(صحیح بناری: مدیث نمر 6336) Barkat Rice Mills

Iran said on Sunday that it would rebuild nuclear sites damaged by Israeli and US strikes "stronger than before", as mediator Oman urged Tehran and Washington to revive stalled diplomacy.

PM's spokesperson for foreign media Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar shared

Simultaneously published from Islamabad, Lahore and Multan

President Zardari to

Social Development Summit in Doha

attend UN-backed

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ISLAMABAD: President Asif

Ali Zardari will attend the

Second World Summit for

Social Development in Doha,

Qatar, from November 4–6,

2025, being held under the auspices of the United Nations

According to a statement issued by the President's

Secretariat, the summit will

bring together world leaders

and policymakers to discuss advancing social development,

promoting decent work and

employment opportunities, and strengthening inclusive

On the sidelines, Presi-

dent Zardari will hold impor-

tant meetings with global and

regional leaders, including the

General Assembly.

safety nets.

Humanitarian aid

A convoy carrying humanitarian aid for Gaza on its way to the Rafah crossing last month.



Photo: Khaled Elfiqi/EPA

Hamas rejects US accusation it looted aid trucks in Gaza

News Desk

Command (CENTCOM) that attempt to justify the further the Palestinian group looted aid reduction of already limited trucks in the Gaza Strip, Alja-humanitarian aid, while zeera reported.

drone footage that allegedly showed an aid truck being looted in the enclave. It said that was travelling as part

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minis-

ter Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif,

Government of Pakistan is firm-

ly committed to protecting press

In a message on the Interna-

tional Day to End Impunity for

Crimes against Journalists, he said

a strong, transparent and demo-

ronment for journalists..

Sunday, reiterated that the public's access to facts and stood

freedom and ensuring a safe envi-vengeance against them in the

"A free press is the guarantee for the prime minister as saying...

covering up the international CENTCOM had published community's failure to end the blockade and starvation imposed on civilians in Gaza".

"All manifestations of chaos in a statement that the drone and looting ended immediobserved suspected Hamas ately after the withdrawal of operatives looting the truck the [Israeli] occupying forces, proving that the occupation was in northern Khan Younis on these gangs and orchestrated Central Command is fabri- commercial goods and aid into Gaza.

of press freedom, journalists

that a free, informed and respon-

sible press was the foundation of

any democratic society, he said,

adding journalists enabled the

"Acts of violence, threats or

course of their professional duties

are, in fact, attacks on freedom of

expression," PM Office Media

Wing, in a press release, quoted

On the occasion, the prime

minister paid tribute to all journal-

as torchbearers of truth.

the chaos," it added.

GAZA: Hamas has denied the United States' accusations. Palestinian police and security, the reduction of humanitarian, the statement accusations by the US Central "unfounded" and "part of an forces had lost their lives and aid," it said, blaming the US for hundreds were wounded while trying to provide protection for humanitarian aid convoys and ensure that assistance reaches those in need.

It affirmed that none of the international or local institutions, nor any driver working with the aid convoys, has filed any report or complaint about

looting by Hamas.

PM reiterates GoP's commitment to protection

cated and politically motivated Gaza daily. This incident underfailing to document the ongoing Israeli attacks following the ceasefire agreement that killed 254 Palestinians and wounded

CENTCOM said that the MQ-9 aerial drone was flying overhead to monitor the implementation of the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

"Over the past week, inter-

On Sunday, Hamas called Hamas said more than 1,000 to justify blockade policies and mines these efforts," it said in Hamas said the average

number of aid trucks entering Gaza daily does not exceed 135, while the rest are commercial trucks bearing goods that Gaza's population cannot afford "despite our repeated calls to increase the number of humanitarian aid trucks and reduce commercial shipments".

Since October 2023, Israel's war on Gaza has killed This clearly demonstrates national partners have deliv- more than 68,500 people and of a humanitarian convoy the only party that sponsored that the scene cited by the US ered more than 600 trucks of wounded over 170,600 across

families of those writers, journal-

ists and media workers who lost

"We will take all necessary

measures to guarantee effective

investigation of crimes against

journalists, deliver justice, and

ensure legal action against the

perpetrators," he further empha-

The prime minister urged the

international community, media

organizations, and civil society to

play their part in safeguarding

journalists and promoting

freedom of expression.

their lives in the line of duty.

leadership of Qatar and heads global commitments on social of major multilateral forums protection and financing for such as the United Nations and development. Sugar prices soar to Rs210 per kg amid nationwide

shortage

跨 Tariq Khattak

ISLAMABAD: The sugar prices have surged sharply across the country in recent days amid a shortage, sources said on

Blaming short supply, many shopkeepers have started selling at much higher prices against the rates fixed by the government.

The commodity remains largely unavailable at official rates and is being sold for as high as Rs210 per kilogram in open markets.

In Lahore, sugar is being sold at Rs210 per kg in the open market. While many shops display official price lists but they said the commodity is not available.

In Islamabad, the official rate stands at Rs179 per kg; however, sugar is being sold at Rs181 to Rs185 per kg at retail outlets.

stated that the government-sup- gether.

plied sugar is available only in limited quantities, making it difficult for them to meet consumer demand. In Peshawar, sugar prices

other international organisa-

President Zardari will high-

light Pakistan's commitment

to inclusive growth and social

protection, with the Benazir

Income Support Programme (BISP) at the core of efforts to

reduce poverty and enhance

resilience among vulnerable

Pakistan's readiness to pilot

a Doha-aligned Social Protec-

tion and Jobs Compact (2026-

28) — aimed at expanding

coverage to informal workers.

persons with disabilities, and children, while promoting

decent work and green employment — will also be

The initiative aligns Paki-

stan's national plans with the

Doha Political Declaration and

spiked suddenly, with wholesale rates reaching Rs190 per kg and retail prices ranging from Rs200 to Rs210. Similarly, in Quetta, sugar is

being sold between Rs205 and Rs215 per kg, adding to the public's distress.

Retailers said that selling sugar at government rates has become increasingly difficult.

President of the Kiryana Association, Saleem Parvez Butt, stated that retailers are barely able to sell sugar at Rs185 per kg, while authorities are imposing fines for exceeding official prices. He added that shopkeepers

are facing penalties despite an acute shortage in supply, warning that if adequate sugar supply is not ensured, retailers Retailers in the federal capital may be forced to halt sales alto-

Newborn 'sold' over unpaid hospital bills in Karachi

Today served as a reminder ists who had endured hardships in the pursuit of truth and justice and expressed solidarity with the

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cratic Pakistan".

KARACHI: A shocking incident has come to light in Karachi's Memon Goth area, where a private hospital allegedly sold a newborn after the parents failed to pay medical expenses.

According to police, the made so far. hospital administration allegedly sold the infant under the

pretext of recovering dues. However, the police later recovered the baby and handed

him back to his parents. The incident occurred on in Memon Goth, while a formal

case was registered on Saturday. Police said the FIR was lodged on the complaint of the newborn's father.

Investigations are underway, though no arrests have been

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Malir Abdul Khaliq Pirzada said the newborn was safely reunited with the parents.

He added that the hospital where the baby was born has been sealed, while the two

October 7 at a private hospital main suspects — Dr Zahra and a woman named Shama Baloch, who allegedly bought the baby remained at large.

Investigations revealed that Shama Baloch, who had paid the hospital expenses, was actually an employee of the same hospital.

Along with Dr Zahra, she allegedly sold the newborn in

Police said raids were being conducted to arrest the suspects, and a thorough investigation into the incident is ongoing.



IED blast in Hangu injures three police personnel including SHO

跨 Bureau Report

HANGU: A Station House Officer was among the three injured police personnel when an improvised explosive device (IED) blast targeted the convoy of SP Investi- immediately and their condigation Abdul Samad in the tion is reported to be out of Doaba area of Khyber Pakh-

As per the police sources, the convoy of SP Investi-Tal Mujahid and SHO Zubair was killed.

Imranuddin came under and IED attack.

SHO Dowabad Station, Sub Inspector Jahad Ali and constable Abid got injured in the attack. The injured were shifted to the DHQ hospital

It merits mentioning a few days earlier, a bomb blast also happened in Hangu as a result gation Abdul Samad, DSP of which SP Operations Asad

APHC expresses deep concern over long imprisonment of Hurriyat leaders and workers in Indian jails

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

ISLAMABAD: The All-Party Hurriyat Conference (Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan Branch) expresses its deep concern and regret over the condition of Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders and workers who have been in Indian prisons for decades. And the worst atrocities are serious violations of humanitarian and international law.

In his statement from Islamabad, Convener of the All-Jamaat Hurrivat Conference Ghulam Muhammad Safi* said that "the crime of these leaders is only to the extent that they violated the innate and true nature of their nation. They are, which the UN itself gave to right to determine their own future. the Kashmiri people."

They recalled that 77 years ago, India



Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had clearly declared in took its own issue of Kashmir to the Srinagar that "Our military interven-United Nations and promised that the tion is merely to establish peace, and as Kashmiri people would be given the soon as peace is restored, Indian troops India to:

the opportunity to decide your future." Ghulam Muhammad Safi said that it is unfortunate that India has not only denied itself this international commitment but also those leaders,

will withdraw. The vote will give you

who are supposed to remind us of this commitment, we can stop accusing Her of keeping. Most of them are suffering from serious illnesses or have no access to medical facilities, which is explicitly against the UN Charter of Human Rights and the Nelson Mandela Rules.

The All-Party Hurrivat Conference calls on the United Nations, the European Union, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and human rights phrase international organizations to immediately put pressure on

1. Immediate evacuation of all movement leaders and personnel.

2. Stop the series of political repression and exploitation in Jammu and Kashmir.

3. Give Kashmiris the right to self-determination in accordance with

UAJK Organizes Thrilling 3-Day Women Table Tennis Championship



👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (UAJK) organized a thrilling 3-day Women Table Tennis Championship in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. The championship featured top female table tennis players from across the country, with Punjab University emerging as the Winner in the Single event and Kinnaird College Lahore taking home the coveted title in the Double event.

