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President Zardari signs 27th constitutional amendment

The amendment had already been approved by both houses of Parliament — the National Assembly and the Senate — before being sent to the President for his assent.



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#### Cabinet meeting



## Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Athar Minallah resign as SC judges

Both judges term 27th amendment a 'grave attack on constitution'

#### Naveed Ahmad Khan

ISLAMABAD: Two senior Thursday.

Supreme Court.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah sent President Asif Ali Zardari.

recently adopted 27th constitu-

tional amendment. Justice Athar Minallah has clear and that he had no regrets

also sent his seven-page resignation to the president.

In his resignation letter, judges of the Supreme Court - Justice Mansoor Ali Shah Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and declared the 27th Constitutional Justice Athar Minallah – have Amendment as a "serious attack tendered their resignations on on the Constitution of Pakistan."

Justice Shah stated that the Both judges resigned from 27th Amendment has "fragtheir positions as judges of the mented the Supreme Court of

He stated that the amendhis 13-page resignation letter to ment has made the judiciary "subordinate to the government," Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, in and "struck at the very soul of his letter, sharply criticised the our constitutional democracy." Justice Mansoor Ali Shah stated that his conscience was

about stepping down. "I am resigning from the office of Senior Judge of the Supreme he wrote. Court. The constitutional

amendment is a grave attack on the Constitution of Pakistan,"

He said he had served the

institution with honour and integrity, but the 27th Amendment had dealt a severe blow to the Supreme Court.

"Through this amendment, the Supreme Court has been shattered, justice has been distanced from the common man, and the judiciary has been made subordinate to the government," the letter added.

Justice Shah also quoted verses by poet Ahmad Faraz, writing, "My pen is a trust from

my people." He said the amendment had struck "a deep wound on the soul

of our constitutional democracy." Continued on Page 7

## MoIB releases evidence: Wana College attack 'planned & controlled' from Afghanistan

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of in the Cadet College Wana attack. MoIB in a follow up report of

"The attack of Cadet College the attack posted on X formerly Wana was planned and controlled 

Twitter along with evidence.

from Afghanistan. The attack was planned in Afghanistan by Kharji Zahid and the final approval Information and Broadcasting was given by Kharji Noorwali (MoIB) on Thursday released a Mehsud. All the Khwarij who startling report showing direct attacked Cadet College Wana involvement from Afghanistan were Afghan citizens," said the

which included American-made weapons," the report added.

"On the orders of Kharji Noor Wali Mehsud, the responsibility for the attack was accepted by "Jaish-ul-Hind". Kharji Noor Wali wanted to shift the responsibility from Fitna-ul-Kharij (TTP), friendly countries.

"The equipment for this attack" which is why the Afghan Terrorist was provided from Afghanistan, kept mentioning Jaish-ul-Hind in the video made during the attack," the report noted.

It further said the Afghan Taliban pressurized Fitna al-Khawarij not to accept responsibility of attacks as that leads them to pressure from Pakistan and

"The attack on Cadet College Wana was aimed at increasing security concerns in Pakistan, on demand of the Indian agency RAW," the report emphasized.

It said the identities of the Afghan terrorists killed in the attack firmly established the links of terrorists in their bases in Afghanistan.

## Twenty-Seventh Amendment bill revised in Senate with key omissions, alterations

👺 City Desk

Constitutional

Minister for Law and Justice ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Azam Nazeer Tarar, was carried Thursday revised the Twen- through a two way voting Insaf (PTI) member Syed Ali members Minister for Law process—by division and clause Amendment Bill, 2025, earlier by clause. The revisions included passed by the National Assembly, the removal of clauses 4, 19, 22, by omitting five clauses and relis- 51 and 55, while clause 53 and ting and amending three out of its sub clauses were relisted and members of their parties had

legislation.

Earlier, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Zafar and Jamait Ulama-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F 's) Kamran Murtaza opposed the bill, tise of the opposing senators but arguing that two defecting a total of 59 before its adoption. amended as part of the upper already announced resignations confined to the Constitution.

The bill, presented by house's effort to reshape the and were therefore not eligible to cast their votes.

Responding to opposition and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar acknowledged the legal experemphasized that the interpretation of Article 63 A must remain tutional amendment.

He clarified that party references against members are permissible only in three cases: voting against party direction in the election of the Prime Minister or Chief Minister, a vote of no confidence, or on the budget/finance bill or a consti-

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## Federal Govt approves key legislative amendments to align defence laws with **27th Constitutional Amendment**

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government on Thursday made significant decisions to harmonize national legislation pertaining to defence with the recently enacted 27th Constitutional Amendment.

The Cabinet meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif held here at the Parliament Fleet, reflecting modern and House, a Prime Minister's Office news release said.

The Cabinet approved amendments to the Pakistan Army Act, the Pakistan Air Force Act, and the Pakistan Navy Act. The revisions aimed to bring the laws governing the armed forces in line with changes introduced under Article 243 of the Constitu-

leadership included the crea-

tion of the office of the Chief of Defence Forces, with a defined tenure. Correspondingly, the post of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will be abolished after the retirement of the incumbent chairman.

Additionally, the amendments introduced new honorary ranks of Field Marshal, Marshal of the Air Force, and Admiral of the contemporary military structures and operational needs.

In other decisions, the Federal Cabinet also approved the draft Federal Constitutional Court (Procedure and Practice) Act, 2025, aimed at  $establishing \, procedures \, for \, the \,$ newly proposed judicial body.

Furthermore, the Cabinet ratified the decisions taken by the Economic Coordina-A major decision approved tion Committee (ECC) in its under the prime minister's meeting held on November

#### Palestine condemns arson attack on Hajjeh Hamideh Mosque



ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates strongly condemns the heinous crime committed by extremist settlers who burned Hajjeh Hamideh Mosque, located between Kifl Haris and Deir Istiya vandalized its walls with

racist slogans. The Ministry holds terrorism, which is encour- occupation

aged and protected by official policies aimed at displacing Palestinians and entrenching the colonial occupation.

The Ministry calls on the international community, including the UN, UNESCO, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, to take immediate and binding in Salfit Governorate, and measures to protect religious sites and hold perpetrators accountable.

The State of Palestine the Israeli government will continue its political, fully responsible for this legal, and diplomatic efforts dangerous escalation and in international forums to the growing wave of settler ensure justice and end the

## Tarar praises Sri Lanka's unwavering stand to continue Pakistan tour

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar has lauded the Sri Lanka Cricket Board's decision to proceed with its scheduled tour of Pakistan, calling it a strong gesture of friendship and confidence.

Speaking to Pakistan Television about the Sri Lanka Cricket Board's decision to continue the Pakistan tour, Tarar noted that Sri Lanka, having endured the scourge of terrorism in the past, has

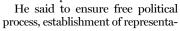


shown resilience in overcoming its challenges.

He said the country's decision to stand by Pakistan has given us great hope.

# Azad Kashmir's future: Muslim Conference rejects 'non-state parties' influence

RAWALPINDI: All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference Additional Secretary General Raja Muhammad Latif Hasrat has said that the people of Azad Kashmir cannot be left at the mercy of non-state parties. The Muslim Conference has played its full role by convening its central high command meeting on November 16, on Sunday. The meeting would prove to be a milestone in the politics of Azad Kashmir





hood and rights of immigrants Sardar Attique Ahmad Khan is fighting. While other state politicians should support the Muslim Conference instead of facilitating state actors. Raja Latif Hasrat said in a statement that party policy, government role and facilitation of non-state parties and cooperation during the people's rights movement in Azad Kashmir at the meeting of reviewed in detail. He said that it is not of a fresh mandate He added

tive government, restoration of state- only regrettable but shameful that the ministers including the government of Azad Kashmir resigned without further unilateral government. sides are stomaching rumors of distrust against themselves. What would interest the public in them? He said that in-house changes in Azad Kashmir are a "procy war" Muslim Conference has already expressed detachment and disinterest in this drama. The people of the Central Executive Committee be Azad Kashmir should feel the authority

#### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Defiance Minister of Tajikistan Colonel General Sobirzoda Emomali Abdulrahim called on Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif in Federal Capital on Thursday.



## Jaranwala survivors demand justice after two years, blame government inaction



跨 Abdul Majid

FAISALABAD: Jaranwala tragedy 2023, Christians were subjected to cruelty and barbarity, but despite the passage of 2 years and 3 months, Christians are demanding justice. For the past 3 months, Christians of Jaranwala have been protesting for justice. The lack of interest of the provincial and federal governments, including minority members of parliament and the Ministry of Minority Affairs and Human Rights of Punjab, is unbeara-

ble. To review the situation and for the future course of action, the Minority Rights Movement Pakistan, Tolerance Movement of Pakistan and Victims Committee Jaranwala organized a round table conference. Political, religious and social figures participated in this conference. Lala Robin Daniel said that despite the passage of two years since the Jaranwala tragedy, justice could not be provided due to the lack of interest of the federal and provincial governments. Our religious, political and human rights organizations

have left the victims helpless in 18 inci- Imran Sadiq, Ashkenaz Sahiwal, Dr. dents that have occurred till date and this act is the misfortune of Christians. Tolerance Movement Pakistan Chairman Samisan Salamat said that a joint struggle is necessary to achieve justice and secure our future generations. The participants of the round table conference included Lala Robin Daniel, Samson Salamat Lahore, Peter Charles Lahore, Abrar Sahotra, Sister Rukhsana Murad, Abid Chand Multan, Nadeem Cheeda Islamabad, Madam Shaheen Anthony, Madam Tahira Anjum, Pastor

Shamoon Bhatti, Rana Sajjad Akbar, Shakeel Bhatti, Shafiq Ghoshi, Pervez Iqbal Bhatti, Yeshua Bhatti, Yousuf Adnan, Pastor Munawar Feroze, Mushtaq Khushi, Amjad Bhatti, Malik Sohail Sardar, Samuel Masih, Saleem Masih and other religious, social and political figures who participated and expressed their opinions. The joint declaration of the conference was that a state agreement is needed to protect the lives, property and honor of minorities and we will go to any extent to achieve it.

