Barkat Rice Mills

Opposition delegation meets NA speaker over leader of opposition appointment

A parliamentary delegation of opposition members led by Barrister Gohar Ali Khan, called on National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq at Parliament House on Friday to hold discussions regarding the appointment of the Leader of the Opposition in the House.



Shahid Aftab defeats Indian opponent to reach 2nd round of World Snooker **Championship**

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Addressed BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif delivers speech at a ceremony of Victory Day of Azerbaijan on Saturday.

PM vows to protect Pakistan's territorial integrity at Azerbaijan Victory Day Parade

Spokesman Report

BAKU: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday vowed to safeguard Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity, highlighting the country's decisive response during the four-day India-Pakistan clash in May, as he addressed the Victory Day Parade in Azerbaijan marking the fifth anniversary of the Karabakh war.

Speaking at the parade alongside Turkiye and Azerbaijani contingents, the prime minister said Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Turkiye are "three brothers whose hearts beat together."

standing shoulder to shoulder to witness their forces marching in unison, a symbol of enduring friendship that has strengthened over the years.

Recalling Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations on 14 August, PM Shehbaz noted that contingents from Turkiye and Azerbaijan marched alongside Pakistani forces to commemo-He described the nations rate the nation's independence and victories such as the Marka-

> He praised Pakistan's armed forces for their professionalism enemy into shock and disbelief," under the leadership of Chief of he said.

Army Staff Field Marshal Syed

Asim Munir. "Under the dynamic and fearless command of Chief of Army Staff, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Pakistan's highly professional armed forces delivered a bloody nose to our enemy with a precise and highly effective

He said, "Our ever vigilant Air Force hawks, commanded by Air Chief Marshall Zaheer Babar Sidhu, aptly shot down seven highly sophisticated enemy planes with lightning speed in defence of the motherland."

Photo: PID

The prime minister emphasised that Pakistan seeks peace but military punch that stunned the will not allow any challenge to its sovereignty or territorial integrity. Continued on Page 7

27th amendment seeks major changes in judiciary and defence

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Saturday tabled the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill in the Senate.

The draft, presented by Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, was referred by Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gilani to a parliamentary committee for further deliberation.



According to the proposed amendment, changes are being introduced to 48 articles of the

constitution.

One of its central features is the establishment of a "federal constitutional court", which will function separately from the Supreme Court.

The new court will have jurisdiction over constitutional interpretation, fundamental rights, and disputes between the federation and the prov-

The constitutional court will

be based in Islamabad. Its chief justice will serve a three-year term, while other judges will retire at the age of 68.

For the appointment of judges, both the chief justice of the Supreme Court and the chief justice of the constitutional court will be part of the Judicial Commission, while parliament will determine the total number of judges.

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Federal cabinet grants approval to 27th constitutional amendment

City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The federal cabinet on Saturday approved the 27th Constitutional Amendment, after taking into consideration suggestions put forward by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP).

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired the cabinet meeting via video link from

Baku, Azerbaijan. Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar and the attorney-general briefed the cabinet on the details of the amendment.

Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, and Information Minister Atta Tarar were among the ministers who attended the session.

Sources said that the amendment draft is expected to be presented in the Senate $\,$ later today after its approval from the

The sources noted that the cabinet meeting was originally scheduled for Friday but was postponed due to a deadlock among the political parties.

Lahore court sends NCCIA officer to jail on judicial remand in bribery, abuse of power case

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: A local court in Lahore on Saturday sent Assistant Director of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA), Shoaib Riaz, to jail on judicial remand in a case involving allegations of bribery and misuse of authority.

Judicial Magistrate Naeem Watto heard the case at the district courts. The

the completion of his two-day physical

According to case details, Riaz is accused of taking bribes and abusing his official powers.

The court had earlier sent other accused, including Chaudhry Sarfraz, on judicial

remand. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has already registered a case against all the FIA produced Riaz before the court after accused in connection with the charges.

Fazlur Rehman, President Zardári discuss 27th Amendment, political situation



跨 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman held an important meeting with President Asif Ali Zardari at Bilawal House on Saturday to discuss the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment and other key political matters.

According to sources, Maulana Fazlur Rehman arrived at Bilawal House with a party delegation that included Maulana Rashid Soomro, Mufti Abrar Ahmed, and other senior

Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari was also present during the discussions.

Sources said the meeting situation in the country, with ment Bill. particular focus on the 27th

Amendment bill currently under parliamentary review.

Earlier in the day, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi also called on President Zardari at Bilawal House and briefed him on the government's consultations regarding the controversial amendment.

The meeting came hours after the federal cabinet approved the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, which was subsequently tabled in the Senate and referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice.

During the committee session, two JUI-F members, MNA Aaliya Kamran and Senator Kamran Murtaza, boycotted the proceedings, objecting that the new draft included clauses previously reviewed the overall political dropped from the 26th Amend-

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Opposition alliance launches nationwide protest against 27th Amendment



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Tehreeke-Tahafuz Ayeen-e-Pakistan (TTAP), a multi-party opposition alliance, on Saturday announced a countrywide protest movement against the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, saying Sunday to mobilise the nation against what they called an

attack on the Constitution.

The announcement was made at a joint news conference by Mahmood Khan Achakzai, head of the TTAP and a nominated opposition leader in the National Assembly, and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas, the nominated opposition leader in the Senate the campaign will begin from and vice-chair of the move-

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First phase of Raiwind Tableeghi Ijtema to conclude tomorrow with final prayer

跨 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The first phase of the annual Raiwind Tableeghi Ijtema is underway and will conclude on Sunday with a special prayer (dua). On Saturday morning, after the Fair prayers, Maulana Rabiul-Haq from Bangladesh delivered a sermon.

Before Zuhr, Maulana Ibrahim Dewla from India addressed the congregation.

Following Zuhr prayers, Dr Khalid Siddiqui delivered

Zaheer-ul-Hasan spoke after Asr prayers. In the evening, after

his lecture, while Maulana

Maghrib prayers, Maulana Ahmad Laat delivered a spiritual address to the attendees.

On Sunday morning, after Fajr prayers, Maulana Ubaidullah Khursheed will deliver his sermon, and the gathering will conclude with a special supplication (dua) led by Maulana Ibrahim Dewla of India.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

AJK President hails Allama Iqbal as Visionary Leader and Poet of Muslim Resilience

跨 Spokesman Report

MUZAFFARABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has said that Allama Iqbal was a towering figure of the remain a source of pride for the Muslim

Iqbal was a distinguished jurist, philosopher and a visionary political thinker", the President said, adding that Iqbal's attention to the pain and suffering of universal message of unity aims to inspire the Kashmiri people and highlighted

Muslims to rise as a strong, cohesive force capable of resisting all forms of political, economic, and social imperialism.

In his message on the birth anniversary of the Poet of the East, Hazrat Allama Iqbal, President Chaudhry said subcontinent whose legacy will forever that Allama Iqbal awakened Muslims across the world through his poetry urging them to respond with vigor and Besides being a great poet, Dr. Allama confidence to the challenges of modern

"Dr. Iqbal particularly drew the world's



their plight through his poetry", he said, adding that Iqbal not only lamented their oppression but also symbolically expressed solidarity with their struggle for freedom and dignity.

The President emphasized that it was only through unity, mutual understanding, and collective effort that Muslims can regain their lost glory and

He said that Iqbal's teachings call for hard work, self-reliance, and steadfastness, and warn against dependence on

Heavy tog

KARACHI: Vehicles drive on a road in a heavy fog just in the beginning of winters in Provincial Capital.



Fakhar Imam Links Pakistan Woes to Lack of Post-Jinnah Leadership



👺 Quratul Ain Asim

MULTAN: Former Speaker National Assembly and senior politician Syed Fakhar Imam has said that Pakistan came into existence due to Iqbal's thoughts and Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's political vision. Unfortunately, Pakistan could not get an honest, sincere and hardworking cellor Bahauddin Zakaria University az Hussain Murali Advocate, Profesleader like him after Quaid-e-Azam. Multan and Pro-Rector University of

This is the reason why Pakistan is still facing difficulties. To get it out of difficulties, we all need to work with true dedication by following the principles laid down by Allama Iqbal and Quaide-Azam. He expressed these views at a special Seminar session at his residence during a meeting with dignitaries of the city, which included former Vice Chan-

Southern Punjab Professor Dr. Hayat Muhammad Awan, former Director of Colleges and President Nazariya Pakistan Forum Multan Professor Dr. Hamid Raza Siddiqui, Sajjada Nashin Darbar Hazrat Dawood Jahanian Multan Makhdoom Shoaib Akmal Qureshi Hashmi, former Assistant Attorney General Multan Mehr Imtisor of Islamia University Bahawalpur abroad.

Dr. Iqbal Bandsha, young political and social leader Malik Saqib Mahmood Mahe and social leader and president of Young Pakistanis Organization Naeem Iqbal Naeem were present. On this occasion, Syed Fakhar Imam Shah further said that Pakistan is one of the few countries in the world where the youth population is in the majority but unfortunately our talent is going

Over 2,000 Sikh pilgrims celebrate Guru Nanak's 556th birth anniversary at Punja Sahib

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: More than 2,000 Sikh pilgrims from India and around the world participated in the 556th birth anniversary celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji at the historic Gurdwara Punja Sahib in Hassanabdal.

three-day celebrations concluded on Saturday with the "Bhog" ceremony amid tight security arrangements. The gurdwara and surrounding localities were illuminated and decorated beautifully, while special arrangements were made for cleanliness, meals (langar), and accommodation of the pilgrims.

During their stay, many devotees also visited the nearby shrine of Baba Wali Qandhari. Pilgrims expressed satisfaction and gratitude for the hospitality and facilities provided by Pakistani authorities.



Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee representative Nishan

bedding, meals, and drinking water

were excellent. The visit was spiritually peaceful and very well organized."

Deputy Party Leader Gurmeet Singh Boh added, "The Gurdwara Punja Sahib has been beautifully preserved,

reflecting Pakistan's respect and care for Sikh heritage."

Delhi Gurdwara Management Committee member Harmit Singh Chandu remarked,

"Continuous facilitation of pilgrims shows the government's firm commitment to ensuring religious freedom for minority communities."

Additional Secretary of the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), Nasir Mushtaq, thanked the teams and district administration for successfully organizing the event, adding that Sikh pilgrims return home carrying Pakistan's message of peace, harmony, and goodwill.

