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Liaqat Baloch terms proposed 27th amendment more dangerous than 26th

Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan's Deputy Emir Liaqat Baloch said on Wednesday that the proposed 27th amendment was even more harmful than the 26th.



LHC achieves landmark progress under CJ Aalia Neelum's reforms

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Meeting

DOHA: President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad



joint defence production with Pakistan, says Deputy PM

Qatar keen on

跨 Bureau Report

DOHA: Pakistan and Qatar have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening their strategic partnership, particularly in defence and security.

The development came during a meeting between President Asif Ali Zardari and Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs, Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, on the sidelines of the Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha.

President Zardari highlighted the historic and close ties between Pakistan and Qatar, expressing satisfaction over existing collaboration between their armed forces in training, capacity building and defence production.

He stressed the need to expand cooperation in joint exercises, defence technology and exchange of expertise to promote regional peace and stability. The Qatari deputy prime minister praised the professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces and reaf-

to deepen defence ties. The Qatari deputy prime minister commended the professionalism of the Pakistan Armed Forces and reaffirmed his country's commitment to deepen defence relations with Pakistan.

firmed Qatar's commitment

He said Qatar was ready to advance joint defence production and explore new areas of partnership. Sheikh Saoud also assured Qatar's support for facilitating peace and stability in the Afghan conflict.

JUI won't comment until **27th Amendment** draft is released: **Maulana Fazl**

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman said on Tuesday that his party will respond to the proposed 27th constitutional amendment only after its draft is released, emphasiSing that speculation serves no purpose.

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament House, Maulana Fazl said the draft had not yet been made public.

"When the draft appears, we will see what points it contains," he said, adding that there was no point in conjecture. He also clarified that

Senator Faisal Vawda did not bring any message to him and that their meeting was a routine courtesy call.

Senator Vawda, who met Maulana Fazl at his resi-



dence earlier described the JUI leader as a senior political figure and said he attended the meeting in the open. Vawda told reporters

there was no dispute over vote numbers and that Fazl raised no objections during the conversation

Vawda highlighted a transfer-and-posting clause as an important element of the proposed amendment.

He also invoked Article 243-A, saying modern conflict now includes "mental and technical" dimensions, a point he presented as a rationale for new security

PM orders ministers, MNAs to stay in Islamabad as 27th Amendment moves forward

Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed all federal ministers, ministers of state, and members of parliament to remain in Islamabad as the government prepares to push the 27th Constitutional Amendment through parliament, sources said on Wednesday.

According to sources, the ment. prime minister has cancelled parliamentary consultations process. on the proposed amend-

City Desk

Chairman Barrister Gohar

constitutional amend-

federation on the provinc-

es," warning the govern-

Barrister Gohar said the

entire country was alarmed

by the proposed amend-

ment, calling it "against

the spirit of the Constitu-

said constitu-

tion and Parliament."

national unity.

PTI terms 27th

Amendment an

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) passed reform.

attack on provinces

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan a historic, unanimously

Ali Khan on Wednesday strongly objects to four

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ment against endangering federation at risk. Prov-

of the National Assembly, said, urging the govern-

Speaking on the floor the 11th NFC Award," he

Constitutional



members and lawmakers to of government members ensure their availability for in the upcoming legislative

Officials said the restric-

consensus, noting that the 18th Amendment was

He added that PTI

26th Amendment and

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ment to act responsibly.

The PTI chairman also

"You are putting the

tion will remain in effect The directive empha- until the amendment is all foreign visits of cabinet sises the full participation approved, though any unavoidable travel in the national interest may be allowed with the prime minister's written permis-

on November 8, where

the Awami National Party (ANP) is also expected to attend. Sources added that a

committee comprising representatives of allied parties may be formed to finalise the draft of the amendment.

The proposed amendment is likely to be introduced in the Senate later this week. followed by discussions in both houses of parliament and their standing commit-

A dinner is scheduled at the Prime Minister's House

Pakistan, Afghan Taliban to hold next round of talks in Istanbul today

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The second round of talks between Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban is scheduled to take place in Istanbul today (Thursday) as per plan, with Pakistan expected to press for an end to cross-border terrorism originating from Afghan soil. Both sides will meet

in Istanbul under the pre-agreed schedule, sources said, adding that the discussions are likely to finalise the mechanism for enforcing a ceasefire agreement reached earlier.

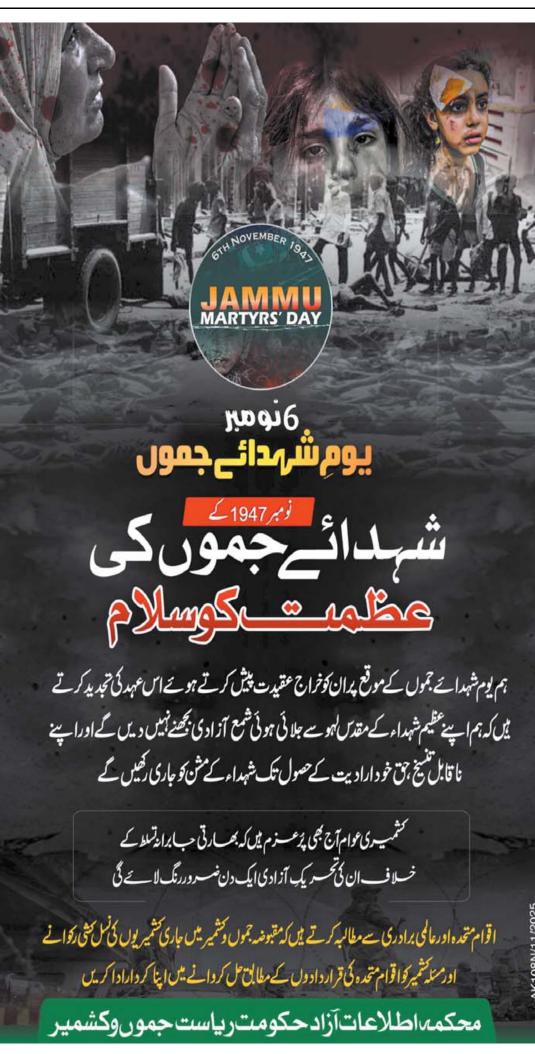
demanded that Mahmood Khan Achakzai be noti-The sources added that if the Afghan Taliban delegafied as the Leader of the Opposition, saying the tion is led by a senior minister, party had submitted a Pakistan's Defence Minister amendments request with 74 members' Khawaja Asif will also travel must reflect national support. to Istanbul to join the talks.

The final decision on Pakistan's delegation head will depend on the composition of the Afghan side, while the National Security Adviser is also expected to be part of the Pakistani team.

Pakistan is set to deliver a clear message during the talks, urging that Afghan territory must not be used for any form of terrorism against Pakistan.

It may be recalled that both countries had earlier agreed — under the mediation of Türkiye and Qatar to maintain the ceasefire and establish a monitoring and verification mechanism to oversee its implementation.

The system would also have the authority to penalise any party found violating the ceasefire terms.



AJK President Honors Jammu Martyrs, Vows Continued Struggle Against Indian Occupation

👺 Bureau Report

MUZAFFARABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has paid glowing tributes to the martyrs of Jammu who on this day in 1946 were brutally massacred by Hindu extremists aided and abetted by the Maharaja's administration

In his message issued on the eve of the Martyrs' Day, the President said that November 6 marks a black day in Kashmir's history when nearly a quarter million Muslims were killed in cold blood around Jammu.

"Jammu Martyrs' Day is a renewal of the pledge that the people of Kashmir will not hesitate to make any sacrifice of Jammu laid down their lives is achieved", President Chaudhry said, adding that the massacre was not



merely a coincidence but a planned until the goal for which the Muslims conspiracy aimed at altering the region's demography and undermining the objectives of Pakistan's creation. Recalling the horrors of the tragedy,

he described it as the darkest chapter in Kashmir's contemporary history.

"Even today, Kashmiri Muslims are being killed with impunity by the Indian occupation forces in the occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir,"

Lauding the relentless struggle and sacrifices of the Kashmiri people against the India's illegal occupation, he noted that the blood of the martyrs continues to give new life to the Kashmiris' freedom movement, which remains alive because of their sacrifices.

The President, while reaffirming the AJK government's all out support Kashmiris' legitimate struggle for right to self-determination, said that the freedom movement remains the top priority of the present government.

"The ongoing struggle will continue until realization of long cherished dream envisioned by our ancestors is achieved", Barrister Chaudhry remarked.

He made it clear that the Indian brutalities cannot dampen the Kashmiris' spirit of freedom.

Sewing the RAZAAI

RAWALPINDI: Workers are busy in sewing the blankets on the roof top of their working area, to prepare for selling amid to



Commissioner Faisalabad paid an official visit to Tehsil Gojra

👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: In line with Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's vision of public service, Commissioner Faisalabad Raja Jahangir Anwar paid an official

ly interacted with citizens, listened to their complaints, and issued on the spot directives for immediate resolution.

He instructed the relevant departments to promptly address issues related to revenue, sewerage, street visit to Tehsil Gojra of district Toba lights and sanitation. Responding to Tek Singh on Wednesday. During his complaints about land grabbing, he visit, the Commissioner held an Open assured that strict action will be taken Court (Khuli Kachehri) at the Municiagainst encroachers and ordered lines for resolving citizens' issues.

retrieved within 90 days.

Commissioner Raja Jahangir officer was immediately identified, and the Commissioner issued a warning, emphasizing that negligence in public service will not be tolerated. He further directed authorities to set clear time-

pal Committee Gojra, where he direct- that illegally occupied land must be Later, the Commissioner visited the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Gojra. He reviewed doctors' attendance, Anwar also inspected the attendance checked available medical facilities of government officials. A non-present and verified the free supply of medicines by inspecting pharmacy records. He instructed the Medical Superintendent to ensure improved management to handle patient rush and stated that the benefits of government health initi-

Sardar Attique Chairs Key Muslim Conference Meeting, Outlines Strategy for Unity

跨 Abdul Majeed Tahir

RAWALPINDI: A very important meeting of the Core Committee of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference was held at the Central Secretariat in Rawalpindi under the chairmanship of former Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir and President Muslim Conference Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan. The meeting was discussed in detail organizational, political and state affairs and took several important decisions.