## Why Are Hundreds of Rescued Dogs Vanishing from a Faisalabad Shelter?

Where Have the Rescue Dogs of Tahira Animal Welfare Gone in Faisalabad?

The rapid rise of animal shelters in their operations and accountability. Are the dogs that were never posted, the being rescued on 23rd October, the these shelters truly operating within legal boundaries?

The recent case of Tahira Animal Welfare is particularly troubling. While some rescued dogs have photos uploaded on their official website, many remain unaccounted for. Where are these animals going? What is happening to them?

A review of Tahira Animal Welfare's official records shows the organization four 124 days. Out of these, around 12-15 were sick, while the rest were healthy with unique ID numbers.

However, even if we assume that 20 dogs may have died, over 260 healthy dogs remain missing. Only a handful are identifiable. How can such a large

he Unanswered Question: number of healthy dogs simply vanish without explanation? If the Tahira Animal welfare is truly

> rescuing animals, why are these healthy dogs no longer in the shelter?

ones picked up in bulk? There's no record of them. It's

terrifying to think about the extent of the situation. Several rescue

videos have never been uploaded online. On 23rd October, a wounded dog and

claims to have rescued 382 dogs in just another healthy dog were rescued, yet filed? neither video was released. A similar situation occurred on 24th October. Why are rescue videos being withheld

Syed Arshad Raza Zaidi

from the public? When a concerned citizen approached the Commissioner's Office to inquire about a sick dog, she

faced criticism and pressure instead of are the puppies missing, and why was cooperation. Why is transparency only applied selectively?

A particularly alarming case involves a dog rescued from a walled graveyard. This record is just from the Tahira The dog was regularly fed and treated— Pakistan raises serious concerns about Animal Welfare website. What about video evidence confirms this. Yet, after

dog's video was never uploaded. On 24th October, the dog was "under treatment," but later declared dead. How can a recovering dog suddenly die, and why was this information withheld until a

reportedly formal complaint was

Three years ago, a fruit vendor caring for a female dog named Brownie and her seven healthy puppies had them taken by Tahira Animal Welfare during his brief absence. Brownie's video was uploaded three years ago, but the seven puppies remain unaccounted for. Why

the caregiver threatened with jail when he sought answers?

Even on 7th November, videos show healthy dogs inside the Tahira Animal Welfare van, yet these videos were never uploaded online. Where are these dogs now?

If shelters take animals without accountability and become defensive when questioned, why is there force and aggression? Do they have the government authority to seize animals without transparency? Who granted them the right to dictate an animal's fate? Why are there no public recordkeeping or updates?

Finally, if shelters are merely replicating municipal dog culling practices, what is their true purpose? Are they misleading animal lovers who donate out of compassion? Are they exploiting public emotions? If animals are not safe and transparency is absent, why does aggressive behaviour occur when questions are asked? Something is deeply amiss.

#### PML-NAJK Forms Manifesto Committee Headed by Raja Nisar Ahmad Khan for Upcoming Elections

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: According to a notification issued by Secretary General of Pakistan PML-N Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Tariq Farooq, President of Pakistan PML-N Azad Jammu and Kashmir Shah Ghulam approved a manifesto committee headed by former government minister and senior PML-N leader Raja Nisar Ahmad Khan  $The \ committee \ will \ responsible \ for \ preparation \ of \ the \ party \ manifesto$ regarding the upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir. According to the notification, former government minister and senior PML-N leader Raja Nasar Ahmad Khan will become chairman of the committee and former member of Kashmir council Sardar Abdul Khaleq Wasi will be the secretary of the committee. While Sardar Farooq Ahmad Tahir, Chaudhry Muhammad Ishaq, Educator and Columnist, Raja Muhammad Bashir, Raja Azhar Iqbal, Chaudhry Muhammad Sohaid Saeed, Anis Gilani Advocate Ch Muhammad Raja Muhammad Bashir and Mohtarma Maryam Idrees will be Member.

### Kashmiri Leader urges global action against Indian 'Occupation' tactics

👺 Bureau Report



RAWALPINDI: The Secretary General of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Deputy Speaker, Ms. Mehr-un-Nisa, has said that the international community should take notice of the actions taken by the Indian occupying forces against Kashmiri residents, including those living in other states of India, under the guise of baseless allegations related to bomb blasts.

She condemned the recent indiscriminate arrests of youth, violation of the sanctity of homes, and unwarranted detentions in the occupied territories following the Delhi bomb blasts, stating that the Indian army and ruling classes are adopting a policy of violence to suppress the Kashmiri people's movement for freedom, targeting innocent civilians like the Israeli army.

Ms. Mehr-un-Nisa emphasized that the Kashmiri people have no connection with the terrorism in Delhi and that their movement is for unconditional and unlimited self-determination as per the UN Security Council resolutions. She stated that the Kashmiri people have been continuously making sacrifices for their freedom for the past seven decades and will continue to do so until they achieve their goal.

#### Karachi officials meet Valika Hospital MS over patient care and HIV treatment

👺 Bureau Report

 $KARACHI: The\ Chairman\ of\ UC\text{--}1\ Pathan\ Colony,\ Mueed\ Advocate,$ along with Pakistan Peoples Party's UC-1 General Councillor Islamuddin and Sahibzada, held an important meeting with Dr. Mumtaz Ali Sheikh, the Medical Superintendent of Valika Hospital.

Chairman Mueed Advocate and Councillor Islamuddin emphasized the importance of raising public awareness about HIV and ensuring adequate treatment facilities for affected individuals. They urged that Valika Hospital further strengthen its systems for HIV testing, counseling, and confidentiality to ensure patient privacy and quality care.

Dr. Mumtaz Ali Sheikh assured the delegation that the supply of nedicines at the hospital was being ensured and that all missing facilities would be provided as soon as possible. He further stated that strict legal action would be taken against any hospital staff found involved in misconduct or illegal activities.

#### $CM\ reaffirms\ commitment$ to eradicate drugs from KP, directs action against suppliers, manufacturers

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Muhammad Sohail Afridi, has reaffirmed his government's unwavering commitment to completely eradicate all forms of narcotics from the province directing effective and result-oriented actions against drug suppliers and manufacturers.



Chairing an important meeting of the Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department at the Chief Minister's House Peshawar, he emphasized that protecting the youth from this menace is a collective responsibility which requires concrete, coordinated and outcome-driven measures.

The CM stressed that the complete eradication of drugs is essential  $\,$ to safeguard the younger generation from destruction. He directed for a comprehensive and integrated strategy against those involved in drugs production and trafficking calling for the formation of a joint task force comprising all relevant departments and agencies to conduct coordinated operations across the province.

He said that while actions against sleeper cells are important, the primary target should be the major suppliers and dealers besides dismantling thier entire network.

Reiterating the government's zero-tolerance policy towards narcotics, he directed that all operations be based on verified facts and evidence. During the meeting, the CM approved a proposed Rs550 million plan to strengthen the Narcotics Control Wing and align it with modern requirements. The plan includes the procurement of X-ray scanners, firearms, body-worn cameras, dash cameras, wireless repeaters, advanced

lishment of an integrated monitoring system and training programs. KP CM directed immediate implementation of the policy for the retrieval of official vehicles from unauthorized and retired officers. He warned that legal action would be taken against anyone obstructing or failing to cooperate in this process. He emphasized that public resources

communication devices, and other IT equipment along with the estab-

are a trust and must be used transparently and responsibly. During the briefing, the CM was informed about the department's revenue collection, anti-narcotics operations, reform initiatives, and development projects. It was stated that for the fiscal year 2024-25, the tax collection target was Rs5.692 billion, while Rs7.041 billion was actually recovered which is 23.7% higher than the target.

A comparative analysis showed that during the first four months (July-October) of the previous fiscal year, Rs1.867 billion in taxes were collected, compared to Rs2.478 billion during the same period this year, marking a 32.73% increase.

It was also reported that between January and November 2025, a total of 265 cases were registered and 276 individuals arrested in anti-narcotics operations. Since October 2019, more than 1,000 confiscated vehicles have been auctioned, generating Rs. 262 million in revenue.

The meeting was further briefed on key reforms, including the profiling of 237,000 non-duty-paid vehicles in Malakand Division and the merged  $districts, the \ activation \ of \ an \ e-payment \ system, the \ final \ stages \ of \ online$ vehicle registration, and progress on GIS mapping which has been completed in Abbottabad and Nowshera.



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#### Punjab China Pak launched 3 year dual diploma

👺 Raza Nagvi

ATTOCK: For the first time in the history of Punjab and District Attock, the Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Punjab launched a Pakistan-China three-year dual diploma program in Mechatronics Technology at the Government College of Technology, Attock, in2023. Under this program, students will complete two vears of education in Pakistan and the final year in China. The program is fully cholarship-based.