The Organizing Team, led by Dr. Faisal Mahmood, Dr. Shahida Khalique, Dr. Umair Sularia, and Waseem Awan, deserves a standing ovation for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of the championship, which promoted women's sports and showcased the talents of female athletes.

The championship was a resounding success, with participants and spectators alike praising the organizers for their efforts in promoting sports and healthy competition among women.

District Health Council Meeting Held



👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: An important meeting of the District Health Council Toba Tek Singh was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The meeting was jointly chaired by Member Provincial Assembly Chaudhry Amjad Ali Javid and Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas

Chief Executive Officer Health Dr. Kashif Nadeem, Medical Superintendent Dr. Shabab Alam and other council members also attended

During the session, key issues came under discussion, including the performance of government hospitals, shortage of doctors, recruitment against vacant posts and the provision of improved healthcare facilities to the public. It was decided to ensure 100% availability of medicines in all government hospitals across the district.

The council also approved the allocation of 20 beds for the Thalassemia Centre along with the procurement of essential medical equipment, dialysis machine parts and PCR kits. Progress on the Trauma Center, Oxygen Plant and Net Metering projects was also reviewed.

Speaking on the occasion, MPA Chaudhry Amjad Ali Javid said that protecting public health is the top priority of the Government of Puniab. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Puniab Marvam Nawaz Sharif, comprehensive and positive reforms are being introduced in the health sector to provide modern treatment facilities to the citizens. Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela emphasized that quality and timely healthcare is a fundamental right of every citizen. He assured that all available resources will be utilized to improve the public health system and bring significant enhancements to facilities at government hospitals.

Chief Officer Municipal Committee Kamalia Ali Raza is Dedicated and Responsible Officer

跨 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Chief Officer of Municipal Committee Kamalia Ali Raza is known as a hardworking, honest and responsible officer. He is performing his duties with full dedication and commitment, ensuring transparency and efficiency in municipal affairs. According to details, Ali Raza has always prioritized public service and takes timely action to resolve civic issues.



Citizens of the city have expressed their satisfaction with his performance, stating that Ali Raza listens to public concerns and ensures quick responses from the municipal staff. His professional attitude and sincere efforts reflect his strong sense of duty and devotion to serving the community.

Officials further highlighted that under his leadership, various development and beautification projects are being carried out to improve the city's environment and infrastructure.

Ali Raza's honest and hardworking nature continues to set a high standard for good governance at the local level.

Fire gutted makeshift huts

KARACHI: Residents collect their belongings from the debris of their houses after fire broke out shanties in a slum area of Gulistan-e-Jauhar in the Provincial Capital. A massive fire gutted more than 500 makeshift huts in Karachi.



DFP denounces NIA for opposing bail plea of Shabir Ahmed Shah

Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (DFP), a constituent of the All Parties Hurrivat Conference, has strongly condemned the Indian Nationopposing the bail plea of its incarcerdespite his deteriorating health condi-

In a statement issued here on today, DFP spokesperson Advocate Arshad Iqbal termed the NIA's case against Shah as "baseless and politically motivated." He said the agency, having other Hurriyat leaders were being failed to produce any substantial punished solely for their peaceful

to "dilly-dallying tactics" to prolong Shah's detention.

Referring to Shah's declining health, Advocate Iqbal criticized the Indian judiciary for "toeing the government line rather than delivering justice." He pointed out that Shabir Ahmed Shah al Investigation Agency (NIA) for has faced unproven charges since 1968 and, even after eight years in Delhi's ated president, Shabir Ahmed Shah, Tihar Jail, no court has been able to substantiate the allegations against

"The denial of bail is being used as a deliberate tactic to extend the unlawful detention of Kashmiri political prisoners," he said, adding that Shah and evidence in court, was now resorting political struggle and advocacy of the mination.



Kashmiri people's right to self-deter-

Denouncing Solicitor General Tushar Mehta for "distorting facts" regarding Shah's detention, Advocate Iqbal said the veteran leader has spent more than half his life behind bars due to his political beliefs.

He urged international human rights organizations to take immediate notice of Shah's fragile health, stressing that the ailing leader suffers from multiple ailments requiring specialized medical care unavailable in prison.

"Arrested in 2017, Shabir Ahmed Shah is suffering from several chronic diseases and has lost considerable weight, reflecting the alarming deterioration in his health," the DFP spokesman said.

Poets and writers are the Best Reflections of Society: Ahmed Mujtaba Gillani

👺 Kiran Asim

MULTAN: The event organized by Punjab Arts Council Multan and Sufi Forum Multan, titled "An Evening in the Name of Irfan Ahmed Khan", was presided over by former MPA Syed Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani, while the special guest was former MNA and Lord Mayor Multan Sheikh Tariq Rashid.

Professor Naseem Shahid and Azhar Saleem Majouka were the guests of honor. Akbar Bukhari performed the duties of stage secretary. The event was addressed by Syed Ahmed work. Sheikh Tariq Rashid said

Rashid, Professor Naseem Shahid, Azhar Saleem Majouka, Salim Qaiser, Ashraf Qureshi, Aamir Mahmood Naqshbandi, Sheikh Muhammad Deen Qureshi, Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar Malik Taj Ahmed Taj, Aslam Saghar, Mian Muhammad Azeem Saeed and Badruddin Qureshi. Syed Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani said that poets and writers are the best reflections of society.

They create the best written history of their time. Irfan Ahmed Khan has distinguished himself with his academic and literary

the problems of the present day through his pen. Writers who act with courage and self-interest and hypocrisy are lost in the pages of history, and writers who light the candle of truth and justice remain alive forever

Professor Dr. Irfan Ahmed Khan said that I made reading an integral part of my life. The passion for acquiring knowledge also made me a scholar. I always spoke with my pen in the context of humanity and truth.

The coming era belongs to books. Books keep their writers alive. Professor Naseem Shahid said

Mujtaba Gilani, Sheikh Tariq that today's writer expresses that Irfan Ahmed Khan's work in novel writing is at its peak. Positive results will be obtained from the literature of politicians and society will progress in all directions. Literature is also a statement of life and is also the reason for the prosperity of life.

Azhar Saleem Majuka said that Irfan Ahmed Khan gave a modern style to sketching and novels. Truth and realism are on the rise in his writings. Saleem Qaiser said that Irfan Ahmed Khan's novel writing is an excellent addition to Urdu literature. He is a prominent and dynamic writer of the present era.



said that Irfan Ahmed Khan is a progressive literary figure. He has always beautifully reflected human emotions and feelings through his writings. Alhaj Ashraf Qureshi said that only literature is good for Pakistan that promotes Pakistaniness and the ideology of Pakistan.

Aamir Mahmood Naqshbandi, Aslam Saghar, Muhammad Deen Muhammad Azeem Saeed of contemporary Urdu literatheir peak after years of hard and others.

work and study. Professor Irfan Ahmed Khan is a prominent and Qureshi, Badruddin Qureshi and unique figure in Urdu language Malik Taj Ahmed Taj and Mian and literature. The ceremony was attended by Fazal Elahi, described Professor Dr. Irfan Muhammad Siddique, Chaudhry Ahmed Khan as a valuable asset Muhammad Shafiq, Alamgir Tabassum Anwar Qamar Rao ture and said that writers reach Jabbar Zulfiqar Ali Azhar Zaidi



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27 cases registered in 24 hours during police anti-smog crackdown

LAHORE: Punjab Police's operations to prevent smog, curb air pollution, and protect the environment are continuing across the prov-

During the past 24 hours, 27 cases were registered and several lawbreakers were arrested during the ongoing anti-smog crackdown in various districts, including Lahore.

According to a Punjab Police spokesperson, fines amounting to over Rs. 4.6 million were imposed on 1.792 individuals, while 13 others were issued warnings. The operations recorded 98 violations crop residue burning, 1,374 cases involving vehicles emitting excessive smoke, 5 industrial violations, and 12 related to brick kilns.

The spokesperson added that since the beginning of the year, a total of 2,031 cases have been registered and 1,837 violators arrested in connection with smog-related offences. During this period, fines exceeding Rs. 216 million were imposed on 84,778 individuals, while over 16,000 persons were issued warnings. The violations included 742 incidents of crop residue burning, 57,301 vehicle emissions cases, 1,689 industrial violations, and 3,265 brick kiln offences.

Inspector General of Police Punjab Dr. Usman Anwar has directed officers concerned to further accelerate the anti-smog operations across highways, industrial zones, agricultural lands, and urban areas. He emphasized that strict and immediate action should be taken under a zero-tolerance policy against those found violating smog control SOPs.

RCCI Finalizes Preparations for Tashkent Business Conference and IAA

RAWALPINDI: President of the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), Mr. Usman Shaukat, held a constructive meeting with DG CARs, Mr. Zaigham, to review preparations for the upcoming Uzbekistan Business Opportunities Conference and International Achievement Awards (IAA), scheduled to take place 8-11 November in Tashkent.

The meeting focused on strengthening regional collaboration, promoting economic partnerships, and celebrating excellence in international business key elements of RCCI's vision to enhance cross-border trade and investment.

During the discussion, Mr. Usman Shaukat emphasized the commitment of the Pakistani business community to achieving tangible and longterm outcomes by launching new joint ventures with Uzbek companies.

"This visit is expected to serve as a powerful impetus for deepening trade and economic relations, creating employment opportunities, fostering technology exchange, and advancing joint initiatives for the mutual benefit

of the people of Uzbekistan and Pakistan," said Mr. Shaukat.

Pakistan and Uzbekistan share strong historical and cultural ties, and their economic partnership has grown significantly in recent years.

The two countries signed a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) in 2022, which has since led to a 40% increase in bilateral trade.

Strategically, both nations are vital to regional connectivity — with Uzbekistan, the largest landlocked republic in Central Asia, serving as a critical link connecting five Central Asian Republics (CARs) and acting as a bridge between the East and West.

