenwich University Showcases Pakistan's Cultural and Creative Excellence

KARACHI: Driven by its vision to project Pakistan's image as a center of creativity, culture, and innovation, Greenwich University once again took Pakistan to the global stage by proudly representing the country at the Admiralty Needle International Fashion, Art & Design Festival held in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Organized by the Saint Petersburg State University of Technology and Design, the prestigious festival brought together leading designers, artists, and academic institutions from around the world under the theme "Conscious Elegance."

The Greenwich Univer-

Eesha Ali Alvi, Head of Global Communications and Cultural Diplomacy, who participated as an International Juror and delivered a lecture on "The Importance of Cultural Diplomacy in Strengthening Global Ties through Art and Fashion." In her address, she emphasized how fashion and cultural exchange serve as bridges of understanding between nations, spotlighting Pakistan's creative identity, artistic legacy, and craftsmanship on an international platform.

Joining the delegation was Pakistan's iconic designer, Mr. Deepak Perwani, whose showcase captivated audiences and celebrated the diversity and

artistry of Pakistani fashion. His collection stood out among presentations from Russia. Uzbekistan, Belarus, Tajikistan, Namibia, and India, earning admiration for its sophistication and cultural depth.

This international representation underscores Greenwich University's ongoing commitment to advancing Pakistan's soft power through education, art, and cultural diplomacy. By fostering global collaborations and cross-cultural dialogue, Greenwich continues to play a pivotal role in building Pakistan's positive image worldwide, strengthening people-to-people connections, and empowering creative expression as a means of diplomacy.

Visit of Station Commander Rawalpindi to RCCI

Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: Brigadier Ali Anjum Syed, Station Commander Rawalpindi, along with his team, visited the Rawalpin-Industry (RCCI). He was accompanied by Lt. Col. Shakeel and Lt.

They held a meeting with RCCI President Usman Shaukat, along with Group Leader and Former President Sohail Altaf, Senior Vice President Khalid Farooq Qazi, Vice President Fahad Barlas, former presicommittee, and representatives from various trade associations.

The meeting focused on key matters concerning the development and facilitation of the business community in the Cantonment area, including progress on the absence of a parking plaza,

along the Ring Road, Rawat an-only street, and the need for Industrial Estate, carpentry cluster, and access roads.

RCCI representatives highlighted several initiatives, such di Chamber of Commerce and as the First Green Road Initiative, and reiterated the demand for a Smog Tower in the city to address environmental challenges. Discussions also included updates on major development projects like the Ketchery Chowk

Underpass and Flyover. Group Leader Sohail Altaf appreciated the constructive and friendly engagement of dents, members of the executive the Station Commander and remarked that such collaboration would help achieve Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) through the formation of a Joint Working

Other matters raised included

economic and industrial zones issues related to the pedestria more conducive business environment. It was agreed to establish close coordination through focal persons and ensure RCCI representation in assessment committees and other affairs of the Cantonment Board.

Matters related to property tax, old grant issues, building map approval processes, and notices were also discussed. Brigadier Ali Anjum Syed assured the business community of his full support, emphasizing that his office is available 24/7. He stressed the importance of joint efforts to promote financial literacy, youth engagement, and Ease of Doing Business, adding that it is the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to address civic and commercial challenges for the betterment of the city.





Index Fluctuation				
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index				
Current	Prev. Close			
161,631.73	156,732.87			
Day's High	Day's Low			
162,194.30	158,195.54			
Index Value	Change			
31,136,270,259	+4898.86			
Percentage	Time			
+3.13%	31 Oct, 2025 4:30 pm			
Europe: FT	SE 100 Index			
Index Value	Change			
9,717.25	-42.81			
Percentage	Time			
Percentage -0.44%	Time 31 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
-0.44%	31 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1			
-0.44%	31 Oct, 4:35 pm			
-0.44% USA: Dow Jones	31 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1 Industrial Average			
-0.44% USA: Dow Jones Index Value	31 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1 Industrial Average Change			
-0.44% USA: Dow Jones Index Value 47,546.22	31 Oct, 4:35 pm GMT+1 Industrial Average Change +24.10			

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average				
Index Value	Change			
52,411.34	+2.12%			
Percentage	Time			
+0.035%	31 Oct, 3:45 pm GMT+9			