The meeting was attended by Secretary General Mohtarma Mehran-un-Nisa Major (R) Sardar Nasrullah Khan, Additional Secretary Raja Latif Hasrat Chief Organizer Raja Saqib Majeed President District Mirpur Chaudhry Shaukat Ali, Chairman Youth Wing Sardar Usman Ali Khan, Sardar Abdul Razzik khan Advocate President District Poonch Meyer Sved Azhar Ali Shah, President District Bagh Chair Mishtar Sajid Raja, Sardar Wajid bin



participated in the meeting.

Former President Muslim Conference Mirza Muhammad Shafiq Jaral Advocate, Central Senior Vice President Sardar Abdul Rasheed Chaghtai Advocate, Chairman Parliamentary Board Sardar Muhammad Arshad, Punjab Province President Waheedul Haq Hashmi Advocate, Chairman Arif Advocate, Sajad Anwar Abbasi Public Liaison Board Chaudhry

Division Sardar Azhar Nazar Khan and President Rawalpindi Islamabad Circle Sardar Asim Zahid Abbasi were also addressed through vidiolink

Addressing the meeting, Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan said that spreading terrorism in Azad Kashmir poses a serious threat to state identity, system and unity. The Muslim will be convened in which the future Conference will initiate statewide political process will be discussed.

Khazra hayat, President Poonch organizational periods to remedy this situation so that the congregation can be more united, organized and active.

The meeting also decided that the Muslim Conference will celebrate the week of Shuhda Jammu from November 6, while on November 16, a meeting of the Central Majlis Aamla

AJK PM Declares 1947 Jammu Massacre a Systematic Genocide by Indian Forces



MUZAFFARABAD: Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said that the massacre of Muslims in Jammu was among the most horrific tragedies human history has ever witnessed."The brutal killings were not a coincidence but a systematic plan executed by the Indian army, Dogra forces, RSS, and Akali Dal terrorists under the patronage of Maharaja Hari Singh," the Prime Minister said, adding that the objective was to turn

the Muslim majority of the state into a minority. He said that in the first week of November 1947, thousands of Muslims were herded into vehicles on the pretext of being sent to Pakistan and were later slaughtered en masse. "This soul-shattering carnage, in which tens of thousands of Kashmiri Muslims were killed, has few parallels in human history," he added. Citing British media reports, he said around 250,000 unarmed Muslims were martyred, while thousands of women were abducted, including the daughter of Raees-ul-Ahrar Chaudhry Ghulam Abbas. "Millions were forced to migrate to Pakistan, where they were warmly received, rehabilitated and given a respectable place in society," he noted. The Prime Minister said that since 1947, India has continued to use various tactics to alter the demographic composition of occupied Jammu and Kashmir. "On Jammu Martyrs' Day, we pay tribute to all the martyrs of the freedom movement and reaffirm our pledge to keep the torch they lit with their blood burning bright," the Prime Minister said. Reiterating his government's full support for the Kashmiris' struggle for right to self-determination, he vowed, "We will not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the cause of freedom and the day is not far when the green flag will be hoisted in Srinagar."He urged the international community and the United Nations to take notice of Indian atrocities in occupied Jammu and Kashmir, stop ongoing human rights violations, and ensure the implementation of relevant UN resolutions.

DFP terms Jammu massacre as worst example of genocide, ethnic cleansing

👺 Abdul Majeed Tahir

SRINAGAR: Jammu Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party has paid eulogizing tributes to martyrs of Jammu.

In a statement issued here today, the DFP spokesman advocate Arshad Iqbal said that the massacre of Muslims in Jammu in 1947 at the hands of Hindu fanatics was the most horrible incident of Kashmir that continues to haunt Kashmiris despite the passage decades.

Recalling the horrific incidents of violence that shook the region, he said Hindu chauvinists aided and abetted by Dogra Maharaja wiped out the entire Muslim population of the entire province with a mala-fide intent to alter demography of the region".

Terming it as a worst example of genocide and ethnic cleansing he said that during the intervening period of time (27 Oct 1947 to 6 Nov 1947) thousands of Muslims were massacred in Jammu region by mobs led by the extremist Hindus, whereas hundreds of thousands of hapless families were forced to flee and take refuge in newly formed state of Pakistan.

He said that chronology of key events of Kashmir history amply demon $strate the fact that changing demographic complexion of Muslim \, majority$ state of Jammu and Kashmir had always been on the cards from day one.

Expressing his serious concern over the continued bloodshed and violence in Kashmir, he said that it was high time that the world community should take effective notice of human rights violations and killing of innocent Kashmiris especially the youth who were being ruthlessly murdered by the occupation forces.

Kamalia Tehsildar Ch. Shakeel Gujjar Vows Merit-Based, Transparent Land Registration



👺 Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: According to the Details, Tehsildar Kamalia Chaudhry Hafiz Shakeel Gujjar talking to Our Correspondent in his office said that the registration of public lands and properties will be done on merit and transparency and no kind of recommendation or pressure will be tolerated. He further said that my office is open for public service at all times. Because I am a servant of the people. It is my responsibility to do the work of the people. Tehsildar said that the public will not face any difficulty or delay in their work, every citizen will be treated equally. He said that the registration process will be ensured so that the public's trust in the institution can further increase. Chaudhry Hafiz Shakeel Gujjar urged the public to approach the office without hesitation for the resolution of their problems and issues, as their issues will be resolved on top priority. He said that our aim is to provide justice and convenience to the public and in this regard, all steps will be taken on merit, transparency and in accordance with the law.

Eight banned religious party workers discharged in arson, vandalism case

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Wednesday ordered the discharge of eight workers of a banned religious party in a case related to arson and vandalism due to insufficient evidence.

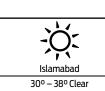
The hearing was conducted by ATC Administrative Judge Manzer Ali Gill, who announced the decision after reviewing the investigation report. Earlier, Chung Police produced the accused before the court upon

completion of their physical remand and sought an extension. When the court inquired about recoveries made during the earlier remand, the investigating officer stated that nothing had been recovered

and that the accused were merely present at the scene. The judge observed that there was no justification to keep those in the case from whom nothing had been recovered, and subsequently ordered

Those discharged include Ghulam Murtaza, Abdul Ghani, Jahangir Babar, Ali Raza, Karim Bakhsh, Jafar Ali, Muhammad Iqbal, and Ijaz

Chung police had registered a case against the accused on the charges of arson and vandalism during a recent protest.



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Kaspersky launches a new free online course on cyberhygiene

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ISLAMABAD: Kaspersky has launched a new free online course on basic cyberhygiene, crucial for everyone who uses the internet and gadgets on a daily basis but might lack knowledge of the cyber risks involved. The open course on digital literacy is designed for a wide audience, regardless of age or occupation, and covers the main issues of digital security.

In the course, Kaspersky experts explain, in simple and clear language, how to safely live your online life and protect yourself and your loved ones from cyber-

"As the digital world continues to evolve rapidly, cybersecurity awareness often gets left behind, creating opportunities for scammers to exploit vulnerable users. It's not easy for older internet users to catch up with technological development and learn how to use gadgets and messengers let alone how to use them safely. The younger generation is also an easy target for scammers. That's how the idea of 'Cyberhygiene' online course was born: a program designed to make digital security concepts accessible and empower people to detect fraud in time. This is another step towards Kaspersky's mission to build a safer digital world," comments Evgeniya Russkikh, Head of Academic Affairs at Kaspersky.

B A Landmark Step

Commissioner Multan Lays Foundation Stone of 'Multan Avenue'

跨 Zain Khan Malghani

MULTAN: Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif has presented yet another remarkable gift to the citizens of Multan, the approval of the "Multan Avenue" project under the "Prosperous Punjab, Restored Roads" initiative. The project promises to usher in a new era of urban beautification, improved traffic flow, and enhanced commercial activity in the

Under the project, a nine-kilometer-long modern avenue will be constructed from Sidanwala Chowk to Sahoo Chowk. Commissioner Multan Division Aamir Karim Khan laid the foundation stone of this landmark development, describing "Multan Avenue" as the city's first modern infrastructure initiative that will ensure both civic convenience and economic of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz

by June 30, 2026. However, he has urban space," he added.

assigned the Highway Department a special task to complete the project by March 23, 2026, to minimize inconvenience to citizens. The project has been divided into eight packages, with construction being carried out simultaneously by three contractors to ensure timely completion.

He further explained that the project encompasses state-of-the-art urban infrastructure, including 206 modern streetlights, 34 monuments, 50 smart parking areas, an 8.5-kilometer service lane, a 5-kilometer parking zone, and a 14.5-foot-wide urban green corridor. Additionally, RCC drains with footpaths, a central median, walkways, landscaping, and a modern lighting system are being developed to enhance both functionality and aesthetics.

Commissioner Khan said that "Multan Avenue" is a true reflection Sharif's vision of a developed, clean, Commissioner Aamir Karim Khan and modern Punjab. "This initiastated that the project carries an esti- tive represents our commitment to mated cost of Rs. 2.89 billion and providing citizens with a dust-free, is officially targeted for completion safe, and environmentally pleasant



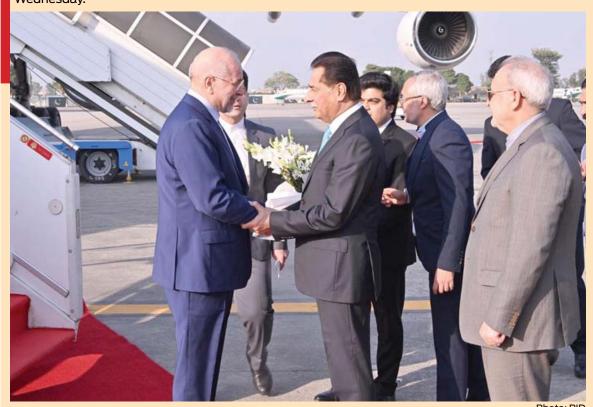
Multan Waseem Hamid Sindhu, City ments, representatives of the civil zens, and media personnel.