Today, 20 out of the 21 selected students, after completing all formalities, departed for China under this program. On this occasion, on behalf of TEVTA Chairman Brigadier (R) Muhammad Sajid Khokhar, Senior Director General TEVTA, Engineer Akhtar Abbas Bharwana, along with Regional Director North TEVTA, Engineer Usman Ali, and Principal of the College, Engineer Arsalan Ali, bid farewell to the students at Islamabad International Airport and extended best wishes for their success.

He advised the students to act as ambassadors of Pakistan in China and to bring pride to the nation through their performance

and conduct. The students and their parents expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister of Punjab, whose special directions made it possible for the students' travel tickets to be issued. The parents also thanked the TEVTA Chairman for providing this golden opportunity, enabling their children to enhance their technical education at an interna-

## Turkiye wins fifth Pakistan Navy International International **Nautical** Competition 2025

👺 Bureau Report

KARACHI, 13 NOV 25: Turkiye won the 5th Pakistan Navy International Nautical Competition (INC) 2025. An impressive closing ceremony of the event was held at Pakistan Navy Ship RAHBAR, Manora. Commander Karachi, Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal

Abbasi graced the occasion as Chief

sailing, swimming, lifesaving skills, and seamanship. Turkiye clinched the championship trophy with three gold medals, while the team from Iran secured the runners-up position.



Commodore Zia Ur Rehman, presented an overview of the championship.

The competition witnessed participation from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Sri Lanka, Turkiye, United Arab Emir-

Naval Academy (PNA). The INC aims to promote water sports in Pakistan and foster friendly competition among

navies in the field of nautical sports. The ceremony was attended by senior naval officers, foreign service attachés, The Chief Guest distributed prizes Commandant Pakistan Naval Academy, ates, and the host team from Pakistan and a large number of civil dignitaries.



#### Mismanagement

ISLAMABAD: A large number of the vehicles are stuck in the massive traffic jam at Express Way because of the VIP movement, security personnel closed the road for general public in Federal



### Art Exhibition 'Piece & Pieces - Volume 3' held at Karachi Arts Council

👺 City Desk

KARACHI: A Spectacular art exhibition titled "Piece & Pieces - Volume 3" was held under the auspices Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi as part of the ongoing World Culture Festival 2025. The exhibition featuring the works of distinguished national and international artists. The exhibition was inaugurated by Provincial Minister for Local Government, Forests, and Religious Affairs Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, along with President Arts Council Muhammad Ahmed Shah and Director General of the Iranian Cultural Centre (Khana-e-Farhang), Dr Saeed Talibi Nia. International artists included Onesmus Okamar from Kenya, Sinenkosi Msomi from Eswatini, and M. Reza Ferdowsi Fard from Iran. The exhibition also featured masterpieces by renowned Pakistani artists including Shahid Rassam, Farrukh Shahab, Muhammad



Zeeshan, Masood A. Khan, praised the efforts of the Arts Ubaid Syed, Nazar ul Aslam, Council, saying, "Today we are Noman Siddiqui, Syed Faraz, surrounded by artists whose Saleem Raza, Fahim Rao, and talent needs no introduction. Kashif Khan. Speaking on the Organizing a festival of this occasion, Provincial Minis- magnitude is something only

accomplish.

Renowned artist Shahid Rassam expressed his views, saying, "Today, alongside four international artists, our faculty members and masters ter Syed Nasir Hussain Shah Ahmed Shah and his team can are also part of this exhibition.

#### Freshers' Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at GCU's

👺 Bureau Report

LAHORE: The Institute of Media and Communication Studies at Government College University (GCU) Lahore, in collaboration with the Young Journalists' Society, celebrated Freshers' Day with great zeal and active participation from both students and faculty members. The event marked a warm and vibrant welcome for the newcomers as they embarked on their academic journey at the institute.

The ceremony was graced by distinguished faculty members, including Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Dr. Muniba Fatima Zahra, Dr. Ali Bahadur, Ms. Aqdas Waheed, Ms. Gull Bano, and Ms. Javeria Waheed, who extended their heartfelt greetings to the new students.

The celebrations featured a variety of engaging activities such as a meditation session by Ms. Fariha Faisal, a quiz competition among students, followed by a lively "Fun with Faculty" segment that fostered interaction, laughter, and a sense of community.

Adding to the excitement, the Nazir Ahmad Music Society, GCU, enthralled the audience with vibrant musical performances, filling the atmosphere with rhythm and joy.

A special farewell note was also dedicated to the graduating batch, acknowledging their memorable journey at the institute. Souvenirs were presented to them as a token of appreciation and good wishes for their future endeavors.

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmmad and the faculty members congratulated the newcomers, encouraging them to embrace university life with  $% \left( -\frac{1}{2}\right) =-\frac{1}{2}\left( -\frac{1}{2}\right) =-\frac{1}{2}$ enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication.

#### CPO Multan reviews security arrangements at Multan High Court Bench



MULTAN: City Police Officer (CPO) Multan, Sadiq Ali Dogar, conducted a detailed inspection of the security arrangements at the Multan

During the visit, CPO Dogar met with the officers assigned to court security, checking their attendance, weapon readiness, and overall alertness. He personally reviewed the security measures at the High Court's entry and exit points and examined the cordon and checkpoint system in place.

Emphasizing the importance of judicial safety, he stated that court security is a top priority and that no lapses will be tolerated. He directed that no individual be allowed to enter the court premises without proper screening.

CPO Dogar instructed officers to ensure thorough checks for every visitor, maintain high vigilance, enhance CCTV monitoring, and keep a close watch on suspicious individuals. He also stressed strict moni-

toring of potential terrorists and those spreading religious intolerance. He warned that no hateful or disruptive elements should be allowed to disturb the peaceful environment of the district.

Expressing satisfaction with the overall security arrangements, CPO Dogar noted that while the current measures are satisfactory, continuous efforts will be made to further improve security at the High Court.

# PIMS successfully hosts first robotic surgery workshop

Aziz Ur Rehman Mujahid

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) achieved a historic milestone on Thursday by successfully conducting the federal capital's first-ever robotic adrenalectomy during the surgical innovation and precision healthcare in Pakistan.

Toumai Surgical Robot, devel- robotic adrenalectomy was patient-centered innovation, oped by MicroPort (China) — a conducted by Prof. Mateen and international collaboration.

next-generation robotic plat- Shareef and Dr. Javed Burki form designed to make robotic surgery more affordable and accessible to hospitals and patients, particularly across developing nations.

brought together leading national and international Robotic Surgery Master Class surgeons, healthcare experts, 2025, marking a new chapter in and medical students eager. He emphasized that the inteto witness the future of minimally invasive surgery. The The landmark procedure event was led by Prof. Dr. Atif was performed using the Inam Shami, while the historic

from the United Kingdom both renowned for their international expertise in robotic-assisted surgery.

Prof. Dr. Rana Imran The workshop, held at PIMS, Sikandar, Chief Executive of PIMS, hailed the achievement as "a historic leap forward for Pakistan's healthcare system." gration of the Toumai robotic system at PIMS reflects the institute's commitment to technological advancement,



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#### **Pakistan adopts** climate-smart planning

inister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday said Pakistan had transitioned from a reactive climate response to a proactive climate-smart planning framework, aimed at tackling the pressing environmental and developmental challenges confronting the country.

"Our government's commitment is clear. We have moved from reactive climate response to proactive climate smart planning," he said while addressing an event here.

The minister said the impacts of climate change had compelled policymakers worldwide to rethink how societies build, plan and live. "Every flood, every heat-wave and every urban shock reminds us that the durability of our growth depends on the sustainability of our foundations," he remarked.

Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan, being among the most climate-vulnerable countries, could no longer afford to rely on reactive measures. "In 2022, catastrophic floods caused losses of over \$30 billion, and again in 2025, major flooding inflicted widespread destruction. However, our preparedness and lessons learned from 2022 helped us avert much larger losses this time," he added.

He stressed that climate change was no longer a future concern but a present reality that demanded institutional and policy action on permanent foundations. "Unfortunately, we are champions of more talk and less action. Now we must reverse this – less talk, more action," he added.

The minister said that political instability had remained the biggest hurdle in implementing long-term policies, adding "No country in the world has prospered amidst uncertainty and disorder. If we want Pakistan to progress, we must ensure stability in our policies and governance."

Referring to the economic recovery, Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan had narrowly avoided internal default in April 2022, when the Finance Division was unable to issue a monthly budget due to depleted reserves.

He lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for taking difficult decisions that stabilized the economy. "Despite painful adjustments, the people endured because they knew the hardship was not of their making but necessary for national recovery," he maintained.

He pointed out that international financial institutions had recognized Pakistan's turnaround. "Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's – none of which are government entities – have upgraded Pakistan's ratings. Inflation has dropped from over 38 percent to 4.5 percent, the policy rate has reduced from 23 percent to 11 percent, and the stock market has nearly doubled," he highlighted.

"Pakistan is now ready to take flight, but this time we must ensure that the flight is sustainable and not crash again," the minister emphasized, adding that the country's youth deserved a stable and prosperous future based on consistent economic

## Field Marshal Phobia in Godi Media

**Abdul Basit Alvi** 

discussions about Field Marshal tone of alarm and urgency, suggest a real sense of unease in India regarding his rising influence and assertive leadership. The sheer frequency and emotional intensity of mentions in debates reveal the deep psychological effect he has had on Indian strategic perspectives.

Panelists on these shows—usually former military officials, intelligence experts, and defense analysts—consistently emphasize how Munir differs from his predecessors. Unlike earlier Pakistani army chiefs who operated within more predictable limits, Munir is seen as embodying a new, more assertive, and strategically unpredictable style of military leadership. His disciplined silence, operational rigor, and avoidance of media theatrics add to the mystique surrounding him, intensifying discomfort within Indian media circles.