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.35	190.35
Bahrain Dinar	746.8	754.3
Canadian Dollar	205.6	212.6
China Yuan	39.3	39.7
Danish Krone	43.85	44.25
Euro	331.95	335.45
Hong Kong Dollar	36.45	36.8
Indian Rupee	3.14	3.23
Japanese Yen	1.8762	1.9762
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.7	922.7
Malaysian Ringgit	66.45	67.05
NewZealand \$	160.6	162.6
Norwegians Krone	27.85	28.15
Omani Riyal	731.35	738.85
Qatari Riyal	76.9	77.6
Saudi Riyal	75.7	76.35
Singapore Dollar	216.95	221.7
Swedish Korona	29.65	29.95
Swiss Franc	352.6	355.35
Thai Bhat	8.45	8.60
U.A.E Dirham	76.8	77.8
UK Pound Sterling	381.1	384.1
US Dollar	282.5	282.8

Record Increase in Tax Return Filings Reflects Growing Compliance and Public Confidence

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has recorded a significant increase in income tax return filings for Tax Year 2025, marking a new milestone in voluntary compliance and taxpayer awareness. As of October 31, 2025, a total of 5.9 million tax returns have been filed, compared to 5 million returns in the same period last year, showing an increase of 17.6 percent.

Out of these, 3.6 million taxpayers filed returns with tax payments, reflecting an 18.6 percent rise in taxpayers who contributed revenue along with their returns, compared to the same period in 2024. Moreover, individual taxpayers have paid nearly PKR 9 billion more than last year, growing from PKR 60 billion to PKR 69 billion, representing a 15 percent increase in tax payments from individuals.

The FBR appreciates the growing cooperation of citizens and reiterates its commitment to facilitating honest taxpayers through simplified processes, digital tools, and responsive communication, ensuring that Pakistan's tax system becomes more fair, transparent, and inclusive.

This robust growth in compliance is attributed to FBR's extensive outreach campaign and the whole-of-government efforts led by the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Information. The campaign aimed to make taxpayers aware of their civic duty and the convenience of filing returns through digital platforms.

The rise in return filings is the outcome of a comprehensive outreach campaign jointly executed by the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Information, and the FBR. As part of these efforts, nationwide robocalls and WhatsApp messages were disseminated to remind citizens of their civic duty to file tax returns. In addition, FBR sent a series of behaviorally informed messages to taxpayers using third-party data, beginning with congratulatory notes, followed by informational messages about rights and obligations, and finally cautionary reminders, with nearly 800,000 such nudges issued across the country.

Pakistan and ASEAN Nations Explore **New Horizons for Investment**

跨 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, hosted a high-level meeting with a joint delegation of ASEAN Ambassadors and High Commissioners at the Board of Investment office in Islam-

The delegation included H. E. Mr. Rongvudhi Virabutr, Ambassador of Thailand and Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI); H. E. Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Chandra Warsenanto Sukotio, Ambassador of Indonesia: H. E. Dato' Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, High Commissioner of Malaysia; H. E. Mr. Pham Ahn Tuan, Ambassador of Vietnam; H. E. Dr. Emmanuel R. Fernandez, Ambassador of the Philippines; H. E. Mr. Wunna Han, Ambassador of Myanmar; and H. E. Col. (Rtd.) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah Pengiran Haji Ahmad, High Commissioner of Brunei.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary Board of Investment and other senior officials, reflecting the importance Pakistan attaches to strengthening economic ties with ASEAN

During the discussions, Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh highlighted the strapartners for Pakistan and briefed the delega-



tion on the role of Special Economic Zones ating employment opportunities. (SEZs) and the Facilitation Centre in promoting investment opportunities across the country. He tegic importance of ASEAN countries as key at fostering sustainable industrial growth, actively working to facilitate and promote investment and fostering regional economic attracting foreign direct investment, and gener-

The Secretary of the Board of Investment ronment. Mr. Jamil Ahmad Qureshi stated that both investment opportunities across Pakistan, partnerships.

ensuring a smooth and investor-friendly envi-

Under the leadership of Federal Minister Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, the Board of Investment

emphasized that these zones provide a structhe Board of Investment (BOI) and the Special tured and investor-friendly environment, aimed Investment Facilitation Centre (SIFC) are remains committed to promoting sustainable