The pilgrimage highlights Pakistan's ongoing efforts to preserve Sikh heritage and promote religious tourism, strengthening spiritual and cultural ties with the global Sikh community.

AJK Minister launches Rs 34 million Condor Link Road Project in Dadial



跨 Bureau Report

DIDIAL /MIRPUR: Azad Kashmir Minister for Public Works and Communications Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq laid the foundation stone of Condor Link Road constructed at a cost of Rs 34.145 million. Engineer Inam-ul-Haq, Chairman Municipality Chaudhry Masoud Bhalot, former Chairman Chaudhry Aftab Ahmed Shiakh, distinguished political and social personalities and a large number of people from the region were present on the occasion rousing welcomed by the public at the foundation stone laying ceremony. Minister of Public Works and Communications Chaudhry Azhar Sadiq said Under the leadership of Anwar-ul-Haq, the rule of law and constitution was established throughout Azad Kashmir. We have given funds due to which mega projects of construction and development and public welfare have been started in Tehsil Dadial in Tehsil Dadial and many projects have been completed. I am trying to solve people's problems on merit instead of political affiliation which I have achieved by the grace of Allah. Al-Haq will always write historic works for the state and the people of the state in golden kharof.

Sindh Lawyers Reject 27th Constitutional Amendment



跨 Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

HYDERABAD: The lawyers of Sindh have strongly rejected the 27th Constitutional Amendment, declaring it a conspiracy against the Constitution and the integrity of the country. The announcement came during a convention held in Hyderabad under the banner of the All Sindh Lawyers Action Committee.

A large number of lawyers, including Committee Secretary Advocate Israr Chang, K. B. Laghari, Aamir Warraich, Altaf Sachal Awan, Haseeb Jamali, Haq Nawaz Talpur, Sajjad Chandio, Ashraf Samoon, Mir Ahmed Mangrio, Ashar Majeed Khokhar, Babar Masood, Rasool Memon, Syed Tariq Shah, Ali Akbar Brohi, Javed Baloch, Rasheed Rajar, Liaquat Sahto, Mian Taj Muhammad Keryo, Noorul Haq Qureshi, and Anees Rehman, participated in the event. A significant number of women lawyers were also present, chanting slogans of "No to the Amendment" throughout the convention.

Addressing the gathering, the leaders declared the 27th Amendment as a "midnight assault on the Constitution," vowing not to accept it under any circumstances. They said the amendment aims to paralyze the judicial system and divide Sindh — something the legal community and the people of Sindh will never accept.

They further alleged that the rulers are attempting to bring "handpicked judges" through constitutional manipulation, undermining the independence of the judiciary. The lawyers condemned the amendment as a continuation of past anti-democratic moves, claiming it seeks to weaken provincial autonomy, reduce Sindh's share in the NFC Award, and hollow out the judicial structure.

Evening with Sindhi and Urdu Poet Ali Zahid: Organized by Sindh Adabi Forum



👺 Qayoom Sarohi

HYDERABAD: A literary evening and "Sindhu Mushaira" in honor of renowned Sindhi and Urdu poet Ali Zahid was organized by the Sindh Adabi Forum yesterday at Sindh Museum, Hyderabad. The event was attended by a large number of poets, writers, and literary figures from various cities of Sindh.

The session was presided over by noted poet Ali Akash, while Nawaz Khan Zanor, Naseer Mirza, Haji Saand, Rukhsana Preet, Yaqoob Soomro, Ashraf Palli, Mustafa Tabsum and other distinguished writers expressed their views.

In his address, poet Ali Akash said, "When we began writing, the world of newspapers was dominant, and we learned poetry from one another. There is a deep similarity between my poetry and Ali Zahid's. He is a sensitive soul whose creations reflect emotion and pain. To truly understand Ali Zahid, one must experience life the way he has."

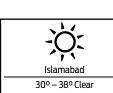
In conclusion, a Sindhu Mushaira (poetic symposium) was held, featuring both Sindhi and Siraki poets, including Shatab Zardari, Amar Abbas, Ayoub Gul, Dr. Ghafar Junejo, Bhora Lal Malhi, Zahid Khoso, Prem Shokh, Aziz Khoso, Sajjad Gul, Loong Mallah, Saqi Alam, Maya Sagar Od, Farhana Naz, Nisha Qamar, Ali Izhar, Aslam Khunbhar, Harchand Sagar, Saahil Sarharvi, and others. The audience greatly appreciated and applauded the poets' performances.

Comprehensive traffic plan issued for Tri-Nation cricket series in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: On the special directives of Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Rawalpindi Farhan Aslam, the City Traffic Police Rawalpindi has issued a comprehensive traffic plan to facilitate cricket fans during the upcoming Tri-Nation Cricket Series at the Double Road Cricket Stadium.

According to a spokesperson, more than 350 traffic officers and traffic wardens will be deployed to ensure smooth traffic flow and provide convenience to commuters throughout the matches. Special arrangements have been finalized to keep traffic moving on alternate routes during team movements and match timings.

Traffic updates and information regarding diversions will be provided to the public in real time through the official social media pages and FM Radio 88.6 of the Traffic Police.



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Garrison Lahore Dominates as Royal Palm Team Trophy Nears Climax

Sports Desk

LAHORE: The 15 th royal palm team trophy enters the final stage of the championship and in the team lead is the team from garrison lahore. team composition consists of champion Jamshed Matloob, Zayed o

Mer, Saim Tahir and Ahmed Kiani. team score was 467 followed by the team from Gymkhana a who managed a score of 668, improving their position by many strokes. Their players have been classy in the second round

In the challenge shield category, Ghulam Qadir was daunting enough to make his way to the victory stand

The runner up was Abdul Islam Nazir and in the gross category the leading figure is that of Hussain Hamid who played excellently to become a leader

Other wonderful ones are M.shoaib and Ghulam Qadir.

19 Iqbal Day Event

Leaders Stress Khudi and Youth Empowerment for National Progress

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Railways Hanif Abbasi has said that Pakistan is the realization of Allama Iqbal's dream and vision. Igbal was a philosopher who awakened nations and taught them how to think, live, and believe in themselves. The solution to all of Pakistan's current problems lies in Igbal's philosophy. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Asim Munir, Pakistan has now emerged as an important country in the region.

He expressed these views while addressing, as chief guest, a dignified event held in connection with Iqbal Day at the S. M. Munir Auditorium of ICCI, organized by the Nazriya-e-Pakistan the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President of Forum; Tahir Ayub, Senior Vice Pres-



and Industry (ICCI).

The event was hosted by Sardar Tahir

the Pakistan Cultural Forum. Among the participants were Zafar Bakhta-Council, Pakistan Cultural Forum, and Mehmood, President of ICCI, and wari, Chairman of the Pakistan Cultural

ident of ICCI; Chaudhry Irfan Gujjar, Iqbal likened youth to Shaheens - noble, Vice President; Owais Satti, President of the Islamabad Chamber of Small Trade and Small Industry; former Islamabad Commissioner Tariq Pirzada; ICCI Executive Members Zulqarnain Abbasi, Malik Abdul Aziz, Naveed Satti, Roohail Anwar Butt, Waseem Chaudhry; Ajmal Baloch, President of Anjuman Tajran; former Executive Member Sadaf Abbasi; Chairman of the ICCI Minority Affairs Committee Ashraf Farzand; Waheed Chaudhry, Rana Qaiser, and others.

While addressing the ceremony, Hanif Abbasi said that today, the slogan "Pakistan Zindabad" is being raised everywhere because Pakistan has earned recognition in the world. He said that by making Iqbal's concept of Khudi (selfhood) part of our actions, policies, and collective thinking, we can overcome any challenge.

strong, and purpose-driven eagles.

ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood said that hope and thought are the essence of Iqbal's message.

Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President of the Pakistan Cultural Forum, said that Iqbal addressed youth as Shaheens. If we can put today's youth on the right path and instill in them the spirit of Khudi, they can achieve any goal. He said Hanif Abbasi himself is a living example of this – starting his political journey from the streets of Rawalpindi, he became an MNA and minister through self-belief and determination.

Former Commissioner Tariq Pirzada, ICCI Senior Vice President Tahir Ayub and Shahbaz Chauhan Iqbal's love for the Holy Prophet (PBUH) was also high-

Iqbal <u>Day</u> <u>Event</u>

ISLAMABAD: Sardar Tahir Mehmood President ICCI and Tahir Ayub Senior Vice President present shield to Muhammad Hanif Abbasi Federal Minister for Railways. ICCI Vice President Irfan Chaudhry, President Pakistan Cultural Forum Ahsan Bakhtawari, Secretary General UBG Zafar Bakhtawari, former Chief Commissioner Islamabad Tariq Peerzada, President All Pakistan Anjuman-e- Tajran Ajmal Baloch and President Islamabad Small Chamber and small Industry Awas Satti can also be seen.



Breast cancer if detected at an early stage can be successfully treated

MULTAN: The Women University Multan, in collaboration with Ferozsons Laboratories Limited and Nishtar Medical University & Hospital Multan, organized an enlightening Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar at Fatima Jinnah Hall, Katchery Campus. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of early detection, preventive measures, and to dispel misconceptions regarding breast cancer among young women. The event was attended by Registrar Dr Samina Akhtar, Dr. Adeela Saeed teaching heads, faculty members and

The Chief Guest of the event, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kalsoom Pracha, emphasized the importance of health awareness, particularly among young women. She stated that breast cancer, if detected at an early stage, can be successfully treated, and therefore, awareness and regular screening are crucial.

The Guest Speaker, Dr. Rana Atique breast cancer symptoms, risk factors,



Head, Department of Clinical Oncology, Nishtar Medical University Multan,

Anwar Khan, Associate Professor and and preventive strategies. He, along with his medical team, provided valuable insights into screening practices and delivered an informative session on addressed various myths and misconceptions surrounding the disease.

Delegation of Sikh Yatrees from UK & Canada Visits Poonch House & Bhagat Singh Gallery

👺 City Desk

LAHORE: A delegation of Sikh Yatrees from the United Kingdom and Canada visited yesterday Poonch House and the Bhagat Singh Gallery, where they were warmly received by officials of the Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP).

The visitors were briefed on the historical significance of the landmark building, originally constructed in 1849 and fully restored under the "Magnificent Punjab" vision of Chief Minister Punjab. During a briefing session in the committee room, the delegation viewed a documentary highlighting the meticulous restoration, cultural importance of the site, and the heroic struggle of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.