Former RCCI Vice President and Chairman IAA, Mr. Shahraiz A. Malik, also attended the meeting and shared his insights to ensure the success of these prestigious international events.

The Business Opportunities Conference and International Achievement Awards aim to strengthen business-to-business (B2B) linkages, highlight investment opportunities, and recognize outstanding contributions in promoting regional trade, innovation, and economic development.



Group photo

ISLAMABAD: - Students posing for a group photograph with GM local Club Shamukh Baran Durrani after the Martial Arts competition at F-9 Park in the Federal Capital.



Photo: Online by Sultan Bashir

The City School Southern Region -Long Service Awards 2025



KARACHI: The City School Southern Region proudly hosted the **Long Service Awards 2025, a grand celebration honoring the dedicated, loyal, and hardworking employees who have devoted valuable

years of their lives to the institution's growth and success.

with an inspiring opening speech by Mr. Raza Abbas journey for years. Naqvi, who appreciated the school's vision, values, and Mr. Jehangir Feroz, Member the tireless efforts of its staff. of the Board of Directors, who He emphasized that the true attended as the Chief Guest.

been part of this remarkable

The event was graced by

success of The City School lies His presence added great in the commitment, passion, prestige to the occasion. In his The ceremony commenced and loyalty of those who have address, Mr. Feroz highlighted that The City School does not view its employees merely as workers but as pillars of the institution, whose dedication forms the foundation of its

PIDE, PIE Join Hands to Overhaul Pakistan's Outdated Curriculum

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and the Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE) convened a high-level brainstorming session to deliberate on one of Pakistan's most pressing educational challenges — the urgent need to reform the national curriculum to make it more inclusive, coherent, and relevant to learners' needs.

The session, attended by senior education experts, researchers, and policymakers, served as a platform for evidence-based dialogue on the current shortcomings of the national curriculum and possible pathways for

improvement. Dr. Nadeem Javaid, Vice Chan-



cellor, PIDE, and Dr. Shahid Soroya, Director General, PIE, represented their respective institutions and led the discussion on aligning education

policy with on-ground realities and Participants agreed that curriculum reform must be driven by data.

evidence, and inclusive dialogue among key stakeholders. Institutions such as PIDE and PIE have a central role to play — combining policy research, academic insight, and practical education expertise to develop sustainable solutions.

The session concluded with a shared commitment to continue collaboration in advancing a curriculum that promotes child-centered, competency-based, and contextually responsive learning.

Both institutions reaffirmed their dedication to helping shape an education system that empowers every Pakistani learner with the knowledge, skills, and values needed for national development and global engagement.

SDPI is all set to hold 28th SDC with 40+ sessions

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 $ISLAMABAD: Sustainable\ Development\ Policy\ Institute\ (SDPI)\ is\ all$ set to host its 4-day 28th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) — the Institute's annual flagship programme and one of the largest and most influential policy advocacy gatherings of South Asia — here on the premises of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad from

The conference will serve as a curtain-raiser to COP30 with the aim to spark actionable discussions on climate finance, trade, circular economy, inclusive growth, inequalities, Artificial Intelligence and the transformation of global governance for sustainable futures.

Alongside the conference, SDPI is also organizing the 3rd Sustainability Investment Expo (SIE) to bring academia, think tanks and industry close to each other in pursuit of providing capacity building and investment opportunities.

16th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES): The Summit will take center stage under the theme, "Exploring Innovations and Policies in the Circular Economy." Co-hosted by leading think tanks including SDPI (Pakistan), Centre for Policy Dialogue (Bangladesh), SAWTEE (Nepal), Institute of Policy Studies (Sri Lanka), and others, the summit continues its legacy as a premier regional platform fostering dialogue among policymakers, researchers, and civil society.

Punjab's Heritage Conservation Accelerated to Achieve Magnificent Punjab Vision, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta

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ISLAMABAD: "This conservation effort is a vital step towards preserving the cultural soul of Punjab," stated Secretary Tourism, Archaeology and Museums Punjab, Dr. Ehsan Bhutta, while conducting an extensive field visit yesterday to key heritage sites under the Archaeology Directorate including Summit Minar at Punjab Assembly, Saint Andrews Church near the Supreme Court Registry, Javed Manzil Auditorium & Library, and the historic Ali Mardan Khan Tomb.

He said that the efforts to conserve heritage sites are also being executed under the guidance of Chief Secretary Punjab Zahid Zaman Khan, whose leadership is ensuring efficient governance, timely execution, and maximum facilitation for safeguarding Punjab's archaeological treasures. He was accompanied by Director Conservation Anjum Qureshi, XEN C&W Umair Hassan, SDO Archaeology, and consultants Malik Maqsood and Atiqur Rehman.

Dr. Ehsan Bhutta emphasized stringent adherence to timelines and quality standards, appreciating the dedicated efforts of the Archaeology Directorate and Communication & Works Department. He directed that the pace of restoration be accelerated while ensuring meticulous preservation of cultural assets, adding that he will revisit the sites on 1st December to evaluate progress against the assigned deliverables.

Awareness seminar on the Topic of Prevention of Extremism and Violence in Society

👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: The Department of Sociology of Women University Multan and the Department of Punjab Probation and Parole Service, Home Department jointly organized an awareness seminar on the topic of "Prevention of Extremism and Violence". To reduce the growing trends of extremism, intolerance and violence in society, this seminar was organized at the Youth Development Center, with the aim of raising awareness among the young generation against the



trends of extremism, intolerance and violence and providing an intellectual and academic foundation for creating a peaceful, mutually respectful society. The special guest of the event was Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Kulsoom Paracha. In her address, Dr. Kulsoom Paracha said that in the modern era, extremism can be combated not only through law but also through education, understanding and promotion of positive dialogue. She further said that the youth are the valuable assets of the country, which teachers, parents and institutions should protect from negative ideologies. "We have a role to play," Dr. Kulsoom Paracha emphasized, "The fight against violence is actually an intellectual and moral jihad, in which tolerance, respect for humanity, and positive acceptance of differences of opinion are the fundamental pillars." She expressed her determination that the Women's University will continue to hold such lectures and seminars for the character building and intellectual training of the students in future as well so that the young generation can be provided with a positive direction. On this occasion, the guest of honor, Ms. Mehwish Imtiaz, District Probation Officer, Punjab Probation and Parole Service, delivered a detailed lecture. She said that it is important to adopt preventive measures at the initial level to prevent the tendencies of violence so that the youth can be protected from any kind of extremist thinking or the influence of violent groups.

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Massacre at hospital in Sudan's El Fasher leaves 460 dead

orrific stories of mass-atrocities committed by the RSF militia continue to emerge, along with the tens of thousands of civilians who have fled the North Darfur city of El Fasher in Sudan.

The World Health Organization says it's appalled and deeply shocked by reports that 460 patients and their companions have been killed at Saudi Maternity Hospital in the city.

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebrevesus said that prior to this latest attack, WHO has verified 285 attacks on healthcare in Sudan with at least 1,204 deaths and over 400 injuries of health workers and patients, since the start of the conflict.

The once allied RSF and forces of the military government began fighting in and around the capital Khartoum in April 2023 – a conflict which has since engulfed the entire country.

"All attacks on healthcare must stop immediately and unconditionally," said Tedros, demanding protection for all health workers and civilians under international law.

Many civilians fleeing the RSF takeover have sought safety in Tawila some 60 kilometres from the regional capital of El Fasher, which until a few days ago was the last remaining government-controlled city which had been holding out against the RSF for over 500 days.

Many have arrived in Tawila "dehydrated, injured and traumatized," said the UN aid coordination office, OCHA, on social media. "The UN and aid organizations are providing life-saving support, but the violence must stop.'

"No child is safe," said UNICEF chief Catherine Russell. "While the full scale of the impact remains unclear due to widespread communications blackouts, the estimated 130,000 children in El Fasher are at a high risk of grave rights violations, with reports of abduction, killing and maiming, and sexual violence."

There are also reports of humanitarian workers being detained

UNICEF is calling for an immediate ceasefire to stop the violence, safe, unimpeded humanitarian access, the protection of civilians-especially children – and guaranteed safe passage for families seeking refuge, in line with international humanitarian

She said all those responsible for violations must be held accountable.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the killing of five local staff working as volunteers in Bara, North Kordofan state.

"We received this news with profound shock and outrage and we condemn in the strongest possible terms this horrific and senseless act," a statement read.

ICRC pledged to support the ongoing humanitarian work across Sudan "striving to uphold the safety, dignity and protection of all people and communities" impacted by the violence.

UN's head of humanitarian operations in Sudan, Denise Brown, told UN News after recently visiting the Darfur region before the fall of the city this week, that it's proving hard to verify information from the stricken city, but all atrocities needed to be accounted for so that "justice can be served".

Pakistan's Principled Stance on Palestine Issue and Its Role in HQ CMCC/ISF

enduring and painful conflicts, shaped by decades of displacement, occupation, and political struggle since 1948. Repeated violence, particularly in Gaza, has caused immense suffering and destruction, leading to widespread global concern and renewed calls for a two-state solution based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as Palestine's capital. While a fragile ceasefire has brought temporary calm, it has not resolved the deep-rooted causes of the conflict. As discussions continue on forming an International Stabilization Force for Gaza, Pakistan's potential participation has gained attention due to its historic support for Palestine, moral commitment to justice, and strong peacekeeping record. Pakistan's involvement would symbolize both humanitarian leadership and spiritual solidarity with the Palestinian cause, emphasizing peace built upon justice, dignity, and respect for international law.

Strengthening defense cooperation with Saudi Arabia further highlights Pakistan's spiritual and strategic commitment to the Muslim Ummah. Participation in a Gaza peace mission would hold profound religious and emotional meaning, symbolizing unity between the lands of the first and current Qiblas-Jerusalem and Makkah—and elevating Pakistan's moral and spiritual standing in the Islamic world as a defender of peace, faith, and human dignity.