Police Officer Multan Sadiq Dogar, attended by Deputy Commissioner heads and officers of various depart-

society, renowned industrialist Ch. Zulfigar Ali Anjum, distinguished citi-

Arrival

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq receiving Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf on his arrival at Nur Khan Airbase on Wednesday.



Railway Minister Hails Sitara Group's Role in Faisalabad Station Restoration

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: The business community, especially Mian Muhammad Idrees of Sitara Group, has played a key role in the restoration of the historic building of Faisalabad Railway Station, for which he is personally grateful. Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi said this while addressing the media after inaugurating the renovated railway station today. He informed about the efforts being made to make Pakistan Railways profitable and said that his relations with Mian Muhammad Idrees are 30 to 35 years old. His family has always rendered valuable services for the development of Faisalabad and this series will



continue in the future. Mian and Industry President political and senior adminis-Muhammad Idrees, Faisal- Farooq Yousuf Sheikh and Ijaz trative figures of the city were abad Chamber of Commerce Hussain, besides prominent also present on the occasion.

A Grand Scholarship Award Ceremony Held at the University of Karachi

跨 City Desk

KARACHI: A magnificent Scholarship Award Ceremony 2025 was organized at the University of Karachi through the joint collaboration of the Students Financial Aid Office (SFAO) and the University of Karachi Alumni Houston Association (UKAHA), Texas, USA. The ceremony was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, and attended by various deans, former chairpersons, including Professor Dr. A. R. Zaki, and other prominent figures from academic circles. During the event, scholarship award cheques were distributed among



55 deserving students of the Universi-

Addressing the event, the Vice Chan-

cellor, Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, appreciated the educational

"the efforts of overseas alumni not only encourage the students of the University of Karachi but also strengthen the ties between alumni residing in Pakistan and the United States.'

Meanwhile, the scholarship recipients expressed their gratitude and joy, thanking Mr. Azam Akhtar and Mr. G. M. Chishti from the USA for their generous support. The organizers, Feroz Iqbal and Professor Dr. Ziasma Hanif, also thanked the guests for attending and lauded the initiative of overseas alumni, calling it a commendable step towards supporting and encouraging deserving students of contributions of UKAHA, stating that the University of Karachi.

Multan Press Club and Jamaat-e-Islami Sign Agreement For Free IT Courses for Members



MULTAN: Multan Press Club President Shakeel Anjum announced another welfare initiative for the members of the Press Club and their children and signed an important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jamaat-e-Islami Multan District. Under this agreement, more than six modern IT courses will be provided completely free of cost to the members of the Multan Press Club and their children. The fees for these courses in the market are in thousands of rupees, however, with the cooperation of Jamaat-e-Islami and Al-Khidmat Foundation, these training opportunities will now be available free of charge to the members of Multan Press Club. An MoU was exchanged between Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami District Multan Sohaib Ammar Siddiqui and President Multan Press Club Shakeel Anjum. On this occasion, General Secretary Multan Press Club Nisar Awan, Senior Vice President Multan Press Club Muhammad Khalid Chaudhry, Deputy Secretary Jamaat-e-Islami Multan Yahya Abdullah, Secretary Information Jamaat-e-Islami South Punjab Rao Ijaz, Malik Mehboob, General Secretary Multan Union of Journalists Qamar Jahan, Zafarul Islam, Shakeel Chaudhry, Khawaja Ashraf Siddiqui and others were present.

Islamic finance offers a USD 5.5 trillion opportunity to unlock new markets and capital

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: Islamic banking has evolved from a niche offering to a mainstream financial segment, spanning more than 80 countries and assets exceeding USD 5 trillion. Yet, ambiguities around what it is - its principles, structures, and market dynamics - pose challenges for corporate leaders seeking to engage with or invest in this space, with 65 per cent of corporates indicating interest in Shariah-compliant solutions had no prior background, or exposure to Islamic banking.

'Islamic Banking for Corporates: Broadening Horizons', a report by Standard Chartered published today, identifies a lack of product familiarity as a key factor restricting corporates from accessing USD 5.5 trillion in global Islamic finance assets, which is projected to reach USD 7.5 trillion by 2028. The number of corporate Sukuk issuers has nearly doubled since 2020, driving a 38 per cent increase in issuance volumes to USD 58.8 billion in 2024.

"Islamic banking has evolved into one of the world's fastest-growing sources of capital, but awareness amongst corporates has not kept pace," said Khurram Hilal, CEO of Group Islamic Banking at Standard Chartered. "Corporates that build Islamic finance capabilities stand to access specialised capital pools with trillions in assets, preferential pricing in oversubscribed markets, government incentives in high-growth markets, and ESG-focused capital pools where ethical screening is structurally embedded. This knowledge gap reflects an increasingly expensive oppor-

FCCI dispatches another relief consignment to flood-hit areas

FAISALABAD: The Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) dispatched another relief consignment to flood-hit areas on Wednesday.

Speaking at a ceremony held to mark the dispatch of consignment of relief goods to flood-affected areas, Group Leader and Convener of FCCI Flood Relief Committee Mian Javed Iqbal said that Faisalabad Chamber had decided that all funds collected for flood relief would be distributed through the Maulana Tariq Jamil Foundation to ensure transparency

He praised the Maulana Tariq Jamil Foundation for its exemplary humanitarian and welfare services and said that such organizations including Alkhidmat, Saylani and Edhi Foundation, etc would be trusted with eyes closed.

He said that the relief operation is being carried out with complete honesty and accountability to ensure that every contribution reaches the deserving families.

He said that the event was organized not only to send off the latest batch of relief supplies but also to express gratitude to donors and encourage more contributions for ongoing rehabilitation work in flood-hit regions.

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Kashmir Mourns Darkest Day of November 6, 1947

n the history of Jammu and Kashmir, 6 November, 1947 is marked as the darkest day and is etched in the minds of Kashmiri people as a fresh wound even after decades. Each year, Kashmiris across the world commemorate it in condemnation as the "first massive genocide" of the Kashmiris by brutal Indian armed forces.

In November 1947, Indian forces and extremists brutally tortured and massacred thousands (237,000) of Kashmiris in a genocidal attempt to change the demographic and religious majority of Kashmiri population. Such illegal and unilateral attempt by Indian forces to artificially alter the demographic majority of Muslims in Kashmir continues till date. The illegal actions of 5 August, 2019 are an extension of the same pattern.

Pakistan pays homage to the thousands of Kashmiri martyrs especially of November 1947 who sacrificed their lives in this long struggle for freedom. In utter denial of United Nations Security Council resolutions and in violation of International Law, India has held illegal usurpation and illegitimate occupation of Kashmir. Pakistan and all other proponents of fundamental human rights voice their censure in strongest terms. India is guilty of protracted violation of fundamental human rights, right to self-determination and International Law.

This day incarnates the exceptional courage and unwavering determination of the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) to secure their inalienable right to freedom. This day also testifies that generations of Kashmiris valiantly challenged Indian forces and never succumbed to Indian brutalities and atrocities. Kashmiris have never shirked away from rendering sacrifices for their just cause.

Today, the Government of Pakistan and people of Pakistan pay heartfelt tribute to the valued sacrifices of Kashmiri brothers and sisters. Pakistan extends unequivocal support to the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). And Pakistan also reiterates its commitment at the global diplomatic front that Pakistan will continue to ardently raise the issue of Kashmir and will continue to extend its political, diplomatic, and moral support to people of Kashmir.

The International Community must emphatically voice their concerns about the continued violation of human rights and International Law by India in Indian illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). At every international diplomatic forum. Pakistan has this principled position that the Kashmir dispute must be resolved in line with UNSC resolutions and as per aspirations of Kashmiris.

A tale of States under genocide: Jammu 1947 and Palestine 2024-25

November 1947, which was the first Genocide of Muslims in post-colonial South Asia. A genocide that was forgotten in the pages of history. In a matter of a few weeks, over 237,000 Muslims were massacred, and half a million were forced to flee across the borders to the newly created nation of Pakistan and Azad Kashmir. All of this was not by chance, but it was a well-designed genocide initiated by the Maharaja Hari Singh with the help of RSS and Sikh Militias to remove the Muslim population to change the demography of Jammu so as to accede to India.

The atrocities in Jammu were confirmed through the British reports and modern records. According to The Times (London), there is a report dated 10 August 1948 quoting that British officials estimated that "237,000 Muslims were systematically exterminated" from August to November 1947. In Pakistan's white paper, it has been reported that in the Jammu Massacre of 1947, entire villages were wiped out, women were abducted, and the people carried by trains were set on fire. The world, however, sought silence. Even the United Nations, which was just in its starting phase, ignored this genocide, probably looking at it as communal violence, and failed to form any accountability mechanism. The silence by the international community at that time was a dangerous precedent being set, the silence that still echoes today in Palestine, which is under the same fate of ethnic cleansing.

Jammu and Kashmir in by the Dogra regime was to "purify" the today in Palestine, which is under the failure of the global institutions that are territory by eliminating the Muslim population. Whereas, the genocide in Gaza that has been carried out since as the United States, have called for a 2024 is being justified by Israel under the pretext of "self-defense," inflicting rity Council Resolution, so as to effecthe collective punishment that meets tively shield Israel against accountability. every criterion of genocide and is defined

by the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948). Israel's military has killed over 60,034 Palestinians as of July 2025, including 9,782 women and 18,592 children, according to the data provided by

the Palestinian Ministry of Health and independent UN agencies. It is estimated that over two million inhabitants of Gaza have been displaced, with 94% hospitals being damaged and entire neighbourhoods erased. The WHO has predicted a famine-like situation in Gaza, disease outbreaks if Israel doesn't fully remove the blockade that has been unlawfully imposed.