The Sikh Yatrees later toured the restored structure and the Bhagat Singh

Gallery, which narrates the final days of his 1931 trial. They were also guided through the replica courtroom representing the original trial proceedings. TDCP guides briefed them in detail on Bhagat Singh's personal belongings, revolutionary journey, imprisonment, and court

The delegation admired the direction and commitment of Senior Minister Maryam Aurangzeb for ensuring the preservation of Punjab's heritage and establishing an informative gallery and courtroom that vividly honor the legacy of a global freedom icon who resisted British

The visitors also took keen interest in souvenirs provided by Punjab Small Industries Corporation (PSIC) and purchased memorabilia showcasing Bhagat Singh and Poonch House.

Tehsildar Kamalia visits Special Center in Pirmahal to Översee Flood Relief Payments



TOBA TEK SINGH: Tehsildar Kamalia, Chaudhry Hafiz Shakeel Gujjar paid a visit to the special relief center established in Pirmahal for the distribution of compensation payments to flood-affected families.

Under the Government of Punjab's rehabilitation initiative the process of disbursing financial assistance to those who suffered losses during the recent floods is currently underway. During his visit, Tehsildar Kamalia Chaudhry Hafiz Shakeel Gujjar reviewed the arrangements made for the smooth and transparent delivery of compensation to the rightful beneficiaries. He interacted with the staff and victims present at the center and directed that no eligible person should face any difficulty or delay in receiving their payments. He further emphasized that ensuring transparency, fairness and timely relief to the affected people is a top priority of the Punjab government. The flood victims expressed their gratitude to the district administration and the Punjab government for providing timely assistance and setting up a facilitation center close to their area. On this Occasion, Naib Tehsildar Kamalia Muhammad Ashraf were also present.

Steps underway to curb smog and pollution in TT Singh district, says DC

Zafar Chishti

TOBA TEK SINGH: Under the Clean and Green Punjab vision of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, the district administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Umar Abbas Mela, has intensified efforts to curb smog and environmental pollution in Toba Tek Singh district.

According to the Environment Department, vigorous action has been taken against brick kilns during October 2025, resulting in 9 FIRs, Rs 900,000 in fines, demolition of 4 kilns, and sealing of 14 others. Municipal bodies are carrying out regular morning and evening water sprinkling on roads to reduce dust and pollution levels. The Traffic Police, in its smog-control drive, conducted 2,425 inspections, issued 2,056 challans, imposed Rs 4.12 million in fines, and impounded 570 vehicles found in violation of emission standards. The Agriculture Department took action against 21 cases of crop residue burning, imposing fines totaling Rs 360,000, while awareness campaigns are being held to educate farmers and students about environmental protection and preventive measures against smog.

PCB chairman congratulates Pakistan team on historic home series win

FAISALABAD: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi has congratulated the Pakistan cricket team and management on their remarkable home-ground victory against South Africa, marking the nation's first-ever One Day International (ODI) series triumph over the

PCB spokesperson Rafiullah while talking to media persons at Iqbal Stadium Faisalabad said that the chairman extended heartfelt felicitations to the entire national squad for their outstanding performance, describing it as a proud moment for Pakistan cricket and the passionate Faisalabad crowd.

"Well done, Team Pakistan — and thank you, Faisalabad!" Mohsin Naqvi said in his message, commending the team's commitment and unity in clinching the ODI series following their earlier T20 success.

Mohsin Naqvi noted that after 17 years, the victory at Iqbal Stadium rekindled fond memories of the city's glorious cricketing past. He appreciated the team's overall performance, emphasizing that the players displayed immense skill, discipline and teamwork.

The team revived the spirit of national cricket by playing fearless and quality cricket before a charged home audience", he said, adding that the achievement was a reflection of collective effort of the players, manage-

Congratulating Head Coach Mike Hesson, Captain Shaheen Shah Afridi and the entire playing XI, the PCB chairman particularly praised Abrar Ahmed for his brilliant bowling and Saim Ayub for his fluent batting display, both of whom played pivotal roles in Pakistan's victory.

He said that their performances showcased the depth of Pakistan's emerging cricketing talent and the bright future ahead for the national side. Mohsin Naqvi also acknowledged the overwhelming enthusiasm of cricket fans, saying that the revival of international cricket in Faisalabad was met with tremendous energy and passion as thousands filled the stands during all three matches of the series.

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Pak hyperspectral satellite: A milestone in vision 2047

akistan has stepped into a new era of space technology with the launch of the HS-1 Hyperspectral Satellite. This undoubtedly marks a proud moment for us and is a significant advancement towards national development, climate protection and scientific self-sufficiency. This mission highlights the deep and robust space partnership between Pakistan

and China in the peaceful exploration and utilization of space. The satellite was successfully launched on October 19, 2025, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China under collaboration with China, making it Pakistan's first advanced Earth observation system. This launch has placed Pakistan among a select group of nations with access to hyperspectral imaging, heralding a new era of

data-driven innovation and environmental monitoring.

What is the HS-1 Hyperspectral Satellite? It is Pakistan's first hyperspectral Earth observation satellite—a modern remote sensing satellite that uses hyperspectral emerging techniques to observe the Earth. Unlike traditional satellites like multispectral ones that capture images in just a few specific wavelengths of light such as red, green, blue and near-infrared, hyperspectral satellites collect data across hundreds or thousands of very narrow spectral bands in the electromagnetic spectrum. This is akin to obtaining a complete spectral fingerprint or chemical identification card for each pixel. These fine bands allow for the identification of unique chemical and physical properties of materials such as plants, soil, water and minerals, which is not possible with traditional satellites. It captures imagery across hundreds of narrow spectral bands, enabling detailed analysis of soil, vegetation, water and urban characteristics. Existing remote sensing satellites in Pakistan are used for agriculture and monitoring natural disasters, but the new hyperspectral satellite will greatly enhance these capabilities. Hyperspectral imaging began with aircraft and drones, with the first hyperspectral sensors installed on ground and airborne platforms. NASA's "Avenion Engineering Field Spectrometer" was the first airborne hyperspectral sensor. The first hyperspectral sensor, named NASA's EO-1, was sent into space in 2000 with an instrument called Hyperion. This demonstrated that hyperspectral technology could operate under varying conditions. Later, multiple countries such as the United States, Europe, China, Japan, India and Germany sent hyperspectral missions into space, which have been enhancing the capabilities of this technology. Due to its complexity and cost, hyperspectral technology is possessed by only a few countries, including the United States, the European Union, China, India, Japan, Germany and

What are the key uses of hyperspectral satellite data? The data can be utilized in precision agriculture, disaster management, environmental monitoring, urban planning and infrastructure develop ment, enabling data-driven decision-making across various sectors. Unlike traditional optical or multispectral satellites, hyperspectral satellites capture images in hundreds of narrow, contiguous spectral bands. This allows for the detection of subtle differences in surface materials and environmental conditions that traditional systems cannot capture. They offer unmatched spectral detail for monitoring plant health, water resources and land use; enhancing crop life, soil moisture and yield through spectral analytics; tracking deforestation, water quality, glacier melting and pollution patterns; and providing better data on land cover, urban sprawl and geological hazards.

Trump's Nuclear Gamble: A Dangerous Revival of the Atomic Age

again fallen over the Earth. After his meeting with South Korean leadership, President Donald Trump issued a startling directive to the United States military establishment to restart nuclear testing after decades of restraint. The announcement, largely overlooked by many journalists and analysts, carries immense consequences marine life near coastal for global peace, environmental stability, and the very survivability of humankind.

Trump's latest declaration on social media left little ambiguity. He boasted that the United States possesses "so much nuclear power that it can destroy the world 150 times over." Though such a statement may sound like political bravado, its implications are profoundly serious. It signals the beginning of a new nuclear arms race—one likely to spiral beyond control.

Since the end of the Cold War, the world had enjoyed a fragile but essential consensus against nuclear testing. Treaties such as the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), although not ratified by all powers, represented a global moral understanding: nuclear weapons may exist, but they must never again be unleashed or tested. With Trump's call to resume testing, that understanding has been shattered.

If Trump follows through on his directive, nuclear tests would likely resume at long-dormant sites in the American deserts-such as Nevada or New Mexico—or possibly in new offshore facilities. But each test, no matter how contained, releases radiation, destabilizes local geology, and leaves irreversible scars on ecosystems. Underground detonations fracture rock layers and contaminate aquifers, while atmospheric tests

chilling shadow has once eject radioactive isotopes into the jet will not be confined. Each new test brings zones—radioactive particles carried by stream, spreading silent poison across continents.

Even so-called "low-yield" or "controlled" tests can emit deadly isotopes like cesium-137 and strontium-90, which linger in the environ-

ment for decades. The shockwaves alone are enough to damage fragile habitats, destroy testing sites, and accelerate the degradation of already threatened ecosystems.

In the era of COP climate summits, where nations convene to curb emissions and reduce

environmental damage, the idea of reviving nuclear tests borders on ecological insanity. Each detonation negates years of progress in reducing carbon footprints and combating global warming. Nuclear tests not only pollute air, water, and soil—they symbolically announce that the military might once again supersede environmental stewardship.

The strategic consequence of the U.S. decision is perhaps even more dangerous than its environmental one. Once Washington resumes testing, other nuclear powers will inevitably follow. Russia and China will not allow the United States to hold exclusive technological advantage. India and Pakistan, already uneasy neighbors, may feel compelled to upgrade and validate their arsenals. Even "undeclared" nuclear states like Israel and North Korea could exploit the situation to justify fresh tests under the pretext of "national security."

This domino effect risks dismantling decades of non-proliferation progress. The nuclear genie, once unleashed again,

world has spent generations trying to chains and health systems.

Trump's nuclear rhetoric also fits within a pattern of psychological warfare—a deliberate attempt to intim-

idate adversaries and American supremacy. His claim that the United States is "25 years ahead of China and Russia" in nuclear technology may be partially true, but it is equally reckless. Both Moscow and Beijing view such statements

not as confidence but as provocation. China, in particular, has been rapidly advancing its own nuclear triadmodernizing land-based missiles, submarines, and air-launched systems. By Trump's own admission, "they are catching up fast." Yet instead of engaging in strategic arms reduction or renewed diplomacy, the U.S. president appears intent on accelerating the race. The result: a spiral of suspicion, investment, and escalation that risks undoing half a century of arms-control achievements.