∡oan Agreement

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Economic Affairs, Muhammad Humair Karim and Kuwait's Deputy Head of Mission Mr. Fahad Hesham exchanging notes of 2nd Loan Agreement between KFAED and Pakistan



Photo: Online

LHC Upholds CCP's Authority, Rejects Honda Atlas Bid to Stall Inquiry

Commerce Desk

High Court (LHC) has by Honda Atlas Cars (Pakistan) Limited against the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), upholding the regulator's authority to seek information and conduct inquiries into possible anti-competitive practices in the automobile sector.

Justice Raheel Kamran, ruled that the CCP has clear powers under Sections 36 and 37 of the Competition Act, 2010 to collect data, and investigate anti-competitive behaviour. The court was clearly intended to stall three years

the inquiry

The CCP's inquiry, initi-LAHORE: The Lahore ated in November 2018, focused on allegations dismissed the petition filed of on-money payments, delayed deliveries, and price hikes after booking. Between 2018 and 2022, the Commission issued at least five notices seeking details about production, pricing, localization ratios, and dealer arrangements. Honda repeatedly sought extensions but failed to fully in a detailed judgment, comply, despite physical visits by the CCP's inquiry team in 2019 and 2021.

Instead of submitting complete data, the examine market conduct, company raised technical objections, questioning the legality of the inquiry and observed that Honda Atlas the Commission's quorum. had initially participated in In June 2023, it approached the proceedings before chalthe LHC and obtained a stay lenging the CCP's jurisdic- order that effectively froze tion — a move the court said the investigation for nearly

LUMS and HBL Join Hands to Develop **Commercial Financing Schemes**

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: LUMS and Habib Bank Limited (HBL) have signed an MoU to collaborate on developing commercial financing schemes for LUMS' upcoming project, 'Pakistan-Battery Swapping Network'.

The initiative aims to accelerate the adoption of electric three-wheelers in Pakistan by introducing flexible and accessible financing options. Through this collaboration, both institutions seek to drive the transition toward cleaner, emission-free transport solutions and contribute to improving air quality across urban centres.

Beyond reducing emissions, the project aligns with Pakistan's climate change mitigation commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement and the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

The signing ceremony was held at LUMS and was attended by senior representatives from both organisations, including Omer Mallick, Product Head SME, HBL, and Dr. Tariq Mahmood Jadoon, Provost, LUMS, along with team members from the LUMS



Energy Institute (LEI) and HBL's SME divi-

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Naveed Arshad, Director, LEI emphasised the project's role in catalysing private sector investment in electric vehicle (EV) charging

Dr. Tariq Mahmood Jadoon highlighted the university's continued leadership in EV research and innovation, stating, "LUMS has established the eMobility Research and Development Centre—the first-of-its-kind facility in Pakistan for testing and charac-

terisation of EV batteries, motors, and other components.

Expressing HBL's commitment to enabling sustainable finance and innovation, Omer Mallick, Product Head SME at HBL, shared, "We are delighted to partner with LUMS on this pioneering initiative. Through the Mitigation Action Facility's support for a first-loss guarantee, HBL will be able to offer subsidised and convenient financing options to private sector players and SMEs, facilitating the rollout of EV charging infrastructure across Pakistan."

DWP Group Partners with NUST to Empower Pakistan's Future through Education

跨 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a significant step toward nurturing Pakistan's future leaders, DWP Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) to support higher education for deserving students.

The MoU was formally signed between Sabahud-Din, representing DWP Group, and Arooba Gillani, Director of Advancement at NUST, in a ceremony held at the university campus.

Speaking on the occasion, Sabah-ud-Din, representing DWP Group, said, "At DWP Group, we believe that education is the foundation of progress and empowerment. By supporting talented



reflection of our long-term

commitment to nation-

building through knowledge and inclusion. Muhammad Naseem, Chairman & CEO of DWP Group, said, "This collaboration with NUST is part of DWP's mission to give back to society by investing in human potential. We are proud to support bright students who have the

passion and capability to excel

but lack financial means."

inDrive Launches People of inDrive Mural to Honor Pakistan's Change-Makers

Example 2 Commerce Desk

KARACHI: inDrive has launched the People of inDrive campaign, paying tribute to individuals who have made a meaningful impact in society through their decisions.

painting showcasing five inspiring tion, who is the first football player Pakistanis, highlighting their journey, courage, and purpose.