The formalized defense agreement with Saudi Arabia, in this regard, defense cooperation with the guardians provides an even stronger and more legitimate foundation for Pakistan's expanded role in the protection of crucial Muslim sent a truly remarkable chapter in the

one of the world's most the rightful custodian of the two Holy Mosques, has always served as a potent of the Muslim Ummah but would also would undeniably inspire confidence and symbol of unity for Muslims worldwide. profoundly reaffirm Pakistan's funda-Pakistan's longstanding and robust military cooperation with the Kingdom has faith, dedicated resolutely to the service consistently involved extensive training, expert advisory support, and vital joint defense initiatives specifically aimed at bestowed with this honor would

> the long-term stability of the region. The continuation and significant strengthening of this cooperation through the new defense pact signal Pakistan's enduring and unshakeable commitment to the security of sacred Islamic territories. When viewed

alongside Pakistan's potential involvement in the peace and stabilization of Gaza, it becomes powerfully evident that the country is being presented with the extraordinary and rare privilege of contributing directly to the protection of both the current Qibla in Makkah and the first Qibla in Jerusalem.

This extraordinary dual role carries immense historical and profound spiritual depth. For many centuries, Muslim nations have historically viewed the defense of both the Holy Kaaba and the Al-Aqsa Mosque as being among the very highest and most noble acts of devotion and sacrifice. If Pakistan is now placed in a unique position to play a constructive and protective role in both of these sacred spheres—through deep of the Holy Mosques and through crucial peace efforts in Palestine—it will repre-

a collective and long-held aspiration with the guardians of the Holy Mosques mental identity as a state born out of of Islam, peace, and justice.

The prospect of Pakistan being safeguarding the Holy Land and ensuring undoubtedly bring immense happi-

ness and pride to every Pakistani citizen and to Muslims across the globe. It would serve as a powerful, living demondiplomacy, and duty can successfully converge in the singular pursuit of a higher moral purpose. Such a moment would

serve to definitively remind the world that Pakistan's true strength lies not merely in its military capabilities but in its unwavering, principled belief in the principles of justice, compassion, and solidarity that fundamentally define the Islamic faith. For the people of Pakistan, it would symbolize a kind of divine favor and provide ultimate validation of their nation's role as a guardian and servant of the sacred.

Moreover, this significant development would also serve as a crucial unifying force for the Muslim world at a time when internal divisions and conflicts have frequently overshadowed necessary collective action. The sight of highly professional Pakistani soldiers—who are recognized globally for their professionalism, discipline, and humanitarian conduct—working effectively to ensure peace and protection in Gaza while simultaneously maintaining

he Palestine issue remains sanctities. Saudi Arabia, by virtue of being nation's history. It would not only fulfill deep and strategic defense cooperation pride across all Muslim societies. It would send a clear, resonant message that the Muslim world is fully capable of taking collective responsibility for its own sanctities, protecting its vulnerable people, and standing firmly together in times of grave adversity.

Ultimately, for Pakistan, this unique opportunity would represent far more than simple diplomatic prestige or military recognition. It would signify a moment of profound spiritual fulfillstration of how faith. ment—a cherished chance to serve, in genuine humility and deep devotion, the two holiest places in Islam and the people who look toward them with reverence and hope. It would definitively reaffirm Pakistan's unshakeable, enduring commitment to the unity, dignity, and strength of the entire Muslim Ummah. To serve both the land of the first Qibla and the land of the current Qibla would be a truly divine honor that transcends all worldly measures of success, powerfully embodying the true spirit of faith, sacrifice, and brotherhood that so deeply defines Pakistan's national ethos.

Israeli forces once again launched attacks on Gaza, yet the international community has remained largely silent. It would be deeply concerning if Israel were to violate the ceasefire agreement in the future. Pakistan has consistently condemned the brutal aggression against innocent Palestinians. Indeed, the participation of a strong Muslim nation and a sincere supporter of the Palestinian cause, such as Pakistan, in peacekeeping or allied efforts would bring reassurance to the oppressed Palestinians and help amplify their voice on the global stage.



"Jammu 1947: The Forgotten Genocide That Redrew Kashmir's Soul"

to acknowledge them. November 6. the plains of Jammu turned into a killing field, when the land that once symbolized harmony states Kashmir's fate was trapped in a "constituwas engulfed in the flames of organized massacre. tional cul-de-sac," a legal no-man's-land created

of independence and partition, for the Muslims of Jammu, it marked the beginning of annihilation a genocide that sought to erase not just people, but the very idea of their belonging.

The bloodshed that occurred in November 1947 did not happen in isolation. As Alastair Lamb carefully reconstructs in Incomplete Partition, the

events were a product of a structural failure that occurred in the wake of Britain's rushed exit from the subcontinent. The 3 June Plan left India's princely states suspended between two new dominions, without a clear progression for accession. In Pakistan's semiautonomous complex, Jammu and Kashmir was the most precarious of all-a Muslim-majority state ruled by a Hindu Maharaja, where economically and geographically was pulled towards Pakistan, but it was politically drifting. What was most important to Britain at this time, Lamb notes, was its troop withdrawal, not stopping a humanitarian crisis. Kashmir was outside the jurisdiction of the Boundary Force, and what it meant ultimately was more than just a political blunder, but a human disaster on a nearly incalculable scale.

However, perhaps a greater tragedy was the global apathy that followed. No Nuremberg followed Jammu. No tribunal of conscience sprang up to record the suffering of the victims.

ome wounds bleed silently through The same international community that would, generations not because time cannot in a few years, mobilize for the rights of Euroheal them, but because history refuses peans turned its gaze from the valleys of South Asia. The mass killings were diminutively termed 1947, stands as one such unhealed the "partition violence," as if somehow their politwound in the story of Kashmir; a day when ical intent and moral significance had been erased with this subtle description. As Lamb correctly While the world remembers 1947 as the year by Britain's unfinished partition and India's opportunistic occupation.

By the end of October, this situation had spiraled out of control. The Poonch uprising was largely organized by ex-servicemen who had been demobilized by the Maharaja, mixed with the pain of refugees escaping the Jammu massacre. The "tribal lashkars" that entered Kashmir

on October 22, 1947, were not foreign invaders but men avenging their massacred families. Under historical scrutiny, the Indian narrative of "tribal invasion" is rendered untenable. This was not a conspiracy organized by Pakistan; it was a response for the genocide that had taken place in Jammu, a last-ditch effort to stop that from happening in Kashmir. But it gave India the justification it needed to militarize its intervention which India had been planning long before the first lashkar had reached Baramulla. V. P. Menon had already carried a draft Instrument of Accession to Srinagar in late September. The Indian Defence Committee was drafting plans for an airlift operation ironically called "Operation Gibraltar" weeks before any act of invasion. Hari Singh's October 26th signature was not the action of a sovereign state choosing its future, it was the last desperate action of a ruler who had already lost his state. And with that signature, Kashmir's tragedy was set in motion-militarily,

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politically, and morally.

The massacre of Jammu thus stands as the unacknowledged prologue to the Kashmir dispute. It was the event that transformed a political question into a humanitarian catastrophe. It was not just about the loss of territory but about the erasure of identity. The Muslim-majority Jammu that once connected the Valley to Sialkot was transformed into a demographically engineered silence zone. And while the United Nations debated plebiscites and resolutions, the people whose voices mattered most had already been buried or exiled.

Seventy-eight years later, the ghosts of Jammu still linger. They live in the stories of the survivors who crossed the border with nothing but their grief. They echo in the silence of the graves that no one visits, in the villages where no call to prayer was heard again. They remind us that the Kashmir issue did not begin with tribal raids or military airlifts, it began with the blood of innocents betrayed by empire, ambition, and indif-

As we commemorate Jammu Martyrs' Day on November 6, we are not just recalling a forgotten massacre; we are confronting the moral failure of the modern world. The Jammu tragedy asks us to rethink the narratives we have inherited to question who writes history and who gets erased from its pages. It demands recognition, not as a footnote in partition history, but as a central chapter in the story of Kashmir's unending pain.

The question now is not whether we remember the Jammu massacre, the question is, after knowing all this, how long will the world continue to live comfortably with its silence?

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Pak-Bangladesh vow Strengthen Bilateral Defence Collaboration

lasting peace, prosperity, and regional stability between the two-armed forces.

depend upon mutual respect, constructive engagement, and especially strong defence and security cooperation.

Recently, a significant development has taken place between the two countries. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) General Sahir Shamshad Mirza undertook an official visit to Bang-

ladesh, where he met with H. E. Chief Adviser Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, Chief of Naval Staff, Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan, Chief of Air Staff and Lieutenant General S. M. Kamrul Hassan, Principal Staff Officer (PSO), Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh. During the separately-held meetings, both sides held detailed discussion on the evolving global and regional environment and security situation and recognized the importance of strengthening bilateral JCSC reaffirmed Pakistan's appreciation for its longstanding fraternal ties with Bangladesh and highlighted the shared resolve to further deepen these relations on the basis of sovereign equality and mutual respect.

As Pakistan continues to bolster its regional partnerships, Bangladesh is equally focused renewed defence cooperation between the two could contribute to greater regional stability tion in the modern world.

akistan and Bangladesh are two and collective security. Both sides agreed that nations bound by shared faith, sustained dialogue and regular exchanges would culture, and history. Emerging further reinforce the partnership, opening new from the same ideological roots, both avenues for joint defence development, training countries have realized over time that initiatives, and enhanced interoperability



Malik Faisal Munir

The strengthening of Pakistan-Bangladesh defence ties signifies a maturing partnership rooted in mutual trust and respect. With increased cooperation across military, naval, and air domains, the collaboration not only enhances bilateral relations but also contributes to a more stable and interconnected South Asian security landscape

General Sahir Shamshad Mirza's visit is not just a military engagement but also a symbol of diplomatic reconciliation. His gesture of laying a wreath at the Shikha Anirban (Eternal Flame) monument in Dhaka symbolizes remembrance. respect, and a new beginning turning a page toward a more cooperative and forward-looking relationship.