Beyond politics, the return of nuclear testing poses a direct threat to planetary survival. Humanity already faces mounting crises-climate change, biodiversity collapse, rising sea levels, and environmental degradation. Nuclear testing adds yet another existential

Earth's crust; each atmospheric detonation releases radioactive debris that can circulate for generations. The cost is not limited to those near the testing

humanity closer to normalizing the idea winds can contaminate distant farmof nuclear use—something the post-1945 lands and oceans, threatening global food

Scientific studies from previous testing eras reveal that even low-level exposure has measurable genetic effects—birth defects, cancer risks, and DNA mutations—on both human and animal populations. To knowingly revive this hazard for geopolitical theatrics is a betrayal of both science and morality.

The international community must not remain silent. The United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and leading environmental organizations must urgently convene to prevent this reckless revival of nuclear testing. The scientific community must speak out with data, clarity, and conviction. World leaders—from Europe to Asia, from Africa to Latin America—must recognize that silence in the face of nuclear escalation is complicity.

The lesson of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was meant to be final: that no nation, no leader, and no ideology should ever gamble with the survival of the planet. Yet here we are again, standing at the edge of history, where one man's command could unmake decades of peace and poison the very Earth that sustains us.

Human civilization must now choose between two paths—one paved by fear and destruction, the other by restraint and wisdom. For if the atomic fire is rekindled, it may not burn just deserts or oceans—it may consume the very soul of humanity.

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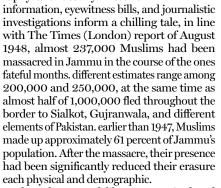
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Partition's Darkest Secret: The Forgotten Jammu Massacre

Sumaiyya Kainat

s the subcontinent celebrated $\,\,$ is trative approval. its tough-gained freedom in 1947, rivers of blood ran via and buried in silence became erased from particularly Jawaharlal Nehru, nestled down history's judgment of right and wrong: The Jammu massacre between September and truth would weaken its claim over Kashmir.

and Kashmir, tens of lots of Muslims had been slaughtered, and hundreds of lots had been compelled to escape to newly born Pakistan. It became no longer a spontaneous rebel born of chaos however a scientific marketing campaign of ethnic cleansing that forever reshaped Jammu's demography and destiny. historic



The violence was deliberate, organized, and state-backed. The Hindu ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, who governed a Muslim-maturity state, faced a dilemma at Partition whether to join India or Pakistan. Many womens had been kidnapped, ravished, or forcefully transformed. Eye witnesses demonstrated the killings had been premeditated and carried out with admin-

But the severest blow wasn't the massacre itself but the silence kept. While the world cried Puniab, Bengal, and beyond. over the atrocities of Partition, Jammu's tragedy yet one tragedy graver in scale was made to be forgotten. India's leadership, from admitting it; stewing in the fact that the November 1947, in the princely state of Jammu International content was at a minimum,

drowned out by the war of 1947- 48 and the accession political battle. This quietness was politic. By erasing the butchery from the global psyche, the Indian state buried substantiation of a demographic change that served its political designs. The world, detracted by the arising Cold War and expatriated heads of

state, turned its face down. The riots of survivors, those who walked barefoot across the border, leaving homes and recollections before, were drowned in the noise of politics and denial. Buried beneath the noise of Partition, the

Jammu Massacre remains one of South Asia's most haunting and least acknowledged tragedies, a silence that still shapes Kashmir's destiny. The massacre's consequences live on. The

survivors who reached Pakistan became the first generation of Kashmiri deportees. Their grief and displacement became part of Kashmiri collective memory, fueling a long time of resistance towards Indian occupation and shaping political awareness for generations.

Even today, the legacy of 1947 echoes throughout Jammu and Kashmir. The demographic engineering that began with the butchery continues in new forms. Changes in occupancy legal guidelines and land rights reflect the equal rationale, to weaken the Muslim identity of the place and fortify polit-

ical control via demographic manipulation. Remembering the Jammu massacre is not about reopening wounds; it's far about justice, truth, and reputation. It needs to be conceded as one of the worst genocides of the 20th century, no longer reduced to a forgotten quotation of Partition. Scholars, intelligencers, and policymakers must challenge this silence. The victims of Jammu earn the same remembrance and quality that the world has extended to other literal atrocities.

To remember Jammu is to stand for justice. When debates arise over Kashmir's politics or deportees' rights, remembrance becomes a moral necessity. This isn't about condemning communities but about giving voice to those silenced. To say, "We see you. We remember you." is to restore their stolen humanity. picky history deepens injuries; truth-telling begins mending. In a region still haunted by the scars of 1947, erasing this chapter is a treason of memory. When one community's suffering is denied, justice loses its meaning. A true reckoning requires courage archival transparency, survivor testaments, monuments, and honest retelling. Only then can reconciliation

be possible, not by forgetting, but by learning. As another November passes, its date still burns in memory for expatriated families lighting candles in silence, for children asking, Why were we uprooted?", "Why was this erased?" The massacre of Jammu wasn't incidental; it become deliberate, and its wounds remain open. Silence is not impartiality it is conspiracy. The victims of the Jammu Massacre deserve dignity, acknowledgement, and the truth the world once denied them.

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The Post-Truth Plunge

Qudrat Ullah

technology,

phenomenon; it is a crisis of reality itself. When belief begins to outweigh proof, the very foundation of democratic discourse starts to fracture.

The word "post-truth" entered popular vocabulary in 2016, when Oxford Dictionaries named it the Word of the Year after Brexit and Donald Trump's election.

Yet the machinery behind this crisis had been social harmony. When societies stop treating quietly building for years. A 2018 MIT study analysing more than 126,000 news stories shared on Twitter found that falsehoods travel six times faster than verified information and reach audiences six times more quickly.

The reason lies deep in human psychology. False stories evoke strong emotions, especially surprise and disgust, which make them more shareable. MIT researcher Sinan Aral's team found that fake news was 70 per cent more likely to be retweeted than accurate information, regardless of bot activity. Social media platforms, designed to maximise engagement rather than accuracy, have effectively turned human emotion into a weapon against truth.

Yet there are examples of resistance. Finland's national media literacy curriculum, launched in 2016, teaches students to recognise manipulation, verify sources, and separate

ranked highest in Europe in identifying misinformation, proof that critical thinking can be taught as a civic skill. Technology reforms also offer hope. Twitter's Community Notes feature, which allows

users to collectively fact-check misleading

live in an age when posts, reduced the spread of false content by facts no longer speak for up to 40 per cent, according to University themselves. In a world of Washington researchers. The European powered by AI-based Union's Digital Services Act now requires platemotion forms to reveal how their algorithms operate and loyalty often outweigh evidence. The and to let users opt out of personalised feeds. post-truth condition is not merely a routine
Early results show that users exposed to chron-

ological timelines encounter more diverse viewpoints and less polarisation.

But defending truth is not merely a technical task; it is a moral one. The Qur'anic command against falsehood and the Enlightenment's faith in reason both rest on a shared understanding: that truth is the foundation of justice and

truth as a guiding principle, when "your truth" becomes indistinguishable from "the truth," manipulation fills the void. Around the world, fading respect for facts has weakened institutions and turned misinformation into a tool

Reversing this descent demands courage and coordination. Education systems must teach critical literacy as a survival skill. Journalism must value verification over speed. And technology design must privilege transparency over addiction-driven engagement.

The challenge is not whether we can detect falsehoods; we already can, but whether we still care to. Sustaining a truth-based society requires moral discipline as much as innovation. If we abandon the belief that facts matter, we trade reason for emotion and wisdom for noise.

Citizens of the digital age deserve more than fact from emotion. By 2022, Finnish students curated illusions. They deserve a public sphere where truth, though fragile, still matters and where reality remains a common ground. The stakes could not be higher.

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Pakistan Air Force — A Living Portrait of Iqbal's Shaheen

跨 Izmi Herlani

n the infinite canvas of the sky, where winds whisper of freedom and destiny, there soars a force that embodies the very dream of Allama Muhammad Igbal — the Pakistan Air Force. It is not merely a military institution guarding the nation's airspace; it is the living embodiment of Iqbal's Shaheen, the eagle of divine vision a creature of light, courage and self-realization that rises above the mundane it is their lived creed. When a PAF pilot world to touch the essence of eternity. When Iqbal spoke of the Shaheen, he was not describing an ordinary bird of prey. He was sculpting a spiritual ideal a believer whose heart is free from material desires, whose eyes see far beyond the horizon, and whose wings are strengthened by faith. In his timeless verse, he declared:

 $Tu\,Shaheen\,hai, parwaz\,hai\,kaam\,tera,$ Tere samne aasman aur bhi hain.

(You are a Shaheen; flight is your destiny — there are skies yet waiting for you.)

That flight — relentless, fearless and purposeful — is the very spirit that defines Pakistan Air Force. Every man and woman in blue is the living reflection of that Shaheen, trained not only in the science of aviation but also in the art of faith, discipline and devotion. Their wings are powered not merely by engines, but by conviction — the conviction that their purpose rises far above self-interest, that their duty is to defend the homeland and uphold its dignity with honor and courage.

Iqbal's concept of Khudi — the self, truest expression in the life of every air fear of the enemy but on faith in destiny. or ego; it was the flame of faith that lance — a readiness rooted in belief that

transforms man from dust to destiny. It is the spiritual force that elevates the believer to the point where he becomes a partner in the creative act of God. As Inhal wrote

Khudi ko kar buland itna ke har taqdeer se pehle, Khuda bande se khud pooche – bata teri raza kya hai.

(Raise your selfhood to such heights that before every destiny, God Himself will ask, 'What is your will?')

This verse is not a poetic abstraction for those who wear the blue uniform grips the control stick, gazes into the endless horizon and trusts his instincts amid the roar of wind and machine, he is enacting Iqbal's philosophy. He becomes the Shaheen who trusts his Khudi — not in arrogance, but in faith. His confidence is born from belief; his courage flows from discipline; his resolve is sharpened by purpose.

The history of Pakistan Air Force is, in fact, a luminous chronicle of Iqbal's dream taking flight. From the thunderous skies of 1965, when young pilots like M. M. Alam inscribed their names in eternity by downing 05 enemy aircraft in seconds, to the modern era of 21st-century warfare, PAF has been the guardian of the nation's honor and the embodiment of its spiritual strength. These eagles never fought for glory or gain — they fought for the sacred idea of Pakistan, an idea born from Iqbal's

Iqbal's Shaheen thrives not in Tera nasheman faqat Kohsaar nahin, comfort, but in challenge. It soars Falak bhi hai. higher when the winds are fierce. The same can be said of Pakistan Air Force — tested in wars, tempered by crises, or more profoundly, the realization yet always emerging stronger, sharper of one's divine potential — finds its and prouder. Its ethos is not built on

to protect peace, one must be prepared for sacrifice.