What is happening in Gaza, just like the Jammu genocide, is not spontaneous; it is well planned and deliberate, and effectively orchestrated. Both were intended to depopulate and dominate through demographic re-engineering, mass killings, and forced displacements. Global Silence is not different from the Past. In 1947, Western powers ignored the Jammu genocide, dubbing it as a regional issue. Setting a dangerous world remains unlearned from its past

The genocide in Jammu orchestrated precedent, the silence that still echoes experience. Both tragedies reveal the sad in 2025, the same western powers, such ceasefire in Gaza blocking the UN Secu-Selective humanitarianism has become

the hallmark of Global politics. Because this is the same world that was activated swiftly to resist for Ukraine and remains hesitant for Palestine. Thus unveiling the double standards so-called as "rules-based international order". Muhammad Faiz ur Rehman

The tragedy of 1947 in

Jammu remains forgotten in the International media, Indian textbooks, and Western scholarship. This historical precedent set a fertile ground for the future normalization of impunity. Jammu genocide remained widely unacknowledged and became a blueprint for future crimes from Shatila and Sabra (1982) to Gaza (2024-2025); the wrongdoers rely on denial, silence, and bias in international politics to escape justice. Pakistan's stance however, remains consistent. It has always recognized Jammu and Kashmir as a disputed territory and called for an independent Palestinian State under UN Resolutions. As Pakistan observes "Black Day" every year on 6 November in memory of the Jammu victims. But, the same tale from Gaza serves as a reminder that the rest of the

same fate of ethnic cleansing. However, the flag bearers of human rights when the tragedy struck the Muslims.

Jammu massacre must be recognized

as genocide. Whereas the genocide that is happening in Gaza must be put to a proper halt through international intervention, and with unified Muslim world, not with just statements and fake ceasefires. But with the establishment of an accountability mechanism so as to avoid future violations of the ceasefire. Because, this is the time that the world should wake up to see the reality and accept this uncomfortable truth that it is unjust to side with neutrality when the wrongdoers and innocents are evident. The failure to acknowledge the Jammu genocide paved the way for the one happening in Gaza, and if not now, then we will see such a situation in the future too. The act of remembrance, justice, and recognition are not merely symbolic. These are the moral steps that will help stop this vicious

cycle of impunity. Resilience against the atrocities is the key characteristic of the people of Jammu and Gaza. Both tales tell us that genocide doesn't occur in the darkness of the night but in the daylight where the world remains standing with closed eyes. From both Jammu and Gaza history is the witness of one reality that when the world chooses to stay silent over injustice, the victims change but the crime stays the same, the conscience of humans must be awakened, not when the ashes settle but while the fire still burns

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Jammu 1947: The Orchestrated Cleansing Behind India's Invasion of Kashmir

Mushtaq Hussain

he November 1947 Jammu Massacre remains one of the darkest and most systematically obscured episodes in the history of South Asia's partition. It was neither a spontaneous eruption of communal violence nor a reaction to the tribal incursion from Pakistan, as New Delhi continues to claim. Rather, it was a meticulously planned campaign—intended to alter Jammu's demography, eliminate Muslim political strength, and construct a convenient pretext for India's military invasion of Kashmir.

Historical evidence and survivor testimonies indicate that between late October and early November 1947, nearly 300,000 Muslims were massacred in Jammu city and adjoining districts-Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, and Reasi. This large-scale violence was not the work of uncontrolled mobs but the outcome of state-directed operations led by Dogra forces. supported by Patiala troops and extremist Hindu militias affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The entire campaign unfolded under the silent endorsement of Indian political leaders and with the acquiescence of British officers still embedded in the Indian command structure.

The Indian assertion that its military intervention on October 27, 1947, was a defensive response to a "Pakistani tribal invasion" collapses under the weight of documentary scrutiny. As Alastair Lamb (1991) demonstrates in Kashmir: A Disputed Legacy, preparations for India's invasion had been underway weeks before any tribal movement toward Kashmir began. Road construction, troop mobilization, and coordination with the Dogra regime were initiated by early September 1947.

of a Muslim-majority state, whose administration regarded the Muslim population as a political liability. His government disarmed Muslim police and soldiers while arming communal militias with modern weaponry and logistical support. The Patiala State Forces—sent on New Delhi's covert directive—entered Jammu before India's official military intervention in Srinagar. Survivor accounts compiled by post-war investigators describe coordinated operations in which Patiala troops and RSS militias moved from village to village, rounding up Muslim men, executing them in groups, and burning entire settlements. Women were abducted, violated, or disappeared, while caravans of refugees heading toward Sialkot were ambushed under state supervision. The cumulative objective was unmistakable: to decimate the Muslim presence in Jammu and reshape its demographic

India's political leadership of the time cannot be absolved. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Home Minister Vallabhbhai Patel, and Mahatma Gandhi were all aware of the unfolding massacres. Patel maintained active communication with both the Maharaja and the Patiala ruler but took no remedial action. Nehru, despite professing secular ideals, publicly echoed the claim that India's intervention was necessitated by "tribal aggression." Gandhi, who wielded considerable moral authority, remained notably silent on the Jammu atrocities even as he condemned communal violence elsewhere. Lamb (1991) remarks that "Delhi's silence at that hour was as deliberate as its later justification of intervention."

In this process of narrative construction, Sheikh Abdullah, then a rising Kashmir political leader, inadvertently reinforced India's by the Indian state—a history in which truth justification. While initially sympathetic to remains its first and most enduring casualty.

At the center of the premeditated design popular Muslim sentiment, his later alignstood Maharaja Hari Singh, the Hindu ruler ment with Nehru's Congress framework and endorsement of the accession under Indian terms provided the moral and political cover New Delhi required. Abdullah's subsequent rationalization-that Indian troops entered Kashmir solely to repel tribal invadersbecame a key pillar of the official Indian narrative, despite overwhelming historical evidence to the contrary.

By the time the violence subsided, Jammu's Muslim population had been shattered. Entire communities were eradicated; trains bound for Sialkot arrived filled with corpses, and hundreds of villages disappeared from official maps. Of the nearly 700,000 Muslims who once inhabited Jammu province, only a fraction remained. British authorities, preoccupied with managing partition, turned a blind eve. while India buried the episode under decades

of denial and silence. As Victoria Schofield (2010) observes in Kashmir in Conflict, the Jammu massacres marked "the violent prelude to India's annexation of Kashmir." The slaughter was not an aberration of partition but a calculated act of political engineering designed to erase a community and fabricate legitimacy for India's military occupation. The evidence-archival, testimonial, and historiographical-converges on one conclusion: the invasion of Kashmir was preplanned, the massacres were deliberate, and the narrative of tribal aggression was a convenient falsehood.

The Jammu Massacre thus stands as both a human tragedy and a geopolitical stratagem. It reveals how orchestrated violence was employed to redraw demography, suppress self-determination, and manufacture justification for annexation. The ghosts of November 1947 continue to challenge the sanitized history propagated

A Genocide Unacknowledged, A **Memory Unforgotten**

Jammu was drenched in the blood of its own people. What began as a systematic campaign of terror soon turned into one of the most horrific episodes of ethnic cleansing in South Asian history by extremist Hindus— a tragedy that has been buried in silence for over seven decades. Yet, living testimony to a genocide unacknowledged, a corrupts it.

memory unforgotten. The Tragedy of November 1947

In the chaotic months following the partition of British India, when borders were hastily drawn and identities were violently redefined, the Muslim population of Jammu became the target of a meticulously organized massacre of Hindus. Thousands of innocent men, women, and children were rounded up, driven

from their homes, and executed in cold blood. The Silence of the World

What deepens the wound of Jammu's tragedy is not only the scale of the violence but the deafening silence that followed. The global conscience that mourned the partition's other horrors has, for the most part, overlooked the genocide in Jammu. No tribunal investigated it, no monument was built, and no government officially acknowledged the

But for the Kashmiri people, silence has never meant forgetfulness. Every year, on November 6, they gather in prayer and remembrance — in homes, mosques, and community halls — to honor those who were slain. Their remembrance is not only an act of mourning but also one of defiance: a refusal to allow history to erase their suffering. **Memory as Resistance**

Those who survived the massacre carried their stories with them as they crossed into Sialkot,

n November 6, 1947, the land of Gujrat, and Rawalpindi. They built new lives out of loss, yet their memories remained vivid — spoken in whispers, preserved in family histories, and recited at every commemoration of Martyrs of Jammu Day. The Moral Imperative of Acknowledgment

To recognize what happened in Jammu in 1947 is not to reopen old wounds, but to heal them through truth. Acknowledgment is the first step though the world has chosen to forget, the people toward justice, and justice is the only foundation of Jammu and Kashmir have not. Their grief, upon which peace can be built. The denial or distorpassed from one generation to the next, remains a tion of such atrocities does not protect history — it

Shaukat Ali

The world must understand that remembrance is not vengeance; it is the preservation of humanity's moral compass. Forgetting such tragedies only paves the way for their repeti-

An Enduring Flame

Seventy-eight years have passed, but the memories of Jammu's martyrs continue to burn bright in the collective soul of Kashmir. For

every family that lost loved ones, for every village wiped off the map, remembrance remains sacred. The story of Jammu's genocide is more than a

tale of loss — it is a testament to endurance. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have carried their pain with dignity, transforming it into a moral cry for truth and justice.