As the world enters a new era of geopolitical realignments, it is vital for both Pakistan and Bangladesh to move beyond historical differences defence and security cooperation. The Chairman and work toward a shared future. Collaborative ventures in defence industries, cyber security, naval operations, and counterterrorism could significantly benefit both sides.

In essence, this visit marks a new chapter in Pakistan-Bangladesh relations, one rooted in friendship, mutual trust, and shared aspirations for peace and progress. If this momentum on diversifying its strategic relationships. The continues, both nations can emerge not only as guarantors of regional security but also as role countries reflects an evolving alignment that models of Muslim unity and strategic coopera-

UNESCO Grants OIC-COMSTECH as Observer at SESAME

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ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has formally granted the status as Observer to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) at the International Centre for Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME).

In an official communication from the Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs, UNESCO addressed to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General OIC-COMSTECH, UNESCO acknowledged letter and confirmed that the 2025



observer status of OIC-COM-STECH at SESAME took the receipt of COMSTECH's effect from 26 September

this development, Prof. Dr. milestone reflects COMS-M. Iqbal Choudhary stated, TECH's continued commit-"We are honoured to join ment to strengthening Cooperation.

Expressing his views on SESAME as an Observer. This

scientific cooperation and fostering advanced research across the OIC Member States. SESAME represents a unique model of collaboration that transcends geopolitical boundaries through science, technology, and innovation. COMSTECH's association with SESAME will open new avenues for joint research, capacity building, and access to cutting-edge facilities for scientists from the Islamic world."

He further emphasized that COMSTECH, as the Ministerial Standing Committee of the OIC on Science and Technology, remains dedicated to promoting international partnerships that advance knowledge, innovation, and sustainable development in line with the goals of the Organization of Islamic

Remembrance of Allah and Durood: Path to Salvation, says Scholar

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RAWALPINDI: The remembrance of Allah and sending blessings upon the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) are sources of salvation in this world and the Hereafter, and a means of peace for the heart," said Allama Pir Syed Riaz Hussain Shah.

Allama Pir Syed Riaz Hussain Shah, Patron-in-Chief of Idara Taleemat-e-Islamia Pakistan, said that Allah Almighty is aware of every human action. One should have complete faith in this Pure Being. Indeed, through the remembrance of Allah, hearts find peace. A person who makes the remembrance of Allah and the reci $tation \ of \ Durood \ Share ef (salutations$ upon the Prophet *) part of their routine can find deliverance from worldly troubles. Teach your children good manners — for manners elevate a person from the earth to the heavens. Along with worldly education, make religious education obligatory for you children.

On Sunday, the annual gathering organized by Idara Taleemat-e-Islamia Pakistan began in Khayaban-e-Sir Sved, Rawalpindi, with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and Naat (praise of the Holy Prophet 3. The event was the med "The $\bar{\mbox{Qur}}$ 'an and the Muslim

The ceremony was presided over by Dewan Ahmad Masood Chishti of Astana Aliya Pakpattan Sharif, and hosted by Deputy Director Allama Sheikh Muhammad Qasim of the Idara Taleemat-e-Islamia.

were Secretary Auqaf Punjab Syed Tahir Raza Bukhari, Pir Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Pir Syed Intisar-ul-Hasan Shah, Sufi Ali ur Rehman, Pir Syed Shamsuddin Shah Bukhari, Sved Faisal Riaz Hussain Shah, Sved Noman Riaz Hussain Shah, Qari Syed Sadaqat Ali, Syed Muhammad Fareed Gilani Al-Razaqi, Abdul Razzaq Sajid, Dr. Muhammad Azhar Naeem, Syed Court of Allah. It is better to turn Mazhar Sajjad Gilani, Hafiz Noor towards Allah and Hazrat Mohammad



Muhammad Bundialvi, Pir Sved Muhammad Moeen-ul-Haq, Syed Ejaz Ahmad Bukhari, Naat Khwan Shehzad Hanif Madani, Qari Faiz Bakhsh Rizvi Muhammad Nawaz Kharl, Dr. Hamza Mustafai, Mufti Muhammad Liaqat Ali, Mufti Rizwan Anjum, Allama Basheer Al-Qadri, and many others. Thousands of men and women attended the gathering.

In his special address, Allama Pir Sved Riaz Hussain Shah said "Teach Among the distinguished guests manners to yourself, your soul, and your family. The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said, 'My Lord has taught me manners.' Manners cool the fire of Hell; they are the beauty of life. The Sufi saints have said that the first step is the purification of the self. The Prophet (peace be upon him) gave people the Holy Qur'an, through which guidance was granted. Manners begin from the

I do not deny the benefits of worldly knowledge or modern technology, but it is through religious education that your children will receive true guidance, and their worldly and spiritual lives will be reformed. When a person recognizes Allah Almighty, that recognition becomes the foundation for transformation in life. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: 'Teach your children manners.' Society is like a mirror. Distance from Allah diminishes human awareness. When the paths of heart and intellect diverge, worldly desires increase, and one

becomes trapped in worldly problems. When faith enlightens the intellect, after attaining knowledge of Allah, the heart and mind turn toward remembrance. When this recognition is achieved, a person can rise from the heart, and mind in good manners.

Whoever has the love of Allah in their heart gains love in the eyes of people. Give charity in the name of Allah, make the recitation of Durood Shareef your

Allah Almighty is aware of every action of human being. Have complete faith in ALLAH PAK. Instead of counting your zikr (remembrances), make it countless. Through Durood Shareef, the bond with the Prophet (peace be upon him) becomes stronger-make it your routine. Recitation of the Holy Qur'an resolves human problems. My personal wish is to spend my time in the remembrance of Allah. The names of Allah and Beloved Messenger PBUH are sufficient for us."

At the conclusion of his speech, Allama Pir Syed Riaz Hussain Shah led a collective zikr (remembrance) earth to the heavens. Train your soul, and offered a supplication with the Israel continues to violate ceasefire, intensifies home demolitions in Gaza City and Khan Younis



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GAZA: The Israeli occupation army carried out extensive demolitions of Palestinian homes in Gaza City and Khan Younis on Sunday, despite the ongoing ceasefire agreement.

According to WAFA correspondent, Israeli forces launched heavy gunfire east of Gaza City while simultaneously demolishing residential buildings in the neighborhoods of Al-Zaytoun and Al-Shujaiya, where thick plumes of smoke were seen rising from targeted areas.

In eastern Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli artillery shelling and gunfire also persisted, accompanied by demolitions of several residential structures. Additionally, Israeli warplanes launched three airstrikes on Rafah, in southern Gaza.

Since the start of the Israeli aggression in October 2023, the death toll in the Gaza Strip has risen to 68,858, the majority of whom are women and children, while 170,664 others have been injured.

Since the ceasefire agreement came into effect on October 11 last month, 226 Palestinians have been killed and 594 wounded. Rescue teams have also recovered 499 bodies from the rubble, and 30 bodies have been returned by Israeli authorities, bringing the total number of recovered bodies to 225.

Pakistan needs a visionary and wise political leader like Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: Chaudhry Inam

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RAWALPINDI: Political and social leader Chaudhry Inaam Zafar said that every worker of the Awaam Pakistan Party and the public are praying for the health and recovery of the party's central convener and former Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. He added that Pakistan is in dire need of an experienced and insightful statesman like Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, and expressed confidence that, God willing, he will soon recover and be among his people once again.



In his important statement, he said, "We are thankful to Almighty ALLAH that Shahid Khaqan Abbasi's condition is out of danger. He was shifted to a private hospital after experiencing chest discomfort, where doctors provided medical treatment and later declared his condition stable."

Chaudhry Inaam Zafar stated that every worker of the Awaam Pakistan Party and the public are praying for Shahid Khaqan Abbasi's health because he is a true leader of the people. He has always spoken in the interest of the nation and the public — that is why he holds a special place in people's hearts. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi is a prudent and patriotic statesman, and such personalities are a priceless asset for Pakistan. He urged the people to continue praying for Abbasi's speedy recovery. \\

He further said that a collective prayer has been held for Shahid Khaqan Abbasi's health and that, ALLAH PAK willing, he will soon be back among his people. "We have learned a great deal from his political insight. He wishes to work together with the peo

Xi says China's development goes hand in hand with Trump's vision to "Make America Great Again"

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA: Chinese President Xi Jinping said here Thursday that China's development and revitalization goes hand in hand with U.S. President Donald Trump's vision to "Make America Great Again." He made the remarks during a meeting with Trump after landing in Busan for the 32nd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Gyeongju, and a state visit to South Korea.

Xi said the two countries are fully able to help each other succeed and prosper together.

Remembering the Balfour Declaration: 108 years since a defining colonial promise

RAMALLAH: Today marks issued on November 2, 1917, by granted Jews the right to establish a national home in Pales-

Issued on November 2, 1917, by then-British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour, the declaration took the form of a letter addressed to Lord Walter Rothschild, a leading figure in the Zionist movement. In it, the establishment of "a national home for the Jewish people" in who had lived there for centu-

Western political step toward the creation of the State of the 108th anniversary of the Israel in 1948. It was made infamous Balfour Declaration, during the height of World War I, as Britain sought to the British government, which secure strategic alliances and consolidate its influence in the Middle East. Zionist leaders, particularly Chaim Weizmann, lobbied British officials with the promise that Jewish support would serve British wartime and imperial interests. Before its issuance, Britain

obtained the approval of U. S. President Woodrow Wilson, Britain expressed support for while France and Italy endorsed the declaration soon after. In 1920, the San Remo Confer-Palestine—without consulting ence placed Palestine under the indigenous Arab citizens British mandate, explicitly assigning London the task of implementing the declaration's Historians widely view the terms. The League of Nations'

declaration as the first major 1922 mandate formalized this arrangement—transforming the Balfour Declaration from a British pledge into a broader Western commitment.

For Palestinians and Arabs, the declaration represented a profound betrayal. Britain had previously assured Sharif Hussein of Mecca that Arab independence would be recognized after the war, only to make a conflicting promise to Zionist leaders.