Additionally, many Indian commentators note that Munir's approach is marked by greater ideological commitment and strategic sophistication compared to former Pakistani military leaders. They highlight his control over intelligence networks, influence within Pakistan's political system, and focus on hybrid warfare—a strategy blending conventional and unconventional tactics to gain strategic advantages. These qualities are frequently portrayed as direct challenges to Indian strategic goals, especially in contested areas and the wider South Asian security environment.

The perceived threat is further amplified by the repeated notion that Munir is not merely a military commander but a long-term strategist shaping Pakistan's regional posture with unprecedented coherence and vision. This perception has

ndian Godi Media often dedi- portraying him as a "dangerous" figure cates significant airtime to not because of reckless aggression, but due to his disciplined, methodical, and Munir. These programs, seemingly uncompromising approach. frequently characterized by a His ability to operate discreetly, without seeking public attention, only heightens the unease.

These televised debates reveal more than just surface-level political opin-

ions-they uncover a deeper strategic worry about how Field Marshal Munir is reshaping Pakistan's military doctrine and geopolitical stance in ways that challenge India's regional calculations. The frequent descriptions of him as "different" or "unlike any before him" reflect

a reluctant acknowledgment of his rising influence and the shift he embodies within Pakistan's power structure.

Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir stands as a potent symbol of Pakistan's resilience, strength, and resolve to protect its sovereignty. His distinguished service-highlighted by the success of Bunyan Marsoos and his sweeping reforms across the military and intelligence sectors-marks him as a visionary leader who has significantly transformed Pakistan's defense landscape. The "Field Marshal Phobia" displayed by Indian Godi Media clearly reveals the discomfort and fear a figure of Munir's stature inspires among adversaries. Rather than diminishing his legacy, this fear underscores the considerable respect and influence he commands both within Pakistan and across the broader South Asian geopolitical arena. His leadership continues to inspire confidence and unity among Pakistanis, serving as a beacon of hope and stability in a region frequently fraught with tension and conflict. Field fueled a narrative within Indian media Marshal Syed Asim Munir's legacy is one

that will endure as Pakistan faces future challenges.

The "Field Marshal Phobia" evident in Indian Godi Media provides a revealing glimpse into the psychological and strategic dynamics that shape media narratives across the border. The relentless,

almost obsessive coverage of Pakistan's Field Marshal on Indian news channels-especially those known for their hyper-nationalistic tone-signals anxiety that transcends routine media critique or political debate. It manifests as a collective unease, an unspoken but palpable apprehension about his

expanding influence, strategic prowess, and his role in defining Pakistan's regional posture.

This fixation becomes even more striking when considering the tone and demeanor of anchors, panelists, and self-styled defense experts on these programs. Their expressions often shift between frustration, sarcasm, and overt fear-mongering. The repeated use of terms like "dangerous," "unpredictable," and "shadowy figure" to describe Munir underscores the profound psychological impact he has had on Indian mainstream media-and, by extension, certain segments of the Indian public. These debates are often charged with emotion, driven less by objective analysis than by concern over Pakistan's growing strategic coherence and military confidence under his command.

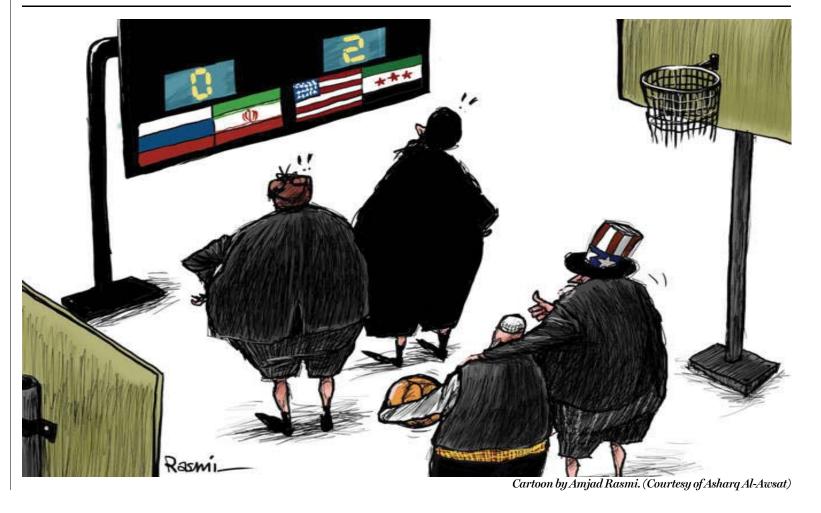
For the Pakistani public, this situation is a source of immense pride and reassurance. In a region where perception can be as influential as reality, the figure but a regional force whose presfact that Indian media is so unsettled by one individual speaks volumes. It sends a

of unwavering patriotism, strategic bril- powerful domestic message—that Pakiliance, and steadfast integrity—qualities stan now has a military leader whose mere presence is enough to unsettle its chief regional rival. This pride is not born of blind nationalism, but from the affirmation of strength. When your adversary's media is saturated with discussions about your leader's capabilities, strategic acumen, and the challenges he poses, it reinforces a national narrative of resurgence and confidence.

Moreover, the fear apparent in Indian discourse also serves as a psychological victory for Pakistan. In South Asian geopolitics, symbolism carries great weight. The image of a calm, focused, and tactically brilliant military commander occupying a prominent place in the enemy's imagination boosts morale and strengthens national unity. It reassures ordinary Pakistanis that their security is entrusted to someone who commands authority at home and respect—even if rooted in fear—beyond the country's borders.

The Field Marshal's low public profile, preference for strategic silence over media spectacle, and emphasis on operational efficiency rather than rhetorical flourish only deepen the mystique fueling this phobia. Godi Media's inability to anticipate his next moves, their endless speculation about his plans, and their visible irritation with his influence all highlight a leader who has successfully unsettled the traditional balance of regional power.

What we see unfolding in Indian media is not merely political commentary—it is an emotional and strategic response to a leader who has changed the game. For Pakistanis, witnessing their adversary's media visibly unsettled by their military chief is not just gratifying; it is deeply validating. It confirms that their Field Marshal is not only a national ence resonates far beyond the borders he is sworn to defend.



## Ah' Irfan Siddiqui: Voice of Reason Passes Away

Siddiqui marks the end of ness and trust in politics. an era in Pakistan's politenlightening presence that commanded resilience and unwavering belief in princiattention without

raising its volume. Irfan Siddiqui was not just a columnist; he was a man who embodied integrity, intellect, and refined moral judgment. His writing combined insight with ethical purpose, and his columns were less about commentary and

more about guiding the conscience of the and informed — free of rhetoric, rich in nation. Every sentence he penned bore the weight of thoughtfulness, tempered by a sense of justice and fairness. His work was never simply about critique — it was about illumination. Readers could sense that every opinion had been carefully considered, every argument measured, every word chosen with care. In him. Pakistan had a public intellectual who treated ideas with reverence and politics He argued repeatedly that power must with responsibility.

Sharif valued Siddiqui's counsel in critical decisions, often acknowledging that his opinion carried decisive weight. It was and a shared commitment to the nation's political decision.

he passing of Senator Irfan welfare — a rare example of thoughtful-

Perhaps one of the most defining ical and intellectual land- moments of his life came during the scape. He was a rare figure turbulent tenure of Imran Khan's governwhose presence bridged the worlds ment, when Siddiqui was briefly detained of journalism, scholarship, and poli-under circumstances that tested many. tics with dignity, moral clarity, and a The episode shocked the nation. Yet, humane perspective. In a time when the he carried himself with composure and cacophony of media often drowns reflec- dignity. There was no public complaint, tion, Siddiqui's voice was a measured, no bitterness in his words — only quiet

> ples over personal grievance. That moment revealed his inner strength and his steadfast commitment to conscience above expedience.

As a Senator, Siddiqui was a model of decorum, reason, and ethical debate. His speeches were

thoughtful, measured, substance. In an institution often characterized by noise and posturing, his presence alone elevated the tone. He demonstrated that leadership is not about dominance but about influence through

wisdom, reason, and respect for others. Siddiqui's work reminds us that politics without conscience is hollow, and iournalism without integrity is empty. always be guided by ethics, and that governance is ultimately a moral undertaking. His writings were a call for reflection, for measured discourse, and for a relationship built on integrity, insight, maintaining the human element in every

Among colleagues and readers alike, he was revered for his courteous yet firm approach. Disagreement, in his presence, never felt confrontational; critique never became personal. That rare combination of knowledge, humility, and ethical courage made him both a mentor and an example, influencing those around him far beyond the span of his profesional duties.

The passing of Irfan Siddiqui leaves a profound void. It is not merely the loss of a public figure but of a voice that consistently championed reason, ethics, and thoughtful debate. At a time when discourse often descends into polarization and vitriol, his absence is keenly felt. Yet, his work — in writing, in speech, and in example - endures as a standard to aspire to.

Irfan Siddiqui lived as a man of principle, a scholar of conscience, and a statesman of ideas. His legacy is not measured in positions held or titles earned but in the lasting impression he left on the minds and hearts of those who encountered him. Pakistan has lost a guiding voice, but the lessons he imparted — about integrity, reflection, and the ethical exercise of power remain more relevant than ever.

In remembering Irfan Siddiqui, we remember that leadership is more than authority, that influence is more than rhetoric, and that a life lived with dignity, wisdom, and courage leaves an indelible mark on society.