The individuals featured in the CEO and Co-founder of Connect-Foundation, who is bringing others through their actions."

change through education and youth empowerment in Lyari; Faiza Yousuf, Co-founder and Chief Program Officer of CaterpillHERs, Co-founder of Code-Girls, and Founder of WomenIn-TechPK; Irfan Junejo, a renowned content creator; and Karishma Ali, The campaign features a mural Founder of Karishma Ali Foundafrom Chitral to represent Pakistan internationally.

On this occasion, Owais Saeed, mural include Azima Dhanjee, Country Head of inDrive Pakistan, said, "inDrive believes in cele-Hear, who is empowering the deaf brating individuals who choose to community through sign language; make a positive impact in the lives Hanain Abbas, Founder of HOL of those around them and inspire



Pakistan vs South Africa 2nd T-20 Match

Pakistan Cricket Team Defeated South Africa By 9 Wickets in the Second T20 Match to Level The Šeries

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LAHORE: Pakistan cricket team defeated South Africa by 9 wickets in the second T20 match to level the series, the decisive match in the next 24 hours, Babar Azam's record. Pakistan defeated South Africa to level the series, the decisive match in the next 24 hours. Cricket breaking news is that Pakistan won the second T20 International match against South Africa by 9 wickets and leveled the 3-match series 1-1. The decisive match will be played in less than 24 hours on Saturday, November 1st.

Winning the toss and the bowling line played an important role in Pakistan's victory. Especially Salman Mirza bowled well in the first 3 overs and took 3 wickets, due to which the South African team was dismissed for just 110 runs in 19.2 overs. Pakistan achieved the target by one wicket in 13.1 overs.

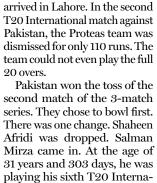
Pakistan started confidently in pursuit of 111 runs and Saim Ayub and Sahibzada Farhan played a good game. The Proteas bowling line was ineffective. After a 54-run start, the team got support. Sahibzada Farhan was dismissed for 28 runs. As soon as Babar Azam came in, Babar Babar slogans started being chanted. Saim Ayub completed his 9th half-century during this time. Babar broke Rohit Shar-











was 11 not out. Earlier, in the second T20, South Africa was

dismissed for 110, Salman Mirza

was in the headlines. The Proteas

missed the flight as soon as they

tional match. Due to the excellent bowling of the left-hand pacer, the Proteas faced difficulties from the beginning. The team could not recover after losing 4 wickets for 23 runs. 3 of these wickets were by Salman Mirza. The Pakistani bowling line

maintained the pressure and dismissed the visiting team for 110 runs in 19.2 overs. Reza Hendricks made 0, Quinton de Kock 7 and Tony de Zorzi 7, Dewald Brewis 25 and captain Ferreira 15. For Pakistan, Salman Mirza took 3 wickets for 14 runs in 4 overs and Faheem Ashraf took 4 wickets for 23 runs in 3.2 overs. Naseem Shah took 2 wickets for 28 runs. Mohammad Nawaz could not get out for 19 runs in 4 overs. Abrar Ahmed

PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket (Karachi Region)

Sports Desk

KARACHI: Three more matches decided in the PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket (Karachi Region) on Thursday at various Grounds of the City.

The highlights of the days play was brilliant Centuries 114 by Omar 6/29.

Scores in Brief: Grammer School by 6 Wickets at Butt 2/29. IBA University Ground. Karachi

20.4 overs. Faraz Omar 26 not overs. Rehman Riaz 57 8x4, out, Mir Fahad 22. Shoaib Abbasi (ob) 4/14, Muhammad Rehman (mf) 3/15, Syed Abubakar 2/37. In reply GBSS Hajirabad 95/4

in 11.5 overs. Jan Muhammad 32 not out. Sved Nazeer (mf) 3/37. In the 2nd Match Kamran Public School beat Bahria

Muhammad Asghar, Syed Aun College and School by 117 runs Jaffri 109 and deadly bowling at NED University Ground. by Medium Pacer Muhammad Kamran Public School 235/5 in 40 overs. Syed Aun Jaffri 109 16x4, Zain Ali Jaffri 38, Mustufa GBSS Hajirabad beat Karachi Omar 27, Matjullah 24, Burhan

In reply Bahria College Grammer School 93 all out in and School 118 allout in 22.3 3/25.