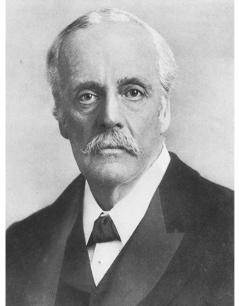
To quell growing anger, British officials claimed that Jewish settlement would not infringe on Arab interests. Yet, on the ground, British authorities actively facilitated Jewish immigration, land acquisition, and the establishment of Zionist institutions—laying the groundwork for the future state of Israel.

From the 1920 Nabi Musa riots to the 1936-1939 Palestinian Revolt, Palestinians rose repeatedly against British rule and Zionist expansion. These uprisings reflected a growing sense of dispossession and political marginalization, as the demographic and territorial balance of Palestine began to shift dramatically under British supervision.

At the time of the declaration, the Jewish population in Palestine numbered around 50,000. compared to an estimated 1.65 million Arabs. Yet the Balfour

Declaration granted political recognition only to the Jewish community, limiting the indigenous majority to "civil and religious rights" without any national or political standing.

More than a century later, the



Balfour Declaration stands as a imperial powers reshaped lives but a living reminder that true stark symbol of colonial injustice—an imperial pledge that bility. disregarded the rights and existence of the Palestinian

people on their own land. For Palestinians, it represents the beginning of a century-long struggle against displacement, occupation, and denial of self-determination-

without consent or accounta-

As the world marks 108 years since its issuance, Palestinians of the historic wrongs rooted lived under their consequences. The legacy of the Balfour Declaan enduring testament to how ration is not a relic of the past their homes.

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Foreign Office.

behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following

declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being

clearly understood that nothing shall be done which

existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the

rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any

I should be grateful if you would bring this

declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation

may prejudice the civil and religious rights of

November 2nd, 1917.

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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

Pakistan and Malaysia Eye Deeper Collaboration for Food Sector Growth and Exports



LAHORE: Coordinator to Minister of State and Federal Tax Ombudsman Saif Ur Rehman Sunday said Malaysian private sector has evinced keen interest in forging closer collaboration and joint ventures with Pakistan in the rapidly expanding food sector.

According to a message received here today from visiting Pak food exporters delegation currently touring Malaysia, business leaders from both countries emphasized the importance of regular B2B exchanges, trade delegations, and participation in international food exhibitions to explore new avenues of growth. With a shared focus on promoting halal and value-added food products, the partnership promises to open new horizons for sustainable economic development. Saif Ur Rehman said both sides are optimistic that this collaboration will not only strengthen bilateral trade ties but also contribute significantly to regional food security, employment generation, and long-term economic prosperity in line with mutual interests.

Malaysian entrepreneurs view Pakistan as an ideal destination for investment in food processing, halal products, packaging, and cold chain logistics. The collaboration aims to enhance trade volume, boost exports, and introduce innovative technologies to improve food quality and safety standards. Such cooperation would also help Pakistan gain greater access to ASEAN markets through Malaysia's strategic regional position, he concluded.

Policy fairness crucial for Pakistan's economic resilience, urges Iftikhar Ali Malik

LAHORE: SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry former President Iftikhar Ali Malik Sunday urged the government to revisit the policy by offering a level playing field to all industries, for durable and sustainable economic growth across the country.

In a statement here today an octogenarian trade leader of South Asia appreciated the government's ongoing efforts toward macroeconomic reforms but emphasized that the true measure of success must be focused in improving ease of doing business, enhancing exports, and strengthening industrial linkages. He reaffirmed that a restructured, fair, and inclusive economic framework would not only ensure balanced regional development but also help Pakistan achieve self-reliance, economic resilience, and social prosperity. He further stated that global economic trends demand greater integration of industries with international markets, and Pakistan must realign the government to ensure policy continuity, nate discriminatory treatment among indus- and boost employment.



its policies to meet these challenges. He urged reduce the cost of doing business, and elimitrial sectors to attract sustainable investment

Iftikhar Ali Malik emphasised that fair competition, transparency, and consistency in policies are key factors to restore investor confidence and attract both local and foreign investment. He said that Pakistan's industrial sector has immense potential, but uneven incentives, unnecessary hurdles, and inconsistent taxation frameworks continue to hamper productivity and competitiveness. He stressed the need for uniform policies that promote innovation, modernization, and export diversification to achieve long-term economic stability. He added that small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of the economy, must be given priority through easy access to credit, tax relief, and technology transfer programs.

He said the private sector is ready to partner with the government in reform initiatives, provided that policies are stable, predictable, and free from favoritism. He said a bunch of tax exemptions available to incumbent factories in a special zones have created an uneven playing field to same industry outside the zone creating significant distortions in a market which he concluded urgently warranted special attention.

Gift of winter

ISLAMABAD: A vendor is displayed fish attraction for customers at his workplace in the Federal



Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The 2nd phase of Friends of California USA and Chenone flood relief campaign kicked off Sunday with an unwavering spirit of compassion and community service to assist the resilient flood -affectees.

California and

Chenone Launch

Relief in Lahore

Second Phase of Flood

Briefly speaking to hard hit flood affectees while distributing relief goods, Co-President Pakistan chapter Friends of California USA and Chenone Mian Kashif Ashfaq said building upon the success of the first phase, this renewed initiative continues to provide essential clothing, food supplies, and financial assistance to families who are still ground, ensuring that every to support this noble mission.



contribution reaches those in genuine need, bringing hope and comfort where it is needed most. He said we reaffirm our shared commitment to humanity, believing that collective efforts can create lasting change. Together, we aim to restore dignity. warmth, and stability to countless households affected by this calamity.

Offering special prayers on the occasion Mian Kashif Ashfaq along with other notables said may Allah Almighty striving to recover and rebuild ease their suffering, grant their lives after the devastating them strength and patience, floods. He said our dedicated and bless all compassionate chain of teams remain on the souls who have come forward

Tea Association honors top Customs official for export facilitation

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Pakistan Tea Association Sunday hosted a high tea in honour of Chief Collector Customs (Exports) Muhammad Sadiq to acknowledge and eulogize his outstanding services and unwavering commitment for promptly facilitating exporters at all levels.

Chief Collector Muhammad Sadiq, in his remarks, expressed gratitude for the honour and reaffirmed his resolve to continue supporting trade facilitation through progressive and transparent customs policies.

He emphasized that close collaboration between Customs and the exporters is vital for strengthening Pakistan's export sector and enhancing global competitiveness.

Earlier in his welcome address Bhai Saleem Aman Ullah former chairman Pakistan Tea Association and other representatives lauded Chief Collector Muhammad Sadiq for introducing business-friendly reforms, ensuring trans-



parency, and promoting a conducive environment for trade growth. They highlighted that under his dynamic leadership, Customs operations have become more efficient, enabling smoother export processes and boosting exporters' confi-

The event was attended by DG Customs (Evaluation) Muhammad Mohsin Rafiq, Advisor to Federal Tax Ombudsman Dr Waqar Ch Arain, Collector Muhammad Javaid Ch, Collector Salman Afzal, Additional Cantonment Executive Officer Dr Muhammad Rizwan, including leading

exporters Muhammad Altaf, Shahid Nadeem, Muhammad Ismail, Aman paracha, Hafiz Abdul Qadir, Zeeshan paracha Muhammad Mugeet, Secretary General Zafar Jan and Muhammad Ali. They paid rich tributes to his professionalism, integrity, and tireless efforts in streamlining export-related procedures.

The gathering concluded with presentation of souvenirs to Chief Collector Muhammad Sadiq and other collectors Muhammad Javaid Ch and Salman Afzal for reaffirmation of mutual commitment to advancing Pakistan's economic and

Multan Customs Enforcement Team Foils Major Smuggling Attempt

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MULTAN: In a swift and well-coordinated anti-smuggling operation, the Collectorate of Customs (Enforcement), Multan successfully intercepted a Bedford truck laden with high-value smuggled goods on Kot Addu Road near Qasba Guirat. The contraband was concealed beneath a layer of stone dust in an attempt to evade detection.

Upon detailed examination, the enforcement team recovered a significant quantity of betel nuts, cigarettes, china salt, and J. M. gutkha. The total value of the seized goods along with the vehicle has been estimated at Rs.

15.546 million.

The confiscated goods and vehicle have been taken into custody, and legal proceedings under the Customs Act, 1969 have been initiated.

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has commended the vigilance and professionalism of the Multan Customs Enforcement team for their continued commitment to curbing illicit trade and protecting legitimate commerce.

FBR reiterates its firm resolve to combat smuggling in all its forms, safeguard national revenue, and protect public health and the economy from the harmful impacts of unlawful trade.

Four Emerging Tech Trends Set to Transform Key Economic Sectors, says FPCCI Convener

Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Convener Federa-Commerce and Industry regional Sunday said four emerging technologies — artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, advanced energy systems, and sensor networks are set to reshape global labour markets, offering new opportunities to boost productivity and transform jobs across agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, and other sectors.

on "The Role Emerging Technologies in Pak Economic Growth" he said however unlocking the

full potential of these technologies and managing associated risks will require significant efforts, including tion of Pakistan Chamber of mobilising investment capital, accelerating global technology committee on food Shahid Imran diffusion, and ensuring inclusive

Quoting recent report of world economic forum, he said seven job sectors expected to experience the greatest technological transforma-

These sectors, which together make up nearly 80pc of the global workforce, include agriculture, manufacturing, construction, Speaking here today at a seminar wholesale and retail trade, transport and logistics, business and

management, and healthcare. Understanding which technol-



ogies will be most transformative sectors is crucial to anticipating and how they will impact these key their effects and steering towards

positive outcomes," he added. While these technologies offer considerable opportunities, they

also present risks. To maximise their benefits, the report calls for industry-specific, context-driven actions. In agriculture and healthcare, the focus should be on improving the diffusion and access to technology, particularly in developing markets. For manufacturing, strategies must

be adapted to local industrial ecosystems. The transport, and logistics sectors would benefit from well-functioning technology platforms that improve efficiency while avoiding the concentration

of market power, he concluded.