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### 'Afghanistan's Cycle of Conflicts: Challenges and Opportunities for Peace'

fghanistan has been a battleground since and diplomatic efforts. the 1979 Soviet invasion due to its unique and strategic geopolitical location, which has made it a central stage for regional and global power struggles over centuries. The country is at the crossroads of Asia, linking Central Asia with South Asia and West Asia. The Soviet Union's invasion in 1979 and the current resurgence of the Afghan Taliban, following the complexities of post-9/11 geopolitics, have turned the country into a costly war zone. These invasions and wars have led Afghanistan into a cycle of conflicts, political instability, economic devastation, infrastructure destruction, humanitarian crises, and Taliban resurgence. Over 6 million people

have been displaced, and millions of innocent people, including children, women, and senior citizens, have died or become permanently disabled.

The Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan was driven by concerns about the potential for Islamist movements to spread to the Soviet Union's own Muslim population and the growing support from countries like Pakistan for the Afghan rebels. The Soviet Union's goal in Afghanistan was not to destroy the country but to protect and stabilize the collapsing communist govern-

ment and establish a compliant satellite state. However, the brutality of the decade-long Soviet-Afghan War ultimately led to widespread destruction and immense suffering for the Afghan people. The human toll was staggering: up to 3 million Afghan deaths, with civilian casualties estimated between 562,000 and over 1 million.

Ironically, the Afghan Taliban government views Pakistan as its greatest enemy, despite Pakistan's long history of supporting Afghanistan. In the 1980s, Pakistan provided crucial support to the Afghan Mujahideen resistance against the Soviet invasion, contributing to the Soviet withdrawal. More recently, Pakistan has continued to support Afghanistan, hosting an OIC conference for the Taliban after their 2021 takeover and being the first country to hand over the Afghan embassy to the new administration. Pakistan has also engaged in various initiatives to stabilize Afghanistan, including infrastructure projects, economic cooperation,

The Afghan people can no longer blame foreign intervention for the deterioration of peace in Afghanistan, as the country now has its own government and no external powers are directly controlling it. The Afghan Taliban started an unwavering fight to establish their own government and restore peace in the region. However, the question remains: why are they not interested in restoring peace and stability in the country? The people of Afghanistan, who have been war-stricken for three decades, thirst for peace and tranquility. They cannot bear any more political turmoil in the region.

It is time for the Afghan Taliban to restore peace in the



region and establish friendly relationships with neighboring countries, especially Pakistan, as the peace of both countries is interrelated. Although the recent skirmishes on the border have widened the gap between Pakistan and Afghanistan, Qatar's mediation efforts have been a positive step towards resolving the issue. To move forward, both the Afghan Taliban and the Pakistan government should take further steps to strengthen trade and economy and ease border restrictions for export and transport, which could help decrease the infla-

tion rate in Balochistan.

Decades of war have severely deteriorated the social and political prosperity of Afghanistan. If the Afghan Taliban wish to save Afghanistan from further destruction, they should establish diplomatic relations with Pakistan and cooperate in eradicating terrorism, so that the people of both countries can live in peaceful and prosperous lives. The path forward requires cooperation, dialogue, and a commitment to peace and stability.

In conclusion, Afghanistan's future hangs in the balance, and it is crucial for the Afghan Taliban and the international community to work towards a peaceful and stable Afghanistan. The people of Afghanistan deserve to live in peace and prosperity, and it is time for the Afghan Taliban to take steps towards restoring peace and stability in the region.

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# The Spokesman 5

# NA passes Army Act amendment, COAS to become first CDF for five years



Naveed Ahmad Khan

approved the Pakistan Army (Amendment) Act 2025, a landmark legislation that designates the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) as the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) for a five-year term effective from November 27, 2025.

The post of Chairman Joint Chiefs

from the same date.

According to the new law, a fresh The National Assembly on Thursday notification will be issued appointing the COAS as the Chief of Defence Forces, upon which the tenure of the incumbent army chief will restart.

The position will have authority to restructure and integrate all branches of the Pakistan Armed Forces.

Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar, of Staff Committee will be abolished presenting the bill, said the prime



minister will appoint the Chief of the commander will not be challenge-Defence Forces on the recommendation of the cabinet, and the tenure will commence from the date of appoint-

"The office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will stand abolished on November 27," he confirmed.

The legislation also creates the post of National Strategic Commander, a new high-level position responsible for the country's strategic command structure.

The Commander National Strategic Command will serve a threeyear term, extendable for another three years at the prime minister's discretion.

The appointment or extension of the operational and command struc-

able in court, and general retirement laws will not apply.

The federal government will define the powers of the Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Defence Forces, as well as those of any Vice or Deputy Chiefs of Army Staff, under a unified command and control system.

The bill also includes provisions for multi-domain integration, organisational restructuring, and clarifications regarding the rank of Field Marshal.

New clauses from Sections 8D to 8G have been introduced or amended to align with the 27th Constitutional Amendment, under which the reform was initiated.

The legislation seeks to harmonise

tures of Pakistan's Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Alongside the Army Act, the Pakistan Navy (Amendment) Bill 2025 and the Pakistan Air Force (Amendment) Bill 2025 were also passed by the National Assembly.

Under the Air Force (Amendment) Bill 2025, amendments to the Pakistan Air Force Act 1953 remove references to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and introduce textual updates to reflect the new command system.

Sections 10D, 10E, and 10F have been omitted, and the term "Chairman Joint Chiefs" deleted from various clauses to align the law with constitutional and defence reforms

Similarly, the Pakistan Navy (Amendment) Bill 2025, amending the Navy Act 1961, eliminates sections referring to the Joint Chiefs post and updates terminology related to the Chief of Naval Staff.

The amendments introduce the "multi-domain integration" concept and bring the Navy's command system in line with the new Defence Forces structure.

According to government officials, the reforms aim to create coherence across the three armed services. streamline command and decision-making, and ensure that Pakistan's defence leadership operates under a more unified and efficient

## ISSI hosts event commemorating Algeria's 'National Day'



#### 👺 Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: The Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA) at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Pakistan Africa Institute for Development and Research (PAIDAR), organized an event to commemorate Algeria's 'National Day'. The proceedings, which began with the national anthems of Pakistan and Algeria, were moderated by Ms. Amina Khan, Director CAMEA. Speakers included Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General ISSI; Mr. Brahim Romani, Ambassador of Algeria to Pakistan; Mr. Khalid Hussain Gudaro, Ambassador of Pakistan to Algeria; and Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BOG ISSI. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, President PAIDAR, and the Keynote Speaker was Ambassador Hamid Asghar Khan, Additional Secretary (Africa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Pakistan (MOFA).

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, while speaking on the occasion, said that celebrating Algeria's National Day honors the historic struggle and resilience of the Algerian people. He noted that this commemofriendship between Pakistan and Algeria. He recalled Pakistan's full support for Algeria during its liberation struggle

(UN) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). He highlighted Algeria's principled leadership in Africa, the Middle East, and the Muslim world. He emphasized the significant potential for expanding Pakistan-Algeria cooperation in trade, investment, energy, education, defence, and culture. He expressed his commitment to further strengthen this multifaceted partnership for shared growth, peace, and prosperity.

Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, in his remarks, said that Algeria's National Day marks the beginning of Algeria's heroic struggle for independence on 1 November 1954. He paid tribute to the resilience and unity of the Algerian people, whose sacrifices led to their triumph over colonial rule, and noted that the Algerian Revolution also asserted national identity and human dignity. He recalled that Pakistan fully supported Algeria's liberation struggle and was among the first to recognize the 'Provisional Government of the Republic of Algeria' in exile in September 1958, reflecting its foreign policy's cardinal principles of commitment to decolonization, solidarity with Muslim causes, and support for the right of self-determination.

He further said that Pakistan and Algeria share a deep bond of ration underscores the enduring friendship, grounded in shared values, mutual respect, and common aspirations. Both countries have consistently cooperated in international for such as the and particularly championing United Nations, the Organisation

Non-Aligned Movement. Advocating for peace, development, and self-determination. Within Pakistan's "Engage Africa" policy, Algeria holds a special place as a leading nation in Africa and the Arab world. He emphasized the potential for enhanced cooperation in trade, investment, energy, education, defence, culture, and think-tanks collaboration and reaffirmed ISSI's commitment to strengthening the multifaceted Pakistan-Algeria partnership.

Ambassador Hamid Asghar, in his remarks, highlighted the deep-rooted shared values between Pakistan and Algeria, paying tribute to the courage of the Algerian people during their struggle against French colonial rule. He noted Algeria's socio-economic progress, supported by its rich natural resources, and emphasized the potential for enhanced Pakistan-Algeria cooperation in the energy, IT, industry, and blue economy sectors. He also commended Algeria's principled stance on Palestine, reaffirming the shared commitment of both countries to justice and solidarity, and expressed confidence in the continued expansion of the Pakistan-Algeria multifaceted partnership.

Ms. Amina Khan highlighted that Algeria's National Day reflects the resilience and unity of its people in their struggle for freedom. She noted that Pakistan and Algeria share a strong bond of solidarity and mutual respect and highlighted the importance of expanding cooperation in trade, education, energy, their case at the United Nations of Islamic Cooperation, and the and research under Pakistan's

"Engage Africa" initiative. She also referred to the MoU signed between CAMEA and Algeria's National Global Strategic Institute (INESG) as a milestone in strengthening academic and strategic collaboration.