Though the genocide remains unacknowledged, its memory endures — in every heart that still beats for freedom, in every tear shed on Martyrs' Day, and in every prayer whispered for the souls of the slain. Their voices were silenced, but their memory

speaks still. It reminds the world that truth cannot be buried forever — and that even in the face of denial, a genocide unacknowledged remains a memory unfor-

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Uzbekistan-USA: Strategic Partnership as a Driver of Interregional Cooperation

working visit to participate in the "C5+1" Donald Trump, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as heads of U.S. government departments and agencies.

November 2015 in Samarkand, has become an important mechanism TIFA meetings (Samarkand, March for coordination and cooperation in 2023), and projects on artificial intelareas such as regional development, economic resilience, environmental protection, energy, and security. Its primary goal is to establish a permaexchange views on pressing issues, and strengthen connectivity in the fields of humanitarian engagement. The Joint Declaration on Partnership and Cooperation, adopted at the first meeting, reaffirmed the United States' commitment to supporting the sovereignty, eral cooperation with the United States, independence, and territorial integrity of the Central Asian countries.

The first "C5+1" leaders' summit, held in New York in September 2023, gave a strong impetus to advancing the comprehensive agenda of the platform and marked the launch of new initiatives, including the "B5+1" Private Sector Business Platform (Almaty, the United States on May 15-17, 2018, March 2024) and the Critical Minerals Dialogue (February 2024). Since era of strategic partnership. The Presits inception, the format has held 13 ident has also met with U. S. leaders ministerial meetings and three highlevel gatherings, as well as specialized forums on climate change, development, Afghanistan, and other priority

Uzbekistan has taken an active and

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirzi- consistently advocating for the instituyoyev has arrived in Washington on a tionalization of cooperation, enhanced border-security coordination, intensummit of the leaders of Central Asian sified action on climate and environcountries and the United States and mental challenges, and the continuato hold meetings with U. S. President tion of projects in trade, investment, transport, and energy. Tashkent also supports initiatives related to Afghanistan. Many Uzbek initiatives have been endorsed and implemented in prac-The "C5+1" format, launched in tice, including the establishment of the Virtual "C5+1" Secretariat (2021), the ligence and educational cooperation under the "C5+1" framework.

The impact of these multilateral initiatives is evident: strengthened regional nent platform for diplomatic dialogue, cooperation has opened new export routes, enhanced investment attractiveness, and created expert-exchange plattransport, energy, trade, business, and forms — all contributing to the overall resilience of Central Asia.

Uzbekistan's active engagement in the "C5+1" format is fully aligned with its broader policy of deepening bilatwhich continues to expand across all key areas-politics, security, the economy, science, and culture.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on February 19, 1992, Uzbek istan and the United States have made substantial progress. A milestone was President Mirziyoyev's official visit to which laid the foundation for a new on various multilateral platforms - on the sidelines of the Riyadh Summit in May 2017 and during the UN General Assembly sessions in New York in September 2017 and 2025.

The bilateral political dialogue constructive role within the "C5+1", evolved in 2021 into the Uzbekistan-U.



S. Strategic Partnership Dialogue, whose sessions are held alternately in the two capitals. The fourth meeting, held in Washington on November 13, 2024, concluded with an agreement to elevate its status to the Expanded Strategic Partnership Dialogue.

The regular visits of senior U.S. officials and special envoys to Uzbekistan further underscore the growing intensity of the partnership.

In 2025, Uzbekistan hosted several high-level American representatives, including Paolo Zampolli, the Special Representative of the U. S. President for Global Partnerships (August 28 -September 1, 2025), and Sergio Góvar, the Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs, accompanied by First Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau (October 25-27, 2025).

A clear demonstration of the high level of bilateral relations was the official visit of Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov to Washington on April 8–10, 2025, during which he met

with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and National Security Advisor Michael Waltz. The sides discussed a wide range of regional and international issues, paying particular attention to strengthening the strategic partnership between Uzbekistan and the United States. Special emphasis was placed on cooperation in security, economic development, regional connectivity, and sustainable growth in Central Asia.

Inter-parliamentary ties are also expanding dynamically. In 2018, the Uzbekistan Caucus was established in the U.S. House of Representatives, with participation from both parties. Regular visits of congressional delegations contribute to the strengthening of parliamentary diplomacy.

Economic and investment cooperation is developing at a robust pace. The bilateral trade turnover and the number of joint projects continue to grow annually. Major American companies such as Air Products, General Electric, General Motors, Boeing, Honeywell, The Coca-

Cola Company, and John Deere are Uzbekistan. successfully operating in Uzbekistan.

During the IV Tashkent International Investment Forum on June 9, 2025, the U. S.-Uzbekistan Business Forum was held with the participation of around 100 U.S. companies. Memorandums of understanding were signed and negotiations held with Boeing, FLS, Visa, NASDAQ, Air Products, Franklin Templeton, Morgan Stanley, and others.

The United States supports Uzbekistan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). In December 2024, the parties signed a protocol concluding bilateral negotiations on accession — an important milestone in Uzbekistan's integration into the global trading system.

The cultural and humanitarian sphere constitutes a significant dimension of bilateral cooperation. Sister-city relations have been established between Tashkent-Seattle, Bukhara-Santa Fe, and Zarafshan-Clinton. These municipal partnerships foster cultural and educational exchange, tourism, and business collaboration.

Educational cooperation is also advancing: the Tashkent branch of Webster University (opened in 2019) and the American University of Technology (AUT), established in partnership with Arizona State University, play a key role. On August 30, 2025, an American Corner — a cultural and educational hub promoting academic and scientific collaboration — was inaugurated at AUT.

In October 2023, Tashkent hosted the Education USA Regional Forum with the participation of 65 U.S. universities. The activities of American Councils for International Education (ACIE) have resumed, and work is underway to restore the Peace Corps presence in

Transport connectivity has also improved: since July 2017, direct Tashkent-New York-Tashkent flights operated by the national airline have resumed, facilitating business and humanitarian exchanges.

Furthermore, the United States continues to support Uzbekistan's domestic reforms. Reports by the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Labor highlight progress in combating human trafficking and eradicating the worst forms of child labour. Uzbek cotton has been removed from the lists of goods produced with forced child labour; in December 2020, Uzbekistan was delisted from the "Countries of Particular Concern" regarding religious freedom; and in April 2024, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) removed Uzbekistan from the Special 301 Watch List on intellectual property protection.

In summary, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's current visit to the United States and participation in the "C5+1" Summit will provide a new and powerful impetus for the practical implementation of initiatives on both the multilateral and bilateral agenda. The visit will undoubtedly strengthen political dialogue, accelerate the realization of investment agreements, expand educational and cultural exchanges, and give fresh momentum to joint projects in energy, transport, and digital technologies.

For Uzbekistan, this visit represents another opportunity to reaffirm its status as an active and reliable partner in Central Asia; for the United States, it serves as a platform to deepen engagement in a region of strategic importance for global stability and economic

NUML signs three mous to enhance industry-academia linkages and student employability

ISLAMABAD: The National Univer-International, Shaoor, and Ezitech to expanding its industrial collab- will facilitate NUML students and ia-industry collaboration, enhance professionally competent and ready placements, and job opportunities i student employability, and promote for future challenges. innovation and entrepreneurship.

and Founder Ezitech Institute.

NUML, Maj Gen Shahid Mahmood sharing, and research and innova-Kayani HI(M) (retd), emphasized tion. that such partnerships play a vital

The MoU with SysReforms Inter-The MoUs were signed by Brig- national aims to jointly imple- programs, while NUML, in collaboadier Muhammad Rafiq Khan, ment IT Bootcamps and develop Director General NUML, along commercial, market-driven training with Brigadier (Retd.) Zafar Jamil, ventures that enhance employa-CEO SysReforms International; Mr. bility and contribute to the growth Jawad Janjua, Founder and CEO of Pakistan's IT exports. The collab-Shaoor; and Mr. Ibrahim Shah, CEO oration will focus on areas such as training delivery, certification path-Speaking on the occasion, Rector ways, infrastructure and technology

skills and exposure needed to meet Dsportshub (Pvt) Ltd, and Supemarket demands and contribute rior Plastics (Pvt) Ltd, Islamabad, sity of Modern Languages (NUML) effectively to Pakistan's knowl- both parties have agreed to promote signed three Memoranda of Under- edge-based economy. He further and carry out collaborative activities standing (MoUs) with SysReforms added that NUML is committed in areas of mutual interest. Shaoor Institute to strengthen academ- orations to ensure its graduates are alumni by providing internships, the industry and corporate sector. It will also offer capacity development ration with Shaoor, will take measures to promote an entrepreneurial culture among its students.

Similarly, the MoU with Ezitech Institute is designed to provide NUML students and alumni with industry exposure through internwill support Ezitech in identifying innovation on campus. potential students for these oppor-Under the MoU with Shaoor; a tunities and will work jointly for the significant step in NUML's ongoing equipped not only with theoretical itive job market.



ships and job placements. NUML promotion of entrepreneurship and commitment to bridge the gap knowledge but also with the pracbetween academia and industry, tical skills and professional mindset These partnerships mark another ensuring that its graduates are required to excel in today's compet-

AlHuda CIBE Launches Global Virtual Internship on Sukuk and Islamic Capital Markets

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the 10th batch of its Global Virtual tive, AlHuda CIBE continues to play a Sukuk and Islamic Capital Markets Internship Program on Sukuk and transformative role in nurturing talent ary 10, 2026. Applications are open until November 8, 2025.