Nasir Iqbal and Mahnoor Ali Won 3rd Chief of the Naval Staff all Pakistan Squash Championship-2025



KARACHI: The final match and prize distribution ceremony of 3rd Chief of the Naval Staff All Pakistan Squash Champion-Navy Roshan Khan Jahangir Khan Squash Complex, Karachi. Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The final match in Men's from Peshawar won the titles.

Category of the tournament was played between Nasir Iqbal from WAPDA and Tayyeb Aslam from Sui Northern Gas Pipelines ship 2025 was held at Pakistan Limited and in women's category between Mahnoor Ali and Sehrish Ali, both players from Peshawar. After a tough and thrilling competition Nasir Iqbal from WAPDA and Mahnoor Ali

While addressing the ceremony, Chief of the Naval Staff expressed his immense pride and joy at the successful conclusion of the championship. He stated that Pakistan Navy stands tall and proud in its commitment to promote sports in Pakistan, particularly squash, a sport that has brought unparalleled glory to the nation. Admiral Naveed



Ashraf commended the zeal, passion and determination demonstrated by all participants. He added that Pakistan Navy will continue to organize national and international level squash cham-

pionships with an aim to promote Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf squash and provide a platform for talented national players to the championship and congratelevate their game and motivate next generations.

Later, Chief of the Naval

awarded prizes to the winners of ulated them on their outstanding alities, senior squash players, and performances and well-deserved

The ceremony was attended by civil and military dignitaries, sponsors, national sports personmembers of the sports commu-

Faisalabad, Sialkot record wins as 5th round concludes, Islamabad-Fata match ends in draw

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The fifth round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2025-26 concluded on Sunday, with Faisalabad and Sialkot recording convincing victories over Peshawar and Abbottabad, respectively, while the match between Islamabad and Fata ended in a draw at the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium.

At the Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi, Faisalabad comfortably chased down a 164-run target to defeat Peshawar by seven wickets.

Earlier, Peshawar had resumed on 170 for six and were bowled out for 227, with Afaa Afridi claiming a five-wicket haul 61, adding to his first-innings century.

Faisalabad's reply was led by Atiqur-Rehman (65, 56b, 12x4s) and Asim contest between Islamabad and Fata ended Ali Nasir (62 not out, 96b, 12x4s), who guided their side home in 41 overs. Faham-



ul-Hag whose first-innings 157 anchored Fata had resumed their second (5-55). Iftikhar Ahmed top-scored with Faisalabad's position in the match, was named player of the match.

At the Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, the in a draw after a dominant batting display from both sides.

innings on 284 for four and were even-Mohammad Sarwar Afridi contributed 89. award.

160 for one in 34 overs before stumps were

Set a target of 228, Islamabad reached

drawn. Raja Hamza Waheed remained unbeaten on 76, which included seven fours alongside Shamyl Hussain (69, 91b,

Khushdil Shah was adjudged player of the match for his match-saving century.

At the Diamond Cricket Ground in Islamabad, Sialkot completed a commanding nine-wicket win over Abbot-

Abbottabad, who followed on after being bowled out for 92 on the second day, resumed their second innings on 331 for eight and were dismissed for 342.

Chasing 51 for victory, Sialkot achieved the target in 9.3 overs with Mohammad Huraira remaining unbeaten on 29.

Mohammad Hasnain, who took 5-22 tually dismissed for 378. Khushdil Shah in the first innings and two more in the top-scored for his side with 159, while second, earned the player of the match

> The sixth round of the tournament will commence from Wednesday, November 5.

PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket (Karachi Region).

The City School, NJV School and Won their Matches. Brilliant Unbeaten Century by Ayaz Ali

KARACHI: Two more matches decided in the PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket (Karachi Region) at various Grounds of the City. In the first Match The City School beat The Ceder School by 12 runs. The City School 210 all-out in 39.2 overs. Hassan Shah 48 8x4, Hadi Dero 34, M. Umar Shahrvar 30, Ayan Sami 22. Abdullah Ahmed (rls) 4/33, Umar Imran

In reply The Ceder School 198 allout in 39.4 overs. Affan Khan 69 10x4 1x6, Ahmed Shahzad 30, Umar Imran 24, Hasan Asif 22. Hassan Shah (mf) 4/34, Akmal Shirazi (mf) 3/46.

In the 2nd Match NJV School beat Karachi Public School by 92 runs. NJV School 187 allout in 30.4 overs. Ayaz Ali 100 10x4 2x6 not out. Favaz Muhammad 17. Aaban Ali (mf(3/20. Muhammad Khuzima 2/9.

In reply Karachi Public School 95 allout in 20.3 overs. Hasan Zaidi 23, Ayan Zia 17. Asghar Ali (sla) 4/26, Ameen Raza (mf) 3/14, Ajay Sawai 22/27.

Cricket teams arrive in Faisalabad for ODI series



FAISALABAD: The Pakistan and South Africa cricket teams have arrived in Faisalabad to participate in the upcoming One-Day International (ODI) series, with both sides scheduled to hold practice sessions on Monday ahead of the opening match on

According to Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials, the teams reached Faisalabad under tight security arrangements. Police authorities confirmed that state guest-level VVIP security had been provided to both squads, while the route from the airport to their hotel was cordoned off on both sides to ensure a safe and smooth transfer.

A PCB spokesperson said that South Africa would hold its training session tomorrow (Monday) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., while Pakistan would practice later in the evening at 6 p.m. Both teams are expected to finalize their playing combinations and strategies during these sessions, he added.

Hamza stars as FG/Din lift Jinnah Legacy Polo Cup title

➣ Sports Desk

FG/Din Polo Team claimed the Jinnah Legacy Polo Cup 2025 title with a thrilling 8-6 victory over SQ Seagold/Newage in the final held at the Jinnah Polo Fields on Sunday.

A large crowd of spectators, including families and polo enthusiasts, gathered to witness the exciting finale that showcased top-notch horsemanship, precision, and fierce competition between two of Paki-

stan's leading polo sides. Star player Hamza Mawaz Khan once again proved his brilliance, scoring seven of FG/Din's eight goals to guide his team to a memorable triumph. Abbas Mukhtar added the remaining goal to complete the tally. For SQ Seagold/Newage, seasoned campaigner Saqib Khan Khakwani led the fightback with five goals, while Shiraz Qureshi contributed one. Despite their spirited play, SQ Seagold/Newage could not match the consistency and attacking flair of FG/Din in the decisive chukkas.



throughout, with both teams exchanging moments, sealing the championship in leads in the early stages. However, FG/ Din's combination of Hamza's aggres-

The match remained tightly contested sure gave them the edge in the closing

Earlier, in the subsidiary final, Diamond sive play and solid teamwork under pres-Paints/Din overcame Indus Polo with a Indus Polo: Ibrahim Khalil 2, Bilal Have 2.

convincing 6-4 win to secure third place. For the winning side, Raja Jalal Arsalan was the standout performer with four goals, while Mir Hazaifa Ahmed added two. Ibrahim Khalil and Bilal Haye scored two goals each for Indus Polo in a wellfought contest.

The Jinnah Legacy Polo Cup 2025, organised by Jinnah Polo Club, concluded successfully with top players, competitive matches, and a festive atmosphere that reaffirmed Lahore's reputation as the heart

of Pakistan polo. **Match Summaries**

Final

 $FG/Din\,beat\,SQ\,Seagold/Newage\,8-6$ FG/Din: Hamza Mawaz Khan 7, Abbas Mukhtar 1

SQ Seagold/Newage: Saqib Khan Khakwani 5, Shiraz Qureshi 1 Subsidiary Final

Diamond Paints/Din beat Indus Polo 6-4 Diamond Paints/Din: Raja Jalal Arsalan 4, Mir Hazeifa Ahmed 2

Wali Weightlifting Club clinches Punjab Inter-Club Championship Trophy

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Wali Weightlifting Club emerged victorious in the Punjab Inter-Club Men's Weightlifting Championship, claiming the top trophy with 43 points on Sunday.

The two-day event, held at Mahmood Shaheed Weightlifting Club in Satellite Town, Gujranwala, drew participation from 15 certified clubs across Punjab.

According to Pakistan Weightlifting Federation Media Coordinator Sohail Javed Butt,

secured the runner-up position with 34 points, while Chaudhry Muhammad Amin Weightlifting Club finished third with 28 points.

The competition featured weightlifters who had previously completed the Anti-Doping Action Awareness Plan course. As per Sinclair Rules, Masab Sethi of Wali Health Club was declared the Best Weightlifter of the Championship.

The event was formally inaugurated by Colonel (retd) Muhammad Asif Dar, former

Brothers Weightlifting Club Secretary of the Pakistan Lawn Tennis Federation. Chief Coordinator of the Pakistan Weightlifting Federation, Hafiz Imran Butt, distributed trophies among the winners

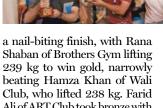
Prominent guests at the ceremony included Commonwealth Games Birmingham Champion Noah Dastgir Butt, Hanzala Dastgir Butt, Tokyo Olympian Talha Talib, Rashid Nadeem Butt, DSO Faisal Mir, former MPA Mian Masood Hassan, Mazhar Iqbal Randhawa, Organizing Secretary Amjad Maqsood Rathore, Usman Amjad Rathore, and Muhammad Islam Natiq.

In individual events, Hoor Ali of Chaudhry Amin Club won gold in the 60 kg category with a total of 185 kg, followed by Ali Hussain of Mahmood Club (180 kg silver) and Lal Ali of ART Club (157 kg bronze). In the 65 kg class, Masab Sethi of Wali Club lifted 233 kg to claim gold, while Farkhan Javed of Baradriz Gym took silver with 215 kg and Saim Ajmal of Rafiq Club secured bronze with 182 kg. In the 71 kg category,

Muhammad Saud Zia of Subha-

nullah Club won gold with 245 kg, Samuel Mansha of Mansha Club earned silver with 196 kg, and Shayan of Star Club got bronze. The 79 kg gold went to Aamir Ali of Hajveri Club (252 kg), followed by Abdul Rehman Qadir of Wali Club (242 kg) and Abdul Qadir of Brothers Club (235 kg).