Muhammad Siyyam 21. Aarib Faisal (rlb) 3/11, Baryaal Khan 2/0, Shan e Baqar Naqvi 2/28, M. Rehman Zaib 2/42.

In the 3rd Match Ebrahim Ali Bhai School beat GBSS F. C. Area by 110 runs at Jinnah College. Ebrahim Ali Bhai School 193 all-out in 37.3 overs. Muhammad Asghar 114 18x4, Muhammad Zahid 21. Salman Khan 2/24, Umar Shah 2/45.

In reply GBSS F. C. Area 83 ll-out in 16.2 overs. Sved Wagar Ali 28. Muhammad Umar (mf) 6/29, Muhammad Abbas (mf)



Hasnain bags maiden first-class five-for, Faham smashes maiden century on day two of round five

ISLAMABAD: The day two of the fifth round of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2025-26 saw Sialkot and Pakistan pacer Mohammad Hasnain and Faisalabad opening batter Faham-ul-Haq register memorable career milestones in firstclass cricket as exciting action unfolded across the five venues in four cities.

Abbottabad were made to follow-on by Sialkot as they faltered in their first a 293-run first innings deficit at the Diamond Cricket Ground, Islamabad. 37-1 in 10.2 overs when stumps were Stadium, Rawalpindi. drawn - trailing by 256 runs.

supported in Abbottabad's annihilation by Test pacers Hasan Ali (8.5-3-14-3) and Mohammad Ali (11-1-27-2).

Earlier, Shahnawaz Dahani's fourth first-class five-wicket haul (27-6-86-5) and Israr Hussain's 4-117 helped Abbottabad wrap up Sialkot's first innings for 385 all out in 107.1 overs after they resumed from overnight score of 322-4 in 83.2 overs

Faham-ul-Haq registered his maiden innings getting bowled out for 92 in first-class century (137 not out, 264b, 34.5 overs from being 51-2, incurring 17x4s) to bring his team closer to parity with Peshawar's 320-run first innings total as they finished the day with 309-7 In their second dig, Abbottabad were in 94 overs at the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket

Beginning their first innings at the Sialkot's pacer Mohammad Hasnain start of day two, Faisalabad's opening Afridi arrested the slump with a brisk 71 bagged his maiden first-class five-for batters Faham and Hasan Raza (40, returning figures of 8-3-22-5 – besting 66b, 8x4s) put on a 66-run opening

Faham also shared a 55-run secondwicket stand with Asim Ali Nasir (38. 70b, 5x4s, 1×6), a 66-run fourth-wicket stand with Muhammad Awais Zafar (90, 56b, 1×4) and another 55-run sixth-wicket stand with Taimur Khan (24, 40b, 4x4s) to keep Faisalabad's innings intact.

At the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, FATA finished the day with 213-7 in 38.2 overs - with another 219 runs in arrears - in reply to Islamabad's 432 all out in the first innings. For Islamabad, pacers Hunain Shah (4-69) and Musa Khan (2-44) combined to take six wickets and reduced FATA to 107-5 at one stage.

Fata's wicketkeeper-batter Rehan not out off 57 balls hitting 11 fours and two sixes. Opening batters Mohammad

Mohammad Farooq (36, 26b, 8x4s) provided their team a blazing start with a 68-run opening stand.

Earlier in the day, Islamabad's Sarmad Bhatti remained unbeaten on 150 off 253 balls striking 28 fours, while Rohail Nazir fell after adding five runs to his overnight score of 96 - bringing up his sixth first-class century.

Islamabad, who were 326-4 at stumps on opening day - were dismissed for 432 in 103 overs as Fata's pace trio of Akif Javed (4-121), Arshadullah (3-109) and Sameen Gul (2-83) bagged nine wickets combined.