Ambassador Brahim Romani highlighted the deep friendship between Pakistan and Algeria, recalling Pakistan's early support for Algeria's independence at the Bandung Conference and the United Nations. He emphasized their shared values of justice, solidarity, and mutual respect, reflected in similar positions in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Group of 77 (G77). He underscored the strong and growing Pakistan-Algeria ties across political, economic, and cultural spheres, and encouraged further cooperation, highlighting Algeria's strategic location, low energy costs, and access to African and Arab free trade zones.

Ambassador Khalid Hussain Gudaro said that Pakistan and Algeria share a longstanding partnership rooted in mutual respect, historical ties, and shared values. He highlighted the potential to deepen cooperation in diplomacy, trade, defence, and cultural exchanges, and stressed both countries' commitment to strengthening people-to-people contacts, expanding economic collaboration, and enhancing institutional mechanisms such as the Bilateral Political Consultations and Joint Ministerial Commission. He also emphasised promoting cooperation

across key sectors to ensure a





prosperous, stable, and peaceful

future for both nations. Ambassador Khalid Mahmood noted that as Pakistan expands its engagement with Africa, Algeria holds a special strategic

importance as the gateway to the shared ideals. continent. He added that Pakistan should further develop its members of the diplomatic corps, strategic economic partnership with Algeria, building on their community, civil society, and the

The event was attended by academia, think-tanks, business long history of cooperation and media.

#### **Bull & Bears** PSX 100-Share

' " Index Fluctuation		
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index		
Current	Prev. Close	
160,657.49	158,183.94	
Day's High	Day's Low	
160,944.50	158,971.48	
Index Value	Change	
25,092,312,727	+2473.55	
Percentage	Time	
+1.56%	13 Nov, 2025 4:30 pm	
Europe: FTSE 100 Index		
Index Value	Change	
9,807.68	-103.74	
Percentage	Time	
-1.05%	13 Nov, 4:35 pm GMT	
<b>USA: Dow Jones I</b>	ndustrial Average	
Index Value	Change	
48,249.61	+321.65	
Percentage	Time	
+0.67%	12 Nov, 11:54 am GMT-5	
Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average	

Asia Pacific: Nikk	ei Stocks Average
Index Value	Change
51,281.83	+220.38
Percentage	Time
+0.43%	13 Nov, 3:45 pm GMT+9

Open Market Forex Rates		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	185.6	190.6
Bahrain Dinar	747.1	754.6
Canadian Dollar	205.75	212.75
China Yuan	39	39.4
Danish Krone	43	43.4
Euro	332.1	335.6
Hong Kong Dollar	35.65	36
Indian Rupee	3.08	3.17
Japanese Yen	1.8767	1.9767
Kuwaiti Dinar	914.1	923.1
Malaysian Ringgit	66.55	67.15
NewZealand \$	156	158
Norwegians Krone	27.25	27.55
Omani Riyal	731.5	739
Qatari Riyal	76.35	77.05
Saudi Riyal	75.6	76.2
Singapore Dollar	217.2	222
Swedish Korona	29.15	29.45
Swiss Franc	346.1	348.85
Thai Bhat	8.5	8.65
U.A.E Dirham	76.85	77.85
UK Pound Sterling	381.1	384.1
US Dollar	281.5	281.8

#### **Overseas** Pakistanis are true economic ambassadors of Pakistan: Sarďar Tahir Mehmood

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: In a landmark initiative to empower overseas Pakistanis and strengthen trade and investment linkages, the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has announced plans to establish a dedicated Help Desk for Overseas Pakistanis within its premises. The Help Desk will serve as a one-window facilitation center to address the issues faced by the Pakistani diaspora and promote their participation in business activities both locally and internationally.

The announcement was made by ICCI President Sardar Tahir Mehmood during a meeting with Engineer Muhammad Javed, Coordinator of the Pakistan Business Professional Council (PBPC), Abu Dhabi, UAE, at the Chamber House.

During the meeting, both sides agreed to collaborate for the facilitation and welfare of overseas Pakistanis, particularly for the protection of their properties in Pakistan through legal support. The ICCI and PBPC also decided to work jointly to advocate for systemic reforms to ensure smoother engagement of overseas communities with Pakistan's business

Speaking on the occasion, Sardar Tahir Mehmood lauded Engineer Muhammad Javed for his long-standing contributions toward promoting Pakistan-UAE trade relations and his unwavering efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation. He appreciated his commitment to facilitating ICCI in organizing networking and B2B meetings in the UAE to expand business opportunities.

On his part, Engineer Muhammad Javed appreciated ICCI's visionary initiative for growth of business and assured PBPC's fullest cooperation in ensuring strong participation of UAE-based entrepreneurs in the upcoming exhibition. He commended ICCI's commitment to bridging Pakistan's domestic industry with overseas investors, saying it would pave the way for sustainable economic growth.

#### Inter-Parliamentary Speakers Conference

## REAP hosts luncheon in honour of international delegates

#### 跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) hosted a luncheon on the sidelines of the ongoing Inter-Parliamentary Speakers Conference (ISC), bringing together key stakeholders from Pakistan's rice sector, the Chairman Senate of Pakistan, and Founding Chairman of ISC, and international delegates from various countries. Chairman Senate of Pakistan and Founding Chairman ISC, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The luncheon served as a platform to strengthen Pakistan's trade relations and promote the country's rice exports globally. Speaking at the event, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani lauded REAP's consistent efforts in promoting Pakistani rice in international markets, emphasizing the sector's vital role in contributing to the national economy and enhancing the country's agricultural export portfolio.

He highlighted that Pakistan's rice industry



not only sustains millions of livelihoods but cultural strength and global competitiveness. for their continued support and contribution

The Chairman of REAP, Malik Faisal to Pakistan's rice export sector.

Jahangir, in his address, welcomed the distinguished guests and international delegates, reaffirming REAP's commitment to fostering stronger ties with global buyers and stakeholders. He noted that Pakistan's rice, particularly its premium Basmati variety, continues to gain recognition across international markets for its superior quality, aroma, and taste.

He further added that REAP, in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan, remains dedicated to enhancing export potential through sustainable farming practices, innovation, and trade facilitation measures.

The luncheon brought together the Chairman Senate and the Founding Chairman of ISC, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, REAP representatives and International delegates from leading rice-importing countries, providing a valuable opportunity for dialogue, networking, and future collaboration.

The event concluded with an expression of appreciation to all participants

#### Meeting

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh meets delegation



## foodpanda and Government of Punjab join hands to improve air quality awareness



#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

LAHORE: foodpanda, Pakistan's leading online delivery network, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Environmental Protection and Climate Change Department (EP&CCD), Government of Punjab. The objective of this agreement is to jointly

promote public awareness and implement important air quality improvement initiatives across Punjab. The partnership is a powerful commitment by both the private sector and the government to safeguard public health and encourage environmental responsibility.

Hassan Arshad, Director Public Policy & Communications, foodpanda Pakistan

commented on the collaboration, "Our riders are often the first to experience the impact of poor air quality, and their health is non-negotiable.

Ms. Silwat Saeed, Secretary, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, added, "The challenge of air pollution and smog requires a united effort, not just government action.

## **Pakistan Auto Show** 2025 Highlights Localization Strength and Export Potential

#### Commerce Desk

KARACHI: The Pakistan Auto Show 2025 (PAPS 2025) is set to take place at the Karachi Expo Center from November 14–16, bringing together leading automotive brands, engineering companies, and mobility innovators. This year's edition places special emphasis on the country's base, newly added production capacity, and the auto industry's growing ability to serve both domestic and global markets.

According to the organ-USD 7 billion in import manufacturing capabilities. ahead."

PAPS 2025 will showcase the latest vehicles, technologies, and innovations shaping Pakistan's mobility landscape. More than 15 new vehicles are scheduled to be unveiled during the show, offering visitors a first look at upcoming models and future concepts. A dedicated test-drive experience featuring 13 automotive brands will allow attendees expanding localization to explore and experience vehicles firsthand.

"The Pakistan Auto Show reflects the depth and ambition of our automotive and engineering ecosystem," the organizer izer of the Pakistan Auto added. "With new capacity, Show, Pakistan's automo- expanding localization, and tive vendor and engineering a sharpened focus on export sector has achieved over competitiveness, Pakistan's automotive vendor substitution during the last base holds the potential to five years, driven by deep become one of the counlocalization and the steady try's most defining indusdevelopment of domestic trial strengths in the years

## **SECP and PBS Sign** MoU to Enhance Data Sharing and Collaboration

#### **E** Commerce Desk

ties and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 11, 2025. The signing ments. took place at DataFest 2025, an event organized by PBS at the Pak-China Center in Islamabad. The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration possibilities for exchanging between the two organizations through information exchange, capacity building, and data sharing.

ISLAMABAD: The Securi-

This agreement establishes a framework to facilitate the automated fied, first-hand data for with applicable laws.

analytical, statistical, and research purposes. This collaboration is designed to enhance evidence-based policy planning and decision-making while significantly improving the quality and timeliness of data used in national economic assess-

Under the MoU, the parties will endeavour to share information and knowledge and explore mutually agreed data sets. This will be achieved through digital platforms, including APIs, as well as traditional methods. All information shared under this agreement will support exchange of information, the execution of their respecensuring access to veri- tive mandates in accordance

## Systems Limited hosted 14th Edition of the Bank of the Future Forum

#### **Example 2** Commerce Desk

collaboration with Microsoft, IBM, Global BFS at Systems Limited. AWS, Temenos, Formpipe and Dell Technologies - Awan distribution, hosted the 14th edition of the Bank of the Future Forum (BOFF) — most The inaugural keynote was delivinfluential and anticipated event of Pakistan's banking industry.