DUBAI - UAE: AlHuda Center of wide — including those from coun- 300+ expert-led webinars, workshops, Islamic Banking and Economics tries where such markets are still in (CIBE) has announced the launch of nascent stages. Through this initia-Islamic Capital Markets, running and driving the growth of Islamic global significance and demand for from November 10, 2025, to Janu- financial systems across new regions. skilled professionals

Since its launch during the COVID-19 pandemic, AlHuda CIBE's

and case-based learning sessions. The 10th batch now focuses exclusively on — a reflection of the sector's growing

Mr. Zubair Mughal, CEO of AlHuda CIBE, remarked: "This internship is Building on its legacy of innova- Virtual Internship Program has grown designed to empower a new generation in Islamic finance education, into a worldwide learning platform. tion of professionals with the specialthis two-month intensive program Over 4,000 interns from more than ized expertise required in the tril-

capital markets professionals world- successful batches, benefiting from By offering this program free of cost, we remove barriers to knowledge and create opportunities for capacity building, even in regions where Islamic capital markets are yet to be developed."

The program offers a well-rounded curriculum covering Sukuk structuring, Shariah compliance, Islamic investment banking, securitization, and regulatory frameworks. Participants gain hands-on exposure through real-world deal analysis, simulated

opens the doors of global Islamic 140 countries have completed nine lion-dollar Islamic finance industry. Sukuk structuring exercises, and ally Beyond skill development, the capstone projects. Industry veterans - including Sukuk arrangers, legal advisors, and Shariah scholars guide interns through live interactive sessions and webinars on emerging topics such as green Sukuk, ESG integration, and digital transformation in Islamic capital markets.

Participants of the program receive a globally recognized certificate from AlHuda CIBE, signaling their readiness to contribute to the development of Islamic capital markets glob-

internship also fosters international networking and professional growth through collaboration with peers and experts from diverse financial ecosys-

Through this landmark initiative, AlHuda CIBE continues its mission of advancing Islamic finance education and fostering economic inclusion, ensuring that the benefits of ethical, Shariah-compliant finance reach emerging and established markets



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Strategic Perspectives (CSP) at Roundtable discussion with the Institute of Strategic Stud- Ms. Natalie A. Baker, U. S. ISLAMABAD: The Centre for ies Islamabad (ISSI) hosted a Chargé d'Affaires of the United

Relations States of America to Pakistan, cooperation and divergence but prevention in South Asia. He stability. The Q&A session also

on "Recent Developments in the U. S.-Pakistan Relationship under the Trump Administration." Other participants included former Ambassadors and senior diplomats, heads of think tanks, academics, practitioners, and area experts.

In his remarks, Director General Ambassador Sohail Mahmood noted that Pakistan and the United States share a long, resilient relationship that has evolved through

remained vital for both sides. He and helpful in advancing shared goals of peace, stability, and prosperity.

Under the second Trump DFC cooperation. Administration, Ambassador have entered a pragmatic phase with convergence on enhanced peace in Afghanistan, and crisis

emphasized growing economic focused on a range of subjects added that, notwithstanding the engagement, with U.S. investconstraints and challenges, the ments in Pakistan's energy, partnership has been adaptable, minerals, agriculture, and IT sectors, and highlighted initi- and strategic stability in South atives such as a Pakistan-U. S. Asia; conflict in the Middle East; Education and IT Corridor, and and developments in Asia-Pa-

During the wide-ranging Sohail Mahmood underlined, ties exchanges, the participants Khalid Mahmood, Chairman underscored importance of a of the Board of Governors, deeper, forward-looking part- ISSI, presented the Institute's counter-terrorism cooperation, nership built on shared goals of memento to the Guest Speaker, peace, prosperity, and regional followed by a group photo.

- including enhanced bilateral economic collaboration, situation in Afghanistan; peace, security

In the end, Ambassador

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Pakistan: PSX 1	00-Share Index			
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159,578.19	161,281.76			
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USA: Dow Jones I	ndustrial Average			
Index Value	Change			
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+0.62%	5 Nov, 12:27 pm GMT-5			
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average			
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Open Market Forex Rates

Time

5 Nov, 3:45 pm

GMT+9

Percentage

-2.50%

Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.45	190.45
Bahrain Dinar	746.9	754.4
Canadian Dollar	205.7	212.7
China Yuan	39.4	39.8
Danish Krone	44	44.4
Euro	332.15	335.65
Hong Kong Dollar	36.6	37
Indian Rupee	3.15	3.24
Japanese Yen	1.8765	1.9765
Kuwaiti Dinar	913.9	922.9
Malaysian Ringgit	66.6	67.2
NewZealand \$	160.8	162.8
Norwegians Krone	28	28.3
Omani Riyal	731.55	739.05
Qatari Riyal	76.85	77.55
Saudi Riyal	75.7	76.3
Singapore Dollar	217.1	221.9
Swedish Korona	29.75	30.05
Swiss Franc	352.85	355.6
Thai Bhat	8.5	8.65
U.A.E Dirham	76.95	77.95
UK Pound Sterling	381.2	384.2
US Dollar	282.6	282.9

Yango Ride Launches New Safety Flow Within Its App in Pakistan



KARACHI: Yango Ride, part of the global tech company Yango Group, has introduced an updated safety flow in its application in Pakistan. The update integrates personalized safety checklists, enabling passengers to view the current status of implemented security measures during their rides, and a brand new safety center with security tips before and during the journey. The update will gradually become

available for all users in the near future. "Safety is our highest priority at Yango, and we believe it's essential not only to implement robust safety measures and security technologies, but also to make them visible and transparent to every user. With our new personalized safety checklists and updates, passengers can now see exactly what we're doing to protect them at every stage of their trip — from the moment they book to the end of the ride," says Miral Sharif, Country Manager for Yango Pakistan.

The new safety center shows the current status of the journey and indicates which safety check-ups and features are implemented. The factors that are considered while calculating the security level

Safety is one of the main areas of focus for the Yango Ride service. Over 30 special features are available for both passengers and partner drivers before, during, and after the ride. These features include speed and driving style monitoring, the ability to share routes and trip details with trusted contacts, a quick access to SOS numbers in case of an emergency, and others.

Faisalabad Commissioner vows business-friendly governance, warning against obstruction

👺 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: All government agencies will adopt industry and business-friendly strategies for a conducive environment, while those who create problems for the business community will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

This was said by Divisional Commissioner Raja Jahangir Anwar while addressing the business community at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that he will issue a notification today to nominate the Additional Commissioner as a focal person to directly contact the chamber to resolve business issues.

He said that they have abolished 66 types of unnecessary licenses. Applications can be made electronically through this platform, while 3 types of licenses will be issued within 24 hours as these applications will be followed up by the Deputy Commissioner himself. He also referred to the Business Facilitation Center and said that 12 to 13 thousand licenses have been issued through it so far.

and Industry President Farooq Yousuf Sheikh $\;$ soon. appreciated the administrative capabilities of the Commissioner and said that with his started and it is expected that a pleasant and Amiad, Mian Muhammad Tayyab, Shakeel



Earlier, Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce positive change will be seen in Faisalabad very

Senior Vice President Naveed Akram

dent Faroog Yousuf Sheikh gave the Commisand Chiniot.

Ansari, Rana Sikandar Azam, Muzammil sioner a special collar pin, shield and gifts Sultan, Tariq Mahmood Qadri, Abdullah on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Qadri, Haji Muhammad Abid, Haji Gulzar the Chamber. Earlier, Commissioner Raja Sheikh, Bao Akram, Arif Ehsan Malik, Bilal and Abdul Rehman also participated in the Jahangir Anwar also sent a consignment of arrival, the stalled development works have Jamil, Jawad Shafiq, Shahid Majeed, Rubina question and answer session. Finally, Presi- wheat seeds for the flood victims of Jhang

Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, chairing the meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board attended by representatives of the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association, provincial Cane Commissioners, and other stakeholders on Wednesday.



Huawei and Transworld Launch Pakistan's First 400G Optical Network Milestone



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ISLAMABAD: Huawei Technologies and Transworld Associates have announced the successful deployment of Pakistan's first 400G optical network, a major milestone in the nation's digital infrastructure development. The cutting-edge network spans 72 sites nationwide, underscoring both companies' commitment to advancing high-speed connectivity and supporting Pakistan's grow-

ing digital economy.

The achievement marks the culmination of nearly two years of strategic collaboration, which began in 2023 with Huawei's close involvement in project planning, tender guidance, and commercial strategy formulation.

In June 2025, Transworld issued a purchase order to Huawei for full-scale deployment of the 400G network, encompassing manufacturing, inland transportation, installation, power-up, and commis-

sioning. Demonstrating exceptional execution speed, Huawei successfully delivered nine 400G Lambdas five long-haul and four metro ahead of schedule, enabling Transworld to declare the Islamabad-Karachi Lambda Ready for Service (RFS) by October 3rd, 2025. This successful rollout not only fortifies Pakistan's digital backbone but also reinforces Huawei's dedication to innovation, reliability, and strategic partnerships across the region's evolving telecom landscape.

'Mera Brand Pakistan - Grand Bazaar' -Pakistan's Biggest Showcase of SMEs and **Cottage Industries**

S Commerce Desk

LAHORE: The Pak International Business Forum (PIBF) is organizing a grand exhibition titled "Mera Brand Pakiheld in Lahore from November 21 to 23, as a continua-"Mera Brand Pakistan" expo, which received overwhelming public and commercial response.

powerful platform for small small-scale industries.

and medium enterprises (SMEs) and cottage industries to showcase their products, connect with investors, and expand their market reach. PIBF representatives

stan - Grand Bazaar", to be Muhammad Éjaz Tanveer, Abdul Wadood Alvi, and others said that "Grand Bazaar tion of the recently concluded aims to celebrate Pakistan's craftsmanship, empower women entrepreneurs, and promote sustainable economic growth through SME devel-The Grand Bazaar will opment." A large number feature over 300 stalls, of traders, investors, policyincluding 100 dedicated exclu- makers, and representatives ively to women entrepreneurs — from chambers of commerce and artisans, highlighting their are expected to participate in creativity, skills, and contribu- the three-day event, which tion to the national economy. promises to be one of the most The event will serve as a vibrant showcases of Pakistan's

SECP and Digital Banks collaborate to enable sameday corporate account opening for startups

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has taken a major step toward facilitating startups and newly formed companies by simplifying and expediting the process of opening corporate bank accounts. This initiative reemphasizes the SECP's commitment to its "Paper to Platform" vision.