In the 88 kg class, Mudabar Butt of Chaudhry Amin Club secured gold with 235 kg, Iyan of Brothers Gym won silver (220 kg), and Saad Bhatti of Chaudhry Amin Club claimed bronze (202 kg). The 110 kg category saw



Ali of ART Club took bronze with 211 kg. In the 110+ kg category,

a nail-biting finish, with Rana claim gold, while Aurangzeb Shaban of Brothers Gym lifting of Chaudhry Amin Club 239 kg to win gold, narrowly earned silver with 234 kg, and beating Hamza Khan of Wali Muhammad Ali of ART Club settled for bronze with 211 kg.

The championship drew an enthusiastic crowd over both days, with spectators cheering loudly Muhammad Yahya of Wali as the athletes showcased their Club lifted a total of 265 kg to strength and skill on the stage.

The Spokesman

Beautiful view of Capital ISLAMABAD: An aerial view of the Federal Capital.

Turkey to urge arrangements for Palestinianled governance in Gaza

Reuters

Hakan Fidan is expected to action by Muslim countries call at a meeting in Istanbul on for the ceasefire to evolve into Monday for arrangements to a lasting peace." be made as soon as possible to ensure the security and admin- the Istanbul talks all attended istration of Gaza by Palestinians, a foreign ministry source said on Sunday.

The foreign ministers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, truce, which left thorny coming into force. Jordan, Pakistan and Indo- issues like the disarma-

The source said Fidan was expected to "emphasise the Turkish Foreign Minister importance of coordinated

> Countries taking part in a meeting with US President Donald Trump in New York in September on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

The US-brokered Gaza



The source said Fidan is el's provocative actions". foreign ministry source said. by periodic violence since tional community to "take a tions in this regard.

resolute stance against Isra-

nesia are set to join the ment of Palestinian group set to tell the meeting that He was also set to say that meeting on ceasefire develop- Hamas and a timeline for Israel is "making excuses" to humanitarian aid entering ments and the humanitarian Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, end the ceasefire and empha. Gaza is insufficient and Israel

Relations between Turkey and Israel have hit new lows during the Gaza war, with President Tayyip Erdogan harshly criticising Israel's attacks on the enclave.

Turkey helped persuade Hamas to accept Trump's peace plan and has expressed a willingness to take part in an international task force to monitor ceasefire implementation.

However, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said last Monday that Israel won't accept the presence of Turkish armed forces in Gaza situation in Gaza, the Turkish unresolved, has been tested sise the need for the interna- has not fulfilled its obliga- under the US plan to end the

JI chief vows to free Karachi from corrupt, land-grabbers

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami Emir Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rehman has vowed to free Karachi from land grabbing and the corrupt system.

Speaking at a ceremony on Sunday, JI Chief said that despite the challenges, JI's elected representatives were working beyond their capacity to serve the people.

Lashing out at the Sindh government for the city's dete-Naeem said Karachi's roads

Sindh extends

deadline for Ajrak-design

were not even built, yet citizens were receiving e-challans worth thousands. He said: "JI will liberate this city from the system of loot and land-grabbing."He claimed PPP mayor has no mandate and the mayor of Karachi was from Jamaate-Islami but elections were robbed by Sindh Government.

He said Karachi generated the most revenue. JI Chief said Green Line project was not moving forward and same was the case with Karachi Circular riorating infrastructure, Hafiz Railway. The JI chief said development work had resumed in

erties to Afghan nationals without

legal documents, along with 216

Meanwhile, the repatriation of Afghan

has gained momentum, with 5,220

Afghan nationals returning via the

Torkham border on Saturday, bringing

the total number of returnees to over

Home Department, those who crossed

(PoR) card holders, 401 Afghan Citizen

828,000 since the process began.

to holding centres.



nine towns, and even projects initiated by Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab had to be overseen by JI representatives due to "poor governance".

There is no proper transport Management Board, saying

system, roads are broken, and the Red Line BRT project has ruined University Road. Even the Orange Line doesn't cover all of Orangi, he lambasted

Hafiz Naeem accused PPP of manipulating local body elections through favourable delimitations and rigging. The PPP made its mayor through rigged elections. To this day, powers have not been transferred to the towns as promised, the JI chief claimed.

Sindh government.

He criticised the Solid Waste

garbage collection remained inefficient despite the funds collected from citizens.

JI chief said Karachi people pay for garbage removal from their homes, yet the city remains unclean. The JI chief also pointed to Karachi's delayed mega-projects, blaming the Sindh government for 15 years of neglect.

He asserted from sewerage systems to employment, PPP has done nothing for Karachi. Hafiz Naeem warned the government to end corruption and political interference.

Crackdown on illegal Afghan residents intensifies in Rawalpindi

number plates till December 31 👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Sindh Excise and Taxation Department has extended the deadline for Karachi motorists to obtain the new Ajrak-design vehicle number plates until December 31, 2025.

According to a notification issued by the department, vehicle owners now have two additional months to acquire the modern, security-enhanced plates. The previous deadline expired on October 31.

Officials said the redesigned plates include advanced security features aimed at improving vehicle identification, verification, and tracking across the province.

The department urged citizens to complete the installation process within the extended period to avoid penalties after the new deadline.



individuals.

Afghan citizens, who have been shifted Officials said a significant number of Afghan nationals have also been repatrefugees from Pakistan to Afghanistan riated from other provinces.

Reports indicate that 25,392 undocumented individuals, 9,620 Afghan Citizen that a zero-tolerance policy is being Card holders, and 1,498 PoR card holders have returned to Afghanistan so far.

The Home Department added that According to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 19 Afghan nationals were deported from various transit points in Khyber Pakhback into Afghanistan on Saturday tunkhwa on Saturday, while 7,261 foreign included 5,220 Proof of Registration nationals have already been repatriated from jails in Peshawar, Landi Kotal, and Card holders, and 2,314 undocumented Kohat.

Additionally, 1,326 Afghan citizens were temporarily housed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa before being sent back across the border.

Authorities said additional staff has been deployed at border crossings to facilitate the safe and swift return of refugees.

In Rawalpindi, the district administration and police have expanded the crackdown on illegal Afghan residents and other

foreigners. According to a police spokesperson, 63 FIRs have been registered in various

police stations in this regard. Law enforcement officials reiterated

enforced against illegal foreign nationals. Property owners have been warned not to rent out accommodation to foreigners

without valid identification documents. Police officials said the measures were essential to maintain the city's security situation, and the identification and arrest of undocumented foreign nationals would continue with full intensity.

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PM felicitates Independent Group on winning majority seats

City Desk

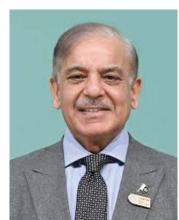
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Sunday, felicitated the Independent Group led by Ahsan Bhoon on securing majority seats in Islamabad Bar Council and Punjab Bar Council polls.

The prime minister expressed his good wishes for all the winning candidates of Independent Group and others, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister observed that the lawyers' community played an important role in strengthening of democracy, ensuring dispensation of justice and protection of the citi-

newly elected representatives of performing their functions with honesty, professional capacity and with a strong sense of responsibility for serving the society.

continue playing your vital role for community's issues and had been in the judiciary and rule of law," he constant contact with him.



added.

He further observed that the He expressed the hope that the lawyers' community had adopted a principled stance without leaning legal fraternity would continue to political affiliations and voting on such principles, paved way for triumph.

The prime minister said that Minister for Law Azam Nazeer Tarar "I strongly hope that you will was active for the resolution of legal

DPM Dar to attend Arab-Islamic meeting on Gaza ceasefire in Turkiye today



ISLAMARAD: Deputy Prime Minis ter and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar contiguous State of Palestine, with the Coordination Meeting of Arab-Islamic Foreign Ministers.

He is undertaking the visit at the invitation of the Turkish foreign

It may be recalled that Pakistan, along with seven other Arab-Islamic countries, has remained engaged to self-determination.

with the peace initiative that led to the signing of the Gaza Peace Agreement in Sharm El-Sheikh.

During the Istanbul meeting, Pakistan will emphasise the need for the full implementation of ceasefire agreement, the complete Israeli withdrawal from the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially Gaza, as well as the provision of unfettered humanitarian assistance to the Palestinians and the reconstruction of Gaza.

Turkiye set to call for action on Gaza as soon as possible, source says

Pakistan will also reiterate the need for collective efforts aimed at achieving an independent, viable, and will undertake a one-day visit to Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, based Istanbul today (Monday) to attend on pre-1967 borders, in accordance with relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.

> Pakistan has been, and will continue to be, committed to efforts to restore peace, justice, and dignity to the Palestinian people, as well as to ensure the realisation of their right

Lahore, Multan choke on smog as air quality plummets to hazardous levels



👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The air quality in Punjab's major cities continued to deteriorate on Sunday, with Lahore once again topping the list of the most polluted cities in the world.

The air quality index (AQI) in several areas of the provincial capital exceeded 400, marking it as extremely hazardous for human

According to data from environmental monitoring stations, the AQI in Gulberg and Jail Road ranged between 280 and 340, while City recorded between 300 and 400. The situation was slightly better in DHA, Cantt, and the Airport area, indoors.

where the AQI hovered between 220

In Johar Town, Township, and Green Town, the readings were recorded between 250 and 300, whereas the most alarming levels were seen in Shahdara, Band Road, Multan Road, and Ring Road, where the index climbed from 350 to 450 well above the threshold considered safe for breathing.

Experts have declared any AQI above 300 as extremely dangerous, warning that exposure can cause eye irritation, sore throat, and breathing difficulties. They have urged citi-Anarkali, Mall Road, and the Inner zens to wear protective masks, limit outdoor activity, and keep children, the elderly, and respiratory patients