In the modern era, under the visionary leadership of Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu, PAF has redefined itself yet again blending technology with thought, strategy with spirituality and power with purpose. His leadership reflects Iqbal's ideal of the Mard-e-Momin the man of faith whose intellect is guided by divine wisdom and whose courage springs from conviction. Iqbal described such a man in his immortal

Fikr-e-afaridgar teri parwaz ka ma'araj hai,

(The Creator's thought is the summit of your flight; your dwelling is not just the mountain — the sky itself is your

Under ACM Sidhu's command, Pakistan Air Force has embraced Iqbal's principle of perpetual ascent — "Aur

concept of Multi-Domain Precision Warfare to strengthening the Kill Chain that ensures operational dominance, PAF has transformed into a modern, adaptive and visionary force. Yet, its foundation remains deeply spiritual - its strength is not merely in technology, but in the unwavering faith of

Iqbal's message to the youth was clear: rise above the world of comfort and complacency; seek the heights where the soul communes with purpose. That message echoes daily in the corridors of air bases across Pakistan. The young cadet at Risalpur, the pilot on a dawn sortie, the engineer fine-tuning a jet engine — each embodies the flame of Khudi that Iqbal lit over a century ago. They are dreamers and doers — those who see no boundary between earth and heaven, because their faith has taught them that impossible is merely a word for those who have never tried.

Iqbal's Shaheen does not build nests or rest in valleys. It belongs to the mountains and the skies. Likewise, Pakistan Air Force does not seek comfort or acclaim; it seeks purpose, challenge and excellence. Its culture celebrates merit and integrity, its doctrine rests on intellect and innovation, and its spirit flows from Iqbal's poetry — Eternal, Fearless and Divine.

When crisis strikes — whether in conflict, calamity, or challenge — PAF leads from the front. Its leadership does not command from behind; it flies alongside. From humanitarian relief sorties to wartime operational missions, PAF remains the guardian of hope and symbol of national resolve. Every sortie it flies, every mission it completes, is a verse from Iqbal's poetry written in the language of courage.

bhi hain Aasman." From mastering the fise faqir ki lazzat hai wo samajhta hai,

Ahsan Iqbal at Oxford: Pakistan at 'Historic



Ura ke le gaya Shaheen nashemanon

(The one who knows the joy of the fagir understands — the Shaheen has flown away with the comforts of nests.)

Pakistan Air Force is that Shaheen unbound by fear, untouched by luxury, driven by destiny. Its flight is a reminder that Iqbal's dream was not confined to pages of poetry — it was a prophecy taking form in the skies above Pakistan. As long as these eagles soar, Iqbal's

message will not fade. It will echo in the thunder of jets, in the calm courage of its warriors and in the unwavering faith that guards every inch of this nation's blue skies. For Pakistan Air Force is not merely a guardian of airspace — it is the flight of Khudi itself, the living translation of Iqbal's vision: men of faith, intellect and action who rise beyond limits, who fear none but God, and who, like the Shaheen, find their destiny among



Example 2 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

Turning Point' for Sustainable Growth The event featured Federal Minister

for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Professor Ahsan Igbal, as the chief guest. In his keynote address, Ahsan Iqbal declared that "Pakistan is no longer in a fragile position; it stands today at a historic turning point."

transcends individual governments. The Uraan Pakistan 2025 Conference was held at Oxford University, able growth and national transformable realised by one administration alone and the transformable realised by one administration alone are realised by one administration alone and the transformable realised by one administration alone are realised by one administration alone.

it requires collective national commit-

The minister noted that this is the fourth phase of the Uraan Pakistan programme, developed through three structured stages diagnosis, planning, and implementation and economic progress, Ahsan Iqbal

sustainable development cannot be priorities for Pakistan's developachieved without consistent policies. Human history offers no precedent of progress without stability."

He urged policymakers, professionals, and youth to move beyond

ment agenda. Ahsan Iqbal further observed that Pakistan possesses trillions of dollars worth of untapped potential, calling for the modernization of national systems to build a blame and focus on identifying the foundation for inclusive and sustainfollowing comprehensive research root causes of the country's chal- able growth. Concluding his address, He described the Uraan Pakistan and consultation. Highlighting the lenges. Stressing the importance of the minister appealed to the youth bringing together students, academics, initiative as a national mission that critical link between political stability export growth, he described it as to take ownership of the country's "the need of the hour" and reiter- future, remarking that "Uraan Paki-

North Korea warns of 'more offensive action' after US-South Korea security talks

Reuters

North Korea's defence minister No Kwang Chol, threatened on Saturday to take "more offensive action" as he condemned US security talks with Seoul South Korea.

A day earlier, North Korea fired a ballistic missile towards the sea off rity talks in Seoul. its east coast, after denouncing on Thursday.

Korean individuals and entities that conventional forces. Washington said were involved in cyber-related money-laundering

on Saturday condemned the missile launch, while saying the North's criti- Democratic People's Republic of Korea. cism of the US-South Korea meeting was regrettable.

and the arrival of a US aircraft carrier in by US and South Korean defence chiefs to the border between North and South Korea, as well as their subsequent secu-

They were conspiring to step up deterrence efforts towards the North Fresh US sanctions against North and to integrate their nuclear and

> "This is a stark revelation and an unveiled intentional expression of their hostile nature to stand against joint air drills with Seoul, had esca-

South Korea's defence ministry the DPRK to the end," No said, referlated tensions on the peninsula. ring to the country's formal name, the

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Tuesday that the core of the alli-North Korea criticised a recent visit ance with Seoul will remain focused on

> deterring North Korea. Although Washington will look at flexibility for US troops stationed in South Korea to operate against

> regional threats. No, also said the visit of the US nuclear-powered aircraft carrier George Washington to South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan this week, following US-South Korean

"We will show more offensive action against the enemies' threat on the principle of ensuring security and defending peace by dint of powerful strength," No said, according to North Korean state media KCNA.

South Korea's navy said the carrier's visit was to replenish supplies and grant leave for the crew.

While visiting South Korea last week, US President Donald Trump repeated his willingness to sit down with North Korean leader Kim Jong

No meeting took place, but Trump said he was willing to return to the



region to meet Kim.

Last week, North Korea also testfired cruise missiles to the west of the Korean peninsula, just as Trump and other leaders were set to gather in

South Korea for regional meetings. Regarding the latest missile launch, actions, it added.

the US Indo-Pacific Command said on Saturday that it "does not pose an immediate threat to US personnel or territory, or to our allies".

"The missile launch highlights the destabilising impact" of North Korea's

Malaysia's High Commission Hosts Hi-Tea to Cement Pakistan Ties

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The High Commission of Malaysia in Islamabad hosted a "Hi-Tea" reception to engage with stakeholders and friends of Malaysia in Pakistan. The event brought together a diverse group of distinguished guests, including businessmen, representatives from chambers of commerce, government stakeholders, members of the media, and long-standing friends of Malaysia. The gathering served as a platform to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Malaysia and Pakistan, reflecting the shared commitment of both nations to deepen bilateral relations.

In his opening remarks, His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Mohammad Azhar Mazlan, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Pakistan, warmly welcomed all attendees and expressed his appreciation for their continued and progress. support and engagement in fostering Malaysia-Pakistan relations. His Excellency empha-



sized that Malaysia and Pakistan hare a long-standing and cordial relationship, founded on mutual respect, shared values, and a common aspiration for prosperity

The High Commissioner highlighted the recent official visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, dynamic and resilient partner-

the Honourable Mr. Shehbaz Sharif, to Malaysia, describing it as highly uccessful and productive. During the visit, both leaders reaffirmed the enduring bonds of friendship between the two countries and reiterated their shared commitment to building a more

His Excellency further noted that the discussions between the two leaders were conducted in a warm and cordial atmosphere, mutual interest, particularly in in both nations. underscoring the mutual trust and understanding that define Both sides agreed to strengthen ships that will contribute to the explore avenues for future collab- and mutual prosperity.



cooperation in various fields of development of human capital education, including technical

The event provided an exceland vocational training, and to lent opportunity for participants Malaysia-Pakistan relations. enhance institutional partner- to network, exchange views, and stan, in pursuit of shared goals

oration. It also underscored Malaysia's continued commitment to engaging with key partners and stakeholders in Paki-

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
159,592.90	159,096.78	
Day's High	Day's Low	
160,435.94	159,005.13	
Index Value	Change	
18,319,671,344	+496.12	
Percentage	Time	
+0.31%	7 Nov, 2025	
. 5.5.75	4:30 pm	
Europe: FTS	SE 100 Index	
Index Value	Change	
9,682.57	-53.21	
Percentage	Time	
-0.55%	7 Nov, 4:35 pm	
-0.55 %	GMT+1	
USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
46,607.97	-304.33	

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46,607.97	-304.33	
Percentage	Time	
-0.65%	7 Nov, 12:46 pm GMT-5	
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Averag	
Index Value Change		

Index Value	Change
50,276.37	-607.31
Percentage	Time
-1.19%	7 Nov, 3:45 pm GMT+9
Open Market	Forey Dates

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.65	190.65
Bahrain Dinar	747.1	754.6
Canadian Dollar	205.9	212.9
China Yuan	39.29	39.69
Danish Krone	43.15	43.55
Euro	332.2	335.7
Hong Kong Dollar	36.1	36.45
Indian Rupee	3.10	3.19
Japanese Yen	1.8765	1.9765
Kuwaiti Dinar	914.25	923.25
Malaysian Ringgit	66.8	67.4
NewZealand \$	158.25	160.25
Norwegians Krone	27.52	27.82
Omani Riyal	731.7	739.2
Qatari Riyal	77	77.8
Saudi Riyal	75.75	76.35
Singapore Dollar	217.25	222.05
Swedish Korona	29.25	29.55
Swiss Franc	346.65	349.4
Thai Bhat	8.55	8.7
U.A.E Dirham	76.95	77.95
UK Pound Sterling	381.35	384.35

CCP Authorizes Acquisition of Novartis Pakistan by IIL

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E Commerce Desk

US Dollar

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has authorized the acquisition of Novartis Pharma (Pakistan) Limited (Novartis Pakistan) by International Investment II Limited (IIL) after completing its Phase-I competition assessment under Section 11 of the Competition Act, 2010 and the Competition (Merger Control) Regulations, 2016.