The SECP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mobilink Microfinance Bank Limited, Easypaisa Bank Limited, and Ragami Islamic Digital Bank Limited.

This collaboration builds on

a recent SECP initiative that introduced a Standard Format for Board Resolutions to open corporate bank accounts. This standard aims to promote uniformity, transparency, and seamless banking integration for registered companies across Pakistan.

Through this partnership, same-day corporate account opening will be enabled via a secure, API-based integration between the SECP's eZfile system and the partner banking platforms. This digital linkage will allow newly incorporated companies to commence operations immediately by eliminating procedural delays and reducing administrative hurdles.

Uzbekistan and Pakistan Trade MOU signed

Example 2 Commerce Desk

and economic collaboration, Mr. Mazhar Hussain Thathal, Chairman/CEO of Global Trade Expo Centre Pakistan (GTEC), signed a Memorandum of Understandof Uzbekistan.

During the signing ceremony, Mr. Fazliyev extended a formal invita- toward developing stronger tion to Mr. Mazhar Hussain Thathal economic bridges between Pakito visit Uzbekistan, emphasizing stan and Uzbekistan, encouraging the shared vision of fostering long- exporters, importers, and entreterm business relations between the preneurs from both countries to two countries. He highlighted that explore untapped potential in bilatthe National Economic Coopera- eral trade.

tion of Uzbekistan, in collaboration with GTEC, is keen to strengthen ISLAMABAD: In a significant trade corridors that will help both move to enhance bilateral trade nations access each other's markets and create new business avenues.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Mazhar Hussain Thathal remarked that this partnership marks "a new chapter of economic connectivity ing (MoU) online with Mr. Farrykh between Pakistan and Uzbekistan," Fazliyev, Chairman/CEO of the paving the way for expanded B2B National Economic Cooperation cooperation, industrial collaboration, and regional growth.

The MoU signifies a vital step



Omar Ahmed elected to **IMMAF Police Sports Commission**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's renowned MMA promoter and security expert Omar Ahmed has been elected to the **IMMAF Police Sports Commission and** nominated for the IMMAF Sustainability Awards, marking a historic leap for Pakistan in the governance of global mixed martial arts.

Following his election as Director for South Asia, Omar now represents Pakistan on a global platform that links the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) with law enforcement and policing bodies worldwide, said a

The Commission's mission is to incorporate MMA and combat-sport training into police education, enhancing officers' physical fitness, discipline, and composure under pressure while promoting international competitions and professional exchanges among police forces from Europe, Asia, and



the Middle East.

Omar's appointment gives Pakistan a direct presence in international MMA decision-making, placing the country within the same dialogue as global policing and security institutions. It also offers Pakistani athletes, trainers, and coaches unprecedented exposure and collaboration opportunities on the

Educated in London, Omar Ahmed holds dual master's degrees in Strategic Communication and Security & Risk

He built an impressive career spanning security, sports, and entrepreneurship, founding Train2Secure, which became a major security contractor for the London Olympics, before returning and psychological resilience. to Pakistan to lead Parwest Security, one of the country's largest private security enterprises managing high-risk national

Project, Omar has introduced an inno-

vative model that uses combat sports to foster mental health, leadership, and resilience among youth.

This groundbreaking program earned him a nomination at the IMMAF Sustainability Awards in Georgia, recognising his efforts to use MMA as a platform for social transformation and youth empowerment.

The PAKMMAF president's professional journey reflects both international excellence and patriotic commitment. He has designed and delivered unarmed combat training to Pakistan's Special Forces (SSG) and the National Police Academy, integrating MMA-based techniques into their official training curricula to build physical

Under his leadership, Pakistan achieved a breakthrough at the IMMAF World Championships in Georgia, where the national team won two Through his initiative, the Real Fight medals despite the country being under travel restrictions

Best sports infrastructure is being built as per vision of Punjab CM: secretary sports

LAHORE: Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Muzaffar Khan Sial said that best sports infrastructure is being built in Punjab in accordance with the vision of Punjab Chief Minister for our talented male and female athletes. The prime mission of Punjab Sports Department is the promotion of sports culture for which the department is working hard.

He said this during his inspection visit to the under construction international standard squash complex at Nishtar Park Sports Complex (NPSC) here on Wednesday.

DG Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab Khizar Afzaal Chaudhry and Project Director PMU Qaiser Raza gave a detailed briefing to Secretary Sports about the project.

During his visit, Muzaffar Sial inspected the national, international, six practice courts and modern gym at International Standards Squash Complex.

He also reviewed the quality of construction work and infrastructure. Besides this, he also inspected the projects of Climbing Wall, Padel Tennis Courts Arena, Table Tennis and Boards Games

Talking on this occasion, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Punjab said that the construction of Pakistan's first International Standard Squash Complex is in the final stages and this grand project will be inaugurated soon. "The construction of international level squash complex will help a lot in the promotion of squash game".

Muzaffar Sial further said that there will be no compromise on the quality of construction work. He also instructed the officers concerned to complete the remaining construction work as early as possible. "Sports Board Punjab is utilising all available resources to expand sports facilities at the Nishtar Park Sports

South African team holds training session ahead of second ODI



Sports Desk

FAISALABAD: As preparations intensify for the upcoming One-Day International (ODI) series between Pakistan and South Africa, the visiting South African cricket team held an optional one-hour training session here on Wednesday while the Pakistan team opted to rest following their convincing victory in the opening match.

According to official details, the South African squad gathered at Iqbal Stadium for a light but focused training routine for finetuning their performance ahead of the second ODI.

The players participated in warm-up exercises followed by ecialized batting, bowling and fielding drills under the supvision of the coaching staff.

The session was designed to help the players adapt to local conditions and regain rhythm after the first match's defeat.

Team officials stated that the optional nature of the practice allowed senior players to choose between rest and active training with several key members spending extra time on batting technique and fielding agility.

The coaching team emphasized strategy and consistency as South Africa aims to level the series.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's squad remained off the field, taking a scheduled rest day to recover physically and mentally after their hard-fought win in the opening ODI.

Team spokesperson Shafqat Shabbir confirmed that no training session was held by the Pakistan side.

The players deserved a well-earned break after their excellent performance in the first match. The team management decided to give them a full day rest before the next encounter", he added.

ITF World Jr Tennis C'ship pre-quarter finals held



Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: The pre-quarter finals of the ITF Pakistan National Foods World Junior Tennis Championship J-60 -2025 were played here at the PTF-SDA Tennis Complex on Wednesday.

A large number of junior tennis players from around the world, including China, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Russia, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Nepal and the host nation, Pakistan, are participating in this prestigious tournament.

Ladislav Steinhubel, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Pakistan, along with Brassiter Asad Saifullah Khan, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Pakistan, visited the PTF Complex to witness the matches. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, President PTF, was also present on the occasion.

Boys Singles pre-quarter finals: Muhammad Hassan Usmani (PAK) beat Theodor Kraytchev (GBR) 6-2,6-2; Abubakar Talha (PAK) beat Zain Saeed (PAK) 6-1,6-0; Mikaeel Ali Baig(PAK) beat Napradh Lalai (THA) 6-0,6-3; Ippie Matsushima (JPN) beat Asad Zaman (PAK) 2-6,6-1,6-3; Emre Atlamis (TUR) beat M. Haziq Aasim (PAK) 7-6(1), 6-2; Kristijonas Milasauskas (LTU) beat Zohaib Afzal Malik (PAK) 6-1,6-0; Hamza Roman (PAK) beat Abdul Basit (PAK) 6-0,7-5; Nicolas Moravec (CZ) beat Jun Woo Ye(KOR) 7-5,5-7,6-3.

Boys Doubles pre-quarter finals: Shehryar Anees (PAK), Asad Zaman (PAK) beat Theodor Kraytchev (GBR), Napradh Lalai(THA) 7-5,6-4.

Girls Doubles quarterfinals: Zihan Feng (CHN), Yewon Lee (KOR) beat Zunaisha Noor (PAK), Ayris Tokac (TUR) 6-2,6-1; Varvara Rubeatsova (RUS), Eyu Yoshida (JPN) 6-1,4-6 (10-8).

Annual Sports Gala 2025

ISLAMABAD: Secretary Workers Welfare Fund Zulfigar Ahmad joins students holding torches to kick off the opening ceremony of Kaiynaat School System's Annual Sports Gala 2025 at Sector I-10.



Photo: Imtiaz Ahmad Faizi

Batters dominate first day of Quaid-e-Azam Trophy's sixth round

ISLAMABAD: Khushdil Shah, Salman Khan Jnr and Mohammad Farooq scored centuries as FATA ended the first day in a commanding position against Abbottabad at Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium in the sixth-round match of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy that kicked off Wednesday.

At Marghzar Cricket Ground, Karachi Blues' Saad Baig struck 109 against Peshawar - his third century in the ongoing tournament.

At Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium,

for three in 90 overs. The opening pair of Mohammad Farooq and Mohammad Usman added 169 as Farooq scored 105 off 76 balls, including 12 fours and six sixes and Usman made 87 off 122 balls with 12 boundaries.

Coming in to bat at number three, Salman Khan Jnr top-scored with a 159-ball 133, hitting 20 fours and two sixes. Khushdil Shah remained unbeaten on 108 off 152 balls, striking 12 fours and claimed two wickets each. two sixes. For Abbottabad, Shahab Khan picked up two wickets.

At Marghzar Cricket Ground, Karachi Blues riding on Saad Baig's third firstafter being put into bat, FATA were 460 class century (all in the ongoing tourna-

ment), posted 323 for seven in 90 overs. Saad made 109 off 210 balls with three fours and two sixes. Wicketkeeper-batter Usman Khan contributed 84 off 95 balls, hitting 13 fours and one six.