A total of 16 wickets fell at the Imran Khan Stadium, Peshawar in the fixture between Karachi Blues and Bahawalpur as the latter ended day two with 35-1 in pursuit of a 213-run target.

Bahawalpur resumed their first

55-5 in 18 overs before being skittled for 115 in 33 overs as Saqib Khan (4-42), Muhammad Umar (3-34) and Mohammad Hamza (2-28) shared nine wickets among giving Karachi a 102-run lead.

In the second innings, no Karachi Blues batter entered the double figures except Omair Bin Yousuf (76, 113b, 11x4s) as they slumped to 30-5, 49-7 before being bowled out for 110 in 37.5 overs. Gulfam Aziz picked up three wickets, while Mohammad Azab and Muhammad Imran dismissed two

second innings lead after they ended the day two with 122-3 in 34.5 overs against Lahore Whites at the Marghzar Cricket Ground, Islamabad.

Facing a 119-run first innings deficit,

Naeem (41, 30b, 5x4s, 2x6s) and innings from overnight score of Multan's Waqar Hussain (49, 84b, 8x4s) and Imran Butt (38 not out, 68b, 4x4s) stitched a 69-run secondwicket stand before Mohammad Abbas removed the former.

Earlier, Lahore Whites were bowled out for 283 in 74 overs as they resumed from their overnight score of 121-4 in 32overs. For Multan, Mohammad Ismail picked up three wickets, while Arafat Minhas, Kashif Ali and Mohammad Shan dismissed two batters each.

Lahore Whites' lower order contributed to help their team gain a substantial first innings lead as no.6 Qasim Akram struck his eighth first-class Multan had gained a mere three-run half-century (61, 69b, 11x4s), while Aamir Jamal (45, 68b, 7x4s, 1×6), Nisar Ahmed (33, 45b, 5x4s, 1×6) and Mohammad Abbas (22, 38b, 5x4s) frustrated the Multan bowlers after their team slipped to 172-7.

President US Critical Minerals Forum discuss cooperation with Finance Minister

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On privatisation and SOE reforms, the finance minister shared that 24 stateowned enterprises have been referred to the Privatisation Commission as part of the government's commitment to improve service delivery and enhance fiscal discipline.

The minister also emphasized Pakistan's strengthened geopolitical and stan today stands at a constructive intersection of global relationshipsrenewed momentum in Pakistan-US ties, time-tested relations with China, and forward-looking strategic cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

stan's mineral and mining sector represents a transformational opportunity: "This offer Pakistan a pathway to shift from consumption-driven cycles to export-led growth. A strong minerals policy framework will help Pakistan break the cycle of periodic balance-ofpayments pressures and reduce future

reliance on multilateral support." Strayer shared that the Critical economic partnerships, stating, "Paki- Minerals Forum, funded by the US government, works globally to support secure and transparent mineral supply chains for US industry, particularly in

emerging markets. He stated that the forum focuses on rare and niche metals including copper and antimony and aims to de-risk

The minister stressed that Paki- investments from both financial and security perspectives. He reiterated the Forum's commitment to support technology transfer, IP protection, and US private-sector investor confidence.

> The US delegation observed that the United States views Pakistan's science, engineering, and mathematics talent as a competitive strength and acknowledged Pakistan's potential to become a future hub for critical mineral development.

The Chargé d'Affaires noted the Embassy's support for US commercial engagement in Pakistan and emphasized the importance of ensuring strong investor confidence and enabling regulatory frameworks in the minerals

Army committed to defending homeland, ready to respond firmly to any aggression: DG *ISPR*

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Faculty members voiced concern over the growing efforts by hostile elements to misguide the youth through misinformation. They emphasised the need to provide students with verified and factual information to counter false narratives.

Students said they were proud to belong to a country whose armed forces continued to inspire and guide the younger genera-

They added that the DG ISPR's detailed responses had helped dispel misconceptions about national and provincial matters, as well as the role of the military in safeguarding Pakistan's stability.

PM assures full cooperation with KP govī to curb terrorism

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He added that the school would provide free-of-cost education along with boarding and lodging facilities

to deserving students. Terming Chitral one of the most beautiful areas of KP, the Prime Minister praised the bravery and patriotism of its people and people of KP, saying their contributions towards national development would always be remembered.