IIL, an investment holding company incorporated in Hong Kong and part of the Getz Group, submitted a pre-merger application to the CCP. The transaction involves the transfer of control of Novartis Pakistan from its existing parent entities, Novartis AG and Novartis Pharma AG, to IIL pursuant to a Share Purchase Agreement.

Novartis Pakistan is a leading pharmaceutical company engaged in the manufacture, import, marketing, and distribution of medicines across a wide range of therapeutic classes. The acquisition represents a significant development in Pakistan's pharmaceutical sector, as IIL already maintains a presence in the country through its subsidiaries, Getz Pharma (Private) Limited and Scilife Pharma (Private)

During the Phase-I review, the Commission examined whether the transaction could result in the creation or strengthening of a dominant position or otherwise substantially lessen competition in the relevant markets. The CCP defined the relevant markets at the therapeutic class level, given the lack of substitutability across medical categories.

The Commission observed that while certain overlaps existed between Novartis Pakistan and the Acquirer Group in therapeutic classes such as diabetes, anti-rheumatics, anti-epileptics, and cardiovascular agents, the combined market shares were not significant enough to raise competition

concerns. Based on its assessment, the CCP concluded that the transaction neither creates nor strengthens a dominant position in any relevant market and is unlikely to substantially lessen competition in Pakistan. Consequently, the acquisition has been authorized under Section 31(1)(d)(i) of the Competition Act, 2010.

SBP injects Rs 1.8 trillion in market

Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has injected Rs 1,800 billion through Reverse Repo Purchase and Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operations (OMO) on Friday to maintain liquidity in the market.

The central bank conducted the Open Market Operation, Reverse Repo Purchase (Injection) for 7 and 14-day tenors on November 07, 2025, and injected Rs 1,590.2 billion against 18 bids while another Rs 209.9 billion were inserted through Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based OMO.

For the Reverse Repo Purchase of 7-day tenor, the central bank received 5 bids cumulatively offering Rs 90 billion at the rate of return ranging between 11.03 percent to 11.05 percent. The SBP accepted the entire amount



at 11.03 percent rate of return.

Moreover, the SBP also received 13 bids for the 14-day tenor cumulatively offering Rs 1,601.2 billion at the rate of return ranging between 11.01 to 11.10 percent. The SBP accepted Rs 1,500.2 billion against all the 13 quotes at 11.01 percent rate of return. The total amount offered at 11.01 percent was Rs 643 billion, out of which SBP accepted Rs 542 billion on a pro-rata basis

Meanwhile, SBP also conducted Shariah Compliant Mudarabah based Open Market Operation for the 7 and 14-day tenors. The central bank received no bid for the 14-day tenor while 3 quotes were received for the 7-day tenor offering Rs 209.9 billion at rate of return ranging between 11.05 to 11.08 percent. The SBP accepted all the 3 quotes with the entire amount at 11.05 percent rate

Vomen empowerment

ISLAMABAD: Visitors from across the Country are enjoying in the different pavilions of the Provinces during annual "Lok Mela" at Lok Versa in Federal Capital.



cut by Rs0.48 per unit across Pakistan

Electricity prices



Commerce Desk

The National Electric Power Regulatory (NEPRA) has approved a reduction of Rs0.48 per unit in electricity prices for all consumers across Pakistan, including K-Electric customers.

The price cut has been

and will be reflected in bills issued this month.

NEPRA said the reduction will provide consumers with relief worth more than Rs5 billion.

This move is part of NEPRA's regular review of electricity tariffs to account for changes in fuel costs and is aimed at easing the finanapplied under the monthly cial burden on households fuel adjustment mechanism and businesses.

Vitamin D Defeciency – The Overlooked Health Concern

Marvam Abid

Vitamin D is one of the essential nutrients for the body's natural balance. It helps regulate calcium and phosphate levels in the body, maintaining healthy teeth, bones, and muscles. It is no surprise that vitamin D deficiency has become common in today's fast-paced, hectic routines and long indoor hours. Because the symptoms are often subtle or absent, many people remain unaware of their vitamin D insufficiency. It's a growing health concern that affects 1 billion people worldwide, with around 48% of the population having tested blood vitamin levels below 50 nmol/L. According to the reported study of Munazza et al, Pakistan is considered one of the vitamin D deficient countries, where around 70% of the population suffers from this deficiency or has borderline levels due to poor nutrition

"Why the Sunshine Vitamin Matters" This sunshine vitamin is a key to a healthy and active life and, its one of the easiest vitamin which can naturally be produce as a result of your skin exposure to the sunlight.

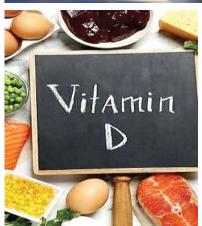
 Vitamin D helps the body to absorb calcium, which is vital for maintaining strong and healthy bones. Lack of it can disrupt the calcium absorption, resulting in weak bones (osteomalacia, osteoporosis) in adults and (Rickets) in children.

• According to recent research, vitamin D is also plays a role in supporting mental health.

Its insufficiency or deficiency can interfere with mood regulation, leading to anxiety and depression.

• This vital vitamin also supports the immune system against infections and keeping you healthy. Research shows that people with low vitamin D levels are at a higher risk to flu and respiratory infections. sure due to lifestyle





· Recent research suggests that this essential vitamin also strengthens heart health by improving blood pressure and

healthy blood flow. Causes and Symptoms

• Three main causes are Low sun expo-

· Not getting a diet enriched with vitamin D

• The body's inability to absorb vitamin D due to certain medical conditions

• Symptoms: Muscle cramps/twitches•

Bone pain, Fatigue · Mood changes, anxiety, depression, back pain, and symptoms that can be worse if there is a severe deficiency Sun, Food,

and Health; the ways to prevent vitamin D deficiency To keep your health intact in the long run, take preventive steps before it's too late and maintain adequate levels of vitamin D.

The sources of the sunshine vitamins are • Sunlight exposure: Spending half an hour outside a few days each week Diet intake: Vitamin D-rich foods/

fatty fish (salmon, Tuna), fortified cereals, milk, yogurt, nuts, mushrooms as plantbased source

• To recover deficiency or insufficiency, healthcare professionals recommended vitamin D supplements.

Gold prices drop by Rs600 per tola across Pakistan

Commerce Desk

XARACHI: Gold prices in Pakistan fell by Rs600 per tola, bringing the new rate to Rs422,462 per tola on Saturday.

According to traders in the bullion markets, the price of 24-karat gold decreased by Rs600 per tola and Rs514 per 10 grams across the

Meanwhile, in the inter-



settling at \$4001 per ounce. The global silver rate also fell to \$48.32 per ounce. In local markets, the per

tola price of silver dropped by Rs18, reaching Rs5,094, while the 10-gram rate fell national market, gold prices by Rs15 to Rs4,367.

US Supreme Court lets Trump withhold \$4 billion in food aid funding for now

Supreme Court on Friday allowed President Donald Trump's administration to withhold for now about \$4 billion needed to fully fund a food aid programme for 42 million low-income Americans this month amid the federal government shutdown.

The court's order, known as an administrative stay, gives a lower court additional time to consider the administration's formal request to only partially fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme, month.

WASHINGTON: The US known as SNAP or food stamps, for November. The administration had faced a judge-ordered Friday deadline to fully fund the programme.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who issued the stay, set it to expire two days after the Boston-based 1st US Circuit Court of Appeals rules on the administration's request to halt a judge's order that the US Department of Agriculture promptly pay the full amount of this month's SNAP benefits, which cost \$8.5 billion to \$9 billion per

Weekly inflation drops by 0.59 percent in Pakistan

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: The weekly inflation, measured by the Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI), decreased by 0.59 percent for the combined consumption group during the week ended on November 6, 2025, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) reported on Friday.

According to the PBS data, the SPI for the week under review was recorded at 333.55 points, down from 335.53 points last week. On a year-onyear basis, the SPI increased by 4.18 percent. The weekly SPI with base year 2015-16=100 covers 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expend-

The SPI for the lowest consumption

1.04 percent, falling to 327.73 points from 331.18 points last week.

The SPI for consumption groups of Rs17,733-22,888; Rs22,889-29,517; Rs29,518-44,175; and above Rs44,175 also fell by 0.93 percent, 0.74 percent, 0.66 percent, and 0.44 percent, respec-

During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 18 (35.29%) items increased, 12 (23.53%) items decreased, and 21 (41.18%) items remained unchanged.

The major commodities registering an increase during the week included eggs (2.40%), bananas (2.32%), firewood (1.61%), diesel (1.12%), beef (0.93%), tea prepared (0.92%), petrol (0.91%), bread (0.55%), wheat flour

group (up to Rs17,732) decreased by (0.34%), powdered milk (0.31%), and

cooking oil 5-litre tin (0.21%). Items showing a decline in prices included tomatoes (37.93%), onions (4.88%), garlic (3.23%), pulse gram (1.58%), chicken (0.68%), sugar (0.64%), gur (0.60%), pulse masoor (0.55%), and LPG (0.15%).

On a year-on-year basis, major increases were observed in the prices of ladies sandal (55.62%), sugar (43.67%), gas charges for Q1 (29.85%), wheat flour (19.50%), gur (18.88%), firewood (14.25%), beef (14.09%), vegetable ghee 2.5kg (11.53%), onions (11.22%), vegetable ghee 1kg (9.79%), and diesel (9.29%).

Commodities witnessing a yearon-year decline included garlic



(33.54%), pulse gram (29.82%), electea (17.79%), pulse mash (15.52%), tricity charges for Q1 (26.26%), pota-chicken (15.16%), LPG (9.14%), and toes (22.32%), tomatoes (19.69%), pulse masoor (4.95%).

Pakistan vs South Africa One Day International Cricket Match Series

Saim Ayub, spinners steer Pakistan to ODI series victory over South Africa



S Asim Tanveer/Abdul Majid

Pakistan 144 for 3 (Ayub 77, Rizwan 32 Burger 1-29) beat South Africa 143 (De Kock 53, Abrar 4-27, Afridi 2-18, Agha 2-18) by seven wickets

Abrar Ahmed bamboozled South Africa with a career-best 4 for 27 to give Pakistan a series-clinching seven-This was Pakistan's third ODI series win in a row over South Africa.