Test cricketer Saud Shakeel was unbeaten on 63 off 128 balls. He hit 10

For Peshawar, Sajid Khan, Mohammad Amir Khan and Mohammad Imran Jnr

At Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, Bahawalpur powered by Mohammad Sudais' (112,150b,15x4s,2x6s), reached 203 for two in 58 overs when stumps were drawn. For Sialkot, Hasan Ali took three wickets.

At Imran Khan Cricket Stadium in Peshawar, Multan's Mohammad Ismail took four wickets as Islamabad scored 272 for eight in 75 overs when play ended. Rohail Nazir was Islamabad's top scorer with 71 off 122 balls, including 10 fours and one six.

Afaq Afridi's five-wicket haul helped Faisalabad bowl out Lahore Whites for 179 at Diamond Cricket Ground in Islamabad. For Lahore Whites, Obaid Shahid made 43.

At stumps, Faisalabad were 69 for five in 25 overs, with Nisar Ahmad claiming

Inter-University Women Boxing Championship starts

👺 Bureau Report

FAISALABAD: The 4th All Pakistan Inter-University Women Boxing Championship has commenced at The University of Faisalabad (TUF) under the auspices of Higher Education Commission (HEC)

The event, spanning from November 04 to 06, is being held at university's Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan Ground and features spirited participation from 16 leading universities across the country.

The internationally acclaimed boxer Madam Ayesha Mumtaz graced the opening ceremony as chief guest while TUF Rector Prof Dr. Amanullah Malik and Registrar Dr. Zahida Maqbool, along with directors of sports, managers, and coaches from the participating universities, were also present on the occasion.



According to the official spokesman of District Government Faisalabad, the

championship has drawn women boxers from prominent institutions including University of the Punjab Lahore, University of Sargodha, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Superior University Lahore, Government College University (GCU) Lahore, GCU Faisalabad, Forman Christian College Lahore, Fatima Jinnah Women University Lahore, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore, Iqra University Karachi, University of Lahore, University of Management and Technology Lahore, Government College Women University Faisalabad, Lahore College for Women University, and The University of Faisalabad.

Earlier, the event opened with a colorful ceremony that featured the national anthem, parade of participating teams and a captivating gymnastics and martial arts performance by the talented TUF students.

Business Advisory Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq chairing the meeting of Business Advisory Committee at Parliament House on Wednesday.



President pays tribute to martyrs of Jammu, reaffirms support for Kashmiri people

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif law, including its attempts Ali Zardari on Wednesday to alter the demographic paid tribute to the martyrs composition of Indian Illeof Jammu, reaffirming Paki-gally Occupied Jammu stan's unwavering support and Kashmir (IIOJK) in for the people of Jammu and contravention of the Geneva Kashmir in their just struggle for self-determination.

"We call upon the international community and the United Nations to recognise the Jammu massacre as the forces of the Hindu Dogra

accountable for its continuing violations of international Conventions, the president said in his message on Youm-e-Shuhada-e-Jammu (Jammu Martyrs' Day).

On this day in 1947, he said genocide and to hold India Maharaja, aided by RSS



extremists and armed bands a minority through systematic from Patiala and Kapurthala, ethnic cleansing. carried out one of the worst massacres in the history of the

were killed and more than half a million fled to human tragedies, the genoareas around Sialkot after the Jammu massacre. 1947 has never received the In a matter of weeks, the recognition it deserves. The tragedy of 6 November 1947 changed the demography of gering, with entire villages Jammu forever, turning a wiped out and families torn Muslim-majority region into apart.

President Zardari said the massacre in Jammu stands as one of the darkest chapters Over 200,000 Muslims of modern history. While the world remembers other great cide of Kashmiri Muslims in scale of brutality was stag-

Govt to privatise 24 state-owned enterprises, including PIA: Aurangzeb

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb has said that the government has decided to privatise 24 state-owned institutions, including the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), which is set to be fully privatised before the end of this

Speaking at an event in Karachi on Wednesday, the finance minister highlighted the role played by the private sector in Pakistan's economy, stating that the country's economic trajectory is moving in the right direction.

production-based economic internationally. growth is the only way forward that Pakistan's macroeconomic



cies have also acknowledged tries implementing reforms in

Aurangzeb stressed that stability has been recognised the improvements in Paki- their economic structures. stan's economy, noting that Aurangzeb stated that economies worldwide are for sustainable growth, adding international rating agen- progressing, with many coun-

The finance minister also revealed that corporate profits in Pakistan have risen by 9%.

He added that the govern-

ment will continue to provide a robust ecosystem to its diplomatic successes for economic gains.

Aurangzeb pointed out that Google plans to establish an export hub in Pakistan, with a focus on the Information Technology (IT) and maritime sectors to create opportunities for sustainable economic development.

"We aim to make Pakistan a centre for exports. Structural reforms are essential for sustainable economic growth. Digitalisation will enhance transparency in the economy, and we have expanded the tax net to increase national revenue. We have added 900,000 new tax filers, and Egypt has requested to learn from Pakistan's FBR reforms,"

PM tasks Speaker Sadiq with building consensus on 27th Constitutional Amendment

E City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has tasked National Assembly Speaker Avaz Sadig with building consensus among political parties over the approval of the 27th Constitutional Amendment, sources said on Wednesday.

In this regard, Speaker Sadiq has convened a meeting of all parliamentary party leaders today (Wednesday) at 4pm in the Speaker's Lounge of ment in parliament. the Parliament House to discuss the proposed amendment.

Insaf (PTI) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F), while chief whips and parliamentary leaders of allied parties have also been asked to attend the session.

During the meeting, participants

will be briefed on the contours of the proposed constitutional amendment and the government's strategy for its

The sources said the Speaker will urge all parties to support the amend-

The Speaker is also expected to hold separate meetings with parlia-Invitations have also been mentary leaders in his chamber to extended to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-secure a consensus on the legislation.

Remembering the Jammu **Massacre: November 6th** and the Unfolding Tragedy in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD: The 6th of November marks one of the darkest and most tragic chapters in the history of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). On this day in 1947, hundreds of thousands of innocent Muslims in Jammu were mercilessly massacred by the forces of the Dogra regime and armed RSS groups, in a state-sponsored campaign of ethnic cleansing aimed at altering the region's

demographic composition. This massacre, often described as Kashmir's Holocaust, symbolizes the systematic attempt to erase the Muslim identity of the region. The tragedy continues to resonate today, shoulder with its Kashmiri brethren

occupation, arbitrary detentions, communication blockades, and suppression of fundamental freedoms.

The events of November 1947 are inseparable from the unlawful measures of August 5, 2019, when India unilaterally revoked Articles 370 and 35A, launching a deliberate campaign of demographic engineering and intensified repression in blatant violation of international law.

We also remember the Hurriyat leadership, who continue to face prolonged detention and persecution for upholding the cause of their people. Pakistan will persist in highlighting the grave human rights abuses in IIOJK and will stand shoulder to as the people of IIOJK face ongoing until justice and freedom are achieved.

Pakistan-Azerbaijan Bonds Are Historical and Enduring, Not Transactional, Says Acting President Gilani

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Acting President Syed bonds are not transactional, rather historical and enduring, rooted in steadfast solidarity. shared principles of respect, justice,

these views as a chief guest at the reception marking 5th Anniversary by the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani said that the 5th Anniversary of the Victory Day was a moment of pride not only for the people of Azerbaijan but for all who cherish the universal values of courage, unity, and justice. He described the Victory Day as a proud ience, and indomitable spirit of its

He observed that the day symbolizes Azerbaijan's reaffirmation of its determination into achievement.

baijan on the occasion.

The acting president highlighted Yousaf Raza Gilani on Wednesday that Pakistan and Azerbaijan enjoy asserted that Pakistan-Azerbaijan a time-tested friendship anchored in mutual trust, shared aspirations, and

He noted that this historic partnership has deep civilizational roots, The acting president opined on as symbolized by the 14th-century Multani Caravanserai in Baku, a living testament to centuries-old of Victory Day of Azerbaijan hosted socio-economic, people-to-people, and cultural connections between the two nations.

Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani said that he received great warmth and affection from the leadership and people of Azerbaijan, describing Baku as a 'home away from home.'

He lauded the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev and Speaker of chapter in Azerbaijan's modern the Milli Majlis, Sahiba Gafarova, history, reflecting the strength, resil- as trusted friends and partners of Pakistan, and expressed gratitude for their continued support and engagement.

He paid tribute to the people of sovereignty and dignity under the Azerbaijan for their remarkable visionary leadership that turned progress and resilience, noting that Azerbaijan's story of renewal and He extended warm felicitations to unity stands as an inspiration for

the Government and people of Azer- nations striving for peace through fairness and resolve.

The acting president reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to working closely with Azerbaijan for a more stable, connected, and prosperous region. He also appreciated Ambassador Khazar Farhadov's tireless efforts in further strengthening and diversifying bilateral cooperation between Pakistan and Azerbaijan.

The event was attended by the Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Khazar Farhadov, dignitaries, members of the diplomatic corps, and distinguished guests.

On the occasion, Ambassador Khazar Farhadov highlighted the resilience and steadfastness of people of Azerbaijan in conflict with Armenia to liberate its occupied land of Susa, which was a symbol of Azerbaijani courage and indomitable resolve for freedom.

He also lauded the brotherhood and solidarity expressed by the Government and people of Pakistan during the conflict.

The reception turned colorful and full of warmth with the performances by Azerbaijani artists, followed by performance on the Urdu and Azer- Jaan ha Azerbaijan. Moreover, the Azerbaijani national song tunes. Published by: Almass Ayoub Sabir from Zero Point Printers Rawalpindi



of national song of Azerbaijan, sang Pakistani singer Asad Qureshi's baijani song Dil ha Turkey, Pakistan; Pakistan Army Band also performed