He also noted that former Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif had paid special attention to the development of Chitral.

Speaking on the occasion, Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and

appreciated the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, saying that under his guidance the country's economy was stabilizing.

SAFRON, Engr. Amir Muqam,

He said Pakistan had achieved several successes on diplomatic and defense fronts.

Amir Mugam, who is also Provincial President of PML-N KP recalled that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had allocated special funds for the development of Lowari Top.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister was also briefed about the Danish School project.

Federal Minister for Information Attaullah Tarar was also present on the occasion.

ated," Asif said, adding that crossborder infiltration from Afghanistan

continues in one form or another.

incursions into Pakistan."

Pakistan (TTP).

"Kabul must guarantee peace in and Turkish mediation, with the Pakistan. Whether it is the TTP or third round of talks scheduled for

"Our foremost demand is that Afghan soil must not be used for

He said normal neighbourly rela-

tions could only be achieved if the Taliban stopped sheltering and

supporting the Tehreek-e-Taliban

return to normal," he added.

"If this patronage continues, our relations with Afghanistan can never

Asif disclosed that Pakistan and

Afghanistan had reached an interim understanding through Qatari

Kabul must end support for terrorists or risk ties

with Pakistan: Defence

minister

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terrorism is stopped.

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister

Khawaja Asif has urged the Afghan

Taliban regime to end its backing of terrorist elements, warning that

Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan

cannot improve unless cross-border

the minister said Pakistan would

not step back from its position on

terrorism, stressing that peace in Pakistan depends on Afghanistan's

commitment to prevent its soil from

being used against the neighbouring

the BLA, terrorism will not be toler- November 6.

Speaking to the media on Friday,

The Spokesman

Called on ISLAMABAD: Iran's Ambassador to Pakistan, Reza Amiri Moghadam, called on Federal Minister for Communications Mr.

Pakistan to stay engaged in talks with Afghan Taliban, hopes for positive outcome: FO

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will continue to remain engaged in the ongoing mediation process and hopes for a positive outcome in the next round of talks with the Afghan Taliban regime, scheduled for November 6.

This was stated by Foreign Office Spokesperson Tahir Hussain Andrabi during his weekly media briefing in Islamabad on Friday.

He reaffirmed that Pakistan's government and armed

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Peshawar on Friday.

PESHAWAR: The newly-ap-

pointed cabinet ministers

of the Khyber Pakhtunkh-

wa government have been

sworn in, as Governor Fasial

Karim Kundi administered

the oath-taking ceremony in

Chief Minister Sohail Afridi,

Speaker Assembly Babar

Saleem Swati, along with other

senior officials, attended the

ceremony at the Governor's

In the first phase of cabinet

The ministers included

Mina Khan, Fazal Shakoor, Faisal Turkai, Aaqibullah,

Arshad Ayub Khan, Aftab

Alam, Dr Amjad, Khaliq-ur-Rehman, Riaz Khan, and Syed Fakhar Jehan.

Mazmil Aslam and Taj

formation, 10 ministers, two advisors, and a special assis-

tant had been included.



of its people.

takes oath in Peshawar

forces are fully prepared to participated in the recent stance that Afghan soil must take all possible measures to Istanbul talks "in good faith not be used for terrorism protect the country's sover- and with positive intent," eignty and ensure the security engaging constructively with

the Taliban regime without Andrabi said Pakistan compromising its principled

> against Pakistan. He said Pakistan does not terrorism and furthering Afghan Taliban regime.

KP cabinet sworn in as Governor Kundi

Pakistan's concerns had been ignored, leading to "unprovoked aggression" supported by Fitna al-Khawarij, which resulted in recent cross-border exchanges

He said Pakistan decisively responded to the Afghan provthe border area, facilitating

He also appreciated the "constructive and sincere efforts" of Qatar and Turkiye for facilitating the peace process.