Batting first on a slow, low Faisalabad pitch, South Africa started strongly with Quinton de Kock and Lhuan-dre Pretorius adding 72 for the first wicket. They were 106 for 2 at

end, South Africa were bundled out for a mere 143 in 37.5 overs.

Pakistan started the chase tentatively but Saim Ayub's unbeaten 77 off 70 balls helped them reach the target rith almost 25 overs to spare.

Ayub, in the first innings, opened the bowling with Shaheen Shah Afridi. South Africa captain Matthew Breetzke wicket win in the third and final ODI. had hoped for runs on the board in a big game but Pakistan set defensive fields and conceded only ten runs in the first four overs.

Then, in the fifth, Afridi bowled a back-of-the-hand slower ball. De Kock spotted it early and lofted it over the bowler's head for a four. Afridi went one point but Abrar dismantled them pace-on for the next ball, only to be with three wickets in two overs. In the drilled down the ground for another

boundary. De Kock carried on and reached Corbin Bosch was bowled first ball, Haris Rauf, who returned to the side 7000 ODI runs. He became the after serving a two-match ban, came second-fastest to the mark, behind into the attack in the seventh over and countryman Hashim Amla, getting induced an outside edge of Pretorious' there in 158 innings. He brought up

balls later when he tried to slog-sweep Pretorius rubbed it in by smashing the spinner. Abrar ran through the middle order with a three-wicket burst. Debutant Rubin Hermann was the first to go, bowled after failing to pick the googly. Donovan Ferreira was next, bowled for 39. Tony de Zorzi fell soon after, after missing a sweep and then having

his fifty with a reverse-swept four off

Mohammad Nawaz but was lbw two

undone by the low bounce. There was no hat-trick for Abrar

but he had Breetzke caught behind in his final over to hasten the end. South Africa's lower order tried to resist but Afridi wrapped up the innings with two wickets in two balls.

Pakistan did not have a smooth start to their chase as Nandre Burger dismissed Fakhar Zaman for a duck for the second successive game. Burger moved the ball both ways and it took Pakistan 14 balls to score their first run. Both Ayub and No. 3 Babar Azam were paved the way for what turned out to be the ball clip the exposed leg stump. circumspect at the start. In fact, Ayub

took ten balls to open his account.

However, the wait was worth it. Burger bowled a length ball and Ayub drove on the up through covers for four. That opened the floodgates as Pakistan hit eight fours and two sixes in the next five overs. By the tenth over, the scoreboard was reading 59 for 1.

Babar was run out for 27 when going for a third run, but Ayub was unstoppable. Although not always in control of his shots, Ayub did not hesitate playing them. He often took the aerial route, bringing up his fifty off just 39 balls. It a comfortable win in the end.

Quaid-Azam Trophy, 2025-26 matches result

Peshawar at Marghzar Cricket

Trophy 2025-26. Resuming from their overnight score of 92-4 in pursuit of by Muhammad Umar (2-42) and and Saqib Khan who all picked up one wicket apiece.

Saad Baig was awarded the player of the match for his 109 runs in the

first innings and 116 in the second. At Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi, continuing from their overnight score of 424-8. Abbottabad were bowled out for 442 in 135 overs. Skipper Asif Afridi starred with figures of 7-128 in 56 overs.

After enforcing the follow-on,

Mohammad Hamza's 5-63 and Saad more wickets as Abbottabad scored 11 November. Baig's two centuries fired Karachi 165-2 at stumps on the final day. The Blues to win on the final day against match ended in a draw as Abbottabad's opening batter Shahzaib Ground, Islamabad in the sixth- Khan was named the player of the round match of the Quaid-e-Azam match for his 167 runs in the first innings and an unbeaten 100 in the

At Abbottabad Cricket Stadium, the 510-run target, Peshawar were resuming their innings from the 87, Muhammad Sarwar Afridi 57, bundled out for 291 in 81.4 overs. overnight score of 375-1 in 80 Rehan Afridi 50 not out; Kamran Iftikhar Ahmed's innings of 108 overs, Sialkot were lifted to 614-9 Ghulam 3-43, Shahab Khan 2-137) Ground, Islamabad for Peshawar went in vain as pacer at stumps on day four, as Azan Awais Muhammad Huraira's 178-run skipper Saud Shakeel, Rameez Aziz effort from Day three. Mohsin Riaz (74, 92b, 4x4s) and Abdullah Shafique (71, 107b, 10x4s) made meaningful contributions.

> Hasan Ali, coming in to bat at number seven, scored 52 off 39 balls including nine fours and one six. Skipper Usama Mir scored a 92-ball 45 including four fours.

> Bahawalpur's Saad Khan was named player of the match for his all-round performance of 155 runs with the bat and 5-85 with the ball.

The seventh round of the tourna-

Scores in brief - Round Six-Day 4 Match draw between Abbottabad and FATA at Shoaib Akhtar Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi

bat. It would have been a regulation

catch for first slip had there been one.

Instead, the ball raced away for four.

Rauf for two more fours in the next

The pair brought up their third

successive fifty stand before Salman

Agha had Pretorius caught at long-off

chipping Agha tamely to extra cover.

FATA 687-7 dec, 142.3 overs (Khushdil Shah 206, Salman Khan Jnr 133, Mohammad Farooq 105, Mohammad Usman

Abbottabad 442 all out, 135 overs 53, Shahab Khan 41, Khayam Khan 38; Asif Afridi 7-128, Siraiuddin 2-93) and 165-2, 70.3 overs (Shahzaib Khan 100 not out, Umair Badshah 46; Khushdil Shah 1-39, Haroon Sadaqat 1-39)

Player of the match - Shahzaib Khan (Abbottabad)

Match draw between Bahawalpur and Sialkot at Abbottabad Cricket Stadium

Bahawalpur 511-9 dec, 122.4 overs (Mohammad Ammar 166, Saad Khan 155, Mohammad Sudais 112: Hasan Ali 3-77, Usama Mir FATA were able to pick up two ment will commence from Tuesday, 2-58, Muhammad Ali 2-131)

Sialkot 614-9, 156 overs (Muhammad Huraira 178, Azan Awais 164, Mohsin Riaz 74, Abdullah Shafique 71, Hasan Ali 52, Usama Mir 45; Saad Khan 5-85, Mohammad Sudais 1-24, Gulfam Aziz 1-87, Zaman Khan 1-118)

Player of the match - Saad Khan (Bahawalpur)

Karachi Blues beat Peshawar by 218 runs at Marghzar Cricket

Karachi 301 all or Hamza's fifer was well supported (164, 253b, 19x4s, 1x6) replicated (Shahzaib Khan 167, Khalid Usman (Saad Baig 109, Saud Shakeel 93, Usman Khan 84; Mohammad Amir Khan 4-87, Mohammad Imran Jnr 3-85, Sajid Khan 2-45) and 283-3, 61 overs (Saad Baig 116, Shan Masood 101 not out, Usman Khan 36 not out; Sajid Khan 2-76)

Peshawar 165 all out, 50.3 overs (Israrullah 62, Iftikhar Ahmad 39; Muhammad Umar 6-30, Saqib Khan 2-42) and 291 all out, 81.4 overs (Iftikhar Ahmed 108, Mohammad Haris 60; Mohammad Hamza 5-63, Muhammad Umar

Player of the match - Saad Baig

Model Haqani and Grace Academy School moved into Semi Final PCB Talent Hunt Programme

Sports Desk

KARACHI: GBSS Model Haqani and Grace Academy School moved into Semi Final of the PCB Talent Hunt Programme for School Cricket (Karachi Region) after beating their opponents at various Grounds of the City.

The highlights of the days play was brillia Allround Performance by Aliyan Asif firs he got 4/44 and the scored 88.

Scores in Brief:

GBSS Model Hagani beat Oasis School by 7 Wickets at Jinnah College Ground. Oasis School 165 all-out in 36.5 overs. Hafeez 80 9x4 2x6, Bilal Hussain 28. Alivan Asif (ob) 4/44, Muhammad Yousuf 2/9, Abdullah Ehsan 2/14. In reply GBSS Model Haqani 167/3 in 26.4 overs. Aliyan Asif 88 15x42x6, Abdullah Ehsan 28, Khizar Javed 17 not out. After the end of the Match Former First Class Cricketer Zafar Ahmed given the Man of the Match Award to Aliyan Asif of GBSS Model Haqani.

In the 2nd Quarter Final Grace Academy School beat Hira Foundation School by 116



Muhammad Bilal 66 11x5 1x6, Muhammad Ibrahim 60 12x4, Arshman Riaz 54 6x4 2x6, Muhammad Khan 43 Muhammad Zakwan Usmani 2/39, Muhammad Waail Usmani 2/44. In reply Hira Foundation School 163/8 in 40 overs. Muhammad Fakharuddin 58 9x4 1x6, Usman Ghani 54 not out, Sufiyan 18 not out. Muhammad Khan 2/16, Arshman

After the end of the Match Sagheer Ahmed given the Man of the Match Award to runs at Darul Uloom Ground Korangi. Grace Muhammad Bilal of Grace Academy School.

27th amendment seeks major changes in judiciary and defence

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court will be binding on all other courts, whereas the Supreme Court will primarily deal with appeals and general cases, thereby reducing its current powers.

The amendment also proposes major changes to the military struc-

The post of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will be abolished, additional role of "Chief of Defence Marshal, Marshal of the Air Force, and

Under the proposed amendment to The decisions of the constitutional Article 243, the position of Chairman Marshal will be lifelong, granting them Joint Chiefs will cease to exist from November 27, 2025.

> the National Strategic Command in consultation with the prime minister. The head of the command will be a

serving military officer. The amendment also allows the government to promote military and the Army Chief will assume the officers to honorary ranks such as Field

Admiral of the Fleet.

The rank and privileges of a Field permanent status.

Other key provisions include As Chief of Defence Forces, the expanding the prime minister's Army Chief will appoint the head of authority to appoint up to seven advisers, increasing the number of advisers for provincial chief ministers, and restructuring the rules of the Supreme Judicial Council.

> Amendments are proposed to Articles 42, 63A, and 175 to 191, which will bring significant changes to the powers of both the judiciary and the executive.