This year's forum, themed "Reimagining the Future of Banking with cial sector's transition towards an AI," focused on how artificial intelli- AI-driven future. Jameel Ahmad

The day commenced with opening KARACHI: Systems Limited, in remarks by Ammara Masood, GM setting the tone for an insightful day of discussions around the role of AI in shaping next-generation banking. ered by Jameel Ahmed, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, who outlined SBP's vision for guiding the finan-



increasing and stabilizing remittances, emphasizing that the recent Speaking further, the SBP gence is transforming the financial has said that the Bank's focus is on rise in remittances is not solely due Governor said that as the world and innovation.

moves toward digital currencies, Pakistan must also adapt. "The State Bank is working internally on developing a digital currency, though creating a central bank digital currency is not an easy task," he remarked.

In a powerful keynote, Asif Peer, CEO & Managing Director, Systems Limited, shared how AI is redefining every aspect of banking, from customer engagement and operational efficiency to risk management

# Mohsin Naqvi reviews security arrangements at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium



**Sports Desk** 

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior and Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Mohsin Naqvi, visited the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Thursday to review security arrange-Pakistan-Sri Lanka ODI series.

Sri Lankan High Commissioner Fred Seneviratne and Minister of State Talal Chaudhry accompanied the minister during the visit, said a statement issued here.

Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Commissioner Rawalments ahead of the ongoing pindi, Inspector General of and the success of the series. Islamabad Police, and senior offi-

cials from various law enforcement agencies were also present on the occasion.

During the visit, Naqvi met with the security personnel on duty and commended them for their dedication and vigilance to ensuring the safety of our guests

He also interacted with



members of the visiting Sri marks a new milestone in the Lankan cricket team during their friendship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka," he added. practice session, expressing gratitude for their continued partic-

Naqvi also met with Pakistani players and observed their ipation in the Pakistan tour. Your security is our responsitraining session.

bility," said Naqvi, reaffirming the Meanwhile, Sri Lankan High Commissioner expressed his government's commitment to ensuring the safety of all internaappreciation for the warm hospitional teams visiting the country." tality and security arrangements Your continued visit to Pakimade by the Pakistani authorities. "I have served in different stan is a victory for peace and a defeat for terrorism. The entire countries, but I consider Pakination will always remain stan my second home. We are completely satisfied with the indebted to your love and sincerity. This beautiful chapter security and are grateful for the





support extended to our team," he said.

## Rising Star, Pak Star and Sindh Rana CC win in S. M. Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament

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KARACHI: Three more matches were decided in the S. M. Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament Organized by Regional Cricket Association Karachi Zone IV at various Grounds of the City.

The highlights of the days play was dashing unbeaten 215 with the help of 11 boundaries and 19 huge Sixes and brilliant 115 by Awais Ahmed Khan with

17 fours 4 sixes.

Gymkhana. Rising Star CC scored Man of the Match. 309/3 in 35 overs. Afnan Khan 215 11x4 19x6 not out, Owais Abbasi 32, Rooshan Haider 21 not out, Asad Iqbal 18.

In reply Inqilab CC 291/9 in 35 overs. Awais Ahmed Khan 115 17x4 4x6, Amir ullah 49 7x4 1x6, Zohaib Saeed 47 6x4 Raza 74 5x4 4x6, Muhammad Fazeel 38, M. Wasim 18. Abbas Khan 2/35, Afnan Khan 2/48. Later Afnan Khan (ob) 4/42.

received the Player of the Match Award from S. M. Asim Zahoor Vice President Zone-IV.

In the 2nd Match Pak Star Cricket Club beat Orient Star Cricket Club by 51 runs at Pak Star Ground. Pak Star CC 216/9 in 35 overs. Abdul Razaq 81 9x4 1x6 not out, Saad Murtaza 45 7x4, Asad Ali 33. Abdul Wasay 4/36. Muhammad

In reply Orient Star CC 165 all-out in 33.4 overs, Shahzaib Khan 45, Shoaib 24, M. Tayyab 23, Hammad Khuwaja Rising Star Cricket Club beat Inqilab 22. Raha Aftab 2/24, M. Masham 2/33. ricket club by 18 runs at Landhi After the Match Abdul Razag declared

In the 3rd Match Sindh Rana Cricket Club beat Malir Muslim Sports by 136 runs. Sindh Rana CC 298/9 in 35 overs. Muhammad Tahir 65 10x4 2x6, Rafi-3x6, Sami ullah 31, Shahryar 31. Usama Waheed (mf)4/34, Muhammad Hamza



In reply Malir Muslim Sports 162 (sla) 3/20, Shahryar Khan 2/51. After allout in 26.3 overs. S. Umair Ali 58 2x4 the end of the Match Muhammad Tahir 6x6 not out, Usama Waheed 47. Atif received the Man of the Match Award.



## **National** Women's One-Day Tournament

Abdul Majid

captain the Conquerors, Nashra the Challengers will take the field

under the leadership of Ramin Shamim, Muniba Ali will lead the Invinci-FAISALABAD: The trophy of bles and the Stars team will defend the the National Women's One-Day title under the captaincy of Umaima Tournament has been unveiled. Sohail. Each team will play eight match-The trophy was unveiled at Sere- es in the National Women's One-Day na Hotel in Faisalabad. All five Tournament. The tournament will start captains attended the unveiling on November 14 while the final will be of the trophy. Fatima Sana will played on December 6 at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad. The tournament match-Sindhu has been appointed as es will be played at Iqbal Stadium and the captain of the Strikers. While PCB High Performance Center Ground, Faisalabad.

#### Afnan Khan's double century shines as Rising Star, Pak Star, Sindh Rana CC record wins

**Sports Desk** 

KARACHI: Three matches were decided in the S. M. Adil Zone-IV Inter Club Cricket Tournament, organized by the Regional Cricket Association Karachi Zone IV at various city grounds, with standout performances from Afnan Khan and Awais Ahmed Khan.

The day's highlight was a blazing unbeaten double century by Afnan Khan, who smashed 215 runs with 11 fours and 19 sixes, while Awais Ahmed Khan impressed with a superb 115 featuring 17 boundaries and four sixes.

At Landhi Gymkhana, Rising Star Cricket Club defeated Inqilab Cricket Club by 18 runs. Rising Star posted 309 for 3 in 35 overs, with Afnan Khan remaining unbeaten on 215. In reply, Inqilab CC managed 291 for 9, led by Awais Ahmed Khan's 115 and Amir Raza's 74. Afnan Khan bagged the Player of the Match award, presented by S. M. Asim Zahoor, Vice President Zone-IV.

In another match, Pak Star Cricket Club overcame Orient Star Cricket Club by 51 runs at Pak Star Ground. Pak Star scored 216 for 9, with Abdul Razaq contributing an unbeaten 81 and Saad Murtaza adding 45. Orient Star were bowled out for 165 in 33.4overs. Abdul Razaq was named Man of the Match

Meanwhile, Sindh Rana Cricket Club thrashed Malir Muslim Sports by 136 runs. Sindh Rana CC posted 298 for 9, with Muhammad Tahir scoring 65 and Rafiullah 49. In response, Malir Muslim Sports were bundled out for 162. Tahir was declared Man

## Revised schedule for T20I tri-series in Pakistan revealed

RAWALPINDI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced a revised schedule for the upcoming T20I tri-nation series involving hosts Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe.

The cricket board confirmed that the entire tournament will now take place at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

According to the updated itinerary, the tri-series will now begin on November 18, a day later than originally planned, with the final The adjustment follows recent developments surrounding

Sri Lanka's ongoing white-ball tour of Pakistan, which has been clouded by uncertainty after several Sri Lankan players reportedly expressed concerns about security in the aftermath of a bomb

While speculation had swirled over whether Sri Lanka might curtail their stay, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) moved swiftly to allay fears, releasing a statement that assured, "comprehensive security arrangements" were being closely coordinated with the PCB and local authorities to ensure the safety of all players.

The PCB, meanwhile, has sought to minimize disruption by consolidating the tri-series entirely in Rawalpindi, a venue that has become a regular home for international cricket in recent months. **Revised T201 Tri-Series Schedule:** 

November 18: Pakistan vs Zimbabwe November 20: Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe November 22: Pakistan vs Sri Lanka November 23: Pakistan vs Zimbabwe November 25: Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe November 27: Pakistan vs Sri Lanka

November 29: Final

### **Twenty-Seventh Amendment bill** revised in Senate with key omissions, alterations

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The law minister clarified that under the Constitution, a party head may issue a declaration against a member, which is then forwarded by the presiding officer to the Election Commission for a hearing, with the right of appeal lying directly before the Supreme Court. He stressed that no member stands disqualified merely because of disagreement with a vote, cautioning that constitutional provisions must not be twisted for political point

The minister clarified that the declation Commission, and until the process is to remain part of the House. The minister make a right."

reiterated that constitutional obligations must be upheld in letter and spirit, that seven of the eight returned amendwarning that parliamentary traditions should not be undermined through selective interpretations.

Leader of the House Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar informed the Senate that the amendments returned by the National Assembly to the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill represented "corrections and clarifications." Addressing objections, he acknowledged Senator Ali Zafar's legal expertise but emphasized that political and constitutional history must be considered in ration, hearing, and final decision full, pointing out that those now raising under Article 63 A rest with the Elec- procedural concerns had previously "set aside rules in minutes" during a no conficompleted, the member legally continues dence vote, adding that "no wrong can

Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar noted ments were technical, while one major change strengthened Article 6 to bar any court including the proposed Federal Constitutional Court, Supreme Court or High Courts from validating abrogation or subversion of the Constitution.