Responding to a question, the Foreign Office spokesperson expressed optimism ocation aimed at destabilising about the upcoming round of talks between Pakistan and the

Bilawal again delays seek escalation but expects Fitna al Khawarij's nefarious the Afghan Taliban to honour designs. Pakistan will respond announcement of their international commitresolutely if provocations ments and address Pakistan's continue in future. Andrabi reaffirmed that legitimate security concerns by taking concrete and verifiable Pakistan remains desirous new AJK prime action against terrorist entiof a peaceful, stable, and ties, including Fitna al-Khaprosperous Afghanistan warij and Fitna al-Hindustan. that contributes to regional The spokesperson said stability. minister



Karachi's e-challan system

blunders again, fine issued

for stolen motorcycle

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has once again delayed announcing the name of the new Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), though party sources say Chaudhry Yaseen has been finalised as the nominee for the top slot.

According to sources at Zardari House, internal consultations within the party have been completed, and Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari is expected to make a formal announcement in Muzaffarabad soon.

Party leaders said the delay was aimed at finalising discussions with consensus on the next phase of political strategy in the region.

Speaking to the media after a meeting at Zardari House in Islamevery forum, including the Organi- dence motion.

sation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). "The foundation of the PPP rests

on the Kashmir cause. For three generations, our party has stood by the people of Kashmir," he said. He noted that the last AJK elections were held during the PTI

government and alleged that the PPP's victory was turned into a defeat. "Due to conspiracies, a political

vacuum has been created in Azad Kashmir, harming the Kashmir cause," he added.

Meanwhile, sources said the PML-N has once again declined PPP's offer to join the new coalition government in AJK. Party insiders stated that even if PPP assures early allied groups and developing a elections before the assembly's term ends, PML-N will not take part in any power-sharing arrangement.

However, PML-N has made it clear that it will not oppose PPP's abad, Bilawal said the PPP had always nominee for prime minister and will championed the Kashmir cause at support the party in the no-confi-

Punjab govt readies law to take on land-property mafia

Muhammad Tarand took oath as advisers to the provincial chief executive, while Shafeeullah Jan as a special assistant.

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LAHORE: Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has approved Punjab Protection of Ownership and Immovable Property Ordinance 2025 to deal with those who grab the property of the people.

Resolution Committees under Ordinance for the petitioners who have been going through the courts for years.

case in Punjab will be decided by the Dispute Resolution Committee in just 90 days. A special tribunal set up

under the chairmanship of a retired judge of the High Court will hear the appeal against the decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee.

The special tribunal will also be bound to decide the appeal

within 90. According to Chief Minister Chairing a meeting in Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision Lahore, Chief Minister Maryam of a state at the doorstep of the Nawaz has established Dispute people, under the new ordinance, in every district of Punjab Dispute Resolution Committee to be established.

Now every land grabbing in Punjab, the Dispute Resolution Committee will resolve property before going to court. The Convener of the



6-member District Settlement and protection of public prop-Committee will include the erty rights established and

and other officials. the issue of possession of private Resolution Committees func-

Under the new justice system Deputy Commissioner, DPO land will be recovered from of the mafia has been closed the possession mafia within Target set to make Dispute 24 hours after the decision of

> A new example of state writ Punjab Enforcement and takes possession of it. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi

Regulatory Authority (PERA) to free possession from those who grab the property of the people was reviewed in the meeting.

Proposals for digital records and social media live streaming for transparency were also reviewed. Maryam Nawaz said no

one will snatch anyone's land in Punjab now, a mother-like state stands with every weak. Whoever owns it has the

right to own it and the chapter forever, Maryam Nawaz said.

She said for a common man, a small property or land is the

跨 Bureau Report Speaking to local reporters, KARACHI: The recently launched fying the police years ago about the electronic traffic challan system in theft. "Issuing a challan for a vehicle Karachi has once again come under scrutiny after a citizen received an that has been missing for years e-challan for a motorcycle that was

stolen four years ago.

According to the affected citizen, his motorcycle was stolen from Tipu incident and said an internal review Sultan Road in 2020, and a theft has been launched to identify the report had been duly registered at cause of the error and to prevent the Tipu Sultan Police Station at the time.

However, on October 27, he received an electronic challan notice imposing a Rs5,000 fine for a helmet violation allegedly committed on the same stolen vehicle.

the citizen said that despite noti-

clearly exposes flaws in the e-challan system," he said.

Police officials acknowledged the similar occurrences in the future.



tional within 30 days Recommendation to hire whole universe and the mafia