Opposition alliance launches nationwide protest against 27th Amendment

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"Democratic institutions have been paralysed within Pakistan... the nation must step up against the Ľproposed∑ 27th Amendment," Wahdat-e-Muslimeen (MWM) chief Allama Nasir Abbas

He said the amendment would make the powerful "more powerful" and called on citizens to oppose the "black and dark" measure.

He told supporters the campaign state and its citizens. would start at 8:30pm on Sunday with a unifying slogan and continued protests thereafter.

Apart from MWM, the alliance also includes the Pakistan Tehreeke-Insaf (PTI), Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP), Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) and Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC).

PkMAP's chief Achakzai said the amendment amounted to tampering parties, personalities and groups to with the social contract between the join.

"We have taken an oath five times to protect the Constitution," he said, accusing the government of undermining parliamentary debate and treating the legislature as a debating society rather than a decision-making body.

He added that the opposition had no choice but to launch the movement and appealed to all patriotic

PM vows to protect Pakistan's territorial integrity...

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The prime minister specially acknowledged and appreciated the role of US President Donald Trump for his exemplary leadership that culminated in the Karabakh." success of these peace efforts.

ship that brought about the ceasefire between Pakistan and India, restoring peace in South Asia.

Paying tribute to Azerbaijani forces, poetry and lauded their courage under Taliban.

President Ilham Aliyev's leadership

during the liberation of Karabakh. He noted the rapid reconstruction of liberated territories, especially the city of Shusha, calling it the "jewel of

He described Azerbaijan's victory as He said it was also President Donald a beacon of hope for nations fighting Trump's bold and decisive leader- oppression, including Gaza and Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and

He also acknowledged Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Qatar PM Shehbaz recited Allama Iqbal's for facilitating peace talks with Afghan

During the parade, the national anthems of Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Turkiye were played, followed by a one-minute silence for the martyrs of the Karabakh war

Contingents from Pakistan and Turkiye marched alongside Azerbaijani forces, and a flypast of JF-17 Thunder jets added to the ceremonial display.

PM Shehbaz concluded by reiterating Pakistan's commitment to regional solidarity, strategic partnerships, and the defence of national sovereignty, saying the country will continue to stand firmly with its Azerbaijani and Turkish allies.

Fazlur Rehman, President Zardari discuss 27th Amendment

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A day earlier, Maulana Fazlur Rehman had warned that his party would oppose any amendment that undermines provincial autonomy guaranteed under the 18th Amend-

He said the provinces had a constitutional right to an increased share in the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award, not a reduction. He cautioned that any move to curtail provincial rights would face strong resistance from JUI-F.

Speaking to reporters in Islam- administrative in nature, we will abad, Fazlur Rehman said his party

had agreed on some "principled points" but would issue a final stance once the complete draft of the 27th Amendment is reviewed.

Commenting on proposed changes to Article 243, which governs the command of the armed forces, Fazlur Rehman said the implications must be assessed carefully.

"If these changes affect democracy, the Constitution or the political system, we will reject them," he said.

review them before making a deci-

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), a key coalition partner, has drawn a clear red line against any alteration in provincial shares under the NFC Award.

On November 6, the party signalled conditional support for limited amendments related to Article 243, provided they remain confined to matters under the federal government's administra-"However, if they are purely tive control.

The Spokesman

Meeting BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets with President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan Chief of the Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir is also present on the occasion. Photo: Online

Google begins Chromebook manufacturing in Pakistan

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja on Saturday said that Google will manufacture around 600,000 Chromebooks annually in Pakistan, marking a major milestone for the country's technology sector.

Speaking to the media, she said Google has completed its registration in Pakistan and plans to open its office in the



engagement with leading global technology and social media companies has entered a new and productive phase.

Shaza Fatima revealed that Google, in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence Production and the National Radio & Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC), has begun Chromebook manufacturing in Haripur.

Launched as a public-priopments under the leadership vate partnership with a Highlighting recent devel- of Prime Minister Shehbaz local company, the project is

Sharif, she said that Pakistan's expected to give a significant boost to Pakistan's IT manufacturing industry.

She said the initiative aims to provide affordable, highquality devices, particularly for students and the education sector.

"Such high-tech ventures reflect global companies' growing confidence in Pakistan's economy, while also promoting technology transfer, international best practices, and new job oppor-

IHC orders FIA to form JIT over abduction of woman, daughters; declares it a model case

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has expressed dissatisfaction over police investigations into the alleged abduction of a woman and her young daughters from Lahore and directed the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to form a Joint Investigation Team

According to the written order by Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, the woman and her children were unlawfully detained in connection with a financial dispute involving former PIA ĈEO Musharraf Rasool, Waqas Ahmad, and Sohail Aleem.

The court, showing displeasure over the police's progress in cases registered



Ahmad and Sohail Aleem, to conduct an independent in Islamabad against Waqas investigation.

The IHC directed that ordered the FIA Director the JIT must examine all in the abduction and related General to establish a JIT aspects of the cases and crimes. review the role of the investigating officers and police instructed the federal inte- abducted in Lahore.

personnel allegedly involved

Kayani also Justice

rior secretary to appoint an officer of the rank equivalent to Director (Crimes) and to make the case of the abducted woman and her three minor children a "model case."

The court noted that the woman, Sana, and her three young daughters were abducted from Lahore without any official report to or involvement of the city police. It further directed the federal interior secretary to issue necessary instructions to the Punjab IGP, Punjab home secretary, and the provincial government.

The Punjab government has been ordered to initiate its own inquiry, taking into account CCTV footage from September 17, 2025, which reportedly shows the woman and her children being

Consensus developed on 80pc of points of 27th Amendment, says Farooq H Naik

ISLAMABAD: A joint meeting of Senate and National Assembly's Standing Committees on Law and Justice was held in Islamabad today to consider the Constitution (Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2025.

The meeting decided that an extensive and clause-by-clause deliberation and review of the Bill will be undertaken to ensure thorough examination of all its provisions. The meeting was co-chaired by respective Chairpersons of both Committees Senator Farooq H. Naek and MNA Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk.

The meeting decided to continue deliberations in the next sitting scheduled for tomorrow morning to further consider the Bill.

Chairman committee on law and justice Farooq judges.



H Naik has said that consensus has been developed on 80 percent of the points of the 27th Constitutional Amendment, adding that various political parties have agreed on Article Senate standing 175 regarding the appointment of

Talking to media after a joint session of both the NA and Senate standing committees on law and justice, Farooq H Naik said remaining 20 percent of the issues will be completed by tomorrow (Sunday). He hoped that legislation will be made after complete should be discussed for now.

the proposed legislation. He said all proposals of the members was being Naek urged PTI and other oppofor the national interest. He said all

consensus. PPP leader said that all committee members presented

their opinion and suggestions on

sition members to give their opinion points of the government and opposition members should come on the

PPP leader Naveed Qamar told media that the government has $accepted \,the \, PPP's \, \bar{proposals} \, and \, now$ the remaining proposals were being examined carefully. He said that no decision was made on the MQM's proposals. Naveed Qamar said that PPP believes that no new proposals should be made in hurry as PPP wanted that the previous proposals

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Pakistan, Turkiye agree to deepen cooperation on regional, international issues

Spokesman Report

BAKU: Pakistan and Turkiye on Saturday agreed to continue close coordination on regional and international matters of mutual concern, and to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the region and the wider Muslim world.

The understanding was reached during a meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Baku on the sidelines of Azerbaijan's Victory Day Parade.

Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, also attended the meeting.

The two leaders reviewed the full spectrum of bilateral relations and bilateral cooperation.

reaffirmed their resolve to further deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

PM Shehbaz appreciated the enthusiastic celebrations of Pak-Turkiye Friendship Week, describing them as a reflection of the deeprooted and enduring ties between the two nations

He emphasised Pakistan's commitment to transforming longstanding fraternal relations into a broader partnership covering political, defence, economic, trade, investment, and people-to-people linkages.

It was also decided that a Turkish ministerial delegation will visit Pakistan in the near future to strengthen

Pak ambassador meets new US assistant secretary for South and Central Asia



News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani Ambassador to the United States Rizwan Saeed Sheikh held talks with newly appointed US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Paul Kapoor

Speaking after the meeting, Ambassador Sheikh said he was pleased to meet Assistant Secretary Kapoor and efforts by both governments to deepen

congratulated him on assuming his new role.

He said that the talks focused on ways and measures to build and enhance the partnership, which has also been endorsed at the leadership

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary During the meeting, both sides Kapur, in a post on social media, eaffirmed their commitment to described it as a pleasure to meet strengthening Pakistan-US bilateral the Pakistani envoy, noting that the relations and advancing them into an two "discussed ways to advance the economically robust strategic part- US-Pakistan relationship and make our countries more prosperous and

The meeting reflects continued

PML-N's Bilal Farooq Tarar elected unopposed from NA-66 Wazirabad

Correspondent

WAZIRABAD: Bilal Farooq Tarar of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has been elected National Assembly from NA-66 Wazirabad, following the vacancy created by the disqualification of former MNA Muhammad Ahmed

The notification of his success was unopposed victory.

issued by District Returning Officer Shabbir Hussain under Form 34.

Bilal Farooq Tarar, the younger brother of Federal Minister Atta Tarar, will now represent NA-66 unopposed as the member of the in the National Assembly for the upcoming term.

Election officials said the by-election process was conducted transparently. Party leaders congratulated Bilal Farooq Tarar on his

Karimabad underpass project a 'fraud with citizens': JI

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami Karachi chief Munam Zafar Khan has accused the Sindh government of deceiving citizens in the name of the Karimabad underpass project.

During a visit to the Karimabad area on Saturday, he said that thousands of people earned their livelihoods from the Karimabad Market, but the project had turned the market into a deserted site and destroyed local

He urged the authorities to complete the underpass to provide relief to residents and traders of the area.

Highlighting civic issues faced by Karachi residents, Munam Zafar said ongoing construction had broken sewerage lines, while water supply had added.

also been disrupted for several months. He added that under the 18th

Amendment, powers were supposed to be devolved to the grassroots level, but that promise was never fulfilled.

"After the 18th Amendment, the share of local governments has only been reduced," he noted.

Criticising Mayor Murtaza Wahab, the JI leader said, "He claimed that 106 roads in Karachi would be rebuilt. Look at the state of Jahangir Road the University Road has been dug up in the name of the Red Line project, and at Munawar Chowrangi, no proper alternative routes have been provided."

He further said that traffic signals were missing in several areas, while that instead of facilitating people, the diversions and heavy fines had become common. "This is unacceptable," he