The minister stressed that parliamentary tradition requires patience in constitutional debates, noting that senators who skipped committee proceedings could have raised technical corrections during those sessions.

Dar expressed gratitude to both treasury and opposition benches, saying the 27th Constitutional Amendment had successfully undergone scrutiny in both Houses and marked "the completion of an important constitutional chapter."

## Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Athar Minallah resign as SC judges

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In his resignation letter to the president, Justice Athar Minallah wrote that "the Constitution I swore to protect no longer remains intact."

He stated that he had always pledged allegiance to uphold the Constitution, but the recent amendment and circumstances had proven that "the Constitution has lost its spirit."

The development came after parliament approved the 27th constitutional amendment bill, creating a separate

federal constitutional court. Earlier, Supreme Court Chief Justice Yahya Afridi summoned a full court meeting on Friday to discuss the 27th

amendment.

Earlier, on November 10, Justice Mansoor Ali Shah had written a letter to Chief Justice of Pakistan Yahva Afridi, urging him, as head of the judiciary, to immediately engage with the

for formal consultations with the judiciary over the 27th constitutional amendment, warning that if the judiciary failed to remain united, both its independence and its judgments would be undermined.

"History does not remember those who remain silent; it remembers those Constitution," Justice Shah had written. vou."

He had recommended that the Chief Justice convene a meeting of all judges of the constitutional courts, including the Supreme Court, High Courts, and the Federal Shariat Court, for formal consultation on the matter.

Justice Shah had also emphasised In his letter, Justice Shah had called that the Chief Justice should make it clear that no amendment could be enacted without consultation with judges of the constitutional courts, suggesting that a convention of all such judges could be called if necessary.

"You are not only the administrator of this institution but also its guardian," Justice Shah had written, adding, "This who stand for the supremacy of the moment demands leadership from

# The Spokesman



# **Chief Of The Naval Staff** Admiral Naveed Ashraf visit to Bangladesh concludes

**E** City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf concluded his official visit to Bangladesh with the meetings discussions on actions with senior military sional interest, regional marileadership. The visit of CNS time security and avenues to Bangladesh. was planned concurrent to strengthen defence coopera-

Officer Armed Forces Divi-Chief of Air Staff Air Chief in the region. The Naval Chief Ashraf.

Marshal Hasan Mahmood also visited National Defence Khan and Principal Staff College (NDC), Bangladesh where he interacted with the sion Lieutenant General S President NDC and faculty M Kamrul Hassan. During members. During the visit, a detailed briefing was given important programs of NDC,

Admiral M Nazmul Hassan, promoting peace and stability Naval Staff Admiral Naveed

Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) where he interacted with the Commandant and faculty members. He appreciated the high profesa series of high-level inter- matters of mutual profes- highlighting the mandate and sional standards of BNA and emphasized the importance of academic excellence, While in Chattogram, collaborative prospects of the port visit of PNS SAIF at tion between the two coun- Commander Chattogram naval training and need of tries were held. The interac- (COMCHIT), Commander advanced training for naval During the visit, Naval tions underscored the need Bangladesh Navy Fleet forces in the evolving mari- fostering mutual respect, Chief called on Chief of Army to strengthen the bilateral (COMBAN) and Area Supertime domain. Onboard PNS bilateral naval collaboration Staff General Waker-Uz- relations and highlighted the intendent Dockyard (ASD) SAIF at Chattogram, a recep- and contribute to strength-Zaman, Chief of Naval Staff shared commitment towards made calls on Chief of the tion was held, attended by ening maritime security coop-CNS Bangladesh Navy who eration between Pakistan and was warmly received by CNS Bangladesh.

Naval Chief also visited Admiral Naveed Ashrafalong with Pakistan's High Commissioner Imran Haider. The gathering included diplomats, senior military officials, scholars, journalists and business leaders reinforcing the commitment of peaceful cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean Region.

This milestone visit symbolises a renewed chapter in

## CJP Yahya Afridi summons full court meeting to debate 27th Amendment

跨 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Yahya Afridi has convened a full court meeting for tomorrow (Friday) to deliberate on the 27th Constitutional Amendment, sources said on Wednesday.

The meeting is expected to focus on issues related to the newly enacted amendment, which has raised questions among the country's legal fraternity.

The decision to summon the full court meeting came after three Supreme Court judges wrote separate letters to the Chief Justice, urging him to convene the meeting to review the amendment in detail.



Shah and Athar Minallah, also wrote to Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, recommending that the court collectively examine the amendment.

his letter, Justice Panhwar clarified that his act of protest but a fulfilment of his judicial duty.

He stressed that a full court meeting be convened to conduct a clause-byclause review of the amendment and that the Law and Justice Commission, as well as the Judicial Policy-Making Committee, be included in the

consultation process. Justice Panhwar expressed taken up for discussion.

After Justices Mansoor Ali concern that the 27th Amendment could potentially disrupt Justice Salahuddin Panhwar the balance of powers, emphasising that it was the Supreme Court's constitutional duty to safeguard the Constitution.

"The Constitution demands that we protect it. History will remember not our convencorrespondence was not an ience but the courage of our decisions," Justice Panhwar wrote, calling for an immediate full court session to preserve public confidence in the judiciary.

The sources confirmed that Chief Justice Yahya Afridi has accepted the request and summoned the full court meeting for tomorrow, where the 27th Amendment will be

## Islamabad High Court dismisses contempt plea against Imaan Mazari

👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday dismissed a contempt petition filed against lawver Imaan Mazari over her alleged remarks about judges of the district judiciary.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani issued an 11-page written judgment, declaring the petition inadmissible and subsequently dismissing it.

The petition had been filed by a citizen, Hafiz Ihtisham, accusing Mazari of contempt for her statements against trial court judges.

had claimed that trial court judges awarded punishments in blasphemy



According to the petitioner, Mazari and public sentiment, despite insufficient evidence

Court withdraws arrest warrants for

cases under pressure from the accused Imaan Mazari, husband in controversial tweet case

The court's verdict included excerpts from Mazari's speech reportedly deliv-reputation.

targeted any particular trial court judge. Justice Kayani concluded that Mazari's remarks were general in nature and lacked intent to malign the judiciary, adding that a contempt case only stands when there is clear evidence of a

deliberate attempt to damage the court's

ered outside the National Press Club on

September 27, in which she criticised

The court ruled that the words attrib-

uted to Mazari were based on personal

opinion or hearsay, falling under her

constitutional right to freedom of

The court noted that she neither

named any specific judge of the IHC nor

the conduct of some judges.

expression.

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## **Matter of MQM-P's local** bodies legislation to be resolved through consensus: PM

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday reaffirmed his government's commitment to resolving the matter of the MQM-Pakistan's proposed amendment concerning local bodies through consultation and consensus among coalition partners.

The prime minister, addressing the National Assembly here, said that the MQM-Pakistan's proposed amendment regarding the empowerment of local governments was fully supported by the federal government, but due to certain procedural and technical reasons, it could not be included in the constitutional amendment recently passed by Parliament.

partner MQM-Pakistan that, after consensus," the prime minister added.



due consultations with all allied parties, including PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and other coalition leaders, we will resolve this "I had assured our coalition issue with mutual understanding and

## Justice Aminuddin Khan appointed first-ever head of Federal **Constitutional Court**



Naveed ∆hmad Khar

Khan has officially been appointed

Aiwan-e-Sadr at 10:00am tomorrow (Friday).

The appointment follows the 27th Constitutional Amendment, which ISLAMABAD: Justice Aminuddin was recently ratified by Parliament and signed by the President. The as the head of the Federal Constitu- amendment clarified the procedures tional Court following consultations for appointing the Chief Justice of between Prime Minister Shehbaz Pakistan, stating that the position Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari. will be held by the most senior among He is set to take the oath of office at the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court or the Federal Constitutional

### **Eviction of Shweiki and Odeh Families in Batn** al-Hawa is a grave crime in Jerusalem

**№** News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates strongly condemns the Israeli occuof the Shweiki and Odeh families from their homes in Batn al-Hawa, Silwan, in favor of the extrem-

ist settler group "Ateret Cohanim." under the protection of Israel's racist courts and settler associations, constitute a blatant violation of international humani-

policy of ethnic cleansing, aimed at emptying Jerusalem of its Palestinian residents and replacing them with settlers. Settlement expansion and forcible transfer amount pation government's forced eviction to war crimes and crimes against

humanity. The Ministry is mobilizing its diplomatic missions worldwide to expose this atrocity and rally the These actions, carried out international community to take action. We call on all states to hold Israel accountable, impose sanctions on "Ateret Cohanim" and similar extremist settler groups, tarian law, including the Fourth and take urgent measures to protect Geneva Convention and the Rome Palestinian families and preserve

#### **Lahore High Court Bar to** challenge 27th Amendment in Supreme Court

跨 Bureau Report

Bar Association on Thursday announced its decision to challenge the 27th Constitutional Amendment in the Supreme Court, passing a unanimous resolution during a general house meeting.

In an official statement, the association said it would follow the precedent set during the 26th Amendment challenge, taking the matter directly to the apex court.

The Bar Association questioned the authority of the current parlia-LAHORE: The Lahore High Court ment, calling it "controversial" and claiming it did not have the mandate to enact constitutional changes.

The resolution, approved unanimously in the General House, emphasised that the 27th amendment raises serious constitutional concerns and must be scrutinised by the Supreme Court to ensure compliance with the law and the Constitution.